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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th September 2018 at Allways End Methodist at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr's I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, Mrs C Drummond, J Griffin, R Milton and Mrs H Warne.

In attendance: District Cllr E Ley, County Cllr J Yabsley, seven members of the public and the Clerk, Mrs J Larcombe.

44/09/18. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Miss R Warne and Cllr R Gibson.

45/09/18. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

46/09/18. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2018 as an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

47/09/18. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

48/09/18. Co-option of a Councillor. It was agreed to co-opt Mrs Carol Drummond.

49/09/18. Public Questions. As Anstey WI is part of a registered charity they cannot give a donation to the Parish Council from their refreshment tent takings at the village fete. A member of the group is planning to hold a coffee morning in their own right and a donation will be made from the money raised. More than £200 was raised from the sale of refreshments at the fete.
The recent death of Mr Tony Buckle, a member of the Community Centre Committee was noted.

50/09/18. Planning

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council before the meeting. No applications received.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDC. There were no decisions.

c) NDC Site Inspection and Planning Committee Meeting for 64059, 64060, 64061, 64062 and 64063: retrospective application for siting of four concrete pad and erection of two mobile poultry houses with two feed silos, Oaklands Poultry Farm, East Anstey. Cllr Vigus is unable to attend the site meeting on 7th September and the Parish Council will be represented by Cllr Barber. A highways report and a landscape report are awaited and the applications will not go to the

planning committee until at least October 10th.

d) Any other planning matters. There were no other planning matters.

County Cllr Yabsley, District Cllr Ley and one member of the public joined the meeting.

51/09/18. To receive the following reports:

a) County Cllr. Cllr Yabsley encouraged everyone to keep reporting potholes. He said that DCC does have some money for drainage and patching works. He will be looking at the condition of the roads in East Anstey the next time he meets with Richard Sables, DCC Neighbourhood Officer, for one of their monthly highways inspections. It was noted that there are some roads in the parish marked up for repair but this does not include Broomball Lane, which is still in a very poor condition.

b) District Cllr. Cllr E Ley reported that Mike Kelly, Chief Planning Officer, had now left NDC and he has been replaced by Michael Titchford, who will be heading up planning and regeneration. Cllr Ley asked if the Parish Council had a project they would be applying for funding for from his community fund. Cllr Yabsley said he still had some funding in his locality budget. The Clerk will apply for funding towards the replacement of the gate and gate posts at the entrance to the village green and also towards the cost of the replacement goalposts..

52/09/18. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. Discussed under County Cllr Report,

b) Any other highways issues. No other highways issues.

53/09/18. Finance:

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payments:

South Molton & Ringsash Methodist Circuit - £7.50 contribution towards the cost of the electricity used by the defibrillator for three months (Chq no 286)

Mrs J Larcombe - £162.94 clerks salary & expenses for two months (Chq no 287)

b) To agree charity payments from the profit made at the fete. It was agreed to donate £550.00 to Devon Air Ambulance (Chq no 288) and £550.00 to the MRI Scanner Appeal at Musgrove Hospital, Taunton (Chq 289)

54/09/18. Play Area

a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections. Cllr Griffin reported the 'No Parking' sign has gone. He has refurbished the 'No Dogs' sign.

b) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month. Cllr Vigus will carry out the inspections.

b) Goal posts at the Village Green. One quote has been received from Landscaping & Grounds maintenance to supply and install one set of heavyweight steel junior goalposts at a cost of £1,107 + VAT. The sockets would be concreted into the ground. Other quotes will be obtained. There is no confirmed news on the possible purchase of land to extend the playing field.

c) Any other matters arising. There were no other matters arising.

55/09/18. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting.

Cllr Vigus reported he had thirty four sheep stolen while he was at South Molton Sheep Fair. The sheep were believed to have been taken at about 11.30am, in

broad daylight. Other sheep were attacked and five were killed. He phoned the Police but it took four days for someone to phone him back and no one came out to investigate. He was simply advised to contact his insurance company to make a claim. He was very annoyed about the way this matter had been dealt with by the Police and other councillors agreed that it was unacceptable. Apparently there have also been a lot of sheep stolen in the Taunton area. Cllr Yabsley advised him to contact the Police & Crime Commissioner to make a complaint. A member of the public reported that warning signage was not being removed when road repairs were completed and it was then being trashed. Cllr Yabsley said Skanska should be getting their signage contractors to pick up the signage when work was completed and he suggested writing to highways and complaining. This issue has already been brought up at a DCC meeting.

56/09/18. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:

NDC – Details of Home Choice training for councillors at a Bideford venue. No one was able to attend.

57/09/18. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm..