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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th February 2019 at Allways End Methodist at 7.30pm

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

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

69/02/19. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Gibson.

70/02/19. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures of interest.

71/02/19. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2018 as an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

72/02/19. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There were no matters arising.

73/02/19. Public Questions. No member of the public wished to speak at this point.

74/02/19. Planning

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council before the meeting.

66041: Erection of dwelling at Oak Haven, East Anstey, Tiverton.
Comment: East Anstey Parish Council has no objections.

66169 Removal of Condition No 3 (occupancy restriction) attached to planning permission 62153 (conversion of building to form 1 live work unit and 1 holiday let linked to the business (amended certificates, description and floor plan) to allow use as an ancillary annex. The Classrooms, Blackerton, East Anstey.
Comment: East Anstey Parish Council has no objections.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDC

65838 prior notification application for proposed development by Telecommunications Code System Operators ((Town & County) GPD (Order 2015, schedule 2, part 16) in respect of installation of 15m monopole with radio equipment attached & erection of metal storage cabinet stored at the base at land adjacent to Smallacombe Farm, West Anstey, South Molton. Grid ref: 284587;125364.

Decision: the proposal was deemed acceptable.

c) Update - 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.

The applications will not be discussed at the February NDC Planning Committee meeting even though, at the Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th November it was resolved that the applications be deferred for a maximum of three cycles.

It is believed that NDC are waiting for an air quality assessment report.

Cllr Vigus has spoken to Stags about providing a professional report on the likely reduction in value of the proposed open market housing at Blackerton if planning approval is granted for the poultry units. Planning approval has been granted for the open market housing and the provision of affordable housing is reliant on the open market housing being built. Cllr Vigus reported that the cost of Stags carrying out this work is higher than anticipated so he has spoken to Webbers and they will be looking at the site next week.

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

75/02/19. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. A large pothole was reported at Blackerton Cross.

b) Any other highways issues. Concern was again expressed about the lorry loads of material being delivered to the Whitemoor Equestrian Centre and the muddy condition of the roads when lorries are delivering. It was alleged that damage is being caused to the road surface. There is also concern about the large amount of material that has been delivered to the site and the total amount that is permitted under the licences that have been granted. It was felt the Parish Council should continue to report concerns to Highways and the Environment Agency.

76/02/19. To receive the following reports:

- a) District Cllr.** Cllr Ley.
- b) County Cllr.** No report.

77/02/19. Finance: to approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £126.25 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 295).

A letter of thanks has been received from Torridge, North, Mid & West Devon Citizens Advice for the £100 donation from the Parish Council.

78/02/19. Play Area

a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections. There was no report from the weekly inspections. Cllr Vigus has received complaints about bags containing dog poo being hanged on tree branches and not being disposed of properly.

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

c) Any other matters arising. Cllr Vigus has received a letter from an owner of a local poultry unit complaining about the distress caused to her hens by the noise and lights of the Air Ambulance helicopter when it landed on the field next to the Village Green at night on two occasions since the last meeting. The owner is concerned about the helicopter landing at night again when she has a young flock in later this month and has asked to see all the background information prepared by the Council and for consideration to be given for animal welfare and

possible financial loss. The letter alleges that a member of the Air Ambulance Trust Operations Team informed her that the site was due to be activated in the six to twelve months and seemed surprised that East Anstey Parish Council had not advised them of the close proximity of the poultry unit. It is also alleged that because one of the helicopters that landed was from Dorset and Somerset AAT it must be an activated site. Cllr Barber explained the site had been inspected by the AAT to see if it was suitable and was therefore on their records. The Parish Council does not own the site and no agreement has been made at present to purchase the site. If the Parish Council is able to purchase a piece of the field next to the Village Green a proper site, with lighting activated by the helicopter, will be created and there will not be the same landing problems. Despite this explanation the owner remained concerned about the possible financial loss to her business, particularly if the helicopter continues to land without a proper site. Councillors recognised her concerns but felt that saving lives was very important. Power lines in the area are a problem and this is the only feasible site. The Dorset and Somerset AAT helicopter took more time trying to land because it was making sure it didn't hit the power lines. If the Air Ambulance is going to be able to land safely at night it was felt that it is important to get the land purchased and the site set up. Cllr Barber reported he believes the farmer who owns the land has not got a problem with the Air Ambulance landing on it. Parishioners understood both points of view. A formal decision will need to be made by the Parish Council before any land is purchased and a formal decision will also need to be made before a site is created for night landing. There will be further opportunity for parishioners to give their views before any decision is taken.

Cllr Yabsley joined the meeting at this point.

79/02/19. County Councillor Report. Cllr Yabsley reported that he has had discussions with the Highways Officer about the lorry loads of material being delivered to Whitemoor Equestrian Centre and reports of mud being left on the road. He has been out and had a look but he is not aware of anything he can do. The land owner needs to brush the road as he has to make an effort to show he is cleaning up the road. As far as Highways are concerned the correct licences are in place.

The repairs to Broomball Lane have been put on the priority list. Only emergency repairs are taking place at the moment but it is hoped the work will take place in the new financial year.

DCC is setting its budget for 2019-20. The Adult Social Care budget can be increased by 6% over three years but as it has already been increased by 5% it can only be increased by 1% this year. There is pressure on the Children's Services budget and the High Needs Block is overspent. Highways is at the bottom of the list. The real worry is the rebase of funding and DCC don't feel they will gain from this. DCC has been in the trial to receive 100% of business rates back. They have not been successful in getting 75% returned this year so will return to receiving 50% and sharing 40% with other councils in the area. The Government keeps the final 10%

80/02/19. Parish Council Elections 2nd May 2019. The Clerk reminded councillors and members of the public that Parish Council elections are due to be held on 2nd May 2019. The terms of office of all present councillors come to an end on 7th May. Nomination forms will be available from the Clerk and North Devon Council

and nominations must be submitted to North Devon Council between 18th March and 4pm on 4th April.

81/02/19. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting.

In response to a question it was noted that nothing further has been heard about the future of the Allways End Methodist Hall.

A pancake lunch will be held at Allways End Methodist Hall on March 5th and this will replace the Coffee Morning in March.

The provisional date for the 2019 Village Fete is Saturday 22nd June. If this clashes with other local fetes it will be either 15th or 29th June.

Concern was expressed that even if a 30 mph speed limit was put in place who would police it and would it be worth doing. It was noted that when roads are resurfaced it results in an increase in speed, traffic drives slower on rougher roads.

When the North Devon and Torridge Local Plan was adopted in October 2018 East Anstey became a village rather than a rural settlement and this point should be made when requesting a 30 mph speed limit.

82/02/19. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. There was no further correspondence.

83/02/19. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March 2019 at Allways End Methodist Hall at 7.30pm.