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

Present: Cllr I Vigus (Chair), D Barber, R Gibson, J Griffin, R Milton, Ms L Moore, Mrs H Warne and Miss R Warne.

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

79/11/19. To receive apologies. There were no apologies. Cllr Milton gave his apologies for the December meeting.

80/11/19. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda. There were no disclosures.

81/11/19. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2019 as an accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

82/11/19. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. None.

83/11/19. Public Questions. In response to a question the Clerk confirmed the problems with the website had been dealt with and it was now up to date.

84/11/19. 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. No decision notices received.

c) Update, if any, on the decision from the Planning Inspectorate for the appeals against NDC's refusal for applications 64059, 64060, 64061, 64062 and 64063, Oaklands Poultry Farm. There was no update.

d) Details of changes to how planning application consultation responses have to be submitted to NDC. Within the letter attached to the consultation email there is a hyperlink, this hyperlink takes you directly to the application on the planning tracker. Consultation responses can be submitted using the "Make Comments on this Application Button". Responses have normally been made by email.

e) Special Parish Forum Meeting on planning issues on 3rd December. The Clerk briefed councillors on this planning training event at Brynsworthy Environmental Centre.

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

Cllr Ley joined the meeting at this point.

85/11/19. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. It is believed work is due to be carried out on the road between the Jubilee and South Molton.

b) Devon County Council (Traffic Management) Permit Scheme Order reference IMR/B16273-5781. Devon County Council is proposing to introduce the Devon Permit Scheme for Road and Street Works. The Devon Permit Scheme for Road and Street Works, describing the types of works or activities for which, and type of roads on which permits will be required, and all other details of the Scheme including the processes for applying for permits, the level of fees and when and by whom they are payable, are at www.devon.gov.uk/worksp permit-scheme. Objections and comments need to be made before 18th November.

c) Any other highways issues. A letter has been received from Tristan & Vicki Gosling, Whitemoor Equestrian Centre, and they asked for it to be read out at the meeting. They apologised for their absence at the monthly meetings due to their livestock commitments and staff shortages. They hope this update and information about their project helps and would also welcome any enquires should any one local feel it necessary.

The letter says they have an environmental permit in order to import material to refurbish existing and create new hedgebanks in order to create wildlife corridors and re/ wilded areas to both support existing and encourage missing flora and fauna to this diverse part of the south west. All of their activities within this project are governed and/or guided by the Environment Agency, Geo technology experts, RPA in conjunction with the countryside stewardship scheme.

They say they have taken advice from top seed producers to ensure the correct species of both grasses and wild flowers are sown to best suit the area. They claim that areas already down with meadow grasses and wild flowers have already boasted a boost in bird, insect and mammal numbers. Since re- seeding they have started compiling a picture diary to show before/after and this will be available to view towards the end of summer 2020 when they estimate they will be halfway through the hedgebank construction including seeding. They welcome any enquires and say they will continue to do all they can to keep disruption to a minimum. It is believed the current contract ends on 5th December. Since the last meeting there has been more tipping and complaints continue to be received by the Parish Council. Cllr Ley has spoken to someone at the Environment Agency and will ask them if they will come to a Parish Council meeting.

86/11/19. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. Cllr Ley reported that a decision had been made to cease paying the Parish Grant. NDC stopped paying it a several years ago to parishes with an electorate of over 500. He believes that NDC will be setting up a fund for parishes that fall on hard times.

b) County Cllr. No report.

87/11/19. Finance.

a) To approve invoices for payment. It was resolved to make the following payments: Mr J Hill grass cutting & strimming the Village Green (Chq no 314) Mrs J Larcombe- £104.00 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 315)

b) To consider moving the Council's bank accounts from NatWest Bank and Nationwide Building Society to Unity Trust Bank. It was agreed to move the NatWest Bank account and Nationwide Building Society account to Unity Trust Bank. The signatories will be Cllr Barber, Cllr Mrs H Warne and Cllr Miss R Warne.

88/11/19. Play Area

a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections. There were no points to note.

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

b) Update on applying for funding/quotes for the replacement of play equipment. The Clerk has just submitted an application to Awards4All.

d) To agree on seeking quotes for cutting the grass at the Village Green in 2020. Mr Hill has given notice that he does not want to cut the grass next year. The Clerk will try to obtain at least three quotes from other contractors for cutting the grass in 2020.

e) Any other matters arising. Here were no other matters arising.

89/11/19. To discuss the quote from South West Water to relocate a water pipe on the possible Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site. SWW has quoted £4,775, plus costs, to move the water pipe. The work will have to be carried out by a contractor specified by SWW. This has increased the costs of setting up the site to more than £15,000. The costing have been submitted to Devon Air Ambulance and Cllr Barber is waiting to hear back from them. If the costs are not approved by DAA this site will not be able to be developed into a night landing site. There is a possibility that Cllr Vigus might have a site that could be assessed for suitability..

90/11/19. To discuss whether the Jubilee Inn should be listed as a Community Asset. This does not commit the Council to anything but provides a six month breathing space to consider the feasibility and viability of purchasing the Jubilee Inn and running it as a community facility. It was agreed to make an application.

91/11/19. To discuss and agree a venue for Parish Council meetings following the sale of Allways End Methodist Hall. It was agreed to find out whether the meeting room at Anstey Village Hall is available on 4th December.

92/11/19. To inform councillors about arrangements to move the defibrillator from Allways End Methodist Hall to East Anstey Primary School. The Clerk has asked W H Buckingham Electrical Contractors to move the defibrillator. They are the school's electrical contractors and they will agree a suitable site for it on the outside of the school with school leaders. The unit has been out of action and the Community Heartbeat Trust are replacing it.

93/11/19. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting. One of the owners of Blackerton House said their hall was still classed as a community facility by the planning authority. It was reported that there is a verge close to the school which now has quite a deep culvert which was felt to be dangerous. This will be reported. A parishioner asked whether it was realistic to think about the community

purchasing the Jubilee Inn.

Anstey Village Hall Committee is holding their AGM next week and are looking for willing people from East Anstey to sit on their committee.

Cllr Ley said he had attended the West Anstey Parish Meeting and he felt there was an appetite to consider making one parish from West Anstey and East Anstey. East Anstey Parish Council are open to this idea and would welcome discussion. If there is an appetite for discussion it will need to be approached sensitively as some parishioners might be opposed to the idea. Co-operation between East Anstey and West Anstey will be an item for the December meeting.

The Clerk has received a complaint about rubbish being left in front of the gate of 2 Parsonage Villas. Cllr Griffin has tried speaking to the people that live there. It is believed the occupants are tenants and Cllr Vigus will approach the owner of the property to make them aware of the issue and that it is upsetting neighbours.

Cllr Gibson left the meeting.

94/11/19. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:

Exmoor Consultative & Parish Forum – 10.30am at the Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross on 14th November. A vet will be talking on TB in deer.

95/11/19. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th December 2019, subject to the availability of Anstey Village Hall.