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## **The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Allways End Methodist at 7.30pm**

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

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

**137/02/18. To receive apologies.** There were no apologies.

Cllr Ms L Moore has decided to resign from the Parish Council. As a councillor she would have to declare a personal and pecuniary interest in the planning applications for the poultry units at Pt Hillands and would have to leave the room when these applications are discussed by the Parish Council. The Monitoring Officer also advised her she would not be able to speak at the NDC Planning Committee Meeting when these applications are considered if she was a councillor.

**138/02/18. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**139/02/18. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd January 2018 as an accurate record of the meeting.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**140/02/18. Matters arising from the minutes.** There were no matters arising.

**141/02/18. Public Question Time.** Complaints were received about the ongoing work at Whitemoor Equestrian Centre where lorry loads of earth are being transported onto the holding through a gateway on the road from Tuckers Moor Cross to Oldways End. The gateway had not been used for about thirty years and it has been enlarged onto a narrower part of the road. This work has turned the road into a sea of mud and drains are reported to have become blocked. It was questioned how much longer the work was going on. The owner has permission to take 5,000 tonnes of earth and has said he is complying with Environment Agency and Highways requirements. There is very little the Parish Council can do. Another member of the public reminded everyone that this was not the only piece of muddy road in the countryside. More development is taking place without planning consent on the poultry unit at Pt Hillands. A large track is being created on the field and NDC were asked to issue a 'Temporary Stop Notice', something which they decided they could not do. The unit is now in full operation and the only planning permission

granted is for the brooder unit. It was reported the poultry houses are not the colour specified in the planning applications. HGV lorries parking on the road at the entrance to the unit are creating a hazard and have nearly caused a RTC on two occasions. There is concern about where the manure is being transported to. Parishioners are putting together a case to present at the NDC Planning Meeting in objection to the five applications. Cllr Yabsley advised everyone to keep reporting issues of non-compliance to NDC Planning Enforcement and to include Cllr Ley in any correspondence. A parishioner asked if the Council could provide football posts and nets on the Village Green.

#### **142/02/18. Planning**

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

**64358** Variation of Condition 3 & 4 attached to planning permission 60066 (57599) to allow Alder Cottage as two units of holiday accommodation. Location: Alder Cottage, Blackerton, East Anstey. Applicant: Mrs Emma Ward. East Anstey Parish Council has no comment to make.

**64477** Prior approval of proposed change of use on agricultural building to 2 dwellinghouses (Use Class C3) at Hilvera, East Anstey. Applicant: Mrs A Dalton

Comment: East Anstey Parish Council would like NDC to make sure the visibility splay at the entrance to the two properties complies with regulations.

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

Cllr Ley joined the meeting.

**c) Update on the development at Oaklands Poultry Farm, Pt Hillands, East Anstey.** The planning applications are now scheduled to be considered at the NDC Planning Committee meeting due to be held on March 14<sup>th</sup>. They were expected to be considered at the 14<sup>th</sup> February meeting but it was reported it was changed because the applicant's agent was unable to attend on that date. These applications are broadly policy compliant and it will be important to have one strong reason for objecting rather than six weak ones. Some things are not planning issues and are covered by other regulations. It is believed that livestock housing should not be within 400 metres of a dwelling house. Cllr Ley referred to the March 2012 National Planning Policy Framework presumption in favour of approval. He said NDC cannot apply a Temporary Stop Notice where there is a live planning application.

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

#### **143/02/18. To receive the following reports:**

**a) District Cllr.** Cllr Vigus said the litter problem on the North Devon Link Road has got worse and worse. Cllr Ley said the problem had got worse all over the country as we live in a throwaway society. Litter is cleared from the Link Road once a year in the Spring at a cost of £9,000/10,000. Fly tipping doesn't seem so bad at the moment. Some litter picks are being organised in other areas. Cllr Ley referred to a problem caused by water running down from the Common and asked if the Parish Council had received any comments. Other parishes have put money into a pot and have also been granted money from

the Highways Community Fund which has enabled them to use a local contractor to carry out schemes of work in conjunction with the Highways Officer. Flooding is being caused by a pipe under the road being blocked. Referring to the NDC Boundary Commission Review it was agreed that East Anstey didn't want to be part of a large rural ward and wanted to remain in a single councillor ward.

**b) County Cllr.** Cllr Yabsley reported DCC had received a bit more funding from the Government for repairing potholes. Councillors complained because the pothole repairs on the road by the school had degenerated and were worse than before they were repaired. Cllr Yabsley suggested the Parish Council should complain to Cllr John Hart, Leader of the Council, about the quality of pot hole fills and the long time it takes to get them repaired. Highways is still progressing last year's planned patching schedule. Everyone was encouraged to keep reporting potholes. At his suggestion an application will be made to Cllr Yabsley's Community Fund for a grant towards the cost of replacement goal posts and nets.

**c) Village Fete.** The working party will be meeting next week to start planning for the fete and Froude run on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will need to be a budget for the organisation of the event. It was agreed that money raised from the fete and run would be donated towards a MRI Scanner for Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton and the Devon Air Ambulance. A report from the working party meeting will be given at the next meeting.

#### **144/02/18. Highways**

**a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** Potholes were reported at Woodburn Cross and on the whole of Broomball Lane.

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

#### **145/02/18. Finance: to approve invoices for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payments:

M Godfrey - £130.00 annual hosting fee, domain name annual renewal, repairs to website and security upgrade (Chq 268).

Mrs J Larcombe - £83.64 Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq 269)

#### **146/02/18. Play Area**

**a) Any points to note from the weekly inspections.** No points to note.

**b) To agree who will carry out inspections for the next month.** Cllr Mrs Warne will carry out the inspections for the next month.

**c) Any other matters arising.** Still awaiting result of funding application.

#### **147/02/18. Update on VETS scheme for the defibrillator.** An extra training session was held for volunteers and this was very successful. It has been agreed to call the scheme Defibrillator Initial Response Team (DIRT) instead of VETS. Cllr Mrs Warne is in the process of getting the phone numbers that can be called and will publicise how the scheme works by talking to people. Anyone needing the defibrillator must ring 999 and tell them there is a defibrillator. The code (C123X) is on a notice board at the back of the hall and can be seen through the window. Fridge magnets etc with the code will be handed out at the fete. Cllr Mrs Warne was thanked for organising the training.

**148/02/18. To discuss the letter received from Revd Stuart Innalls, Superintendent Minister, South Molton and Ringsash Methodist Circuit, regarding the future of Allways End Methodist Hall.** A letter has been received to say the Methodists will be selling the hall and as they are a registered charity will have to sell it at a commercial rate. They do not have the money to pay for repairs which have been estimated at £10,000. It was agreed that Cllr Vigus, Cllr Barber and the Clerk will meet with Revd Innalls on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March. The Council will continue with all investigations into providing a community hall for the parish. There is S106 money and an application could be made for lottery funding.

**149/02/18. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting.** It was suggested the Parish Council pay for a valuation for the Allways End Methodist Hall.

**150/02/18. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** The following correspondence was noted:  
English Rural Housing Association will be submitting a planning application for nine affordable homes at Blackerton and have agreed to hold a consultation meeting with the Parish Council. The date suggested was Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 5.45pm. The Clerk will contact Ian Gillespie to see if he is available on this date.  
An email has been received from someone tracing their family tree, asking for historical information.  
Exmoor Young Voices Update – details of first Young Co-ordinator and next meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**151/02/18. Date of the next meeting.** It was agreed the next meeting would be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.  
**Note:** Due to the unavailability of the hall this date was later changed to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March.