

# EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Anstey Village Hall, Yeo Mill 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. R Milton (Chair of West Anstey Parish Meeting) and D Mair (Clerk of West Anstey Parish Meeting).

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

**112/01/20. To receive apologies.** There were no apologies.

**113/01/20. Disclosure of interests in items on the agenda.** There were no disclosures.

**114/01/20. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2019 as an accurate record of the meeting.** The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**115/01/20. Matters arising from the minutes.** Since the agenda was circulated the Clerk has received details of the Housing Needs Survey.

**116/01/20. Public Questions.** Cllr Mrs Warne will contact Mr Gosling to arrange a meeting regarding the ongoing tipping of spoil at Whitemoor Equestrian Centre. Cllr Vigus and Cllr Ms Moore will also attend.

### **117/01/20. 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 decisions 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.** No decision made yet. The inspector could take up to 12 months to make a decision.

**d) Any other planning matters.** No other planning matters.

### **118/01/20. Highways**

**a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** It was reported that the road past the kennels is in a diabolical condition.

**b) Any other highways issues.** There is a large pothole on the road by Minor Miracles, which is in Rackenford parish.

Cllr Ley joined the meeting at this point.

**119/01/20. To receive the following reports**

- a) District Cllr.** Cllr Ley expressed his concerns about the Housing Needs Survey being carried out before the Inspector makes a decision on the planning appeals. The Clerk will ask if the HNS can be delayed until the decision is known.
- b) County Cllr.** No report.

**120/01/20. To discuss co-operation between East Anstey Parish Council and West Anstey Parish Meeting.**

The meeting discussed how the two could work together and what the benefits of working together might be. It was recognised that there would be people in both parishes who would have reservations and would not support the idea. If there were to be any formal amalgamation parishioners from both parishes would have to be consulted. If there was a trial period of working together and people could see that it worked they would be more likely to agree.

Each parish has an amenity the other hasn't. East Anstey has the village green and play area and West Anstey a village hall. This hall is a separate entity to West Anstey Parish Meeting and is run by its own committee.

Less people are interested in becoming councillors and recruitment might be easier if there were more people to look for volunteers from.

East Anstey Parish Council meets more frequently than West Anstey Parish Council, which gives more opportunity for issues to be discussed.

It was felt that it would be beneficial to work together on applying for grants and funding. The parishes could look at areas they could work together and make joint bids for the benefit of both parishes. There was some element of concern about one parish receiving all the money.

Cllr Ley said that all the joint parishes in his ward have been in existence for at least thirty years.

It was unanimously agreed that the Chair and Clerk of West Anstey Parish Meeting will be invited to all East Anstey Parish Council meetings and the minutes will be shared with them. This invitation will be reciprocated by West Anstey Parish Meeting inviting two members of East Anstey Parish Council to their meetings. The issues and time scale of amalgamating to be investigated. Proposed by Cllr Robin Milton and seconded by Cllr Ian Vigus.

The Village Hall Committee will be invited to the next meeting to discuss working together.

**121/01/20. Finance.**

**a) To approve invoices for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payments: West Anstey Village Hall - £10.00 hire of committee room (chq no 319)

Mrs J Larcombe – Clerk's salary and expenses (Chq no 320).

**b) To confirm the precept for 2020-21 once NDC has notified what the tax base is.** The Clerk has just received the tax base and was able to confirm that a Band D rate of £45 agreed at the last meeting would produce £4891.00. The Precept was agreed as £4891.00.

**c) Update on opening the Unity Trust Bank accounts.** This is ongoing.

**122/01/20. 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 Ms Moore will carry out the inspections for the next month.

**c) Update on applying for funding/quotes for the replacement of play equipment.** Arrangements are being made to obtain further quotes.

**c) To discuss quotes for cutting the grass at the Village Green in 2020.** Deferred to the next meeting.

**e) Any other matters arising.** There were no other matters arising.

**123/01/20. To note any update on a possible Devon Air Ambulance Night Landing Site.** Cllr Vigus's fields are too far off the road to be suitable. DAA will be asked to look at the suitability of Cllr Gibson's field at Woodburn Cross.

**124/01/20. Update on the defibrillator.** The defibrillator will be moving to East Anstey Primary School on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

**125/01/20. Opportunity to raise any questions on items discussed during the meeting.** No further questions from the public.

**126/01/20. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** There was no further correspondence.

**127/01/20. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Anstey Village Hall..