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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th December 2008 at East Anstey Primary School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's J White (Chairman), R Blake, C Gillett, I Noon, N Vereker and P Wood.
In attendance: District Cllr E Ley, the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe and one member of the public.

65/12/08. To receive apologies. None.

66/12/08. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

67/12/08. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 2008 as a true record of the meeting. It was resolved to agree the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

68/12/08. Matters arising from the minutes. None.

69/12/08. To discuss the co-option of two councillors. No-one has come forward.

70/12/08. Planning:

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the Parish Council.

43272. Installation & operation of 9 wind turbine generators of maximum 103m to tip height, unit transformer enclosures, substation building, anemometer, access tracks and ancillary equipment (additional information) (further additional information) at land at Batsworthy Cross, South Molton, EX36 4RZ. Grid reference 281359.522193432 120839.158943653. The Parish Council has made observations previously and it was agreed to make no further observations. There are mixed feelings within the parish.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDDC. None.

c) To update the council regarding affordable housing. Cllr White has tried to contact Jean Watkins at NDC but has had no response from her although she has been tasked by Mike Kelly to keep the Parish Council informed. Cllr Ley has a monthly meeting with her and will bring the matter up and make arrangements for a meeting. The Parish Council discussed the possibility of making it's own planning application.

d) Any other planning matters. None.

71/12/08. Finance:

a) To approve accounts for payment. It was resolved to make the following

payments:

W C Dart - £660.00 grass cutting (chq no 85)

Event Support Group Ltd - £146.88 annual management fee for website (chq no 86)

Mrs J Larcombe - £143.60 Clerk's salary, expenses and mileage (chq no 87)

b) To set the Precept for 2009/10. It was resolved to set the precept at £2565.

72/12/08. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. Two major potholes have been repaired by Somerset County Council but another one is breaking out further down the road. There is also another pothole on Threadneedle Corner. Cllr White will report this. Repairs have also been made to the road surface by the Jubilee Inn but it was felt that the quality of the repair was poor. This will be reported to DCC. Cty Cllr Yabsley will be asked to chase up the Highways Department regarding the replacement village sign.

b) Any other highways issues. A letter has been received from PC Julie Bradshaw regarding the parking issue at Park Cottages. Councillors did not agree with the information in her letter. Parishioners are finding that lorries cannot pass in an acceptable manner. Cllr White will contact her to ask her to contact Cllr Blake to discuss the matter further.

73/12/08. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr – Cllr Ley. Cllr Ley said that the wind turbine application will be discussed by the NDC Planning Committee in February. NDC has sanctioned £1500 for a grant for the East Anstey Community Centre. He asked to know the financial situation for carrying out the work as he might be able to find a further £300 from his grant funding. The Boundary Committee will now make their report to the Government Minister in February 2009 rather than the end of December 2008 as previously expected.

b) County Cllr – Cllr Yabsley. No report.

c) Police. No report. Cllr's White's neighbourhood watch type information sent by email is felt to be helpful.

d) Website. The school has supplied a list of names of war time evacuees to put on the website.

e) Play Area. It was reported that more play bark is needed. Cllr White and Cllr Noon will order some and top up the existing play bark safety surface.

74/12/08. To update councillors on the formation of a Community Club. The committee will meet to form a plan for the work on the money allowed from NDC, and to discuss the shortfall. There are a number of ideas for and a lot of interest in the club.

75/12/08. To adopt the Freedom of Information Act New Publication Scheme. It was resolved to adopt the model scheme. If a request is received a charge for the Clerks time and postage costs will be made plus a charge of 10p per page.

76/12/08. Correspondence received by the Parish Council: The following correspondence was noted.

NDC - Weekly Information Sheets

South Molton & District Community News.

NDC - North Devon Direct

NDC – Standards Committee Meeting

DAPC – Village Green

77/12/08. Public Questions. A parishioner requested that MP Nick Harvey's surgery dates be added to the newsletter.

A parishioner asked if the previous meeting's minutes noting that a £2000 grant was expected to be made by NDC for Allways End Methodist Hall would be amended. The amount of grant agreed will be part of this meeting's minutes. The parishioner also asked if MFI, who were mentioned as giving a quote, have gone into liquidation. A question was asked regarding disabled access and disabled toilet requirements at the hall and a concern was raised regarding parking.

A question was asked regarding what information would be charged for under the Freedom of information Act.

It was asked if an affordable housing survey had been carried out recently in the parish. The answer was no. Questions were answered regarding the affordable housing at Cutcombe mentioned in the last meeting's minutes.

78/12/08. Date of the next meeting. Wednesday 11th February