

## EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

### The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at Allways End at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllr's J White (Chairman), I Noon, N Vereker, P Wood and C Gillett.

**In attendance:** District Cllr E Ley and the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe.

**64/01/11. To receive apologies.** Apologies were accepted from Cllr R Blake.

**65/01/11. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda.** None.

**66/03/11. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2010 as a true record of the meeting.** The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

**67/03/11. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda.** Saki Hartas, Self Unlimited, reported that Care Blackerton has been sold at above the Charity Commission valuation price. The owner is unknown and will be taking over at the end of March. He will be visiting soon. No one knows yet what the new owner intends to do with the site. Twenty two people are still living at Care Blackerton but accommodation has been arranged for them in the towns that they have selected. It is hoped that all the staff will move with them to Tiverton, South Molton etc. Care Blackerton will be represented at the next Coffee Morning on the second Wednesday in February.

**68/01/11. Planning:**

**a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council.** None.

**b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDDC**

51052: Application for non-material amendment to planning permission in respect of 1 window at Rookleigh (Stable lodge), East Anstey, Tiverton. Determined as acceptable as a non-material amendment to application 46555.

**c) Any other planning matters.** 51149 Extension to dwelling and conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe at Musehill Farm, Oakford, Tiverton & 51150 Listed Building Application for extension to dwelling and conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe at Musehill Farm, Oakford, Tiverton. These applications have been withdrawn.

**69/01/11. Finance.**

**a) To approve accounts for payment.** It was resolved to make the following payments: W C Dart - £826.00 cutting grass at Village Green (chq no 114)

Mr R Jinman - £125.00 website maintenance (chq no 115)

Mrs J Larcombe - £223.00 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 116)

**b) To confirm the Precept for 2011/12.** It was resolved to set the Precept at £2565. This was the same amount as for 2010/11.

**70/01/11. Highways**

**a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** The road surface is breaking up badly by Threadneedle. Water is still coming up in the middle of the road below the kennels at Yanhey Hill. The drains are blocked and need rodding or jetting. The drains outside of Roothings are blocked with leaves.

**b) To discuss any issues arising from the recent snowfall.** Mr M Roberts cleared the road from Waddicombe to the bridge and someone else cleared through Oldways End. Bags of salt were left around the parish but these do get taken. Waddicombe didn't have any salt and it needs to be made sure that they have some in future. Councillors discussed ideas for gritting the roads in the parish.

**c) To list any work for the next visit by the Lengthman.** No particular work was noted but it was felt that there was plenty of potential.

**d) Any other highways issues.** None.

**71/01/11. To receive the following reports:**

**a) District Cllr.** Cllr Ley reported that NDC's revenue budget is being cut by £2.1million and the Council is looking to become more commercial. Staff are being retired earlier. The Parish Grant is being maintained for now but the District Councillors Grant has gone. The Village Halls Minor Improvements Grant has also gone. Cty Cllr Yabsley still has his Localism Grant. The publication North Devon Direct will be stopped. Mike Kelly, Chief Planning Officer NDC, consulted with the NFU following the last High Court ruling regarding Mr Dedames Wild Boar Farm. He came to the conclusion of giving him a three year permission for a mobile home to prove the viability of his business.

**b) County Cllr.** No report.

**c) Police Report.** Two members of the Police attended the Coffee Morning and said that there was nothing to report in the parish. There have only been five minor thefts for the year and there is a concern that this might lead to less Policing in the parish because of the cutbacks.

**d) Newsletter Report.** One or two items for the magazine will be coming out of this meeting. Information will be put in about the Parish Council elections in May, the precept, new Parish Council meeting dates, mobile library dates and information about Care Blackerton.

**72/01/11. To receive an update on planning for the Village Fayre 2011 and the purchase of a tent.** There was concern that the current poor financial situation will effect takings. Hiring the tent would be a big expense. It was agreed that due to the lack of interest from other organisations the Parish Council would not run the Fayre this year.

**73/01/11. Update on repairing the fencing alongside the bridge.** Enquiries have been made about the ownership of the fencing and it was discovered that it is the responsibility of Cllr Gillett. He agreed that he would repair the fencing once the weather improves.

**74/01/11. Correspondence received by the Parish Council.** The following correspondence was noted:

NDC – Weekly Information Sheets

NDC – Standards Committee agenda and minutes

Nick Harvey MP – Dates for Advice Surgeries 2011

DCC – Changes to the Mobile Library Service from January 2011

Devon & Cornwall Constabulary – Closure of Enquiry Office at South Molton Police Station

Community News South Molton & District – December 2010

Cllr White and Cllr Noon will meet to discuss the repairs to the phone box door.

**75/01/11. Public Questions.** None.

**76/01/11. To set the dates for meetings in 2011.** The dates were agreed as: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March (also Annual Parish Meeting), Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.