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The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th August 2009 at Allways End at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr J White (Chairman), R Blake, C Gillett and N Vereker.

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

30/08/09. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr's I Noon and P Wood.

31/08/09. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

32/08/09. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th June 2009 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.

33/08/09. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. None.

34/08/09. Planning:

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

43272. Installation and operation of 9 wind turbine generators of maximum 103m to tip height, unit transformer enclosures, sub station building, anemometer, access tracks and ancillary equipment (fourth additional information) at land at Batsworthy Cross, Knowstone, South Molton. It was agreed to abstain from making a decision.

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

Town and Country Planning (General Development procedure) Order 1995 Article 21 – Discharge of Condition(s).

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 8 (opening and windows joinery), 9 (protected species), 11 (threshing machine survey) & 12 (restoration of threshing machine) attached to planning permission 37722 at East Liscombe Farm, Dulverton.

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 5 (openings and window Details) & 6 (threshing machine details) attached to Listed Building Application 37723 at East Liscombe, Dulverton.

Approval of details reserved by condition 7 (landscaping) & condition 10 (materials) attached to planning permission 47289 at Whitemoor, East Anstey.

c) To update the council regarding affordable housing. Stags have withdrawn the planning application but have said that they wish to discuss the possible development potential of the site. The council will wait to see what happens. It was agreed that if it comes up again an independent housing needs survey should be carried out. Something will be put in a newsletter asking anyone in the parish who has a housing need to contact the council.

d) To report on the North Devon Settlement Assessment. Cllr White reported

that he had filled in the form using feedback from councillors. It has been returned to North Devon Council. It was noted that a number of people in the parish are dependent on services provided in Somerset ie in Dulverton.

e) Any other planning matters. There was concern that the Clerk might not have received a planning application from NDC. The Clerk will check and arrange for the council to meet if necessary.

A letter has been received from NDC in reference to a letter from the Parish Council dated 6th June 2006 in respect of people living at Groomsbridge Stud, East Anstey. An NDC Enforcement Officer has recently inspected the property following an ongoing investigation and can confirm that no persons now reside at the address. The property has now changed hands and is now known as the Whitemoor Equestrian Centre. The enforcement case is now closed.

35/08/09. To discuss making an amendment to the council's Standing Orders.

It was agreed that the council will adopt Finance Regulations. A draft copy will be sent to councillors for discussion at the next meeting. A draft copy of the financial risk assessment will also be sent to councillors.

36/08/09. Finance: To approve accounts for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: Mrs J Larcombe - £107.00 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 97).

37/08/09. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. Potholes on the main road have been circled and numbered but no repairs have been made, Woodburn Cross Road has been resurfaced. Cllr Blake reported a problem with overhanging branches to the Highways Department via the internet. They replied four weeks later saying that the grass had been cut. The village signs have still not been replaced and there are still inconsistencies in the cutting of the grass verges by two different area sections of the Highways Department. It was suggested that arranging a site meeting with the Highways Department would be one way of trying to get some answers on these problems that never seem to get resolved. Cty Cllr Yabsley will be reminded about the problem with the village signs. There have been flooding problems at Glebe Bungalow from water running off the fields. It was suggested that the road drains and the camber of the road need looking at. Cllr Gillett will look at this and contact the Highways Department if necessary.

b) To list any work for the next visit by the Lengthman. The gully opposite the Old Vicarage still needs unblocking. Cllr Gillett will contact the Highways Department.

c) Any other highways issues. It was felt that a direction sign to G S Brown, sited just below the Counties Meet crossroads, would prevent lorries delivering to this business taking the wrong road and causing problems to other road users. SCC will be approached for permission. The Police advised contacting the North Area Highways Group to inform them of the problems being caused by parking outside of New Park cottages and Hollow Walls. They have been contacted and have noted the problem.

38/08/09. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr – Cllr Ley. Cllr Ley reported that there had been a near catastrophe on the North Devon Link Road when cattle were pushed over a cattle grid near the picnic area by a dog. Knowstone Parish Council has asked for the

cattle grid to be brought back to the edge of Knowstone to prevent the possibility of cattle being pushed onto the Link Road. Cllr White will contact the Chairman of Knowstone Parish Council to see what support the council can offer. English Heritage has refused to lift the Listed Building Status on a Listed Building at West Linscombe. NDC's annual trip around parish halls to consider applications for grants is coming up. Cllr Ley asked whether further funding for improvements at Allways End was being applied for. Disabled access is being looked at but there are problems with the gradient which should be 1/20 not 1/10. The Wind Turbine Public Inquiry has overrun and will be coming back in September to finish off.

b) County Cllr – Cllr Yabsley. No report.

c) Police. Cllr White reported that PCSO Livett attended the Coffee Morning at Allways End this morning and talked about security marking equipment and Neighbourhood/Rural Watch etc. People can register individually to receive messages. He will attend the monthly Coffee Mornings as a contact point for the parish. There has been one anti social behaviour problem.

d) Play Area. Cllr Noon and Cllr White have met with a representative from Lappsett to discuss repairs to the Lappsett multi play piece of equipment. They no longer make this piece of equipment. The council will consider replacing this piece of equipment but would need to seek grant funding. Cllr Ley agreed to find out details of where funding could be applied for. It was suggested that if the equipment was being replaced there should be consultation with parishioners to see what type of equipment they would like.

e) Website. No report.

39/08/09. To discuss the draft newsletter. Councillors discussed the draft newsletter and suggested some amendments including the addition of some dates for events.

40/08/09. May Day Fayre 2010 – to set a date for a meeting in September. It was agreed to call a meeting on a Wednesday evening in Mid September.

41/08/09. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:

NDDC – Standards Committee agenda & minutes
 NDC - Weekly Information Sheets
 South Molton & District Community News – July 2009
 DCC – Newsletter no 6. Helping You to Help Yourselves
 DCC – 20 mph Zones & Limits

42/08/09. Public Questions. None.

43/08/09. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th October at 7.30pm at Allways End. It was agreed that all meetings will be held at Allways End.