

Clerk to the Parish
Council

EAST ANSTEY

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PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the full of the Parish Council which took place on Wednesday 9th January 2008 at East Anstey Primary School commencing at 19.30

Present: Cllr J White, Cllr P Edwards, Cllr I Noon, Cllr I Bew, Cllr N Vereker, Cllr C Gillette.

In attendance: Mrs P Harrogate (Parish Clerk), 1 Parishioner, District Cllr Ley, County Cllr Yabsley

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the Meetings held:

Full Council 10th December 2007

Agreed and signed as a true and correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

Play area update

Bench is finished and has been varnished, cost will be £300 plus v.a.t. Treatment for the bench is £8 per tin plus v.a.t. Cllr Edwards to ask CARE to hold the bench until better weather.

Springies estimate £40 plus v.a.t - ready in Spring.

Cllr Bew and Cllr Noon to advise on rungs at next meeting.

Affordable housing - update.

Mike Kelly has emailed Neville stating that he thought the project would need no public subsidy, EAPC understood that Stags would be putting the finances forward. Mike Kelly to write to Stags and Falcon asking them to amend the financial model or suggest that the application be withdrawn. If withdrawn, other options could be considered including Compulsary purchase orders. Mike Kelly would like direction from the Parish Council.

Cllr Vereker proposed that the Parish Council ask that the current application be withdrawn, Cllr Edwards seconded all in agreement.

Cllr Bew proposed that a parish meeting is held to ascertain the views of the parishioners, Cllr Edwards seconded all in agreement - date to be agreed.

Cllr White to reply to Mike Kelly, Stags and Falcon.

Web site - update (photographs)

Cllr White to email history of the Parish to the Clerk. Photographs to be taken for contacts page. Website should be up and running by mid February depending on content availability.

Exmoor Society - update

Cllr White has spoken to Rachel Thomas regarding the extension of the Exmoor boundaries. This will be initiated by the Exmoor Society - details to follow at a later date.

To discuss risk management policy

It was agreed that the parish council adopt this policy.

Items to be reported:

Devon and Cornwall Police

Letter received from Devon & Cornwall Police. From 1st February there will be a full compliment of staff at South Molton Police Station. Details to be added to the newsletter.

North Devon District Councillor Ley

District Cllr Ley - empty house in village - there are powers to take over an empty house but if there is a council tax exemption in place, these powers cannot be used.

The owner is against selling or leasing the property although relatives are keen for this to happen. Cllr White reported that regarding the tenants being evicted from the 'hunt' property - a stay of execution has been informally granted. Eviction date to be extended for a couple of months.

Cllr Ley advised that in order for a Compulsary Purchase Order to take place a planning application must be applied for on the ground.

Devon County Councillor Yabsley

South West Highways - Drainage maintenance and gully cleaning - nothing since early 2006, this should be done soon in this area.

Wind turbines decision to be emailed to DCC Yabsley - as he is attending a meeting of DCC development control committee to be held on 23rd January 2008.

Parish Lengthsman / Health and Safety - areas for attention

Attended the village and cleared some drains. Will be back w/c 25th March 2008.

Highways issues

Pothole outside village school and on Broomball Lane. Leaves at side of road need clearing. Cllr Vereker and Cllr White to do a survey of parish roads to check for potholes and road surfaces. Notice board at Oldways End - prices for next meeting, check whether it is public land, if not, check with land owner.

PC Newsletter

Amendments noted.

5. Accounts:

Cheque signing

Clerk's expenses - £185.76

Grass Cutting - £600.00

Replacement chq for St John's ambulance - £34.50

Uncontested election - £235.68

To set precept

£2200 agreed as precept 2008/09.

Figures attached as Appendix 1.

6. Planning:

45489- Erection of 9 wind turbines - Paul's Moor, Wester Bullarford, West Moor
Bickham Moor Wind farm application

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public, (1 member of the public present).
extensive discussions took place about the need for wind farms in the local area.

Parish Council recommend refusal, 4 for, 2 against on the grounds of the following: Environmental, tourism, area of outstanding beauty.

7. Correspondence Received:

None

8. Public Questions

Woodburn Cross from Oakford. Sign should be on Woodburn Cross - no sign from Barnstaple -
Clerk to report to highways.

Cllr Vereker proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for her good work for the Parish Council.

Items to be tabled:

NDDC weekly info sheets

NDDC standards board minutes

Noted

Meeting closed: 9.15pm