

EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th July 2010 at Allways End at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's J White (Chairman), R Blake, C Gillett, I Noon and P Wood.

16/07/10. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr N Vereker. Apologies were received from County Cllr J Yabsley, District Cllr E Ley and the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe.

17/07/10. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. Cllr Blake declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 03/09/10/002 because the applicants are family members.

18/07/10. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th May 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.

19/07/10. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. None.

20/07/10. Planning:

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council. 03/09/10/002 (West Somerset District Council application for neighbouring parish). Blakes Coaches. Proposed coach workshop and office. The Parish Council has no objections.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDDC. 49863 Erection of one fallen stock facility building (category 1 intermediate plant & collection centre) at East Anstey Kennels, Smallcombe Hill Lane, East Anstey, Tiverton – conditional approval granted.

c) Any other planning matters. The Chairman reported that he had sent in an objection to planning application 10/00298/Full.(Neighbouring Parish MDDC) . Change of use of agricultural land to allow siting of one permanent pitch for use of gypsies and travellers. Land south of Bike Farm, Oakford. It is believed that the application has been refused permission. Cllr Wood will check that with a councillor from Oakford Parish Council. Note: the Clerk later confirmed that the application had been refused.

21/07/10. Finance. To approve accounts for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: R Jinman - £125.00 maintenance of website (chq no 112)

22/07/10. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. The road between the Jubilee Inn and Whitefield Farm entrance has been resurfaced. Cllr Blake requested that Cty Cllr Yabsley be asked to find out whether the road the other side of the Whitefield Farm entrance will be resurfaced. It was noted that highways work carried out in the east area is of a better standard than that carried out in the north area.

b) To list any work for the next visit by the Lengthman. Cllr Gillett will obtain a list of the dates the lengthman will be in the parish.

c) Any other highways issues. Cllr Wood raised the issue that the road from Woodburn Cross to Rackenford is not suitable for HGV's. The council will

ask DCC to erect signs directing HGV's to the Roachill road. Cllr Blake said that he would like to see an Access Only sign on the narrow road at Countiesmeet, Cllr White said that this could apply to many roads.

23/07/10. To receive the following reports:

- a) **District Cllr – Cllr Ley.** No Report.
- b) **County Cllr – Cllr Yabsley.** No report.
- c) **Police Report.** PCSO Livett had attended the Coffee Morning at the Community Centre on the 14th July. He had nothing to report.

24/07/10. To discuss the Emergency Plan. The Emergency Plan needs updating. Councillors were each given a copy of the plan to look at and update before the next meeting. Cllr White will speak to SGB, Blakes Coaches and David Leigh. The updated plan will be called the East Anstey and Oldways End Community Plan and it will embrace the local area rather than the parish. Cllr White reported that he had attended an Emergency Planning Day and it had really opened his eyes. A list of contacts and co-ordinators is needed so that in an emergency the vulnerable are catered for. This will be discussed further at the next meeting when Cllr White will outline the plan.

25/07/10. To discuss ideas for Village Fayre 2011. Cllr White said that the next Village Fayre would be held while he was still Chairman of the Parish Council and that he would make sure that it was another good fayre. Cllr Wood said that there was a requirement for a committee to run the fayre. It was agreed to investigate the purchase of large tents and Cllr Wood proposed Cllr White to do this.

26/07/10. To discuss the draft newsletter. All mention of the skateboard ramp will be deleted. It was agreed to mention that the Parish Council is short of councillors and to suggest that if anyone is interested in becoming a councillor next May, when the present Parish Council ends its term of office, they could join the council now for a few months to see what is involved.

27/07/10. Play Area: To review annual inspection report and to discuss request for a ramp. Cllr Noon suggested obtaining a specific quote from Wicksteed to repair the equipment listed as needing repair in the annual inspection report. Councillors considered the proposal for the purchase and construction of a skateboard ramp to be positioned within the Village Green. They unanimously rejected the proposal for the following reasons. The young people who requested the ramp do not appear to have attempted to establish whether or not such a facility would be well supported within the village and for how long. Facilities in the Green are provided for the Parish and not for a wider community. Any grant requested for such a purchase would require a local contribution. The young people have not stated if they are able to make such a contribution. The Council is not prepared to release funds for a skateboard ramp when it has been unable to afford the replacement of the existing old playground equipment. The Council has been advised that the use of such a facility would need to be monitored, particularly as it could be used for "skateboards, bikes, scooter and rollerblades/rollerskates". The Council does not have the resources to do this. The Council is not prepared to impose on the wider community the maintenance and additional insurance costs involved.

28/07/10. To discuss repairing the fencing on the bridge. The fencing on the bridge is in need of repair. It was agreed that the legacy arm of Network Rail should be contacted to see if they would repair the fencing. Cllr's Noon, Wood and White

will meet on Saturday 17th July at 10.30am to remove the door of the phone box for future repair.

29/07/10. To consider the vacancies on the Parish Council and how to recruit new councillors, particularly in view of the Parish Council elections in May 2011. The Parish Council has had two vacancies for a considerable period of time. In May the council comes to the end of its term of office and a new Council will need to be elected. If there are too many vacancies following the election NDC can step in and fill them but these people might not best represent the views of the parish. Cllr White said that he had never left an organisation with a void and that he would be prepared to stand again as a councillor but would not be prepared to be Chairman. Councillors were urged to stand again for the sake of the Council.

30/07/10. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. None.

31/07/10. Public Questions. None.

32/07/10. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th September at Allways End at 7.30pm.