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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th June 2008 at East Anstey Primary School at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr's J White (Chairman), I Noon, N Vereker and C Gillette.

In attendance: The Clerk Mrs J Larcombe and one member of the public.

19/06/08. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr P Wood and received from District Cllr E Ley.

20/06/08. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

21/06/08. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May 2008 as a true record of the meeting. With the amendment of Bewes to Bew the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

22/06/08. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. None.

23/06/08. To discuss the future of Local Government in Devon. No members of the public attended to express their views. The council resolved to support NDC's proposal for Plymouth and Torbay Unitary Councils to remain as they are and for the rest of Devon to be split into a Northern Unitary Council and a Southern Unitary Council.

24/06/08. Planning:

a) To make a recommendation on the following planning applications

No planning applications.

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

46555 Conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation, erection of conservatory and insertion of dormer windows at Rookleigh, East Anstey.
 Decision – conditional approval granted.

c) To update the council regarding affordable housing. There has been no movement following the last piece of correspondence on the 10th March. Cllr White is trying to contact Mike Kelly, NDC Planning Officer.

25/06/08. Finance: To approve accounts for payment. There were no accounts for payment.

26/06/08. Highways

- a) **To note, for reporting to DCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out.** The Highways Department have put yellow marks around some faults. The potholes noted at Broomball Lane and Waddicombe have been highlighted. Cllr White and Cllr Vereker will be making a check on the condition of the roads in the parish during the next week. The grass verge at Woodburn Cross has been cut but the one at Countiesmeet has not been cut. County Cllr Yabsley will be asked to pursue this. The drains near the Kennels and those adjacent and below Roothings are blocked. It should be suggested to the Highways Department that all the drains in the parish be checked as they haven't been checked for a few years.
- b) **Any other highways issues.** It was reported that vehicles parked outside of properties at New Park are causing difficulties for traffic, especially at the blind bend. It was agreed to contact the Police Liaison Committee and to include something in the newsletter under general road safety.

27/06/08. To receive the following reports:

- a) **District Cllr – Cllr Ley.** No report.
- b) **County Cllr – Cllr Yabsley.** No report.
- c) **Police.** No report.
- d) **Website.** Cllr White is quietly updating the website. The site is having a remarkable number of hits, especially from Canada and America. A graph showing activity to date will be included in the newsletter.

28/06/08. To discuss the co-option of two councillors. Following the resignation of Cllr Edwards there are now three vacancies on the council. The vacancies will be advertised on the website, newsletter and posters.

29/06/08. To approve a draft newsletter. Councillors approved the draft newsletter and agreed that Cllr White and the Clerk would add some further information relating to items discussed at the meeting.

30/06/08. Play area update. The spring mobiles have been repaired and are now back in Place and the new bench has been situated in the corner by the flagpole. The council is pleased with them. Cllr White will speak to Mr Bew about the new rungs for the multi play equipment..

31/06/08. To discuss producing a Parish Plan for East Anstey. The Parish Council would not be able to produce a Parish Plan on their own. A steering group should be formed from members of the various groups in the parish. It was agreed that there should be one more request made to parishioners through the newsletter. If there is no response to this request then the matter should be shelved.

32/06/08. To consider the possible formation of a social/luncheon club. As there is no social group in the parish it has been suggested that a social /luncheon club could be formed. It was agreed to put a suggestion in the newsletter and await the response.

33/06/08. Correspondence received by the Parish Council:

- Postwatch – Post Office Closure Programme – Devon Area Plan
- NDDC – Weekly Information Sheets
- NDDC – Standards Committee agenda and minutes

CCD – Village Green
North Devon Housing – invitation to AGM on 18th July 2008

34/06/08. Public Questions. A parishioner expressed concern over a parking problem at New Park and suggested asking the Police to consider putting notes on vehicle windscreens.
Questions were asked about cleaning out Scratchy Face Lane and making it more accessible. Cllr White will make enquiries.
A parishioner asked about East Anstey producing a Parish Plan. There will be one more try to take this forward.
The minutes of Parish Council meetings will be put on the website.
A parishioner asked if anything could be done to increase broadband speed. One can only get the maximum speed the line will allow.
Concern was expressed about a problem with water but it was considered that it was a private matter.
A parishioner said that he had not seen any notices relating to the resignation of Cllr Bew from the Parish Council.

35/06/08. Date of the next meeting. Wednesday 13th August