

EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 17th March 2011 at Allways End at 7.00pm.

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

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

77/03/11. To receive apologies. There were no apologies.

78/03/11. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

79/03/11. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th January 2011 as a true record of the meeting. The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chairman.

80/03/11. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. There are many rumours about what is happening at Blackerton but no one actually knows what will happen when Self Unlimited leave.

Cllr White attended a DCC 'Towed Gritter' trial at Westpoint, Exeter. Mid Devon County Councillors are making a case for parishes having salt spreaders which could be towed by a tractor or four wheel drive vehicle. DCC would pay for the spreader and the Parish Council/s would have to pay the vat and then reclaim it. The Parish would have to have a nominated Snow Warden who would receive training and would then be covered by DCC's insurance. Salt would have to be purchased by the Parish Council. This will be left on hold for the time being. One or two people came forward when they heard that the May Fayre was not going to be held but they have since backed out.

The fencing alongside the bridge will be repaired in the Spring.

The problem with the phone box door is still to be sorted.

81/03/11. Planning:

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council. No applications.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDDC. No decisions.

c) Any other planning matters. NDC and Torridge District Council are carrying out a joint public consultation. It is about a revised draft code of practice called the Local List: Guidance about the information required to achieve a valid application. The consultation will run for six weeks from 10/03/11 until 27/04/11. It was reported that someone is living in a caravan in a field at Whitefield Cross. A car is also being parked alongside the caravan. This will be reported to NDC Planning Enforcement because the Council do not think they have planning permission.

The Council questioned whether anything is happening about the living accommodation at Woodburn Hill.

There has been a Planning Appeal against the refusal of permission for 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

82/03/11. Finance. To approve accounts for payment. It was resolved to make the following payments:

Audit Commission - £58.75 External Audit (chq no 117)

Mrs J Larcombe - £165.00 Clerk's salary and expenses (chq no 118)

Cllr J White - £215.48 Expenses claim for childrens' party (£197.50), ink & paper for newsletter(chq no 120)

East Anstey PCC - £330.00 Churchyard Grant (chq no 119) Cllr Gillett declared a personal and prejudicial interest as a member of the PCC. Although there was no budget for this grant it was agreed that the Parish Council would make the payment from it's reserves.

The Clerk noted that the Parish Council had not paid the Community Centre for the hire of the room for meetings in the financial year 2010/11 or the Methodist Chapel for the electricity used during the meetings. It was resolved to give the Clerk power to act so that payments could be made before the end of the financial year.

83/03/11. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. The drains at Yanhay Hill have been cleared and DCC are catching up with highways problems in the parish. Cllr White pointed out that anyone can report highways problems. Details of how to do this will be put in the newsletter.

b) To list any work for the next visit by the Lengthman. The lengthman has visited the parish recently. The date of the next visit is not known.

c) Any other highways issues. The drain at Roothings is still blocked because it is full of leaves. The drain below the kennels is also still blocked.

84/03/11. Royal Wedding. It was suggested that there could be a bring and share tea with a wedding cake theme.

85/03/11. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:

NDC – Weekly Information Sheets

NDC – Standards Committee agenda and minutes

Wicksteed Leisure – Reminder about Annual Safety Inspection. This was put on hold until the safety bark could be replaced.

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

Community News South Molton & District – February & March 2011

DCC – Social Care for Adults. A new version including information on 'Putting People First in Devon (update January 2011), Care Direct postcards and poster and a factsheet on Personal Budgets.

DCC – Devon County Minerals and Waste Development Framework. Minerals Core Strategy – Options Consultation Paper.

86/03/11. Date of the Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 7.30pm.

Cllr White thanked Councillors for all that they had done during in the four year term of the Council.