

EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th May 2009 at East Anstey Primary School at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: District Cllr E Ley, the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe and 3 members of the public.

01/05/09. Election of Officers:

a) Chairman. Cllr J White was proposed by Cllr I Noon and seconded by Cllr N Vereker. It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr White as Chairman. Cllr White accepted the office and has signed the acceptance of office form.

b) Vice Chairman. Cllr Blake was proposed by Cllr Gillett and seconded by Cllr Noon. It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Blake as Vice-Chairman. Cllr Blake accepted the office.

02/05/09. Election of a Planning Committee. It was agreed that all councillors should make decisions on planning applications rather than electing a committee.

03/05/09. Election of Councillors responsible for: It was agreed to elect the following councillors:

a) Police Liaison – Cllr J White.

b) Village Green – Cllr I Noon.

c) Highways – Cllr R Blake.

d) East Anstey Primary School Liaison – Cllr J White.

e) Exmoor National Park Liaison – Cllr C Gillett.

f) South Molton Group of Parishes Representative – Cllr J White.

g) Emergency Planning – Cllr I Noon.

h) Newsletter – Cllr J White.

i) Website – Cllr J White.

04/05/09. To receive apologies. None.

05/05/09. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

06/05/09. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th April 2009 as a true record of the meeting. It was resolved to adopt the minutes as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

07/05/09. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. The Chairman reported that he had contacted NDC to find out why the council had not received a copy of planning application 47289 (see details below) and had discovered that it had been sent to the address of the previous clerk. Although it appeared from the website that the council had sent a response this was not the case. Although it had been suggested that Parish Council meetings could be held in the hall at Allways End it was felt that they should continue at the school as the school benefited from the income when their room was used for meetings.

08/05/09. Planning:

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council. None.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDDC 47289. Change of Use from private stables to commercial riding school together

with extension to building 1 to form tack-room, creation of manege and erection of reception building at White Moor, East Anstey. Decision – conditional approval granted.

c) Any other planning matters. Cllr White will attend a Parish Workshop on the NDC Local Development Framework Core Strategy.

A query was raised as to whether a recently constructed shed has planning permission.

09/05/09. Finance

a) To approve accounts for payment. It was agreed to make the following payment:

Cllr J White - £260.62 expenses claim for playbark purchased online from Turfandstuff (£235.62) + repairs to playing field gate (£25.00). The council recorded their thanks to those people who helped to wheel barrow the bark into the play area.

b) To agree the annual accounts for 2008 – 2009 and the Annual Governance Statement. It was resolved to agree the accounts for 2008 – 2009 and the Annual Governance Statement. The Clerk will check the Standing Orders/Financial Regulations to see whether accounts received after the February meeting can be paid before the end of the financial year without being approved at a Parish Council meeting.

10/05/09. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. Cllr White has reported all the potholes to DCC and SCC. Cllr Blake will take over reporting the highways problems. The lengthman hasn't opened up the gully through the hedge opposite the Old Rectory. The surface of the whole of Broomball Lane needs looking at. The condition of the road near the Jubilee Inn is still poor although there are markings to indicate that work is to be done. The condition of the road from Countysmeet to Tregarn remains bad.

b) To list any work for the next visit by the Lengthman. A list of dates for the lengthmans visits for the next year has been received. All problems have to be reported to the office prior to the visits. Councillors were unhappy that problems could not be passed straight to the lengthman.

c) Any other highways issues. The missing village signs have not been replaced although they have been missing for some considerable time. Councillors felt that the Parish Council should purchase the signs and arrange to put them up. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

11/05/09. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr – Cllr Ley. Cllr Ley said that it was the county council's responsibility to supply signs and erect them and that he would contact them. He told the council that it was important that a member of the council attended the workshop on the Local Development framework Core Strategy and was concerned that the council had not received some earlier information about rural settlements and had therefore not been able to respond.

b) County Cllr – Cllr Yabsley. None.

c) Police. None.

d) May Day Fayre. The event was reasonably successful and was enjoyed by everyone even though the day was cold and windy. A committee is needed to take on the organisation of the May Day Fayre, particularly the set up. It was suggested that the Community Centre Committee might take it on and this will be put to their next meeting. Their decision will be reported to the

next council meeting. A vote of thanks to Cllr White for all his hard work in organising the event was recorded. Cllr White said that he was helped on the day by a number of people. A profit of £225 was made. £80 was given to the school, £75 to the pre-school and £70 to the Community Centre. It was noted that more publicity is needed. The car boot sale didn't go ahead this year but will be looked at again. Organisations placing posters on the notice boards should remove them once the event is over.

e) Website. The web site is being kept up to date and is receiving a lot of interest,

12/05/09. Play Area. The annual inspection has been carried out by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. The play bark has been spread where it was needed. Lappset, the makers of the climbing frame, have been contacted about the repairs that are needed. It was reported that during the May Day Fayre the equipment was being abused by young people who were too big to have been using the equipment. It was suggested that there should be an earlier cut of grass, or an extra cut, so that there is not a lot of grass left on the field before the May Day Fayre.

13/05/09. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:

NDDC – Standards Committee agenda & minutes

3 letters from a parishioner. The Chairman said that comments of community value made during public question time would be recorded. Personal or discriminatory comments will not be recorded. It was felt that with regards to comments about the affordable housing the parishioner is attending meetings and reading the minutes and is informed about the situation. The Parish Council will wait to receive the planning application before it makes any comments.

NDC - Weekly Information Sheets

South Molton & District Community News – May 2009

DCC LEA – Admissions to Schools 2010/11.

14/05/09. Public Questions. A parishioner who has in the past been involved in organising the May Day Fayre said that she was hoping to be well enough next year to perhaps become involved again. She felt that something was missing from the fayre now but was not sure what that was. More publicity is needed and it was suggested that flyers could be distributed. Another suggestion was inviting a local celebrity. A question was asked about income from the fayre and it's distribution.

There was concern that new village signs might be vandalised.

A question was asked about affordable housing and proven need for that housing.

15/05/09. Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 10th June at 7.30pm.