

EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

**The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Wednesday 12th May 2010 at Always End at 7.30pm.**

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

In attendance: District Cllr E Ley and the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe. Cty Cllr J Yabsley and 3 members of the public (part of meeting).

01/05/10. Election of:

a) Chairman. Cllr J White was nominated by Cllr Blake and seconded by Cllr Wood. It was resolved unanimously to elect Cllr White as Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr White signed the Acceptance of Office Form.

b) Vice Chairman. Cllr R Blake was nominated by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Gillett. It was resolved unanimously to elect Cllr Blake as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

02/05/10. 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) **Community Centre** - Cllr P Wood.
- f) **Exmoor National Park Liaison** - Cllr J White.
- g) **South Molton Group of Parishes Representative** - Cllr J White.
- h) **Emergency Planning** - Cllr J White and the Clerk.
- i) **Newsletter** - Cllr J White.
- j) **Website** - Cllr J White.

03/05/10. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr's I Noon and N Vereker.

04/05/10. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

05/05/10. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th March 2010 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.

06/05/10. Matters arising from the minutes. There have been further reports of alleged nuisance from dogs. Cllr Yabsley was asked to find out when the road between the Jubilee Inn and Whitefield Farm entrance will be resurfaced. There was concern that the foundations of the road would be damaged if traffic continued to use the road without the surface being replaced. This road is used as a diversion if the Link Road is shut for any reason. Farmers will soon be using the road more often when they start harvesting their crops.

07/05/10. 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
02/49885/2010 Erection of free-standing canopy to provide shelter at East Anstey Primary School, East Anstey.- conditional approval granted.

c) Any other planning matters. It is understood that the Highways Department want to see some alterations made to the plans for access for application 49863 Erection of one fallen stock facility building (category 1 intermediate plant & collection centre) at East Anstey Kennels, Smallcombe Hill Lane, East Anstey, Tiverton.

Parishioners in the adjoining parish of Oakford are concerned about a planning application for the change of use of agricultural land to allow siting of one permanent pitch for use of gypsies and travelers. Councillors felt that MDDC should have consulted East Anstey Parish Council because the application site is near to the parish boundary. The Clerk said that MDDC do not normally consult neighbouring parishes unless it is right on the boundary. The Clerk will find the information on the planning application and pass it onto the Chairman. There was concern that trees had been felled and that there was possible development of a stable block at Woodburn Hill where planning enforcement action had taken place.

08/05/10. Finance

a) To approve accounts for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment Wicksteed Leisure Ltd - £52.88 annual playground inspection (chq no 111).

b) To agree the annual accounts for 2009 – 2010 and the Annual Governance Statement. It was resolved to agree the annual accounts for 2009 -10 and the Annual Governance Statement. Mrs C Butcher will carry out the internal audit.

09/05/10. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. See item 06/05/10.

b) To list any work for the next visit by the Lengthman. The Parish Council does not have a list of dates for visits. The Clerk will ask for one. There was concern that the gullies were not cleared in the last visit.

c) Any other highways issues. Councillors were worried about the cutting of the verges at Woodburn Cross. The verges were not all cut at the same time which effected visibility.

10/05/10. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. Cllr Ley reported that a High Court Judge has advised Mr Dedames to start the planning process again for his wild boar farm. He will need to have a licence and to obtain that he will need insurance. The number of stock will need to be independently counted. The issuing of an enforcement notice means that any time after that point cannot be counted towards a certificate of lawful use application. Cllr Ley said that he felt that the judge sitting on the judicial review hearing will make a decision against Exeter becoming a unitary authority. He also expressed his condolence following the death of John Milton, Chairman of West Anstey Parish Meeting. A note of condolence will be sent from the Parish Council.

b) County Cllr. Cllr Yabsley reported that the Highways Department had made the road between the Jubilee Inn and Whitefield Farm entrance fit to be used by removing the surface but the money had then run out. He didn't know when it would be resurfaced. DCC are still waiting to hear what will be the final outcome of the Local Government Review and the decision to make Exeter a Unitary Authority. Cllr Yabsley reported that he had made enquiries following allegations that road planings from the road between the Jubilee Inn and Whitefield Farm entrance had been delivered to a local address without authorisation. An

investigation has been made and Paul Street, Works Manager, South West Highways has instructed his men that no plantings are to be tipped anywhere without his authorisation.

c) Police. No report.

e) Website. Nothing to report except that there is still international interest.

11/05/10. To review the May Day Fayre. On the whole comments were favourable and the event broke even. No grant will be needed from the Parish Council. The Community Centre made £107.57 and the WI and the Churches did well. A question was asked about paying Tony Beard to come. Cllr White was congratulated on the success of the event, into which he had put a large amount of work. The Young Farmers were thanked for turning up and helping to finish putting the tops on the tents. It was suggested that there should be a contingency for a larger marquee in case of bad weather. This could be put into the Parish Council's budget and will be discussed at a future meeting. Manpower needs to be committed from the village.

12/05/10. To discuss the Play Area Report from Wicksteed. The report has now been received and there is some work which needs to be done. The play bark needs topping up. The report will be discussed further at the next meeting when Cllr Noon is present.

13/05/10. Correspondence received by the Parish Council: The following correspondence was noted.
 NDC – Standards Committee agenda & minutes. Ethical Standards Audit and Members' Code of Conduct Refresher Training.
 NDC – Details on seminar regarding making housing affordable for local people. No one was able to attend the seminar.
 NDC - Weekly Information Sheets
 South Molton & District Community News – April & May 2010
 West Somerset District Council – Core Strategy Consultation.
 Senior Council for Devon Newsletter
 DCC – details about the DCC Corporate Mentoring Project.

14/05/10. Public Questions. A young parishioner asked the council to consider putting a mini ramp, for the use of young people with cycles, on the Village Green. The cost of the piece of equipment was estimated to be in the region of £800 and it is made of wood. It was agreed that further information would be given to Cllr White so that the council could consider the matter further.

15/05/10. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th July at 7.30pm.