

EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday
10th November 2010 at Allways End at 7.30pm.

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

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

49/11/10. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr I Noon.

50/11/10. To co opt a new councillor. There was no co-option. Although a parishioner had shown some interest in becoming a councillor they had not taken it any further.

51/11/10. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

52/11/10. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 8th September 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.

53/11/10. Matters arising from the minutes. None.

54/11/10. Planning:

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the council. 51149 Extension to dwelling and conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe at Musehill Farm, Oakford, Tiverton & 51150 Listed Building Application for extension to dwelling and conversion of outbuilding to form self-contained annexe at Musehill Farm, Oakford, Tiverton. The Parish Council has no objections.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDDC. None.

c) Any other planning matters. Self Unlimited has put Care Blackerton on the market using King Sturge as their agent. The Parish Council will ask for a copy of the particulars to be sent to Cllr White.

55/11/10. Finance.

a) To approve accounts for payment. It was resolved to make the following payment: Cllr J White - £47.98 printer cartridges (chq no 113).

b) To set the budget for 2011/12. The council considered the budget for 2011/12. The amount of the grant that can be received from NDC will be checked against the number of parishioners on the electoral role. Cllr Vereker felt that the precept should be reduced. The bill for grass cutting in 2010 has still not been received and this cost is needed to estimate costs for 2011. The amount of the precept will be confirmed at the next meeting. The purchase of a tent for the Village Fayre was considered and it was agreed to pay for it out of the Village Green Fund. Cllr Blake will provide advice on the specification for the metalwork so that the tent purchased is of a suitable quality.

56/11/10. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. Cllr White has been contacted by a parishioner who reported that the surface of Scratchyface Lane is breaking up. This has been reported to the Highways Department and repairs will be made. It was reported that water is coming up in the middle of the road below the

kennels. It is thought that this is because of blocked gullies. Water is also coming up in the middle of the road between Chicoma House and the school. The road. The B3227 from the Jubilee Inn to Woodburn will be closed from 17/11/10 until 30/11/10 for patching works.

b) To list any work for the next visit by the Lengthman. The lengthman is scheduled to visit the parish this week. The next visit will be in February.

c) Any other highways issues. None.

57/11/10. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. Cllr Ley reported that one of the repercussions coming out of the recent government changes is that barn's could be allowed to be converted to residential use following changes to the Statutory Planning Guidance. There is also talk about scrapping planning Inspectors.

b) County Cllr. No report.

c) Police Report. PCSO Rozpotynski (Yorkie) attended the Coffee Morning today and reported that in terms of crime it is very quiet in the parish. A gang that were operating on the Devon/Somerset border have been caught and it was found that they had come from Gloucester. Cllr Blake said that there are other, more local, criminals still operating.

d) Newsletter Report. A newsletter was produced in October. Readers were encouraged to sign up to BT Infinity which could provide faster broadband for the community if enough people sign up. In the next newsletter parishioners will be encouraged to make sure that they are on the electoral role because the amount of the Parish Council's grant from NDC is linked to the number of parishioners on the electoral role.

58/11/10. To discuss the Emergency Plan to be known as East Anstey and Oldways End Community Plan. The council discussed putting a list of contacts, with a map, on the notice boards. Contact details for West Somerset would need to be obtained. Advice on preparing emergency plans says that vulnerable groups and individuals need to be know. Councillors considered who the vulnerable groups and individuals were in the parish and concluded that they are surrounded by close relatives. Reflecting on the problems during the cold spell at the beginning of 2010 it was felt that there is a community spirit in the parish and that people pull together without there being a formal plan in place. It was therefore agreed not to produce a formal plan.

59/11/10. To receive an update on planning for the Village Fayre 2011 and to consider the purchase of a tent. Cllr White reported that a meeting is to be arranged. The purchase of a tent was discussed under finance.

60/11/10. Update on repairing the fencing alongside the bridge. Cllr White reported that he had made enquiries to find out who was responsible for the fencing alongside the bridge over the disused railway line and had discovered that Cllr Gillett is responsible. Cllr Gillett agreed that he would have a look at the fencing.

61/11/10. Correspondence received by the Parish Council. The following correspondence was noted:
NDC - Queries about parishioners who have not sent back their electoral role details form. Councillors were able to confirm whether these parishioners still lived at the listed addresses. There was concern that several of the names were in the same area. This will be raised with NDC in case there is a problem with the distribution of the forms. If a parishioner is not listed on the electoral role the Parish Council does not get a contribution for them in the NDC grant.

NDC – Request to find out the number of empty sand bags stored in the parish.
There are none.
NDC - Weekly Information Sheets
NDC - Standards Committee agenda and minutes
DCC – leaflet on Fare (F10) Car Scheme
Senior Council for Devon – Newsletter October 2010
Record ESS Play Equipment Leaflet
North Devon Homes – request to include information in Parish Newsletters
Community News South Molton & District – October 2010 & November 2010
DCC – Big Mineral Debate Leaflet

62/11/10. Public Questions. None.

63/11/10. Date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 7.30pm.