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The Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th October 2008 at East Anstey Primary School at 7.30pm.

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

In attendance: District Cllr Ley, the Clerk Mrs J Larcombe and one member of the public.

52/10/08. To receive apologies. Apologies were received from Cty Cllr Yabsley.

53/10/08. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

54/10/08. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th August 2008 as a true record of the meeting. With an alteration to the spelling of Meakes the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

55/10/08. Matters arising from the minutes. None.

56/10/08. To discuss the co-option of two councillors. No names have been put forward. Councillors were urged to keep trying to find two new councillors.

57/10/08. Planning:

a) To make a recommendation on any planning applications received by the Parish Council. A planning application by Groomsbridge Stud had not been received by the Parish Council.

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDDC.
 46976 Erection of 1 agricultural building to house cattle at Higher Radnidge Farm, Higher Radnidge, East Anstey, Tiverton.
 Decision – conditional permission granted.

c) To update the council regarding affordable housing. It was resolved that the whole council would be involved in discussing the issue of affordable housing and in setting out steps for taking the issue forward. It was suggested that other forms of affordable housing such as that at Cutcombe, part of West Somerset District Council could be considered.

d) Notice of appeal against the planning decision for application no 45489
 Erection & operation of 9 Wind Turbines at Paul's Moor, Western Bullarford, West Moor, North of Knowstone, South Molton. The council agreed not to send a representative to the meeting at Yeo Mill on 14th October. The council had no further observations.

e) Any other planning matters. No other planning matters.

58/10/08. Finance: To approve accounts for payment. There were no accounts for payment.

Cynthia Butcher has carried out the internal audit and the annual return has now been sent to the Audit Commission. Mrs Butcher found no matters of concern.

59/10/08. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. The major pothole at Countiesmeet has been repaired. The pothole by the school which had been repaired is now starting to break up again. Cty Cllr Yabsley has recommended that highways problems should be reported direct to DCC customer care centre. A direction sign has been taken off the signpost at Woodburn Cross. The warning sign has been replaced but there has been no progress with the replacement of the village sign at Woodburn Cross. Between the Jubilee Inn and Whitefield Farm, which is in Molland Parish, there is a patch of road in both directions which needs to be repaired ahead of major repairs promised for the spring.

b) To update councillors regarding Scratchy Face Lane. This is very much a private matter and the Parish Council do not have the power to get involved in private matters. This point will be made in the next newsletter.

c) Any other highways issues. None.

60/10/08. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr – Cllr Ley. Cllr Ley reported that NDC had received 1000 responses during the consultation period following the publishing of the Boundary Committee's recommendation for the future of local government in Devon. 70% of those who responded were against the recommendation, 12% were for the recommendation and the other 18% supported the Exeter cause. A similar exercise was gone through in N Yorkshire, which is of a comparable area, and the Government threw out the Boundary Commissions recommendation. There is no guarantee that the Community Boards that are being discussed will be set up. Cllr Wood had attended a meeting at South Molton about the unitary proposals and the general opinion was that it was a fait accompli. Cllr Ley encouraged the Parish Council to look at alternative ways of taking the affordable housing project forward. It is his opinion that if planning permission for the site was applied for and granted then a compulsory purchase order would be 95% certain. The grant for the kitchen at Allways End Methodist Hall will be coming from NDC central funds. Cllr Ley still has a small amount of funding that he can give. In environmental surveys wind turbines often get thrown out. The cost of a public appeal for Fullabrook will be about £50,000. £145,000 has already been spent over a long period of time.

b) County Cllr – Cllr Yabsley. Cty Cllr Yabsley has contacted the Clerk to give his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. He is very involved with the proposals for the future of the DCC owned Beech House residential home at South Molton. He feels that it is very important to support South Molton Town Council's efforts to keep Beech House.

c) Police. None.

d) Website. There have been an amazing number of international hits, including from China. A second book of Parish Council minutes is being added. School records with the names of children evacuated to East Anstey during World War 2 are also to be added.

e) Newsletter. The next newsletter will lead with aspects of the Social Club. Dates, times and venue details for the Harvest Festival services will be included. There will also be details of the concert and a précis of details of the village clubs such as the Bowling Club, the Young Farmers Club and the WI.

f) Play Area. The weather has been against getting on with the work at the play area. The rungs on the climbing frame cannot be replaced. That part of the equipment will be looked at and possibly removed. Cllr White will rake the bark. A small area of the field had been dug up to mend a Knapp House water leak.

61/10/08 To Report on the formation of a Community Club. A grant application for £2000 of funding has been made to NDC to upgrade the kitchen at Allways End Methodist Hall. The grant has been agreed in principle. In order for the grant to be made, a committee has had to be formed and a draft constitution for the committee has had to be drawn up. Cllr Wood will chair the committee. The other committee members will be a representative from the Parish Council, the Methodist Church, the Garden Club, the WI and two parishioners. Cllr White will be the Parish Council representative. Quotes for the work to upgrade the kitchen have been received from MFI and Homebase. Another quote from Howdens is expected. The Methodist Church has given their sanction for the work to be carried out. More ideas for the club are coming in from the parish.

62/10/08. Correspondence received by the Parish Council:

NDC - Weekly Information Sheets

NDC – Formal Response to the Boundary Committee’s public consultation on their proposal for the future of local government in Devon.

NDC – Standards Committee Agenda & Minutes

South Molton & District Community News.

Medland, Sanders & Twose – invitation to machinery show.

63/10/08. Public Questions. A parishioner said that he felt the village school would be vulnerable if no affordable housing was developed in the parish.

64/10/08. Date of the next meeting – Wednesday 10th December