

EAST ANSTEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th September 2010 at Allways End at 7.30pm.

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

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

33/09/10. To receive apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr's I Noon and P Wood.

34/09/10. Declaration of interest in items on the agenda. None.

35/09/10. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July 2010 as a true record of the meeting. With the addition of the address of the site for planning application 03/09/10/002, the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

36/09/10. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered on the agenda. Cllr White reported that he had been contacted by a parishioner who is interested in becoming a councillor.

37/09/10. Planning:

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

b) To note any decisions made on planning applications by NDDC

c) Any other planning matters. Planning application 03/09/10/002 (West Somerset District Council application for neighbouring parish). Blakes Coaches, The Garage, East Anstey, Tiverton, proposed coach workshop and office has been withdrawn and resubmitted with amendments.

38/09/10. Finance. To approve accounts for payment. No accounts for payments.

39/09/10. Highways

a) To note, for reporting to DCC/SCC, any highways problems and to note works that have been carried out. It was reported that the verge at Woodburn Cross has been cut twice on the Tiverton side but only once on the South Molton side.

b) To list any work for the next visit by the Lengthman. Cllr Gillett reported that the lengthman visited the parish on the 19th August and is due to visit again on the 8th November and the 15th February. Cllr Gillett should be contacted in advance if anything needs to be done.

c) Any other highways issues. No other highways issues.

40/09/10. To receive the following reports:

a) District Cllr. Cllr Ley suggested that cow cubicle mats would provide a cheaper safety surface for the play area if there was a way to get around the kite mark accreditation. Mike Kelly, NDC Planning Department, has met with representatives of Stags to discuss the development of a piece of land they own in East Anstey. Mr Kelly has said that the Parish Council has to be consulted. He said that he was concerned about the outcome of the government cutbacks in funding which could result in cuts of up to 30% in spending. It is difficult to cut back on staff and recruitment has been stopped. Pensions as set up are causing problems. The Council were asked which they

would rather see cut; Village/Community Hall Grants or the Annual Parish Grant. The Council said that they would prefer to keep the Annual Parish Grant which was the opposite of what other councils in Cllr Ley's ward wanted. If Mr Dedames is granted a three year temporary planning permission for a mobile home he will need to prove the profitability of his business during this period.

b) County Cllr. None.

c) Police. A report, sent by email, was given to the Council. West Anstey: One incident of Anti Social behaviour where a sign was put up re an ongoing issue between two parties. One tractor fire which at the moment is being treated as an electrical fault (the fire brigade told the Police they suspect it is a fault and will contact them if that changes through their investigation). No crime..

East Anstey: Sheep on the B3227. A stolen vehicle where the keys were left in the ignition and it was left for a short time unattended at the victims home address. This happened in late July and is still being investigated by CID. One report of a suspicious vehicle where the details were circulated but the vehicle was not found. One report of a suspicious male in the area which turned out to be a guest staying at a nearby property and one report of an altercation between father and son that was reported for info only. At the moment across the area the number of rural thefts seems of quietened down. The Police have been conducting traffic operations on the A361 and working with other forces as they were also suffering from thefts. They are still promoting selectamark DNA property marking kits priced at £24 which can mark between 50-200 items depending on how sparingly you use it. We also have alarmed padlocks that we are promoting on behalf of the 'peace of mind charity' that are priced at £12 each and are proving very popular indeed.

- 41/09/10. To discuss the Emergency Plan to be known as East Anstey and Oldways End Community Plan.** Cllr White has reviewed and updated the plan and, as suggested at a workshop he attended, has keyed in vulnerable people. It needs to be known where vulnerable parishioners are. The guidance from the workshop, organised by the Environment Agency and DCC, was set more to larger councils. The team to co-ordinate and get things going would be the Parish Council and a key contact list is needed.. Post codes should be put on the community map so that properties can be located. For community resources a list should be made of who has what equipment and what skills people have ie nursing. A Householders Emergency Plan would give advice about what individuals need to have and would need to be tailored to the individual need. Cllr White will put together a plan and feed back to the next meeting. A copy of the plan will be sent to DCC.
- 42/09/10. Update on planning for the Village Fayre 2011 and the possible purchase of tents.** The present Parish Council will still be in place when the 2011 fayre is held. Cllr White will run the fayre with the same small team. The Young Farmers Club were involved with the last fayre and provided a lot of help. Cllr White has investigated the purchase of a tent for the fayre and put forward his suggestion. Councillors felt they wanted to look at the suggested tent before purchasing it. Cllr Blake said that the tent needed to be easy to erect and without too many pieces to put together. It was agreed to research further and find something of extremely good quality and easy to erect.
- 43/09/10. To discuss the draft newsletter.** The last newsletter was only produced six weeks ago and the next one hasn't been produced yet. CVllr White asked for anything that anyone had to go in it.

- 44/09/10. Play Area repairs update.** Cllr White said that he had looked at the prices for repairs quoted by Wicksteed Leisure Ltd and felt that they were horrendous. The cost of bark has doubled and it was suggested that the council should look at using rubber chips as are used in ménages. Cllr White and Cllr Noon will deal with the weeds growing in the bark.
- 45/09/10. Update on repairing the fencing on the bridge.** Cllr White reported that he had contacted the British Rail Board regarding the poor state of repair of the fencing on the bridge and the break up on the east wall. He is waiting for someone to report back to him.
- 46/09/10. Correspondence received by the Parish Council,** The following correspondence was noted:
NDC – Weekly Information Sheets
NDC – Standards Committee agenda and minutes
Community News South Molton and District August 2010 and September 2011
- 47/09/10. Public Questions.** None.
- 48/09/10. Date of the next meeting.** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th November, at 7.30pm, at Allways End.