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# **Minutes Ansford Parish Council**

# WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Monthly Parish Council Meeting Held at CaryFord Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr. C. Edwards Cllr. G. Clothier Cllr. A. Gibbons **In attendance:** District Cllr N. Weeks, County Cllr M. Lewis, Mr G. A. McCarthy [parish clerk]

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Ref:		Action:
125/2016	<u>Apologies</u>	
	Apologies were received from Cllr N. Begg and PCSO T. Russell.	
126/2016	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	
	The Chairman advised that if anyone had a personal &/or pecuniary interest on any matter on the agenda they should declare this & leave the room when appropriate.	
127/2016	Minutes of Previous Meetings	
	The minutes of the parish council meetings of 08 <sup>th</sup> February 2017, that had been circulated to all councillors, were <b>RESOLVED</b> [3.0.0] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.	
128/2016	Reports from Police & District & County Councillors	
,	Police Report – Details on the latest report for crime recorded under the Wincanton North Neighbourhood area were provided. There were 4 recorded crimes in the Parish of Ansford.	
	District Councillor N. Weeks had no major items to report.	
	<b>County Councillor M. Lewis</b> reported that as the new financial year had commenced it was a good time to raise any requests for specific funding. The small improvements scheme planned to improve the B3153 at Clanville is having some amendments made in response to requests made. A timetable for carrying this work will be requested.	
129/2016	Open Forum for Residents	
123/2010	Local residents raised concerns over the commencement of work at the Hillcrest School site.  These concerns covered such items as:  Removal of existing fencing and replacement with temporary panels.  Burning of cleared foliage/rubbish.	
	<ul> <li>Lack of communication from the developers considering how long this site has been left following the original planning application authorisation. A period of about 15 years.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>That the conditions in place at the time of the original approval with reference to road access from the proposed development have changed considerably compared to the present time period.</li> </ul>	
	Ansford Parish Council thanked the residents for raising these concerns. It was stated that as the planning application was authorised it is legally binding despite the inordinate period from approval to continuation of works. Ansford Parish Council will review the concerns raised and seek further clarification where possible. Clarification will also be requested if there were any	
	S106 conditions applicable to the approval of this planning application.	Clerk

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#### Planning:

## a. WITHIN ANSFORD

No new applications had been received since the last meeting.

## b. OUTSIDE THE PARISH OF ANSFORD

Correspondence was received informing Ansford Parish Council of the proposed planning application for development of the BMI site in Castle Cary. As this was previously an industrial site where it is understood that asbestos was present the Council were concerned that access to the site during construction work may be possible and that this could potentially be a risk to any one entering the site. A letter is to be sent to the developer's agent raising these concerns.

Clerk

#### c. ANY PLANNING DECISIONS TO REPORT

17/00262/FUL – First floor extension, storm porch and associated alterations – Little Orchard, Station Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7PD – Application granted.

## d. GENERAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS AND REPORTS TO DISCUSS [IF ANY]

An application for a vehicle 'valeting' depot to be situated adjacent the Dimer Waste disposal site has been raised. As this will result in the potential increase of traffic on the B3153 at Clanville in Ansford Parish the Council were concerned that it had not been consulted on this matter. A letter is to be sent to the planning authorities requesting this issue be addressed and proper consultation to be in place in future.

Clerk

## 131/2016

# Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Co-options to fill current vacancies
 No applications have been received.

#### Fairground Field

Following a review of the draft trust deed received from BGW Solicitors it was **RESOLVED** [3.0.0] to accept the terms proposed. The fencing and gates installation has now been completed. Drainage works are to commence soon as well as works on the main footpath. Work on the secondary footpath will commence, which provides access to the proposed pump park when its location is confirmed. Brambles have been removed from parts of the site and these areas will be improved with the sowing of grass seed.

Clerk

#### • Neighbourhood Plan

As Cllr N. Begg was on vacation this item has been deferred to the next meeting.

## Roads and Traffic around the Parish

Following an injury received by a resident due to falling over pot holes on Wyke Lane a request will be made for urgent repairs to be carried out on this road.

Notification of the proposed temporary closure of Lusty Lane in Bruton. The latest SiD report for The latest received SiD report for the B3153 at Ansford Sawmills was read

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out. was read out. Recorded speeds appear to be increasing with most excessive speeds being made by light vehicles.

#### Somerset Waste Board – Waste Transfer Station at Dimmer

Following the SWB'S recent decision to go ahead with the Waste Transfer Station at Dimmer, despite the objections from several local Council's, it was felt that the adverse road traffic issues along the B3153 and beyond had still not been adequately addressed. At the time of the Scrutiny Committee's Call In Meeting, it was noted that the M.D. of Somerset Waste Partnership had mentioned the possibility of instigating a footpath for the residents of Clanville.

This initiative would be welcomed by APC, and Councillors look forward to further action being taken to deal with this matter. A site visit to discuss the details would be necessary, so that the views and concerns of the residents are heard.

#### Youth Matters

Members of the Council attended the extraordinary AGM. It was reported that there has been a positive major turnaround of the organisation. There are still issues with the limited space in the Swainson building as well as the fact that children appear to have an issue returning to the school for youth activities. Changes are being put in place for financial controls to be updated. Ansford Parish Council recorded thanks to Fray Cronie for his work with Youth Matters. It was **RESOLVED** [3.0.0] to continue to 'ring fence' the current budget for Youth Matters at present.

# • Future Projects for Ansford

This was deferred to next month's meeting. The following were suggestions from councillors from last month's meeting for further investigation as future projects for the parish:

- 1. All weather playing surface to be installed at Ansford Academy which will also be available for use by residents of the parish.
- 2. Improvements to Coombe Bottom area including new fencing, necessary tree surgery work and all round tidy up. To also consider using Somerset Wildlife Trust to support this work.
- 3. Improvement to the quality of the footpaths beyond Magg's Lane and Solomon's Lane and their link with Coombe Bottom.

# Annual Meeting of the Parish 2017

This will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 1930 in Caryford Community Hall, Ansford.

# 132/2016 Staffing Report

It was **RESOLVED** [3.0.0] to authorise the salary increase for the Ansford Parish Clerk in accordance with NALC 2016 – 2018 National salary award recommendations. The salary increase will apply from the April 2017 salary periods onwards.

# 133/2016 Correspondence

- Notification of requirements for auditing of the Ansford Parish Council accounts has been received.
- Notification of the Somerset Local Council Elections has been received.
- Correspondence has been received requesting support for grants for Local Youth Action as well as for a donation towards St Margaret's hospice.

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<ul> <li>Details on The Great Somerset get Together over the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017.</li> <li>An invitation to attend a discussion on Investment in Local Businesses and Organisations was received from the Heart of Wessex Local Action Group.</li> </ul>							
Accounts  1. It was RESOLVED [3.0.0] to appoint auditor of the accounts for 2016/2017.  2. Monthly financial report — The monthly financial report that included progress against the budget and a bank reconciliation to the most up to date bank statements received, was provided to all present. This was RESOLVED [3.0.0] to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. A. Gibbons as such.  3. Invoices for payment — It was RESOLVED [3.0.0] that the following are authorised for payment:							
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		£	2521.58				
Matters to Report not listed on the agenda - [Note: No decisions can be made on these items]  No items were raised.  THE MEETING THEN CLOSED							
			OPM at Caryford Community Hall.				