

**Minutes Ansford Parish Council
July 2015 Monthly Parish Council Meeting Held at the Betty Churchouse Room, CaryFord Hall
on Wednesday 22nd JULY 2015 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr. A. Gibbons Cllr. G. Clothier
Cllr. N. Begg Cllr. D. Pinnions
Cllr. C. Edwards

In attendance: County Cllr. Mike Lewis PCSO Hayley Barber Mrs. H. Moore [parish clerk]

Parishioners: **One**

Ref:		Action:
71/2015	Apologies District Councillors Hobhouse & Weeks due to required attendance at another meeting	
71/2015	Declarations of Interest The Chairman advised that if anyone had a personal &/or pecuniary interest on any matter on the agenda they should declare this when appropriate.	
72/2015	Minutes of previous meetings. 1. The minutes of the Ansford Parish Council meeting of 10 th June 2015 were Resolved by those present to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.	
73/2015	Reports from District & County Councillors & PCSO: 1. PCSO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised that there had been higher than usual figures in Ansford & Castle Cary area with 54 calls made in June although the bias was toward calls related to Castle Cary. • Advised that they are maintaining the target of 80% visible patrols • APC thanked PCSO for her attendance at the meeting. 2. County Councillor Mike Lewis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised of consultation by SCC over balancing their budget [28th July at Market House] • Advised of the establishment of the Somerset Rivers Authority and funding received for that • Updated council on progress of the connecting Devon & Somerset superfast broadband = phase one from BT on time and on budget to plans due to complete in 2016. Phase two not allocated to BT and currently out to public tender. • Clanville, Alford & Lovington Speed Management small improvement scheme feasibility report for APC to consider and comment on. 	ALL
74/2015	Open Forum : No issues raised.	
75/2015	Planning: a. Within Ansford: It was noted that an application had been received since the date of the agenda and therefore could not be discussed at this meeting. Papers to be circulated for individual consideration. b. Within Pitcombe: 15/03102/FUL – erection of an agricultural barn, raising of ground levels to barn area and adjacent to the dwelling [part retrospective] [GR364754/132213]. Council RESOLVED to object to this application for the following reasons:	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cattle already effectively farmed on the hill – this just provides an alternative location - there are already existing barns so not a requirement 2. Visual impact- This adds to the industrialisation and increasing visual impact on a historical open visual landscape. The development could detract from the character and appearance of the local area particularly when viewed from Honeywick and local footpaths. This is in contradiction to the South Somerset Local plan points EQ2 & EQ5 [general development and green infrastructure]. 3. Could be viewed as a very similar application to the previously refused application at same location. [14/05258/CPO]. Remodelling of the land, or raising of the ground levels, at this location is not seen by the council as being appropriate or required. 4. Previous conditions on the property - Enquiries should be undertaken into any conditions previously placed on Valley Head in order to confirm that this application would not be in breach of them – for example as an agricultural dwelling associated with Priddle Hill Farm and limiting other development not associated with domestic needs of the occupier. <p>c. Feedback report with regard to Dimmer meeting Application was approved even though strongly opposed. Cllrs. Nigel Begg and Alan Gibbons were thanked by council for attending.</p> <p>d. Extra Meeting Due to the requirement to reply to various consultations it was agreed that an extra council meeting be arranged for 10th August 2015. Clerk to confirm date & venue & post agendas.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All Clerk</p>
76/2015	<p><u>Matter Arising from the previous minutes:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-option of two councillors to fill current vacancies. – no proposals made – new notices to be put up on notice boards & all Councillors to promote vacancies. 2. Annual Meeting of the Parish 20th MAY 7.30pm – It was Resolved that the annual meeting of the parish of Ansford would be held on APRIL 20th or 27th whichever the room was available for. It was agreed that councillors would continue to consider what form they wanted next years’ meeting to take and how to promote the individual nature of Ansford. 3. Fair / Five Acre Field – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that a landscape architect was to be consulted about the Fairfield. • It was noted that a second copy of the agreement had been received with the title of the land concerned amended to “FairField” , already signed by the Chairman of Castle Cary Town Council. • Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED that the document be approved and it was then signed by the chairman, Cllr. Chris Edwards. 4. Neighbourhood Plan – It was reported that this group was currently meeting fortnightly. The plan group had been requested to submit a consultation response which Cllr. Begg read out to those present. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. It was RESOLVED that Ansford parish council was in general agreement with the response as read <u>except</u> for the point regarding the reduction in affordable housing which was not agreed to. Comments to be referred back to the next meeting of the neighbourhood planning group 5. Signage on Footpaths and greens – It was noted that the signage for the greens would be installed by Mr. A. Wadman within the next ten days 	<p>Clerk All</p> <p>Clerk All</p> <p>NB & CE</p>

	<p>6. Community Litter Pick –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date confirmed for Saturday 25th July – 10.30am Community Hall car park. • Adverts have been placed on the notice boards and website. • Cllr. C. Edwards to provide light refreshments • Clerk to collect and delivery equipment and prepare risk assessment <p>7. Jubilee Gardens Micro Park - Mr. A. Wadman will be carrying out the required works within the next two weeks</p> <p>8. Village Notice Boards – Now refurbished and Clerk can now access locked portion of Ancastle board.</p> <p>9. Hillcrest School – Following the concerns raised during the open forum at the June meeting it was agreed that an update be requested from the Empty Homes officer. County Cllr. M. Lewis agreed to follow up with regard to the vegetation overgrowing the foot path surrounding the property.</p> <p>10. Lack of pavements in Clanville – This was becoming an increasingly hazardous situation due to the expected increase in traffic and current closure of the Clanville One railway crossing. This item would be considered at the August extra meeting as part of the response to the small improvement scheme application.</p>	<p>CE Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
77/2015	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resident re dead walnut tree – It was reported that a tree surgeon had been consulted and the tree had to be removed as a matter of safety. A quote of approximately £400 had been submitted. It was RESOLVED that the quote be accepted and the works undertaken. - Resident re Bus Stop – This complaint had been forwarded from Castle Cary. Cllr. C. Edwards had done some work to clean up the bus stop for local residents – for which council expressed their thanks. Castle Cary had now been advised that this stop on Station road was not owned by Ansford Parish Council, and was within Castle Cary parish and that further works were their responsibility. - Resident re Clanville one crossing, network rail. – It was RESOLVED that the council objected to this closure on safety grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pavements in Clanville • This closure has cut off direct access to main village and town centre requiring walking along a busy main road and crossing at a blind junction regularly used by HGV and delivery traffic. • Safe and easy access to local bus stops had been removed also requiring residents and visitors to walk along the hazardous road outlined above. • Other local railway crossing has stiles and therefore access is further restricted. • The crossing had been open and used by local residents over many years. • There was no record of accidents at this crossing - the road carrying a greater frequency of traffic than the railway line that had a regular timetable that residents were aware of. 	

