

**Minutes Ansford Parish Council**

**June 2015 ANNUAL Parish Council Meeting Held at the Betty Churchouse Room, CaryFord Hall  
on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 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 District Cllr. Nick Weeks District Cllr. Henry Hobhouse Mrs. H. Moore [parish clerk]

**Parishioners:** **Five**

Ref:		Action:
60/2015	<b>Apologies</b> none	
61/2015	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> The Chairman advised that if anyone had a personal &/or pecuniary interest on any matter on the agenda they should declare this when appropriate.	
62/2015	<b>Minutes of previous meetings.</b> 1. The minutes of the Ansford Parish Council meeting of 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 were <b>Resolved</b> by those present to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.	
63/2015	<b>Reports from District &amp; County Councillors:</b> 1. D.Cllr. N. Weeks – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advised that the Area East Group had acquired to new councillors</li> <li>• Was thanked by the Council for the mowing of the Fairfield</li> <li>• Advised that with respect to section 106 agreements applications for a specific project can be submitted no more than five times.</li> </ul> 2. C.Cllr Mike Lewis – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advised about the Regulation committee meeting to decide on the Dimmer application and advised that he was registered to speak against the proposal.</li> <li>• Was advised by council that 2 members would be attending to speak against.</li> </ul>	
64/2015	<b>Open Forum :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resident of Churchfield drive next to Hillcrest raised concerns with regard to the recent “hedge” planting done along the boundary of the derelict property. The concern was that Hornbeam had been planted and the manner of the planted in line with existing fence posts now prevented easy strimming of the path.</li> <li>- DC H.Hobhouse stated that he would report the issue to enforcement for investigation</li> </ul>	DC HH
65/2015	<b>Planning:</b> <b>a. Within Ansford:</b> <b>i. 15/02388/OUT/Adrian Noon – Repeat Application -Residential development of up to 75 dwellings, with associated means of access with all other matters reserved [GR: 363426/132833] Land at Station Road Ansford BA7 7PA</b> Ansford Parish Council resolved to recommend <b>refusal</b> of the above application for the same reasons submitted for the refusal of the original application [ previously numbered as 14/02906/OUT ] outlined below. It was further noted that the SSDC had stated the housing land supply required for the area would be 112 where as the current total for applications reached 325 homes - therefore this application would increase the oversupply for the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic &amp; Highway safety - Concern were raised re the access for the proposed development out onto the already busy Station Road - with regard to both safety at the location of the proposed access and overloading of the existing local traffic infrastructure.</li> <li>• Overloading of existing drainage &amp; sewerage infrastructure</li> <li>• This application is not consistent with the development plan for the area - Proposed</li> </ul>	

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development is outside of the existing development boundary and a greenfield site isolated at some distance to the centre of the village of Ansford.

- Scale of the development - A development of up to 75 dwellings is too large for a village the size of Ansford.
- No Ansford specific housing needs survey has taken place and concerns were raised with regard to there being enough industry within the local area to support this level of growth along with queries that no information as to proposed levels of affordable housing being provided.

**ii. 15/02415/OUT/Adrian Noon – Repeat Application -Residential development of up to 75 dwellings, with associated means of access with all other matters reserved ( appearance, landscaping, layout & scale) Land at Station Road Ansford Somerset**

**CLLR. G. CLOTHIER DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THIS APPLICATION AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DISCUSSION OR VOTING**

Ansford Parish Council resolved to recommend **Refusal** of this application for the following reasons:

This is a **grazed greenfield site** and located at a distance from the local community facilities within Ansford and Castle Cary

**Overloading of local infrastructure** - with particular concerns being raised with regard to the **local sewerage system** and the **capacity of roads** in the area - a cumulative impact assessment is required due to the number of developments being proposed for this area and should be requested prior to any decision being made.

This application will add to an **over development of the parish** which will cause it to exceed the numbers outlined within the local five year housing supply plan. [The number listed as required is 112, and although this application is for 75 there are applications in the system for well over 300 homes already.] Ansford has approximately 450 occupied homes in total at present - the impact on the local **community** needs to be taken into consideration.

**iii. 15/02337/LBC – Constructuion of a new single storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory and re roofing of existing cottage [GR 363870/133155] Half Moon Cottage Ansford Hill Ansford BA7 7JL**

Ansford Parish Council raised no objections and resolved to recommend APPROVAL of this application following consideration of the documentation provided.

**b.Within Castle Cary:**

**15/02347/OUT/Adrian Noon – Repeat Application - Outline planning application [all matters reserved except for access] for up to 165 houses, up to 2Ha of employment land, a road linking Torbay Road with Station Road, a safeguard site for a new primary school and green infrastructure on land between Torbay Road and Station Road Castle Cary.**

Ansford Parish Council **resolved** to recommend **REFUSAL** .

[Please note that although this application is stated as being within the parish of Castle Cary a slim part of the northern boundary is actually within the parish of Ansford.]

The concerns raised related mainly to the inability of the local road network to cope with the potential increase in traffic, the impact of any proposed new road on the surrounding area, the over development of the local community - the unique nature of Ansford and its community being swamped by the imposition of a large development. Lack of good footpath, cycle links and road crossings to the existing facilities within Ansford.



	<p>church had been received. It was <b>Resolved</b> that a donation of £800 [eight hundred pounds] be made this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resident advising that no cutting back of the hedge encroaching out onto the pavement had yet occurred. – Cllr. Edwards had contacted resident concerned and some trimming had now occurred</li> </ul>	Clerk																								
68/2015	<p><b>Information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Letter received re Armed Forces Day was noted.</li> <li>- Police report received and noted. Had been invited to meeting but had been unable to attend.</li> </ul>																									
69/2015	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>A financial report</b> that included a bank reconciliation and progress against this years budget was provided to all Ansford parish councillors. This was agreed as an accurate record and was signed as such by Cllr. Pinnions.</li> <li>b. It was noted that the Annual Return had been sent to the external auditor on schedule.</li> <li>c. It was <b>Resolved</b> that the following payments were approved by council with cheques to be signed at the end of the meeting:</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>supplier</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>Description</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>Cheque No.</i></th> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>Amount</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A.Wadman</td> <td>2x greens cuts &amp; 1x Coombe Bottom cuts</td> <td>101238</td> <td>200.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC</td> <td>Tax re Clerks pay Month 3 [to 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015]</td> <td>101239</td> <td>73.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lighthouse</td> <td>Processing payroll months 1-3</td> <td>101240</td> <td>15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;"><b>total</b></td> <td></td> <td><b>288.00</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Additional cheques authorised &amp; raised during meeting [if any]:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Donation to St. Andrews Church</td> <td style="width: 50%;">cheque number 101241 £ 800.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerks Quarterly expenses refund</td> <td>cheque number 101242 £ 39.13</td> </tr> </table>	<i>supplier</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Cheque No.</i>	<i>Amount</i>	A.Wadman	2x greens cuts & 1x Coombe Bottom cuts	101238	200.00	HMRC	Tax re Clerks pay Month 3 [to 28 <sup>th</sup> JUNE 2015]	101239	73.00	Lighthouse	Processing payroll months 1-3	101240	15.00	<b>total</b>			<b>288.00</b>	Donation to St. Andrews Church	cheque number 101241 £ 800.00	Clerks Quarterly expenses refund	cheque number 101242 £ 39.13	GC &NB clerk
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70/2015	<p><b>Matters to report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hadspen House soon to be advertised as the jewel of the area</li> <li>- Dimmer dump meeting tomorrow</li> <li>- Clanville residents have no pavement – signage required for ‘ beware pedestrians in road’</li> <li>- Local verges of minor roads require cutting</li> <li>- Pavement at junction of Ansford &amp; Cumnock road requires attention – loose gravel on surface.</li> </ul>																									
<p><b>The meeting then closed</b>  <b>Date of next meeting Parish Council Meeting : Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015</b></p>																										