

Minutes Ansford Parish Council
WEDNESDAY 09th March 2016 Monthly Parish Council Meeting Held at CaryFord Hall at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: County Cllr. Mike Lewis, District Cllr. Nick Weeks, Mrs. H. Moore [parish clerk], Mr G. A. McCarthy [incoming parish clerk]

Parishioners: Liz Stokes [Chair CCTC], plus 1 (Total 2)

Ref:		Action:
027/2016	<p><u>Apologies</u> PCSO Tim Russell – work commitments District Councillor Henry Hobhouse</p>	
028/2016	<p><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</p>	CE
029/2016	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u> The minutes of the parish council meetings of 10th February 2016, that had been circulated to all councillors, were RESOLVED [5/nil/nil] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.</p>	
030/2016	<p><u>Reports from Police & District & County Councillors</u> County Councillor Mike Lewis advised that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both District and County Tax likely to increase mainly due to the Somerset Rivers Authority and also due to the requirements for the provision of adult services. • The time being taken for reviewing the Silverwood planning application was proving to be unacceptable and that the District and County Councils are looking at methods to expedite the process. <p>A brief written report had been provided by the police.</p>	
031/2016	<p><u>Open Forum for Residents</u> A resident raised concerns about the current outline planning application for land opposite Ansford Lodge [16/00451/OUT]. The main concern is that any approval would be in contradiction to the agreement with SSDC on which the land was leased which is valid for another 96 years.</p>	
032/2016	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. <u>WITHIN ANSFORD</u> 16/00264/FUL – CREATION OF A SELF CONTAINED ANNEX FROM EXISTING HABITABLE OUT-BUILDING AND CHANGE OF FARMYARD AREA TO RESIDENTIAL USE – BLACKWORTHY FARM, BLACKWORTHY ROAD, CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET</p> <p>Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED [5/nil/nil] to request further clarification of the plans with regards to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Will external access space be required for this additional residential unit. 2. Will this require a change of use of the adjacent land immediately to the north of the proposed conversion. <p>16/00451/OUT – OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING ACCESS – LAND OPPOSITE ANSFORD LODGE, HIGHER ANSFORD, ANSFORD, CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET</p>	Clerk

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	<p>Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED [5/nil/nil] to recommend REFUSAL of this application for the reason below:</p> <p>1. The land is currently under a 125 year lease period which was granted to SSDC back in 1992 which states that the land is to be used as an open space for the benefit of the residents of Ansford. The lease also states that the land is “Not to assign underlet, change, or part with the possession or occupation of the Demised Premises or any part thereof” during the term of the lease. Ansford Parish Council agreed to look in to the matter.</p> <p>b. <u>OUTSIDE THE PARISH OF ANSFORD</u></p> <p>1. 15/02557/FUL – RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR RETENTION AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING BUILDING AND CONTINUED USE AS VEHICLE WORKSHOP, SITING OF FUEL TANK AND USE OF YARD ALL IN ASSOCIATION WITH ANDREW HOPKINS CONCRETE LTD. – PRIDDLES HILL FARM, CARY HILL, CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.</p> <p>Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED [5/nil/nil] to recommend REFUSAL of this application and to make the following comments:</p> <p>1. That the site should be returned to its previous state.</p> <p>2. That there are concerns that the existing entrance and exit to this site has been compromised by this construction.</p> <p>c. <u>ANY PLANNING DECISIONS TO REPORT</u></p> <p>It was noted that the following planning application has been withdrawn:</p> <p>16/00063/FUL – PART CONSTRUCTION AND CONVERSION OF 2 BARNs TO FORM TWO RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS – <u>LAND ADJACENT ANSFORD FARM, ANSFORD HILL, ANSFORD, CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.</u></p> <p>d. <u>GENERAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS AND REPORTS TO DISCUSS [IF ANY]</u></p> <p>The consideration of the appeal notice received regarding 14/02020/ land at Torbay/ Station Road application for up to 165 houses – It was noted that it was likely that the appeal would now be heard along with other Station Road appeals in September 2016. It was requested that this item remain on the agenda in case interim action was required.</p> <p>Elan Homes [Well Farm developers] will be holding a public consultation on the 15th March 2016 at Caryford Hall. They have advised local residents and notices have been added to the parish notice boards.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>033/2016</p>	<p><u>Matters arising from the previous minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-options to fill current vacancies no applications - Annual Meeting of the Parish 20th April 2016 Various organisations have been invited and agreed to attend. - Fairground Field <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. £13,500 funding has been received from the Clarks Foundation. 	<p>All</p>

	<p>2. Additional funding is being pursued from Viridor.</p> <p>3. Both Ansford Parish Council and Castle Cary Town Council will raise additional funds.</p> <p>4. SSDC Area East will contribute a sum of approximately £10,000 as part of the Viridor application.</p> <p>5. Another organisation has been approached for £4,000 but unfortunately the application was rejected.</p> <p>- Neighbourhood Plan It was reported that: A meeting has been arranged with consultant advisor Jo Witherden during April 2016. There will be a fee payable for this consultation. There are grants available of up to £8,000 to cover costs. Current target completion of the 1st draft of the plan is the end of March 2016. Ansford Parish Council would like to express their thanks to local resident Colin Kay for his help with preparing the plan.</p> <p>- Trees around the Parish</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Chairman will be visiting a local tree nursery to select some samples. b. A local resident has agreed to look after some planted saplings. <p>- Roads and Traffic around the Parish The Clanville speed indicators are now forecast to be in position in October 2016 and not September 2016.</p> <p>A pot hole on Maggs Road is to be reported to Highways.</p> <p>The destruction of verges and the state of repair of potholes on the B3153 in Clanville and elsewhere is becoming a problem. Although a response has been received from Highways it was decided that the Ansford Parish Council will write to them again expressing their dissatisfaction at the state of the B3153.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>034/2016</p>	<p><u>Staffing Report</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ansford Parish Council welcomed the new parish clerk Gordon McCarthy to the meeting. b. Ansford Parish Council gave their thanks to the outgoing clerk Helen Moore for her contributions over the previous few years and presented her with a token of their appreciation. c. It was RESOLVED [5/nil/nil] to sign a letter to Barclays Bank, Castle Cary, to make changes to the existing standing orders for payment of the parish clerks salary. 	
<p>035/2016</p>	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report based on the Speed Indicator Device [SiD] exercise whilst it was based in Clanville has been distributed to Councillors. It is planned for further exercises using the SiD. • Lighthouse Payroll – Although the Parish Clerk’s working hours are insufficient to require the setting up of a pension this may not be the case in the future. It was 	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p>RESOLVED [5/nil/nil] to investigate the requirements for setting one up. Lighthouse Payroll are to be approached initially for a quotation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Warburton MP surgeries notification. It was noted that the surgery locations were not local to the parish. A letter is to be sent to him requesting that he arranges for more local locations as per the previous MP David Heath. 	Clerk																																								
036/2016	<p>Information received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter A new pizza service will be available in Castle Cary on Tuesday evenings. 																																									
037/2016	<p>Accounts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 [5/nil/nil] to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. D. Pinnions as such. It was stated that at present there was a slight overspend on ‘sundries’ due to the additional advertising costs for the new Parish Clerk vacancy. Also there is an overspend on salaries due to there being two salary payments for March 2016 during the clerk handover period. Invoices for payment – It was RESOLVED [5/nil/nil] that the following are authorised for payment: <table border="1" data-bbox="263 922 1417 1547"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Cheque No.</th> <th>Amount £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CHEQUE TORN UP</td> <td>CHEQUE TORN UP – WRITTEN INCORRECTLY</td> <td>101278</td> <td>NIL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HM Revenue & customs</td> <td>Tax Month 12</td> <td>101279</td> <td>£ 73.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CaryFord Hall</td> <td>Room Hire INVOICE 15289</td> <td>101280</td> <td>£ 28.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Somerset DC</td> <td>Car parks compensation scheme</td> <td>101281</td> <td>£ 1,985.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Castle Cary Town Council</td> <td>One third contribution re PWLB Fairfield</td> <td>101282</td> <td>£ 2,022.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>H Moore</td> <td>Final expenses refund</td> <td>101283</td> <td>£ 935.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Castle Cary Town Council</td> <td>Contribution re joint newsletter costs</td> <td>101284</td> <td>£ 87.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lighthouse</td> <td>Payroll management</td> <td>101285</td> <td>£ 30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£ 5,162.96</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Reason	Cheque No.	Amount £	CHEQUE TORN UP	CHEQUE TORN UP – WRITTEN INCORRECTLY	101278	NIL	HM Revenue & customs	Tax Month 12	101279	£ 73.00	CaryFord Hall	Room Hire INVOICE 15289	101280	£ 28.35	South Somerset DC	Car parks compensation scheme	101281	£ 1,985.60	Castle Cary Town Council	One third contribution re PWLB Fairfield	101282	£ 2,022.44	H Moore	Final expenses refund	101283	£ 935.61	Castle Cary Town Council	Contribution re joint newsletter costs	101284	£ 87.96	Lighthouse	Payroll management	101285	£ 30.00	TOTAL			£ 5,162.96	
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038/2016	<p>Matters to Report not listed on the agenda - [no decisions can be made on these items]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several residents have expressed a wish for the Ansford Parish to continue as an independent parish council and that it will not be amalgamated with a neighbouring parish or town council. There has been a request for two additional grit bins to be purchased. Two road signs are in need of repair. A resident has expressed concerns of safety in using the zebra crossing. Concerns have been received over the state of the Hillcrest site and the impact of a badger sett noticed there. The Swainson building will not now be the location for the transfer of the local library. It will continue to be used by a local play group. 																																									

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some IT hardware has been provided for use of the new parish clerk.	
	THE MEETING THEN CLOSED <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	
	Date of next meeting Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 13th April 2016 7.30PM at CaryFord Community Hall	

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