

Minutes Ansford Parish Council**WEDNESDAY 13th December 2017 Monthly Parish Council Meeting Held at Caryford Hall at 7.30pm****Present:** Cllr. C. Edwards, Cllr. G. Clothier, Cllr. A. Gibbons, Cllr. N. Begg, Cllr. D. Pinions**In attendance:** County Cllr M. Lewis, Mr G. A. McCarthy [parish clerk]**Parishioners:** 1

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| 067/2017 | <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from PCSO T. Russell and District Cllr N. Weeks.</p> | |
| 068/2017 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>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> | |
| 069/2017 | <p><u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u></p> <p>The minutes of the parish council meetings of 08th November 2017, that had been circulated to all councillors, were RESOLVED [5.0.0] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.</p> | |
| 070/2017 | <p><u>Reports from Police & District & County Councillors</u></p> <p>County Councillor M. Lewis reported that a refresh/review is to made of the Local Plan. At present an additional 6000 new homes are being considered. Also there are plans for a new town/village being proposed adjacent the A303 north of Yeovil. The recent Somerset County Children Services Ofsted report showed an improvement in services. Currently around 500 children are being looked after on an annual basis. A teacher training programme being run in conjunction with Worcester University has received an 'outstanding' rating from Ofsted, this is for the 6th year running.</p> <p>PCSO T. Russell – Although not present the latest report received from the PCSO was read out. There were 3 crimes recorded for Ansford in the last month.</p> | |
| 071/2017 | <p><u>Open Forum for Residents</u></p> <p>A local resident read out a letter applicable to objections against a current planning application that has been sent to the SSDC planning department.</p> | |
| 072/2017 | <p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>a. <u>WITHIN ANSFORD</u></p> <p>1. 17/04180/OUT – Outline application for the development of a farmhouse, associated agricultural buildings, amenity space, fodder store, machine store and livestock buildings. – Land at Wyke Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset - Ansford Parish Council had the following comments on this application: 1) There would appear to have been no pre application discussions with the planning department. 2) The approval of this application would result in an unacceptable expansion in to existing green belt land which would be outside of the current direction of growth of the town.</p> | |

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| | <p>3) The site is located in a very prominent position and if built would be to the detriment of what is a very scenic area. 4) The development is located at an unnecessary distance from established developments on the Wyke Road. 5) The development would erode the existing special landscape area. 6) There appears to have been no thorough analysis of the impact of development on the surrounding countryside and the amenity value of undisturbed land which is fast diminishing in the Castle Cary and Ansford area. 7) The proposed bungalow style residential building is at odds with a traditional farm stead vernacular. 8) The opportunity for developing a 'model' farm has not been taken as only utilitarian building proposals have been indicated on the drawings. 9) This development would result in the generation of a lot of additional traffic down an existing road which is of very poor quality. In places the road is only 2.9 metres wide with the only passing spaces being on private property. There is no existing footpath on this road and it is a route which is regularly used by walkers due to its current minor use which this development would change. There is no minor speed limit in place and with numerous blind bends the increase in traffic would make this road less safe than at present. Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED [0.5.0] to recommend rejection of the application.</p> <p>b. <u>OUTSIDE THE PARISH OF ANSFORD</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p>c. <u>ANY PLANNING DECISIONS TO REPORT</u></p> <p>17/03949/PAMB – Notification for prior approval for the change of use of existing agricultural building to a dwelling – Barn south of Clanville Cottages, Clanville, Castle Cary, Somerset – Application refused.</p> <p>17/03961/FUL – Erection of new dwelling – 1, Station Cottages, Castle Cary Station Lane, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7PF – Application granted with conditions.</p> <p>d. <u>GENERAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS AND REPORTS TO DISCUSS [IF ANY]</u></p> <p>A meeting has been scheduled for the 10th January 2018 with the developer Backhouse to discuss the 74 house development to be constructed on Station Road, Ansford.</p> <p>Construction has commenced on the Almsford Close development.</p> | |
| 073/2017 | <p><u>Matters arising from the previous minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairfield Footpaths work has been completed. Pump park construction is currently scheduled to commence in February 2018. At present future planned work is covered by existing funding. A special opening ceremony is being considered for September 2018. • Roads and Traffic around the Parish The temporary patch repair to the road at the entrance to Maggs Lane from the B371 has been scheduled for yet another repair. The availability of SiD's for monitoring traffic speeds is to be removed due to aging equipment with no plans for replacements. The possibility of working with CCTC to consider replacements was considered. | |

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| | <p>There is an issue with blocked drains on the A371 near Elms Lane. County Councillor Mike Lewis announced plans for a possible small improvements scheme along the A371 from Castle Cary to the Station Road concentrating on improvements to the cross roads at the old Wagon and Horses pub as well as another scheme associated with the A359 road. Good feedback has been received over the small improvements scheme made to the B3153.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ansford War Memorial Ansford Parish Council will investigate the possible inclusion of an additional name to the War Memorial for a WW1 soldier who is currently named within St Andrew’s church. • Repairs to Gates and fencing at Coombe Bottom Comments were made on the specification for the work and this will be updated for discussion prior to being issued to prospective contractors to quote for carrying out the work. • Station Footpath A second meeting has been held with Wyke Farms. Wyke Farms have agreed to cut back the existing vegetation. When this has been completed the footpath will be inspected to consider the installation of some additional scalplings etc to improve the quality of the footpath. • Youth Matters Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED (5.0.0) to support in principal Youth Matters in conjunction with Castle Cary Town Council. Ansford Parish Council are to provide £1000 and CCTC £2000. Youth Matters are considering applying for permission to use the unused Pither Field conveniences block. • CAT Community Bus Service – Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED (5.0.0) to provide some funding for this service during 2017/18. • Grit Bins Additional grit supplies for the coming winter have been collected by the Chair. It was noted that some of the older grit bins are in a poor state of repair. It was RESOLVED (5.0.0) to replace these in time for winter 2018. • Church Field Drive The triangle of grass at Churchfield Drive is being damaged by the actions of badgers. Further advice is to be obtained for how best to deal with this problem. | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>074/2017</p> | <p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks have been received from the Castle Cary Branch of the British Legion for attendance by members of Ansford Parish Council at the Remembrance Day parade. • The Council has received notification of the appointment of new external auditors for the 2017/18 financial year. | |

| 075/2017 | <p>Information Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details on plans to move away from landfill and conversion to a waste transfer station have been received for the Dimmer site. Stoppage to land fill will be dependent on a new facility being constructed at Avonmouth. Capping of the Dimmer land fill site will take two years during which there will be a continuation of excessive lorries on local roads. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 076/2017 | <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 [5.0.0] to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. D. Pinions as such. Invoices for payment – It was RESOLVED [5.0.0] that the following are authorised for payment: <table border="1" data-bbox="256 703 1406 1055"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Chq No.</th> <th>Amount £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>British Legion</td> <td>Supply of Remembrance Wreath</td> <td>101367</td> <td>£ 25.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Wadman</td> <td>Grass cuts during October</td> <td>101368</td> <td>£ 276.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>LexisNexis</td> <td>Purchase of Council Admin Rules</td> <td>101369</td> <td>£ 64.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CCTC</td> <td>Fairfield Contribution footpaths</td> <td>101370</td> <td>£ 11,706.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G McCarthy</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>101371</td> <td>£ 97.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G McCarthy</td> <td>Salary December 2017</td> <td>SO</td> <td>£ 334.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">£ 12,504.41</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Name | Reason | Chq No. | Amount £ | British Legion | Supply of Remembrance Wreath | 101367 | £ 25.00 | A Wadman | Grass cuts during October | 101368 | £ 276.00 | LexisNexis | Purchase of Council Admin Rules | 101369 | £ 64.62 | CCTC | Fairfield Contribution footpaths | 101370 | £ 11,706.00 | G McCarthy | Expenses | 101371 | £ 97.85 | G McCarthy | Salary December 2017 | SO | £ 334.94 | | | | £ 12,504.41 | |
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| 077/2017 | <p>Matters to Report not listed on the agenda - [Note: No decisions can be made on these items]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No items were raised. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | THE MEETING THEN CLOSED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | <p>Date of next meeting Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 10th January 2018 commencing at 7.30PM at Caryford Community Hall.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |