

**Minutes Ansford Parish Council****WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 Monthly Parish Council Meeting Held at CaryFord Hall at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr. C. Edwards Cllr. G. Clothier  
Cllr. N. Begg Cllr. D. Pinions

**In attendance:** District Cllr N. Weeks, County Cllr M. Lewis, PCSO T. Russell, PCSO A. Douch, Mr G. A. McCarthy [parish clerk]

**Parishioners:** 1

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090/2016	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr A. Gibbons.</p>	
091/2016	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that if anyone had a personal &amp;/or pecuniary interest on any matter on the agenda they should declare this &amp; leave the room when appropriate.</p>	
092/2016	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the parish council meetings of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, that had been circulated to all councillors, were <b>RESOLVED</b> [4.0.0] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.</p>	
093/2016	<p><b><u>Reports from Police &amp; District &amp; County Councillors</u></b></p> <p><b>PCSO T. Russell</b> introduced PCSO A. Douch to the meeting who will be involved in local policing activities. PCSO T. Russell then read out a report on reported crimes within the Wincanton North area, which includes the parish of Ansford. Reference was made to some unsocial activities occurring in Castle Cary. The police are aware of these activities and are taking actions to address this issue. PCSO T. Russell stated that the police will aim to attend Parish meetings whenever possible.</p> <p><b>County Councillor M. Lewis</b> advised that Somerset Waste Board changes to the collection of household waste will not take place till Autumn 2017. The intention of these changes is to enable cost savings of £1.7m to be achieved. SSDC's precept is likely to be increased however the final figure is still to be determined. Plans for the recent decision regarding the future use of Dimmer Waste Disposal Site being subjected to the South Somerset Scrutiny Committee are continuing.</p> <p><b>District Councillor N. Weeks</b> advised that changes to personnel at SSDC following a reorganisation will result in many known contacts and other personnel departing. The full impact of these changes is still to be determined.</p>	
094/2016	<p><b><u>Open Forum for Residents</u></b></p> <p>No issues were raised by residents.</p>	
095/2016	<p><b><u>Planning:</u></b></p> <p>a. <b><u>WITHIN ANSFORD</u></b></p> <p><b>16/05466/FUL – Ashton House</b> – As this application was received after the agenda had been published it could not be discussed during this meeting. Ansford Parish Council will liaise with</p>	

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	<p>neighbouring residents adjacent the property for consultation to enable a response to be provided within the SSDC planning requirements.</p> <p><b>b. <u>OUTSIDE THE PARISH OF ANSFORD</u></b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>c. <u>ANY PLANNING DECISIONS TO REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>16/04623/FUL – Proposed two storey and single storey front and side extensions, and reconfiguration of overall dwelling. Demolition of existing garage. – Field House, Lower Ansford, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7JY – APPLICATION GRANTED.</b></p> <p><b>d. <u>GENERAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS AND REPORTS TO DISCUSS [IF ANY]</u></b></p> <p>A resident had approach the council with concerns about some work taking place in Hallett Road which was thought to be without planning permission being approved. Following consultation with the property owner where the work is taking place the Council have been informed that proper applications are being put in place.</p>	
<p>096/2016</p>	<p><b><u>Matters arising from the previous minutes:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Co-options to fill current vacancies</b> No applications have been received.</li> <li>• <b>Fairground Field</b> A working group convened at the Fairground field to remove some of the existing fencing along Churchfield Drive and Priory View. Plans are in place for the installation of new fencing. Some drainage works are also planned to be carried out using a local contractor as well as some footpaths.</li> <li>• <b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> A final draft is now in place and this is being reviewed with the consultant. A review meeting is scheduled for week commencing the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Ansford Parish Council thanked L. Stokes for her contribution towards the plan.</li> <li>• <b>Roads and Traffic around the Parish</b> The clerk reported that the latest SiD’s installation reports due week commencing the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 will now be issued a week later due to annual leave. Concerns were raised about the amount of mud being left on the lanes leading from Magg’s Lane. The Clerk was requested to contact one of the local farms using the lanes for access to their fields. Concern was also raised about the damage to the verges being caused by the wide trailer wheels currently being used by a local farm.</li> <li>• <b>Ansford War Memorial</b> The contractor currently scheduled for work on refurbishment of the war memorial was contacted to confirm their approach to improvement of the lettering. The contractor is of the opinion that any major changes to the lettering will detract from the overall appearance of the monument. The clerk reported that an answer is still awaited from the War Memorials Trust concerning the application for a grant.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Future Ansford Parish Council Meetings</b> The Caryford Hall Committee are aware of the problems encountered during Ansford Parish Council meetings due to noise from a dance class in the adjacent hall. It will be discussed at the next Caryford Hall meeting. It was thought that the current dance classes may be stopping due to low numbers of attendees. Ansford Parish Council would like to express thanks to Cllr. A. Gibbons for his involvement in assisting with this matter. Note: A class was not taking place during this meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Cary Comedians Carnival Club</b> The request for a donation towards Cary Comedians Carnival Club was discussed and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> [4.0.0] to make a donation of £50.</li> <li>• <b>Somerset Waste Board – Waste Transfer Station at Dimmer</b> Members of Ansford Parish Council attended the meeting with Somerset Waste Board reference the future of the Dimmer Waste Disposal site and its conversion to a waste transfer station. Concerns were raised over the way the meeting was chaired with questions which had been asked in a proper formal and timely manner not being addressed. When the minutes of the meeting are issued an opportunity will exist to raise comments and concerns if considered necessary. Representations from other parishes and councillors are being made over the methods being employed over the management of this topic.</li> <li>• <b>Coombe Bottom</b> Following a report of unauthorised camping a visit was made to carry out an inspection. It was found that the tent had possibly been vandalised and that a large amount of rubbish had been left. It was also noted that there was some damage to tree's in the wood due to the use of bikes with temporary ramps being built. Further investigations will be carried out and this will be reported at the next meeting.</li> <li>• <b>SSDC Annual Meeting</b> Representatives from Ansford Parish Council will be attending this meeting.</li> </ul>	
097/2016	<p><b><u>Staffing Report</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
098/2016	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major items of correspondence had been received.</li> </ul>	
099/2016	<p><b><u>Information Received</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major items of information had been received.</li> </ul>	

100/2016	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following a review of the budget requirements for 2017/18 it was <b>RESOLVED</b> [4.0.0] to request a precept of £33,825. The Precept for the current year 2016/17 is £35,380.</li> <li><b>Monthly financial report</b> – 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 <b>RESOLVED</b> [4.0.0] to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. D. Pinions as such.</li> <li><b>Invoices for payment</b> – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> [4.0.0] that the following are authorised for payment:</li> </ol> <table border="1" data-bbox="268 488 1401 734"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Chq No.</th> <th>Amount £</th> <th>.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>G McCarthy</td> <td>Salary January 2017</td> <td>SO</td> <td>£</td> <td>331.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td>£</td> <td>331.62</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Reason	Chq No.	Amount £	.	G McCarthy	Salary January 2017	SO	£	331.62				£	331.62	
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101/2016	<p><b>Matters to Report not listed on the agenda</b> - [Note: No decisions can be made on these items]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An informal invitation was received to attend the Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival Society presentation evening. The Chair will attend.</li> <li>A local resident had some damage done to her property when a local lamp post was being repaired.</li> </ul>																
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<p><b>Date of next meeting Parish Council Meeting:</b>  <b>Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> February 2017 7.30PM at Caryford Community Hall</b></p>																	