

**Minutes Ansford Parish Council**  
**WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Monthly Parish Council Meeting Held at CaryFord Hall at 7.30pm**

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

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

**Parishioners:** 1

Ref:		Action:
001/2017	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Dist Cllr N. Weeks.</p>	
002/2017	<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>	
003/2017	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the parish council meetings of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017, that had been circulated to all councillors, were <b>RESOLVED</b> [5.0.0] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.</p>	
004/2017	<p><b><u>Reports from Police &amp; District &amp; County Councillors</u></b></p> <p><b>Police Report</b> – Details on the latest report for crime recorded under the Wincanton North Neighbourhood area were provided. There was 1 recorded crime in the Parish of Ansford. Discussion on problems with the use of heavily laden tractors on the country lanes took place. PCSO T. Russell advised if they were speeding etc. to record their number plate and to report it to him.</p> <p><b>County Councillor M. Lewis</b> reported that there are to be changes to Somerset Waste Partnership with an interim manager being in place.</p>	
005/2017	<p><b><u>Open Forum for Residents</u></b></p> <p>As concerns over road safety was raised this was deferred to later for discussion at the meeting.</p>	
006/2017	<p><b><u>Planning:</u></b></p> <p>a. <b><u>WITHIN ANSFORD</u></b></p> <p><b>17/01350/COU – Divide building in to 10 No. units for storage, restoration, retail and coffee shop (Retrospective) – The Factory Wharf, Station Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7PE</b> - Ansford Parish Council had the following comments reference this application. The existing parking spaces associated with this development on the station area should be allocated specifically for customers only. Staff parking should be allocated to the area at the rear of the premises.</p> <p>It is essential that any parking arrangements allow for the existing taxi services to be able to effectively carry out their role in servicing the business of the train station. The current arrangement is causing problems in this area. With safety being compromised due to the</p>	



007/2017	<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> Drainage works are to commence soon following the award of a contract. The contract for construction of the footpaths will be awarded next.</li> <li>• <b>Neighbourhood Plan</b> A meeting has been scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 where the DRAFT version will be finalised. The plan will be displayed as part of Castle Cary Town Councils annual meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Roads and Traffic around the Parish</b> No SiD reports had been received in the reporting period.</li> </ul> <p>A local resident has raised concerns over the size of vehicles currently using the A371 and the speed that they have been travelling at. The resident had complained to the highways authority and was disappointed with their lack of response. The imposition of a 20MPH speed limit was discussed from the old Wagon and Horses pub to the railway bridge. Ansford Parish Council are to write to highways requesting this change to be considered under a possible small improvements scheme. It was noted that the highways authority will need to carry out a full assessment.</p> <p>It is hoped that the small improvements scheme planned for Clanville will be started in the summer 2017. This will mostly involve the addition of further signage. Alford parish is also getting new signage installed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Somerset Waste Board – Waste Transfer Station at Dimmer</b> A meeting is schedules to take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 with Viridor at which the plans for the SWB Waste Transfer Station at Dimmer will be discussed. A representative from Ansford Parish Council will attend.</li> <li>• <b>Future Projects for Ansford</b> Correspondence has been received from a resident proposing improvements to the footpath that leads down to the station. These improvements included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Installation of lighting.</li> <li>b) Improvement to the existing surface.</li> </ul> Ansford Parish Council welcomed the contribution. The installation of lighting has been considered in the past and not actioned due to the exorbitant cost involved. Improvements to the quality of the surface will be looked in to however.</li> <li>• <b>Ansford War Memorial</b> The war Memorials Trust have been in contact about obtaining some additional quotations for cleaning of the memorial by hand from one of the original bidders. This information was obtained, however it did not result in a lowering on their bid. The War Memorials Trust have also requested a repair to some of the lettering.</li> </ul>	Clerk
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