



**Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Caryford Hall at 7.30 pm.**

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

In attendance: County Cllr. M. Lewis, District Cllr, H. Hobhouse, District Cllr N. Weeks, PCSO T. Russell, PCSO E. Reeves, G. A. McCarthy (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners: 1

**024/2018 Apologies**  
No apologies were received.

**025/2018 Declarations of Interest**  
The Chair advised that if anyone had a personal and/or pecuniary interest on any matter on the agenda they should declare this and leave the room when appropriate.

**026/2018 Minutes of Previous Meetings**  
The minutes of the parish council meetings of the 09<sup>th</sup> May 2018 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 Chair.

**027/2018 Reports from Police and District and County Councillors**  
PCSO T. Russell provided an update on crimes reported within the Wincanton North neighbourhood. There was 1 crime of criminal damage reported in the Ansford area. PCSO T. Russell also introduced PCSO Emma Reeves who will be helping to support policing in the area. Reference was made to the correspondence between Ansford Parish Council and the Chief Constable over the perceived lack of policing in Ansford and Castle Cary. PCSO T. Russell stated that the issue has been recognised and that the availability of PCSO Reeves will help to improve the visibility of policing in the area.

District Cllr. H. Hobhouse advised that the district council is now entering its most difficult phase of its transformation and hence it is possible that performance issues will arise initially but should improve with time.

District Cllr. N. Weeks referred to the recent planning application for a farm in Wyke Lane which was discussed at a recent Area East meeting and whether the notification letter sent out about the meeting was misleading. A copy of the letter is to be forwarded by the Clerk to the District and County councillors. ACTION – Clerk

County Cllr. M. Lewis mentioned that the issue of repairs to pot holes on Wyke Lane was raised at a recent Area East meeting. New recycling vehicles are to be introduced next autumn which will reflect changes in the quantities of material being collected. Somerset Waste partnership are looking to replace the existing contractor Kier as they are pulling out of the recycling project. The consultation on local libraries was due to finish on the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018. Somerset County Council had reported a deficit in the region of £2m which was mostly caused by the cost of providing child services. Nationally approximately 50% of the child services budget is spent on 73% of children with the remainder having to be spread over the remaining 11.3 million children. This statistic is also reflected in Somerset generally. There are currently major problems with budgets for social care. With reference to Castle Cary primary school a report is being produced on its future in time for the next CCTC meeting where the issue of footpaths around the school will also be discussed. The existing working relationship between Ansford Academy and Kong Arthurs school in Wincanton is to be finished. King Arthurs school will now be linking with a school in Sherborne.

**028/2018**

**Open Forum for Residents**

A local resident described how a vehicle on the A371 had hit and damaged their property opposite Hillcrest. The incident was caused by an HGV lorry and a large tractor and trailer meeting on the road but with insufficient space for the two vehicles to pass each other. The incident was reported to the local police. The resident was particularly concerned with the safety of pedestrians who would use the footpath where the incident occurred. With the risk that someone could get killed if the incident was repeated. The resident had notified the Highways Agency about these concerns and the fact that vehicles have been noticed as speeding also. In addition the quality of the road in this area is also poor despite some minor repairs having been made. The resident was advised that this particular piece of road is being considered for a small improvements scheme however it is not known at this time if and when this might occur. Ansford Parish Council thanked the resident for their contribution to the meeting and requested copies of correspondence sent.

**029/2018**

**Planning**

a) Within Ansford Parish:

- No applications had been received within the reporting period.

b) Outside Ansford Parish:

- It was noted that there was some work taking place at The Red House in Castle Cary parish as well as Hillcrest in Ansford parish. It was not known what the full scope of work being performed was.

c) Any Planning Decisions Reported:

- 17/04180/OUT Amended plans / additional information 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 were advised that this application had been approved at the recent Area East meeting. Ansford Parish Council recorded their disappointment that their objections to this application had not been successful in this instance.

d) General Planning Considerations and Reports to Discuss:

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- District Cllr. N. weeks advised that communities may no longer be advised of major applications which will take place in adjacent parishes. The Council were advised to do checks on the relevant web sites to identify any major applications which could impact on Ansford Parish.
- A meeting was held with the developers of Wayside Farm. Some sketches have been produced of the development although details on elevations and proposed materials to be used are still to be provided. It is aimed to commence work in 2019 with a target of 35% affordable homes planned. The detail planning application is still to be raised.

**030/2018 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

a) Fairfield:

The outdoor gym work has been completed and work on the sensory gardens is in progress. Work will commence on the adventure trail at the end of June 2018. A meeting is imminent with Elan Homes to discuss footpath access to their development site and the routing of an electrical supply.

The agreement produced in association with CCTC over the provision of an anonymous donation to cover the purchase of the Fair field land was reviewed. It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to authorise this agreement.

Ansford Parish Council then considered the provision of financial support to support the completion of footpaths as soon as possible in association with CCTC and on the existing arrangement of shared costs It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to agree to this approach.

b) Fairfield Opening Party:

It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to support this event and to share costs with CCTC.

c) Footpaths, Roads and Traffic around the Parish:

Ansford Parish Council have received correspondence over the recently installed gates at Coombe Bottom. Local horse riders have requested some amendments to be made to the gates to make them easier to use. It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to agree to these modifications.

Correspondence has been received of the temporary closure of the footpath on the Yarlington Homes development site off Station Road commencing the 01<sup>st</sup> June 2018 for six months.

Maggs Lane will be closed for one week towards the end of October 2018 to enable repairs to made to the drains. This will be timed to coincide with half term at Ansford Academy.

The Council were advised that the newly acquired monitoring equipment has been deployed at a number of locations between Clanville and Alford, to record vehicle movements etc., and which Ansford Parish Council have fully supported, by financing one of the three units. The Council expect to receive data from the monitoring team, in due course. (These sensors will be used in other locations, to assess traffic flows and densities in the local area.)

d) Backhouse Development Street Names:

The following names were considered suitable for streets in this development – Woodforde, Clothier.

Coombe Bottom and Ashlea Gates and Fencing Work:

At Coombe Bottom the contractor has completed the work. Ansford Parish Council are content for an invoice to be raised by the contractor. Some locks

will need to be purchased with multiple keys to enable locking of the main gates.

**031/2018 Correspondence**

A letter has been received from St. Andrews Church requesting support towards the upkeep of park land around the church. Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED (5-0-0) to make a donation of £1000.

A letter has been received requesting support towards the local Citizens Advice Service. The clerk was requested to research previous donations to this service.  
– ACTION Clerk.

A letter has been received from SSCAT thanking Ansford Parish Council for their recent donation.

A letter was received from the Somerset Chief Constable acknowledging receipt of the Councils letter reference the shortage of policing in local parishes.

**032/2018 Information**

Information has been received concerning a training event for Responding to Planning applications organised by SALC.

Information has been received that the Electoral Review of South Somerset : Final Recommendations are now available.

**033/2018 Accounts**

a) The Clerk was requested to leave the meeting whilst the Council discussed the Clerks annual salary. Following the Clerks return the Council advised that it had RESOLVED (5-0-0) to increase the Clerks annual salary to £4800 per annum for June 2018 onwards. The Clerk thanked the Council for the increase.

b) The Chair requested approval from the Council for the purchase of replacement trimmer parts to enable him to continue to carry out work within the Parish. Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED (4-0-1) to approve these purchases.

c) 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 the Council to review. It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. D. Pinions as such.

d) Invoices for Payment:  
It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) that the following are authorised for payment:

| <u>NAME</u>             | <u>REASON</u>                   | <u>CHQ No.</u> | <u>AMOUNT £</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| R Smith & Sons          | Coombe Bottom gates and fencing | 101385         | 2952.00         |
| Together Magazine       | Donation                        | 101386         | 150.00          |
| Caryford Community Hall | Hall Hire                       | 101387         | 154.00          |
| A Wadman                | Grass cuts for May              | 101388         | 276.00          |
| Zurich Municipal        | Annual Insurance                | 101389         | 354.90          |
| G McCarthy              | Expenses                        | 101390         | 104.25          |

SALC  
G McCarthy

Affiliation Fee  
Salary

101391  
SO

269.61  
334.94

**034/2018**      **Matters to Report not listed on the Agenda** (Note: No decisions can be made on these items)

- a) Cllr. A. Gibbons advised that he could not make the next Dimmer Liaison Group meeting
- b) Cllr. A. Gibbons advised that he can attend the next Youth Matters AGM and that a fun day was being arranged to take place in July 2018.