

Minutes Ansford Parish Council**WEDNESDAY 14th March 2018 Monthly Parish Council Meeting Held at Caryford Hall at 7.30pm****Present:** Cllr. C. Edwards, Cllr. G. Clothier, Cllr. A. Gibbons, Cllr. N. Begg**In attendance:** County Cllr M. Lewis, SSCAT M. Rowland, SSCAT J. McDougal, Mr G. A. McCarthy [parish clerk],**Parishioners:** 0

Ref:		Action:
100/2017	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Pinions, PCSO T. Russell</p>	
101/2017	<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>	
102/2017	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u></p> <p>The minutes of the parish council meetings of 14th February 2018, that had been circulated to all councillors, were RESOLVED [4.0.0] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.</p>	
103/2017	<p><u>Reports from Police & District & County Councillors</u></p> <p>County Councillor M. Lewis reported that consultation was continuing on the running of the local library service and that feedback from residents would be very useful especially if providing support. It is possible that for the library to continue in the future it may have to be run by volunteers.</p> <p>PCSO T. Russell Although not present the latest report received from the PCSO was read out. There was one crime recorded for Ansford in the last month.</p>	
104/2017	<p><u>Open Forum for Residents</u></p> <p>No issues were raised by residents.</p>	
105/2017	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>a. <u>WITHIN ANSFORD</u></p> <p>18/00253/FUL – Extension and reconfiguration of community hall, with new meeting rooms, toilets, storage and plant room – Caryford Community Hall, Maggs Lane. Ansford, Castle Cary BA7 7HB. – Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED [3.0.1] to approve the planning application. Cllr A. Gibbons abstained from voting having declared an interest in this application.</p> <p>18/00307/FUL – Extension and alterations, variation to approved scheme under 12/00727/FUL – The Croft, Station Road, Ansford, Castle Cary BA7 7PA – Comments returned to planning prior to meeting in order to meet deadline – Ansford Parish Council had no comments.</p>	

	<p>18/00503/FUL – Extension of single storey rear extension – 16, Hallet Road, Ansford, Castle Cary BA7 7LG - Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED [4.0.0] to approve the planning application.</p> <p>b. <u>OUTSIDE THE PARISH OF ANSFORD</u> The clerk confirmed that a letter of objection has been sent reference the appeal raised by Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd against the rejection of their planning application for a vehicle valeting site at Dimmer.</p> <p>The clerk advised the council that correspondence had been received over a public consultation event being organised for development of the BMI site in Castle Cary.</p> <p>The Council will be writing expressing their concerns over probable transport congestion on roads in the parish over the proposed development at the Bath and West Showground. The Council expressed their concern over the lack of courtesy shown by the lack of consideration of this development on local parishes.</p> <p>c. <u>ANY PLANNING DECISIONS TO REPORT</u> 17/04761/FUL – Erection of a two storey rear extension (retrospective) – 6, Orchard Close, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7LQ. – Permission granted.</p> <p>d. <u>GENERAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS AND REPORTS TO DISCUSS [IF ANY]</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
106/2017	<p><u>Matters arising from the previous minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSCAT Bus Service Ansford Parish Council welcomed M. Rowland and J. McDougal as representatives from SSCAT who provided the following information on the service. The majority of SSCAT work is with dial and ride. People have to register to use the service (£10 for life). The service is generally used by elderly and disabled people and also those who do not live near a local bus service. Fares are paid and concessions are not available prior to 09:30 in the morning. The service also operate school runs and is available for hire by local clubs and societies. SSCAT also run a local social car scheme run with volunteer drivers of which they currently have 26. With cuts to the NHS budgets it has been found that the volunteer drivers are being used more and more. SSCAT recently lost Lottery funding and has a current shortfall of funding of £37k hence their approach to local councils. They are forecasting a shortfall of £15k by the end of 2018 with break even in 2019. Other fund raising efforts are being made and a 5 year plan is in place. SSCAT reported that there are 40 Ansford residents registered to use the service. Ansford Parish Council confirmed that they had allocated some funds in their budget for SSCAT in the next financial year. • Fairfield The pump park tarmac has been completed. When grass has grown on the slopes the area will be made open to the public. The next two projects are the outdoor gym and adventure playground. Correspondence is being exchanged with the management team over a request to install an electric cable through the park to one of the new housing developments. A recently reported gas leak is being investigated. 	

- **Roads and Traffic around the Parish**

Following the announcement of the stopping of the SiD service there has been numerous correspondence about various options for purchase of SiD's by councils themselves. Any option would also involve finding volunteers and arranging training. It was considered that this would be a good topic for discussion with CCTC and possibly other local councils. However there is an option for the Council to make a contribution to the County Council of a fixed fee of £100 for each two week installation at one location, which would be entirely controlled by County Council contractors, so no volunteers would be needed. The clerk pointed out that there has been no allowance for this cost in the next financial year's budget.

The clerk informed the council that the pot hole reported on Lower Ansford Road has been scheduled for repair.

- **Coombe Bottom Gates and Fencing and Ashlea Fencing Repairs**

Four requests for bids were sent out. One bidder declined. But by the return date only one full bid has been received. Another separate bid has been received just for the Ashlea repairs. The bids will be opened in confidence when accounts are to be discussed.

- **Anti Social Behaviour**

A recent PACT meeting was hosted by the local Police force. After a general introduction about how the overall partnership could be rolled-out, the participants were then asked to split into two regional groups (north and south of the A303) to discuss matters, although this arrangement was particularly unsatisfactory, due to both sets of conversations interrupting each group. Nevertheless, this initial meeting was relatively well received, and will become an annual event, taking into account feedback from the first meeting. The police stated that they are still very keen to support the community. If there is an issue with anti social behaviour then it should be reported to the police. The attendees at the meeting were also keen to work closely with the police on this subject.

- **Installation of Additional Street Lamp**

The clerk advised the council that the initial quotation for this would be in the region of £9000 plus VAT due to the requirement for a new electrical supply. It was considered that the council were not in a position to afford this.

- **Neighbourhood Plan**

A draft of the plan is now available and it can be viewed on the internet. Hard copies of the plan will be available for review at The Market House in Castle Cary where presentations have also been arranged.

- **Joint Ansford Parish Council and Castle Cary Town Council Meeting**

This was considered to be a good idea to discuss common topics that affect both parishes. Ansford Parish Council **RESOLVED** [4.0.0] to support this plan. The Chair said he will liaise with CCTC to agree an acceptable date, time and location

107/2017	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The clerk advised the council of correspondence received during the recent snow about one of the grit/salt bins being emptied. The clerk advised that council that a refill of the bin has been requested. Correspondence has been received about the incoming General Data Protection Regulations. 																																				
108/2017	<p><u>Information Received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annual Town and Parish Councils meeting is now to be held on Monday the 23rd April 2018. Details on the consultation process on the future of libraries in the county. Details on a consultation exercise on Crime and Poor Performance in the Waste sector. Details on Somerset Strategic Housing Framework. 																																				
109/2017	<p><u>Accounts</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED [4.0.0] to agree in principal to the NALC/SLCC incremental pay rise for the clerk when details have been made available. The bids received for the Coombe Bottom Gates and Fencing and Ashlea Fencing Repairs were opened. As not all those invited to bid took the opportunity it was RESOLVED [4.0.0] to place orders on those organisations that bid. Following the SSCAT presentation earlier at the meeting it was RESOLVED [4.0.0] to donate £500 from the current budget and £1500 from next years financial budget (this is covered in the budget). 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 [4.0.0] to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. A. Gibbons as such. Invoices for payment – It was RESOLVED [4.0.0] that the following are authorised for payment: <table border="1" data-bbox="256 1323 1406 1570"> <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>Expenses</td> <td>101377</td> <td>£</td> <td>56.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSDC</td> <td>Car Park compensation scheme</td> <td>101378</td> <td>£</td> <td>1985.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CCTC</td> <td>Fairfield loan and costs contribution</td> <td>101379</td> <td>£</td> <td>1060.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G McCarthy</td> <td>Salary March 2018</td> <td>SO</td> <td>£</td> <td>334.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td></td> <td><hr/></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td>£</td> <td>3437.65</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Reason	Chq No.	Amount £	.	G McCarthy	Expenses	101377	£	56.35	SSDC	Car Park compensation scheme	101378	£	1985.60	CCTC	Fairfield loan and costs contribution	101379	£	1060.76	G McCarthy	Salary March 2018	SO	£	334.94					<hr/>				£	3437.65	Clerk
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110/2017	<p><u>Matters to Report not listed on the agenda</u> - [Note: No decisions can be made on these items]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing to report 																																				
	THE MEETING THEN CLOSED																																				
	<p>Date of next meeting Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 11th April 2018 commencing at 7.30PM at Caryford Community Hall.</p>																																				