



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Annual Meeting held on Wednesday 09th May 2018 at Caryford Hall at 7.00 pm.

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

In attendance: G. A. McCarthy (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners: 1

Annual Meeting

- 001/2018 Election of Chair & Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair**
Cllr. A. Gibbons proposed Cllr. C. Edwards for the position of Chair. This was seconded by Cllr. G. Clothier. Cllr. C. Edwards acknowledged that he was prepared to accept the position. It was RESOLVED (4-0-1) that Cllr. C. Edwards be elected as Chair of Ansford Parish Council.
- 002/2018 Election of Vice Chair**
Cllr. C. Edwards proposed Cllr. A. Gibbons for the position of Vice Chair. This was seconded by Cllr. D. Pinions. Cllr. A. Gibbons acknowledged that he was prepared to accept the position. It was RESOLVED (4-0-1) that Cllr. A. Gibbons be elected as Vice Chair of Ansford Parish Council.
- 003/2018 Co-option of new Councillors**
No new applications were received. All existing Councillors kindly agreed to continue. It was noted that the Council increase interest in the Parish in order to recruit some additional Councillors.
- 004/2018 Apologies**
None were received.
- 005/2018 Appointments of Councillors as Representatives to Outside Bodies**
a) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr. N. Begg RESOLVED (4-0-1)
b) Fairfield Management Group – Cllr. C. Edwards and Cllr. N. Begg RESOLVED (3-0-2)
c) Caryford Hall – Cllr. A. Gibbons RESOLVED (4-0-1)
d) Donald Pither Memorial Field – Sub Committee with Castle Cary Town Council – Cllr. N. Begg RESOLVED (4-0-1)
e) Dimmer Liaison Group – Cllr. A. Gibbons RESOLVED (4-0-1)
- 006/2018 To Appoint and / or Confirm Bank Account Signatories**
It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to make no changes to the current authorised signatories.

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- 007/2018** **Declarations of Interests**
There were none.
- 008/2018** **Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**
It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to make no changes to the current standing orders and financial regulations.
- 009/2018** **Review of Asset Register**
It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to make no changes to the asset register. (Note that the current asset register does include the one third ownership of the Fairfield).
- 010/2018** **Agreement of Dates for Future Council Meetings for 2018/19**
It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to continue to hold monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month with the exception of August when no meeting will be held.
- 011/2018** **Open Forum for Residents**
No issues were raised for the annual Meeting by parishioners.
- 012/2018** The Annual Meeting of Ansford Parish Council was therefore closed at 19:18.

Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 09th May 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, G. A. McCarthy (Parish Clerk)

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013/2018 Apologies

Apologies were received from PCSO T. Russell and District Cllr. N. Weeks.

014/2018 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.

015/2018 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the parish council meetings of the 11th April 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.

016/2018 Reports from Police and District and County Councillors

County Cllr. M. Lewis spoke about recent press releases concerning district councils who were currently in financial difficulties. An appeal has been raised concerning the Castle Cary Fox's Run development. Changes may be made to the Neighbourhood Plan with reference to the Dimmer area and Fox's Run. It is not clear at present if these changes will be accepted. There are ongoing concerns over the impact to local traffic if the Fox's Run development is allowed especially with regards to access. The possible changes to the Neighbourhood Plan are being considered after the appeal had been raised which is not normally allowed.

District Cllr. H. Hobhouse requested Ansford Parish Council to write to the Avon and Somerset Chief Constable to raise concerns over recent assaults and reports of drug dealing in the Ansford and Castle Cary towns which were being exacerbated by a lack of acceptable policing presence. It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to send a letter. ACTION – Clerk.

017/2018 Open Forum for Residents

A local resident raised concerns over the current state of the local roads and the amount of pot holes appearing. The resident has written to the local MP and Somerset Highways. The residents correspondence has been acknowledged but no actions have been taken to address the issue so far.

018/2018 Planning

a) Within Ansford Parish:

- 18/01016/S73 Application to vary condition 01 (approved plans) of approval 16/01912/REM to reflect the provision of an electric substation

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and subsequent displacement of 2 No. parking spaces – Land at Station Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7PA. – Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED (5-0-0) to approve this application.

- 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 RESOLVED (5-0-0) to reject this application. The previous version of this application was rejected at an earlier Council meeting. It was considered that the specific amendments of this application did not make any material difference what so ever regarding traffic issues on this road and that comments previously submitted with reference to this application had not been taken in to consideration.

b) Outside Ansford Parish:

- Rejection of planning appeal for Land and buildings at Acorn Industrial Park, Dimmer Lane, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7JB (Andrew Hopkins Concrete Ltd). – Ansford Parish Council were pleased to note the rejection of this application. The rejection note referred specifically to the problems this application would cause with the local roads, particularly in Clanville, it was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to forward the appeal report on to Somerset highways management. ACTION – Clerk.
- Bath and West Showground Development – It was noted that other councils in the area as well as Ansford Parish Council and also the South Somerset District Council had not been properly consulted by Mendip District Council over this planning application.

c) Any Planning Decisions Reported:

- There were no decisions made during the last reporting period.

d) General Planning Considerations and Reports to Discuss:

- Nothing to report.

019/2018

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Fairfield:

The pump park has been opened. Some safety signs are still to be installed which will also specify limits on responsibility. Issues with insurance are currently being worked out with CCTC. Also arrangements associated with a donation towards the cost of the land are also being reviewed. A sensory garden is to be installed as well as exercise equipment and an adventure trail.

b) Footpaths, Roads and Traffic around the Parish:

Alford and Lovington parishes in association with Ansford Parish Council will be purchasing three automatic traffic control devices.

There have been two road incidents on the B3153 in the last few weeks. The road was completely blocked whilst these incidents were resolved.

Problems with speeding vehicles on the Wyke Road have been reported. It was noted that the large tractors and trailers currently being used on the roads are unable to pass lorries on the A371 on Ansford Hill.

Quaperlake Street in Bruton will be closed for repairs over two nights commencing the 11th June 2018.

A local resident has requested that the vegetation on the Station footpath be cut back.

A local resident has reported an issue with drains on the A371 and that the St Andrews Church direction sign needs repairing.

- c) 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.
At Ashlea the work is approximately 50% complete.
- d) Joint Ansford Parish Council and Castle Cary Town Council Meeting:
A summary was provided to the Council members following the recent meeting.
- e) Impact of GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations):
The Clerk provided feedback from a recent workshop he attended on this topic. It is not expected to impact too much on the activities of Ansford Parish Council at this moment in time.
- f) Together Magazine:
Following the presentation made by members of the Together team at the recent Annual Meeting of the Parish it was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to contribute a donation of £150 to this local publication.
- g) SSCAT:
Following a donation in the previous financial year of £500 it was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to make an additional donation of £1500 for the current financial year. This was previously discussed at an earlier Council meeting.
- h) Purchase of Additional Grit Bins:
It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to raise an order for three grit bins with locking hasps. ACTION – Clerk.
- i) Annual Meeting of the Parish:
Ansford Parish Council were disappointed at the low turnout from residents of the parish. It was discussed that the Council need to revisit their current publicity notices including the Council web site in an effort to improve effectiveness.

020/2018 Correspondence

A thank you letter has been received from SSCAT for the donation made in the previous financial year.

021/2018 Information

Information has been received concerning the Government consultation on powers for dealing with unauthorised developments and encampments. Information has been received on a SALC course on Understanding Charitable Trusts. Details on the next Castle Cary vintage market were received.

022/2018 Accounts

- a) It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to increase the Clerks salary in accordance with ALCC and SLCC recommendations. This will result in the Clerks salary being raised from £10.467p an hour to £10.676p an hour which would increase the

annual salary by £86.94p a year. The Clerk thanked the Council for the increase.

b) 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.

c) 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>
A Wadman	Grass cuts for March and April	101382	414.00
Caryford Community Hall	Hall Hire	101383	28.00
SSCAT	Donation	101384	1500.00
G McCarthy	Salary	SO	334.94

023/2018 Matters to Report not listed on the Agenda (Note: No decisions can be made on these items)

- a) An informal meeting had been held with Backhouse developers to discuss site construction progress and possible street names on the development.