



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018 at Caryford Hall at 7.30 pm.

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

In attendance: County Cllr. M. Lewis, District Cllr, H. Hobhouse, District Cllr N. Weeks, G. A. McCarthy (Parish Clerk), L. Tilling and L. Kimberley (Castle Cary Library Support Group)

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046/2018 Apologies
None were received.

047/2018 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.

048/2018 Minutes of Previous Meetings
The minutes of the parish council meeting of the 11th July 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.

049/2018 Reports from Police and District and County Councillors
No report had been received from the PCSO's. The clerk was requested to chase a response to the request for information on traffic incidents in the parish.

County Cllr. M. Lewis stated that issues with budget cuts are continuing. The Young Carers scheme is now being targeted however there is a current stay of execution on the withdrawal of funding. It is now planned for gritting in winter to only take place on land below 500' above sea level. The ongoing supply of grit for bins is still to be confirmed. There will be other areas that will be impacted by the budget cuts. A fairer means of funding is being requested following comparison with other counties. Expediting of the small projects scheme to improve road safety on Ansford hill is continuing.

District Cllr. N. Weeks stated there is currently a large backlog of planning applications. Problems will continue with the planning process until the backlog is cleared.

District Cllr. H. Hobhouse stated that there are plans to recruit three more people for the planning department and that further increases in administration staff are

planned. An appeal is to raised reference the Foxes Run development in Castle Cary. The same problems previously identified still exist. In April 2019 the Citizens Advice Bureau service will face cuts of 60% in its funding. SSDC is aiming to take on this role as best as possible.

050/2018 Open Forum for Residents

There has been a request for more dog bins to be installed around the parish. At present the Street Scene will not empty any more additional bins.

A local resident raised concerns over wide farm vehicle etc on the Wyke Road and the damage being caused to verges, as well as the amount of traffic of these vehicles. This is covered below in section **052/2018 e**.

A presentation was made with reference to the future of Castle Cary library. The request for additional 'friends' has been very successful with more than 60 now in place. The future of the library is awaiting a decision due on the 17th October 2018. The existing staff made be reduced to zero unless funding can be found elsewhere. Funding or payment of the rent will also cease. Volunteers will be required to help run the service. Schemes to raise funds are being planned and working groups are looking at business plans, other premises, partnerships, reorganisation, charity status, training of volunteers etc. The estimated cost to run the library with the use of volunteers is in the region of £11k. If SSDC were to provide £5k, (still to be confirmed), another £6k will need to be raised, plus funding for future years. The library is considered to be of great value to the local community. Ansford Parish Council expressed their support for the continuation of the library. It was mentioned that the use of S106 funding may also available. The Council stated that they will like to be involved in future plans and that the provision of funding may be possible in the future.

051/2018 Planning

a) Within Ansford Parish:

- No applications had been received within the reporting period.

It was noted that ground works and the erection of a hay barn have commenced at the site of 17/04180/OUT Land at Wyke Road, Ansford although any further construction works for other buildings have not yet been approved by SSDC. It was stated that an owner could commence to erect buildings however they could fall foul of the planning authority.

b) Outside Ansford Parish:

- Application 18/01519/FUL has been raised for the development of the Red House site on Cumnock Road in Castle Cary involving partial demolition of the existing boundary wall, outbuilding and gable end, plus refurbishment of the existing house and the erection of four further dwellings and alterations for vehicular access. It was considered that the proposed access would cause problems on the A371 near the existing traffic lights and also when taken in to consideration with the BMI site development - 18/01602/FUL & 18/01603/LBC Demolition of existing buildings, conversion of and alterations to listed buildings to form 11 No. dwellings, the erection of 70 No. dwellings and associated works etc – Former BMI site, Cumnock Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7HR.

- c) Any Planning Decisions Reported:
 - 18/02141/DPO Land rear of Wayside farm, Station Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7PH – Application to discharge a section 52 agreement dated 30th October 1987 preventing non fragmentation of land between SSDC and Mr & Mrs M J Berry – Application approved.
- d) General Planning Considerations and Reports to Discuss:
 - Nothing to report.

052/2018 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- a) Neighbourhood Plan:

This is currently with SSDC for appraisal. Further documents are being produced to support the plan. Forecast completion is spring 2019. Ansford Parish Council thanked Cllr. N. Begg for all his work in the production of this document.
- b) Fairfield:

The opening celebration held on the 01st September 2018 was considered to be very successful.

There has been an insurance claim made which is currently being managed by CCTC for an incidence which took place in early August 2018.

- c) Footpaths, Roads and Traffic around the Parish:

Progress on clearing the station footpath of excess vegetation has been completed with the Chair doing a lot of the work. Wyke Farms have also cleared a substantial portion of a compacted earth bank that had encroached on to one side of the pathway. GWR are looking into the increase of the car parking areas.

Notification was received of a planned road closure within Evercreech during September 2018.

- d) Proposed B3153 Joint Working Party:

Ansford Parish Council have written confirming their support for any small projects associated with improvements to roads to make them safer. A B3153 joint working group is being organised. Ansford Parish Council were fully supporting of this scheme and it was RESOLVED (4-0-1) to join the working group. Cllr. A. Gibbons having declared an interest.
- e) Problems with Road and Verge Damage by Large Tractors/Trailers:

Other parishes have also been raising concerns of the damage to verges by the larger trailers being towed by local tractors. Currently the vehicles concerned are road legal. However if they are noticed as being driven in an illegal way and without due care and attention a complaint can be made to the police. A resident also raised concerns over these vehicles and trailers being used on the Wyke Road. A complaint can also be raised if the vehicles are being driven at an unsociable time. Ansford parish Council expressed their concerns that the local roads appear to be becoming less safe.
- f) Castle Cary Library:

See notes above under 050/2018 Open Forum for Residents.

- g) Youth Matters:
Funding for Youth Matters has been withdrawn by Somerset CC. Future funding may have to be provided by local parish councils. Depending on where these clubs are run then it may be possible to release funds from existing budgets.
- h) War Memorial
The modifications to the names on the memorial have been completed. It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to purchase some flags and to erect a temporary flag pole for Remembrance Day. Ansford Parish Council will liaise with Cllr's N. Weeks and H. Hobhouse, who are involved with the Castle Cary Remembrance Day arrangements.

053/2018 Correspondence

A letter has been received from St. Andrews Church thanking the Council for its donation towards upkeep of the local park land.

A letter has been received from Caryford Community Hall thanking the Council for their letter of support towards the planned expansion project. In correspondence with Caryford Community Hall supporting this project the Council provided suggestions/requests for the fitting out of the future Conference Rooms with appropriate furnishings and equipment suitable for business meetings etc.

An email has been received from a local resident saying how much they enjoyed the Fairfield Opening Day and thanking the Council for their work.

054/2018 Information

Information has been received concerning the Castle Cary Big Christmas event planned for the 06th December 2018 with switching on of the Christmas lights scheduled for the 01st December 2018. Ansford Parish Council have also been formally requested previously to support this event regarding the organising and stewarding of this popular annual event.

An email has been received recommending that residents who are having issues with speeding traffic should consider setting up a Speedwatch group.

SDDC have written advising that a strategy is being put together by consultants on future leisure needs and facilities.

055/2018 Accounts

- a) 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.
- b) It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to purchase locks for the new grit bins.
- 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>
C. Edwards	Expenses recompense	101402	38.28
A Wadman	Grass cuts for July/August	101403	414.00
SSDC	GDPR Training	101404	25.00
Kingfisher Direct Ltd	Grit Bins	101405	235.16
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Fee	101406	40.00
SSDC	Car Parks Income compensation	101407	1985.60
G McCarthy	Expenses recompense	101408	86.62
G McCarthy	Salary September	101409	390.00
HMRC	Tax deductions for September	101410	10.00
British Legion	Poppy Wreath fee	101411	25.00*

Note: * Cheque authorised for at meeting.

056/2018 Matters to Report not listed on the Agenda (Note: No decisions can be made on these items)

- a) The drains on the A371 near Hillcrest and down to Castle Cary station have been reported as being blocked.