



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 13th February 2019 at Caryford Hall at 7.30 pm.

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

In attendance: County Cllr M. Lewis, District Cllr. H. Hobhouse (P/T), S. Snook (CCTC), G. A. McCarthy (Parish Clerk).

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101/2018 Apologies

Apologies were received from District Cllr N. Weeks, L. Stokes (resident).

102/2018 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.

103/2018 Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of the parish council meeting of the 09th January 2019 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.

104/2018 Reports from Police and District and County Councillors

No report has been received from the local PCSO.

County Cllr. M. Lewis stated that it is anticipated that the SSCC end of year accounts are expected to balance. The projection for the 31st March 2019 is that there will be an underspend of at least £1m. Cutbacks to grit supplies for next winter no longer apply though this is still to be confirmed at a full SSCC meeting. Somerset Highways will update parishes when details have been confirmed. SCC negotiations are ongoing reference the future management of the 1610 sports centre in Ansford.

District Cllr. H. Hobhouse announced that discussions are ongoing with the pet food factory owners in Castle Cary over the extension of footpaths. The SCC online system for residents to update and check their details is to go live soon. The 'big battery' project is due to go live on the 14th March 2019 with another 32 battery projects scheduled for the future. It is hoped that these battery projects with charging facilities will help to get vehicles of the A303.

105/2018 **Open Forum for Residents**
No topics were raised by residents.

106/2018 **Planning**

a) Within Ansford Parish:

- 18/02986/REM – Reserved matters for the erection of 125 dwellings, open space, highways, car parking, landscaping and ancillary development – Wayside Farm, Station Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7PA – Due to response date this item is to confirm response sent prior to meeting. – This application was discussed at the Area East meeting held earlier. Ansford Parish Council expressed concerns in particular over the lack of accessible footpaths from the development and how they interface with other paths in the area. County Cllr M. Lewis and District Cllrs N. Weeks and H. Hobhouse supported Ansford Parish Councils comments at the review meeting. Ansford Parish Council thanked the councillors for their support. The meeting discussed the allocation of a condition on the development whereby a footpath is to be installed to join up with path WN 2.1 in Ansford Parish. Final details of this condition are to be confirmed. Also the use of ‘Cary’ stone on some of the more prominent houses located at the junction in to the development was discussed. This would apply to approximately 10% of the properties.

b) Outside Ansford Parish:

- No applicable applications to report.

c) Any Planning Decisions Reported:

- 18/03121/DPO – Land rear of Wayside Farm, Station Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7PH – Application to modify a S106 agreement between South Somerset District Council, Somerset County Council, Waddeton Park Ltd and Michael John Berry and Joy Berry dated 13th October 2016 in relation to affordable housing – Application permitted.
- 18/03653/PAMB – Barn rear of Wychwood Cottage, Ansford Hill, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset – Notification for prior approval for the change of use of existing agricultural building to a dwelling – Mr & Mrs Berry – Application permitted with conditions.
- 18/03778/LBC – Laylocks, Lower Ansford, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset – Replacement of existing rear entrance door and glass in existing rear cloakroom window – Ms Rosemary Harrison - Application permitted.

d) General Planning Considerations and Reports to Discuss:

- Nothing to report.

107/2018 **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

a) Fairfield:

CCTC have requested that Ansford Parish Council take over the management of the maintenance of the Fairfield. Ansford Parish Council would then be responsible for items such as hedge trimming and other maintenance. The grass cutting contract would not form part of this

agreement. A budget of £1000 shared with CCTC on the 66/33% basis as previously agreed. Clerk to contact CCTC to agree responsibilities.

Footpath WN 2/6 that is to be re-routed around the Wevers Field site is currently in a muddy state Also access is severely restricted close to Station Road and requires a significant re-design. An approach is to be made to Elan Homes to try and improve access.

b) Footpaths, Roads and Traffic around the Parish:

At a recent meeting of the B3153 Liaison Group discussion has continued on the use of SiD's. The cost of purchase, installation and operation is to be investigated. An approach is to be made to local HGV companies for possible sponsorship of the SiD's.

Further accidents on the A371 and the B3153 have been reported. In the parish of Lydford all vehicle incidents are being reported and data is used by their local PCSO. CCTC are considering amending their web site to record vehicle incidents.

Requests to modify the existing junction from the Dimmer Waste site with the B3153 from a 'give way' junction to a 'stop' junction have been rejected on the basis that the existing signage meets existing guidance.

The Alford traffic survey results will be available soon.

Concerns were raised that a proposed anerobic digester due to be built at Evercreech will add to traffic congestion in the parish.

Seven areas on the Solomons Lane and Maggs Lane footpaths have been identified for improvement.

It was noted that parking of vehicles near St Andrews Church were impacting on events held at the church

The Council have been advised of planned works due to take place in the spring for maintenance works to Cockhill South Bridge which is situated on Barrow Road approximately 300m south of its junction with Dimmer Lane.

c) Somerset Wood First World War Memorial:

It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to make a donation of £250 towards this memorial in memory of residents of Ansford who had perished in the First World War.

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Correspondence

A letter was received from CCTC rejecting Ansford Parish Councils offer of funds towards the cost of facilities that are operated by CCTC but also used by Ansford residents. Ansford Parish Council recorded their disappointment at this rejection of their proportionate and justified offer.

An invitation has been received to attend the 1st Castle Cary Scout Group official opening of their newly renovated hall. Cllr. D. Pinions will attend.

A letter has been received requesting a donation towards Yeovil Shop Mobility scheme.

An email was received from The Emily Estate giving reasons as a limit on numbers of personnel present for Ansford Parish Council not being invited to a recent open day. Ansford Parish Council were disappointed at being omitted from the invitation considering the possible impact of the development on the Parish.

An update on progress of the Youth Partnership Group has been received.

109/2018 Information

Information on wheelie bin stickers.

Latest minutes of the Dimmer Landfill Liaison Group meeting held on the 13th December 2018.

A local service for highways and footpath maintenance.

An update from NALC on recent achievements.

A press release from NALC on changes to strengthen standards applicable to Councillors.

A NALC update of clean air regulations.

Details on joining the Keep Britain Tidy Great British Spring Clean campaign. Ansford Parish Council noted their support for this scheme.

An email with a link to supporting table tennis in communities.

Details on the recent fines a local farmer has been ordered to pay following contamination of a stream.

Invitation to a Greener Cary meeting.

110/2018 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) 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>
SSDC	Purchase of additional grit/salt	101436	47.40
William J. Powell	Third cost for traffic survey devices	101437	420.00
C. Edwards	Recompense for road/path paint	101438	133.38
G McCarthy	Salary February 2019	101439	390.00
HMRC	Tax deductions for February 2019	101440	10.00

111/2018 Matters to Report not listed on the Agenda (Note: No decisions can be made on these items)

- a) A meeting is to be held on the 20th February 2019 with Backhouse to discuss phase 2 of their development.