



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 09th January 2019 at Caryford Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr. C. Edwards, Cllr. G. Clothier, Cllr. N. Begg

In attendance: District Cllr N. Weeks, District Cllr. H. Hobhouse, County Cllr M. Lewis, J. Morrison (CCTC), G. A. McCarthy (Parish Clerk).

Parishioners: 1

090/2018 Apologies
Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Pinions, Cllr. A. Gibbons.

091/2018 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.

092/2018 Minutes of Previous Meetings
The minutes of the parish council meeting of the 12th December 2018 that had been circulated to all councillors, were RESOLVED (3-0-0) to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chair.

093/2018 Reports from Police and District and County Councillors
County Cllr. M. Lewis stated that the County and District Councils are in discussion over dualling plans on the A303. It is possible that Ansford may be affected by increased traffic during the construction period. The consultation period on this project is due to finish on the 31st January 2019. SCC finances are showing an improvement. This year's budget is currently balanced but there are still some issues with adult and social care.

District Cllr. N. Weeks had nothing to report.

District Cllr. H. Hobhouse announced that there is to be a 'soft' launch of the online service before the end of December 2018, which will allow house holders to access their accounts with the council. As an example this will enable bills to be paid online.

094/2018 Open Forum for Residents
CCTC's J. Morrison reported that double yellow no parking lines will be installed on the road side on Castle Cary High Street. Single yellow lines are to be installed

on Church Street. These changes should help to alleviate traffic problems caused by parked vehicles. Disabled bays adjacent market House will have restrictions placed up on them. Though this is to be confirmed after it was pointed out that this change may not be allowed. A consultation on local footpaths is currently under review.

No topics were raised by residents.

095/2018

Planning

a) Within Ansford Parish:

- 18/03778/LBC – Laycocks, Lower Ansford, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset – Replacement of existing rear entrance door and glass in existing rear cloakroom window – Ms Rosemary Harrison. Ansford Parish Council had no objections to this application RESOLVED (3-0-0).

b) Outside Ansford Parish:

- No applicable applications to report.

c) Any Planning Decisions Reported:

- No applicable applications to report.

d) General Planning Considerations and Reports to Discuss:

- Reference 18/03121/DPO – Application to modify a S106 agreement between SSDC, SCC, Waddeton Park Ltd, and Micahel John Berry and Joy Berry dated 13th October 2016 in relation to affordable housing conditions. – Land rear of Wayside Farm, Station Road, Ansford, Castle Cary Somerset – A statement from Ansford Parish Council was read out at the planning meeting, with the Councils concerns about several matters, especially with reference to Area East councillors voting on this application, but without some key data being submitted by Stonewater regarding Affordable Housing units. (Copy of the statement is held on record). Feedback from the SSDC Area East Planning Committee review was provided. The 35% allocation of affordable housing is not to be changed or reduced. The possibility of a 3 month restricted 'window' for the marketing of the affordable housing units will not apply. The S106 agreement will be implemented as per standard practice, although the affordable housing units will not be part of the agreement. The final mix of affordable housing units will be relatively minimal. The changes were approved by the planning department with a vote 7-2. Ansford Parish Council expressed their disappointment at the decision outcome. Apparently complaints about documentation associated with S106 funding have also been made.

096/2018

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Joint finance meeting held with CCTC on 02nd January 2019:

Feedback on the discussions held at this meeting were provided. The items discussed will be considered in setting next year's financial budget. Cllr. G. Clothier expressed concern over the possible increase in the Ansford Parish Council precept if contributions towards CCTC are made.

- b) Footpaths, Roads and Traffic around the Parish:
An application has been made to divert footpath WN2/5, (off Station Road, Castle Cary). This is associated with the Yarlinton Homes development. Ansford Parish Council had no issues with this diversion. RESOLVED (3-0-0).

Cllr. A. Gibbons had provided information on incidents with traffic in Clanville. It was noted that Maggs Lane and Solomon's Lane were showing numerous 'wet' areas which can be repaired by the addition of some gravel. Cllrs C. Edwards and N. Begg will make a detailed inspection for the preparation of a specification suitable to obtain quotes for the repairs.

- c) Donald Pither Trust – Pavilion Project:
CCTC are currently managing this project. Cllr. C. Edwards had attended a meeting on this project. Architectural bids have been received with the selection process scheduled for next week. There are also plans to consider the addition of a storage building and temporary building for use by the local youth club. Statistics have been obtained reference the numbers of football and cricket club members who are residents of Ansford and other parishes. The existing facilities do not currently meet the expectations of the sport associations. Currently funding for the pavilion is provided by the clubs and CCTC. CCTC have requested whether Ansford Parish Council would be prepared to contribute towards the pavilion costs. This request will be considered as part of the setting of next years financial budget.

097/2018 Correspondence

An invitation has been received to attend the Castle Cary Carnival presentation evening.

Ansford Parish Council have been invited to participate in the Somerset Wood project. This involves the planting of tree's to become a lasting memorial for those from Somerset who fought and fell in the First World War. The wood will be planted in the parishes of Chaddon Fitzpaine and West Monkton. It was decided to add this to the agenda for next month.

098/2018 Information

Information on sessions to explain the process for the upcoming Town and Parish Councillors election.

There is to be a consultation on 2020/2021 Schools admissions arrangements.

Minutes have been received from a Area East Youth Partnership meeting.

An invite has been received to attend a Climate Emergency and Fuel Poverty Workshop being organised by Frome Town Council.

Castle Cary Chamber of Commerce are planning to produce a local directory. They are also arranging a meeting on the EAT Castle Cary event planned for May 2019.

099/2018 Accounts

- a) Authorisation of 2019 - 2020 Budget:
Following various discussions on this topic and the meetings with CCTC to discuss shared costs for facilities in Castle Cary, which are also used by

Ansford residents, the budget for the financial period 2019 - 2020 is to be set at a total sum of £35,885. It was RESOLVED (3-0-0) for this figure to be the authorised budget.

Within the 2019 - 2020 budget the following caveats apply for shared costs with CCTC:

- 1) The shared contributions with CCTC are for the 2019 – 2020 financial year only. Future year contributions will be subject to review.
- 2) The contribution towards shared costs for public toilets is to apply to the Catherine's Close toilets only.
- 3) The shared contribution towards the Donald Pither recreation field is for the grass cutting and hedge clipping of the open space only.
- 4) There is an allocation for share costs with CCTC for the play area.
- 5) It was noted that Ansford Parish Council already contribute towards the Castle Cary library, Caryford Community Hall, Castle Cary free car park costs, local youth council, the Fairfield, community newsletter, CAT bus service, and donations to local groups/organisations, all of which are also used by Castle Cary residents.

The 2019 – 2020 budget shows a 20.22% increase over the previous financial year. The Clerk in the role of Responsible Financial Officer considered this increase to be high. Cllr. G. Clothier expressed concern over the impact of the precept increase on Ansford residents.

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 (3-0-0) to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. C. Edwards as such.

c) Invoices for Payment:

It was RESOLVED (3-0-0) that the following are authorised for payment:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>CHQ No.</u>	<u>AMOUNT £</u>
Lighthouse	Payroll fee	101431	16.00
Water2business	Water bill	101432	12.05
C. Edwards	Expenses recompense	101433	49.96
G McCarthy	Salary January 2019	101434	390.00
HMRC	Tax deductions for January 2019	101435	10.00

100/2018 Matters to Report not listed on the Agenda (Note: No decisions can be made on these items)

- a) Nothing to report.