



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2019 at Caryford Hall at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr. C. Edwards, Cllr. G. Clothier, Cllr. A. Gibbons, Cllr. D. Pinions, Cllr. N. Begg, Cllr. B. Williams, Cllr. J. Birch

In attendance: District Cllr. K. Messenger, District Cllr. H. Hobhouse, N. Weeks (CCTC), G. A. McCarthy (Parish Clerk).

Parishioners: 1

034/2019 Apologies
Apologies have been received from PCSO E. Reeve.

035/2019 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.

036/2019 Minutes of Previous Meetings
The minutes of the parish council meeting of the 12th June 2019 that had been circulated to all councillors, were RESOLVED (7-0-0) to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chair.

037/2019 Reports from Police and District and County Councillors
District Cllr. H. Hobhouse reported that Area East had rejected the recent planning application for the BMI site in Castle Cary due to the lack of adequate car parking spaces. There were also other possible issues with the future adoption of the roads. The developers agent has not been responsive despite assistance offered by the planning department. Its possible also that the proposed traffic lights location associated with this development may change. Viridor at the Dimmer Liaison Group meeting have proposed the installation of traffic lights at the B3153 junction due to the anticipated increase in traffic to the site. This is a different view to SCC who apparently do not foresee an increase in traffic!

District Cllr. K. Messenger added his support to to the previous comments and expressed his commitment to helping where ever possible.

County Cllr. M. Lewis reported that SCC had ended up with a budget surplus of £6m. Hopefully the availability of grit supplies will therefore be maintained for the future. Ansford Parish Council expressed their concern over a lack of local representation on the Somerset Waste Board committee considering the locality of the Dimmer Waste Disposal site in the parish.

038/2019 Open Forum for Residents

A local resident reported ongoing concerns with traffic on Wyke Road.

039/2019 Planning

a) Within Ansford Parish:

- 19/00757/FUL – The erection of a steel frame agricultural barn and formation of access track – Land OS 7146 Wyke Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset – AMENDED PLANS – Concerns were raised over the visual impact of the new location. Also it was noted that the same comments previously reported on issues with access have not been addressed.
- 19/01673/OUT – Outline application with all matters for the erection of 1No. detached bungalow – Somervale, Station Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset – Concerns were raised that additional housing would only lead to more traffic congestion at the station road junction. It was important that only permission for a bungalow should be authorised. Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED (7-0-0) to approve this application.

b) Outside Ansford Parish:

- It was noted District Cllr. H. Hobhouse’s statement former BMI site in Castle Cary reported earlier.

c) Any Planning Decisions Reported:

- No applicable applications to report.

d) General Planning Considerations and Reports to Discuss:

- Nothing to report.

040/2019 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Fairfield:

A Friends of Fairfield meeting has taken place. Jobs have been allocated to different groups. The meeting was positive and plans made for the future. A new contractor has been found for carrying out strimming activities. Mr N. Weeks will continue to mow the field. Another meeting is to be held to finalise the wording of the management arrangement with CCTC. Inspections of play equipment etc are being organised. Concern was expressed over liability for problems with the footpaths.

b) Footpaths, Roads and Traffic around the Parish:

Concerns were raised over the impact of large vehicles using Wyke Road and the safety issues concerning the lack of adequate footpaths.

Inspections are to be made to the pot holes in Magg’s lane and Solomon’s Lane by the local area maintenance officer, as well as an inspection the cutting of the Solomon’s Lane hedgerow.

Notification of new road names has been confirmed based on previous APC request.

Further problems have been reported again with speeding vehicles again in Clanville.

Issues with an asphalt path near Weavers Field and the Fairfield are reported as being repaired.

The Station Road footpath is overgrown at present.

The bench near the Elan homes development is still in danger of falling in to the ditch.

New residents of the Weavers Field development have complained about the lack of street signs. This is the responsibility of the developer to install.

- c) Coombe Bottom:
The existing bench needs replacing. Brambles need cutting back.
- d) Traffic Calming Scheme (Small Improvements Project as initiated by County Cllr. M. Lewis) for Ansford and Castle Cary:
A meeting with highways and CCTC has taken place. The current plans produced are to be updated and brought up to date. The installation of safe crossing points was considered as a high priority. Any damage to adjacent properties needs to be minimised. Concern was raised over the availability of S106 funding which could be used towards the costs of the safe crossings. Drawings were made available for review at the meeting as versions on the internet were considered practically unreadable. The Chair will attend meetings with CCTC when this topic appears on their agenda.
- e) Purchase of Speed Indicator Devices (SiD's):
Following much work by Cllr. B. Williams it was determined that mobile solar powered versions would be best. SCC will have to approve any installation. SCC also have a list of preferred suppliers. Liaison with highways will take place to finalise requirements for purchase. Thanks were recorded to Cllr. B. Williams for all the work done.
- f) Local Fire and Ambulance Service:
It is possible that the Castle Cary first response and fire service may be amalgamated or possibly removed entirely. A consultation period is currently in progress. The nearest other services are in Frome and Yeovil.
- g) Youth Project:
F. Cronie has resigned from local youth work. APC were sorry to hear this. However the local youth club is still running. Ideas being discussed for helping local youths include the possibility of installing a shelter where youths can meet. CCTC are considering modifying the Millbrook toilets. APC would consider supporting this project.
- h) Parish Clerk Position:
The existing clerk informed APC that he will be leaving this position in the near future. The Council determined that the job vacancy should be advertised with the aim to get a replacement in place to ensure a successful handover.

041/2019 Correspondence

A referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan will take place on the 30th July 2019.

042/2019 Information
No items to report.

- 043/2019 Accounts**
- a) The Clerk confirmed that the internal audit of the reports had been completed without any issues reported. The Annual Governance Statement for 2019/19 was read out. It was RESOLVED (7-0-0) to approve the statement.
 - b) The Accounting Statements for 2018/19 were reviewed and it was RESOLVED (7-0-0) to approve the statements.
 - c) 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 (7-0-0) to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. D. Pinions as such.
 - d) Invoices for Payment:
It was RESOLVED (7-0-0) that the following are authorised for payment:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>CHQ No.</u>	<u>AMOUNT £</u>
water2business	Water bill	101468	12.58
N Weeks	Fairfield maintenance	101469	180.00
Lighthouse	Payroll fee	101470	17.00
B A Groves	Internal audit fee	101471	50.00
G McCarthy	Salary July 2019	101472	410.00
Luke Stephens	Fairfield maintenance	101473	949.00

044/2019 Matters to Report not listed on the Agenda (Note: No decisions can be made on these items)
a) Nothing to report.