



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 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, District Cllr N. Weeks, S. Snook (CCTC),
G. A. McCarthy (Parish Clerk).

Parishioners: 2

112/2018 Apologies
No apologies were received.

113/2018 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.

114/2018 Minutes of Previous Meetings
The minutes of the parish council meeting of the 13th February 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.

115/2018 Reports from Police and District and County Councillors
No report has been received from the local PCSO.

District Cllr N. Weeks had no specific items to discuss. Ansford Parish Council thanked County Cllr. N. Weeks for his help on the discussions over the Wayside Farm development footpaths issue.

District Cllr. H. Hobhouse announced that £27,500 had been approved for expenditure on the project to upgrade Caryford Community Hall. The Norton Fitzwarren battery project is due to be formally opened on the 14th March 2019.

County Cllr. M. Lewis stated that the Somerset County Council were forecasting to underspend their annual budget by between £1.3m to £1.4m. Council taxes will increase by an average of 2.99%. There are plans to build 24 new schools in the county, some of which will be special social ones. A budget of £224m has been

allocated for capital projects. The future of Castle Cary Primary School is still under discussion.

116/2018 Open Forum for Residents

A local resident raised the issue of why large sums of money were being spent on new schools in the County rather than helping existing schools which are short of funds. The District and County Cllrs. Responded stating that some of the new schools were being built near the new housing developments.

117/2018 Planning

a) Within Ansford Parish:

- 19/00320/FUL – Erection of a farmhouse, detached garage, two agricultural buildings with associated hard and soft landscape works and the formation of a new vehicular access - Land at Wyke Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset - A local resident expressed their concerns at the digging up of the existing hedgerows and its environmental impact at this site. Concerns were also expressed over light pollution from the site as well as vehicular access. The adjoining Parish Council of Pitcombe have raised concerns over about the increased burden on existing lanes and also on the amount of vehicular access and light pollution as well issues with noise pollution and the loss of hedgerow habitat.

Ansford Parish Council considered the relationship between the agricultural buildings and the proposed accommodation to be poor and badly laid out with low quality architectural design. The proposed house faces the barns and is at an odd angle to the road. There was disappointment that the owner has chosen not to attend the meeting for discussion. District Cllr. N. Weeks stated that the drawings presented reflected discussions held with the planning department. Cllr. G. Clothier raised concerns raised to him by local residents over the existing building works. Cllr. C. Edwards noted that the planning consultant documentation states the use of natural stone but without any further details on type proposed. Also the address shown in documentation appears incorrect. Ansford Parish Council will summarise their comments for issue to the planning department.

- 18/01815/FUL - AMENDED PLANS - Proposed conversion of part of existing dwelling and erection of two storey side extension to provide additional dwelling, together with the construction of a parking area - 37, Hallet Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7LG - The applicant explained that the amended design was produced following consultation with planning department. It will enable existing family members to live in a separate house. The project will result in a 5 bedroom house becoming one 3 bedroom house and one 4 bedroom house. Concerns over parking had been raised over the original plans and the new scheme has addressed this. Ansford Parish Council RESOLVED (5-0-0) to approve the application. Ansford Parish Council thanked the applicant for taking the time to attend the meeting.

b) Outside Ansford Parish:

- No applicable applications to report.

- c) Any Planning Decisions Reported:
 - 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 - Application permitted with conditions.
- d) General Planning Considerations and Reports to Discuss:
 - Nothing to report.

118/2018 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- a) Fairfield:

Feedback was provided on the recent meeting held between CCTC and Ansford Parish Council for Ansford to take over the management of the maintenance of the Fairfield. CCTC will still be involved in the management with the use of their office and for administration help if required. The Chair considered that Ansford Parish Council should contribute towards the upkeep of the Fairfield. A concern was raised over the long term availability of personnel to help on items such as inspection of facilities etc. It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to approve this arrangement.

There is an opportunity for the pump park banks to be astro turfed using funds still remaining from the original Fairfield project.

CCTC have provided Ansford Parish Council with documentation for the selection of a contractor for carrying out maintenance of the Fairfield. As these were produced under the auspices of the existing Fairfield Management agreement they were considered acceptable for the selection of a contractor and for that contract to be awarded by Ansford Parish Council under the new maintenance arrangement.

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

The clerk advised the Council that the contractor who cuts the parish grass had provided a new quotation for the next financial year with only a negligible increase in cost. It was RESOLVED (5-0-0) to continue with the existing contractor.

The Solomons Lane and Maggs Lane footpaths improvement works project is ongoing with a specification being produced to identify the repairs required.

The recent destruction of some of the Solomons Lane footpath hedging has resulted in many complaints by local residents. Whilst the work carried out is permissible by the landowner the method used was considered very disappointing to the Council and residents.

The Chair is to meet with Elan Homes to discuss the modifications required to the existing Weavers Field footpath which has had its accessibility compromised by new building work and vegetation as well as the installation of some hard standing to the path where necessary. The discussion will also include how the footpaths on this development can interface with those on other developments. The District and County Cllrs expressed their support to this approach.

The Council are to investigate the installation of are more permanent signage for the Station footpath where it interfaces with the A371 in an attempt to improve safety.

Backhouse Developments are to be approached to improve the positioning of the link to the road crossing from their project on to the A371 to make it as safe as possible.

Problems with a bench on Station Road which also happens to be shared with CCTC will be discussed with Elan Homes to help with some ground works to improve its stability.

It was reported that CCTC may have some spare grit available for refilling grit bins.

The new road incident reporting web site is receiving many reports.

119/2018 Correspondence

A letter was received from Emily Estates advising over temporary road works and expressing their apologies for any inconvenience they will cause local residents.

The latest notes of meeting for the Youth Matters Management Committee have been received.

120/2018 Information

Recycling and waste collection changes for upcoming Public Holidays.

The latest minutes were received from the Castle Cary Chamber of Commerce.

A request for information on the provision of burial facilities for Muslim funerals.

A NALC call for evidence on affordable housing provision.

An update on proposed modifications to improve Castle Cary station.

Details of an upcoming auction for funding for flood prevention works for farmers.

A request for possible paranormal locations in the parish for a television series.

121/2018 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	Somerset Wood donation.	101441	250.00
SSDC	Car park income compensation	101442	1985.60
CCTC	Newsletter contribution	101443	1102.00
G McCarthy	Expenses	101444	72.15
G McCarthy	Salary March 2019	101445	390.00
HMRC	Tax deductions for March 2019	101446	10.00
CCTC	Fairfield costs	101447	234.53

- 122/2018** **Matters to Report not listed on the Agenda** (Note: No decisions can be made on these items)
- a) There are plans to carry out a clean up at Coombe Bottom.
 - b) Ansford Parish Council were represented at the recent opening of the Scout Hall.
 - c) A lot of muck and mud has been reported on the Wyke Road.