



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 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,

In attendance: District Cllr. K. Messenger, District Cllr. H. Hobhouse, CC Cllr Mike Lewis
G. A. McCarthy (Parish Clerk) & A.Roberts (Parish Clerk)

Parishioners: 1

045/2019 Apologies
Apologies : J.Birch

046/2019 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.

047/2019 Minutes of Previous Meetings
The minutes of the parish council meeting of the 11th July 2019 that had been circulated to all councillors, amendment to 037/2019 were RESOLVED (7-0-0) to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chair.

048/2019 Reports from Police and District and County Councillors
District Cllr. H. Hobhouse reported that there were no new matters that directly affected Ansford discussed at the recent Area East Meeting. On going renovation plan for Pithers Field Changing rooms were discussed and Cllr Edwards reiterated his and the Parish Councillors willingness to be involved in any forthcoming meetings.

District Cllr. K. Messenger reminded everyone that a Planning Seminar had been arranged at Brympton Way, Yeovil for Clerks and Councillors to update them on the current process. This was to be held on 24th September as a drop-in session between 3 – 5 pm.

CC Mike Lewis reported that with the recent news that Somerset would benefit from the government increase in spending for Adult & Childrens services. No details had been released as yet.

Query raised over the repair of the railway bridge which had been damaged in a recent traffic accident, and who would be liable for the repair - no firm details have been received.

049/2019 Open Forum for Residents

A local resident LS had offered her help and support for the Brue Youth Project which has been set up to provide facilities and activities for young people in the area.

050/2019 Planning

- a) Within Ansford Parish:
- 190/1840/OUT – Erection of 200 dwellings (70 affordable and 130 open market) assorted highways, draining, landscaping and public open space – Land north of Ansford Hill, Ansford, Castle Cary. Somerset.
This planning application was discussed in details and it was proposed that this application be refused. (6.0.1) Cllr Edwards to word a response giving details for the decision and forward to the planning department.
- b) Outside Ansford Parish:
- 18/01602/FUL and 18/01603/LBC – this application has been refused with major concerns from SSDC East over parking, access. Expected to go to inspectorate.
- c) General planning considerations to report.
- Feedback on the APC and CCTC Neighbourhood Plan referendum on the 30th July 2019 results. 726 votes cast, 682 in favour, 43 against & 1 spoiled ballot paper. The plan has been adopted and will take force straight away.
- d) Planning applications have been received for Castle Cary Railway Station in the last few days. These will be circulated and discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in October.

051/2019 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

- a) **Fairfield:**
Plans for a wildlife area have been agreed with the committee and this will necessitate a digger moving quantities of earth on the site. This will be happening in the next few days but should not cause negligible disruption.
- b) **Footpaths, Roads and Traffic around the Parish:**
Two new styles have been erected thanks to the rights of way team, plus one has been replaced by the Mendip Ramblers Group.
The Traffic Light stop signs have been moved back to give greater access on Ansford Hill
B3153 Liaison Meeting has been held on the 3rd September. Report next meeting
Agenda
- c) **Coombe Bottom** View Point. Request for a second seat for the view point overlooking landscape to the North. Clerk to contract contractor who carries out work on Fairfield to quote for strimming area. Plus costings for a seat,
Agenda
- d) **St Andrews Church** – overgrown hedgerows. CE to contact Vicar & Church wardens with a request that this be done as paths are overgrown and slippery in their next maintenance programme -
Agenda

- e) **Youth Project** – It was suggested that contact should be made with the local Academy, primary schools & youth groups for their input. **Agenda**
- f) **Installation of SiD**. BW has been in contact with SSCC regarding siting, licence requirements and an agreement with Somerset CC & APC. BW to contact Nick Cowling / Gary Warren Som CC for more details.
Possible sites have been identified on Ansford Road near Waggon & Horses and Clanville. Query over whether specific poles need to be erected or if they can be mounted on existing poles. **Agenda**
- g) **Digital Mapping Software** CE to attend a training course at Somerton. A software system is available at a cost of £156.00 which enable PC to specifically map and site developments, areas and roads etc. **Agenda**
- h) **Youth Matters** This item will be on the agenda as no further information has been received in the meantime. **Agenda**

052/2019 Correspondence

- a) A letter has been received from the Castle Cary Carnival Committee asking if APC will support them again this year. This was discussed and it was agreed (6.0.1) that £400.00 be donated. **Agenda**

053/2019 General Information.

- b) A request from Scope to place a textile recycling bank in Ansford.
- c) Tea Dance & Therapeutic sessions- have suggested that they contact Caryford Hall directly.
- d) Somerset Road Safety presentation for the over 60's.

053/2019 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 (6-0-1) to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. D. Pinions as such.
- b) Invoices for Payment:
It was RESOLVED (6-0-1) that the following are authorised for payment:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>CHQ No.</u>	<u>AMOUNT £</u>
Ansford Academy	room hire	101474	20
A.Wadman	Grass Cut	101475	576
Pandora Technologies Ltd	SID Services	101476	3171.60
G.McCarthy	Expenses	101477	150.24
G.McCarthy	Salary August	101478	410.00
L.Stephens	Fairfield Maintenance	101479	357.50
C.Edwards	Recompense Newspaper advert	101480	543.60
A.Wadman	Grass Cut	101481	288.00
G.McCarthy	Expenses	101482	8.10
G.McCarthy	Salary Sept 2019	101483	410.40
A.Roberts	Salary Sept 2019	101484	304.29
HMRC	Tax Deduction for clerks	101485	80.80
SSDC	Car Park compensation scheme	101486	1985.60
	Total		8306.13

054/2019 Matters to Report not listed on the Agenda (Note: No decisions can be made on these items)

- a) Nothing to report.