



# Anstey Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ANSTEY ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Councillors Present: Simon Bagnall (SB) David Oxley (DO)  
 Andrew Marchant (AM) Jan Pledger (JP)  
 Stephen Whyllie (SW)

Others Present: Ann Grimsdale

Officers Present: Caroline Jones (clerk)

The chairman welcomed all those present to the January meeting on a very cold night. The meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from PCSO Amanda Higham and District Cllr Rose Cheswright.

**ACTION**

### 2. Declarations of Interest – none

### 3. Approval of Minutes 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting had been previously circulated and were reviewed and accepted as accurate. **It was Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 were correct and were duly signed as correct by the chairman.

### 4. Police /Public Adjournment

PCSO Higham sent a report; since the last meeting there have been no recorded crime in Anstey. Recently however, there has been a theft of motor vehicle and theft of cable (accumulated off-cuts) from Hare Street Village and an attempt theft of oil from Brent Pelham. Although there are no crimes in Anstey, I urge residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, vehicle or person by ringing 101.

It was noted that these hadn't been circulated on OWL. Clerk to follow up with PCSO Higham.

Clerk

Ann Grimsdale, Treasurer of PCC accepted the cheque for grass cutting for St Georges Church. She raised the following concerns;

**Water** running down the hill past her property. After some discussion it was noted that works had been completed on the fields but there was water running down the road which was freezing in the cold conditions. The clerk agreed to write to Herts Highways and to escalate the road reporting as necessary.

Clerk

**Skateboard Park** Ann asked about the additional insurance premium which seemed high - £200 additional cost. Clerk to confirm final costs now the skateboard design had been agreed. She also asked what risk evaluation had been carried out. The chairman confirmed that the zip wire was originally planned but had been discounted due to accident risks. This skateboard was only 1m high and had a rail around the top to stop younger children climbing it. It was aimed at older children and a risk assessment would be carried out by the supplier with the correct signage erected at the park.

### 5. Planning

#### 5.1 Decision Notice 3/14/1910/FP and 3/14/1911/LB Bandons Farm Approved 13/1/15

#### 5.2 Appeal by Wheatley Homes 3/14/0528/OP On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015 there was a Public Inquiry at East Herts where no evidence was offered by East Herts Planning Department. This was a massive blow for Buntingford Town council who had prepared reports and information which have been forwarded to Inspectorate and will be considered for the Appeal.

#### 5.3 3/14/2304/OP Outline Planning for 350-400 Homes off Luynes Rise the plans will severely impact the town's infrastructure and affect the lives of those living in Anstey. Clerk to oppose the planning application.

Clerk



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- 6. Finance** Action
- 6.1** An update on finances together with the summary of funds available was accepted.
- 6.2** The payments for Jan / February were approved and cheques were signed at end of meeting.
- 6.3** The correspondence backup was passed to chairman
- 7. Grant Application**  
There was no news on the grant to date.
- 8. Highways**  
The road condition opposite the Blind Fiddler will be chased up. AM
- 9. Emergency Plan**  
Following the floods last year at Much Hadham, it was noted that if there had been an emergency plan in place, it would have been of great assistance. It was decided that Anstey should have an Emergency Plan in the event of severe weather conditions or an emergency. The aim is to have a public document available for the website and residents.  
  
Please forward any contact details for farmers to the Clerk. The Quarry contact details need adding and mobile numbers where possible. The two Village Hall holders are Kate Oxley and Ruth. Add Ian Jennings. The web Master is Colin Smith. all
- 10. Correspondence Sent / Received**  
East Herts estimated election costs = £311  
East Herts New Homes Bonus = £5,179.
- 11. AOB**
- Bags of salt were delivered to Andrew Marchant. It was agreed to add this information to the e-mails circulated by Ian Jennings. Clerk to action. Clerk
- Transition Streets – it was agreed that this should be organised independently and put a few ideas in the newsletter and a future meeting arranged. AP
- Colin is now running the website as a nominated member of the parish. Although a village website, it will be overseen by the PC and ensure no changes to the infrastructure of the website. It is hoped that the content will grown in time.
- Cllr Wylie notified the council that he would like to stand down at the next election after completing 2 terms. He hopes that others in the village will stand and confirmed that he'd continue if there is no interest.
- The chairman will chase up the tree clearing in the playing field. AP
- 12. Next Meeting**  
The next meeting is to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
- 13. Exclusion of Press and Public**  
Following NALC recommendations for clerk's salary increases, it was agreed that the clerk's hourly rate would rise to £10.836 from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015 for 10 hours work per month.  
  
This proposal was agreed by all councillors.

The meeting was closed at 8.24pm.