



## Anstey Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Present: Simon Bagnall (SB)  
Jan Pledger (JP)  
Andrew Marchant (AM)  
Stephen Wylie (SW)

Others Present: PCSO Amanda Higham  
Officers Present: Caroline Jones (clerk)

Meeting commenced at 7.35pm.

#### ACTION

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

Received from District Councillor Rose Cheswright. Amanda Parker was absent.

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes 20.5.13

Both the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council had been previously circulated and were reviewed. **Resolved** – that the minutes of both the Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013 be confirmed as a correct record. Both sets of minutes were duly signed by the chairman.

#### 4. Police /Public

PCSO Higham reported that no crimes have been recorded in the area, it remained very quiet. There were no reports of travelling crime. As the fields are starting to be cut, there should be no further hare coursing. There had been no oil crimes locally with only a small number outside the area, Furneaux and Stocking Pelham. Although speeding was not currently an objective, all PCSO's maintain visibility and speeding checks were carried out regularly. Last week one ticket was given locally. The chairman asked about reports in the press on PCSO numbers – there was no knowledge of any change to PCSO numbers at Buntingford Surgery. PCSO training currently underway. The chairman thanked PCSO Higham for her attendance.

#### 5. Planning

##### 5.1 3/13/0118/OP Outline Planning Applications by Wheatley Homes

Under Appeal – 100 homes – no news currently

##### 5.2 3/13/1000/FP Taylor Wimpey – resubmitted reported in the press

##### 5.3 3/13/0401/FP and Listed Building Applications for Anstey House – Chairman has written to planning

#### 6. Finance

6.1 Additional information has been requested from BDO – the external auditor. The external audit is currently being undertaken.

6.2 Payments were approved, cheque signing deferred to end of the meeting.

6.3 A backup was provided to the Chairman – there is a website fee of £42 – SW to provide to clerk

SW

#### 7. Co-option / New Parish Councillors

Notices have been put on the noticeboards on 1<sup>st</sup> July. There is a period of 10 days given for any parishioners wishing to request a by-election. After this time, co-option is an option – interested parties can apply. A notice will be put in the newsletter. Interested parishioners can be invited to attend the next meeting.



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	<b>ACTION</b>
<p><b>8. Road Surface</b></p> <p><b>Quarry Road</b> is dreadful. One or two near the junction with the B1368 may have patched. Clerk to write again.  <b>Wydial Bridge</b> has been tidied.  <b>Lincoln Hill Bridge</b> is still outstanding.  <b>Hedge</b> at Red Stack to be reported – it is protruding into the road at the corner.  <b>Essex Cottage Hedge</b> – clerk to write to Herts Highways asking for clarification of ownership and to question if any correspondence with the land owner has taken place.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Clerk Clerk</p>
<p><b>9. Broadband / phone network</b></p> <p>A faster broadband service can be brought into the village – the company supplies it to a high point and then goes to other houses. To get the price sensible need 20 interested villagers. Can get 10meg residential supply. If a business is interested, it would then pay the main installation bringing the cost down to around £650 per month. It is direct, 10 meg down the wire – the sending and receiving will be much quicker. The chairman asked if the parish council would like to push this forward. JP suggested putting something in the newsletter. Chairman will put a broad outline in the newsletter.</p>	<p>chairman</p>
<p><b>10. S106 Stagestruck</b> – no update</p>	
<p><b>11. Playing Field</b> – no update</p>	
<p><b>12. Phone Box</b></p> <p>It was listed in 1989 – clerk to ask if the glass can be reinstated</p>	<p>clerk</p>
<p><b>13. Anstey Chapel</b> – a list of contacts had been received and passed to the chairman who will now action</p>	
<p><b>14. Correspondence Received/ Sent</b></p> <p>The correspondence received and sent was noted.  Anstey Chapel new contacts received  BDO Audit request for bank statement  Came and Company – Insurance documentation received  Police &amp; Crime Commissioner’s Funds available  Richard Pill offering secretarial services  Herts CC confirming Rose Cheswright is our new county councillor  Useful contacts at Herts CC list  HAPTC Clerks Day  Herts Police and Crime Panel Press Release – meeting at Stevenage 20.6.13  HAPTC Agenda for AGM 18.7.13  East Herts DC litter grant £670.80 will be paid  East Herts DC SPARC recycling collection information  Stephen Emery, East Herts DC re: Anstey House – plus a second letter stating that Malcolm Plummer will be replying  Nigel Cox – next District Planning Meeting will be 25.7.13  Herts Police &amp; Crime Panel Notice – put on the noticeboard today</p>	
<p><b>15. AOB</b></p> <p>No further business noted</p>	
<p><b>16.</b> The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm but that date is difficult for a number of councillors so will be rearranged.  <b>The date for the next meeting is Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.</b></p>	