



Anstey Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ANSTEY ON TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2014 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Councillors Present: Simon Bagnall (SB) Andrew Marchant (AM)
Jan Pledger (JP) David Oxley (DO)
Amanda Parker (AP) Stephen Wylie (SW)

Others Present:

Officers Present: Caroline Jones (clerk)

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

ACTION

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor Rose Cheswright and PCSO Higham.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared

3. Approval of Minutes 13th January 2014 and Planning Meeting 19th February 2014

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting had been previously circulated and were reviewed. A comment was made that the name of the Draft District Plan Category 3 village was actually called a Tier3. The Planning Meeting Minutes of 19th February were agreed as correct. **Resolved** – that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13th January and the Planning Meeting of 19th February be duly signed as correct by the chairman.

4. Police /Public Adjournment

PCSO Higham sent her apologies and submitted a report stating that since the date of the last meeting there had been no incidents recorded in the village. There was a theft at Wyddial over 5/6th March. After the recent increase in shed thefts in neighbouring villages, the area has returned to being quiet. Residents are reminded to ensure outbuildings and sheds are locked.

5. Planning

5.1 Nuthampstead Shooting Ground : The variation of Condition 14 (Types of Waste) of planning reference 1/2146-11 to allow tyre bales to be imported to the site. These will be netted with wire and landscaped. There are no changes to the original planning. No comments were made.

5.2 No decision notices have been received

5.3 Buntingford New Homes Planning Applications

The clerk provided an update on the applications in Buntingford. 53 homes at Aspenden are being considered tomorrow. The development by Pigeon Homes 300 new homes North of Park Farm have been approved.

6. Draft District Plan

Documents were available for councillors to take this evening and one copy will be left at The Blind Fiddler pub for residents to view. The chairman suggested that the Parish Council make comment on the Draft District Plan, particularly as there were concerns that Buntingford sites recently approved are not within the Draft District Plan and therefore may need reassessing, particularly for road links out of Buntingford. Clerk to keep councillors informed of comments that Buntingford Town Council put forward.

clerk

7. Finance

7.1 Item 12 was brought forward. The Litter Picker monthly payments were discussed and a new figure approved (see attachment 'Pink Minutes' in file). Payments for Mar/April were approved, cheque signing deferred to the end of the meeting.

7.2 Mike Thompson is available to do the internal audit and it was **Resolved** for him to undertake the internal audit 2013-14.

7.3 A backup was provided to the Chairman



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8. Broadband	There is no update from Stagestruck. Recommendation from Herts County Council is that 2 meg will be available by 2016-17. The chairman will revisit wireless, one supplier from Royston and the other North Weald. It would need a minimum of 25 properties and cost £50-60/ month. This figure would reduce if more parishioners joined the service.	AM
9. Highways / Road Surface	The majority of potholes have been repaired. There is one pothole needing attention on the road from Anstey to Meesden. The entrance to the Quarry needs reporting. Clerk to write regarding Essex Cottage where the verge/hedge has been cut and re-ask if the hedge is within 1m of the road and therefore the responsibility of Highways to cut it.	clerk
10. S106 Stagestruck Update	- clerk has followed up, no news	
11. Correspondence Sent / Received	The correspondence list was received by the council.	
12. AOB		
14.1	There was nothing to raise at the forthcoming Village Hall Meeting	
14.2	Bonfires – there had been concerns over burning at Lincoln Hill. The resident has been informed and a reply has been received.	
14.3	Anstey PCC – a letter of thanks has been received from Anstey PCC for the donation of funds towards the grass cutting, amounting to £800 pa. This allows the churchyard to be regularly cut and maintained.	
14.4	A request to upgrade the Playing Field has been received, suggestion of a Zip Wire / Spring Toy or Roundabout. Councillors agreed that this would be a good project and the clerk offered to obtain quotations for repairs to the blue ropes and swings and for a new piece of play equipment. Clerk to put some information in the newsletter	clerk
14.5	Website Archives – JP brought a number of papers / books to the meeting for archive work. It was suggested that a piece be put in the newsletter asking if any parishioner would like to assist correlate information ready for upload to the website	clerk
15. Next meeting	It was noted that the next meeting is the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Monday, 14 th April at the Village Hall. The meeting was closed at 8.36pm.	

Signed _____

Date _____