



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 13TH MAY 2019 AT 7.35 PM

Present: Andrew Marchant
David Oxley
Simon Bagnall
David House
Amanda Parker
Jan Pledger

District Councillor: Peter Boylan
Apologies : CC Jeff Jones
PC D Miller

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

26.1 To Receive Any Apologies for Absence. CC Jeff Jones due to a clash of meetings and PC David Miller.

26.2 To Receive any Personal or Prejudicial Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda – none given.

26.3 Adjournment for Public Questions/Comments – none present.

26.4 Adjournment for County / District Councillors – Cllr Jeff Jones forwarded his congratulations to the new council.

He is interested to receive feedback on the school parking and speeding traffic and has received a few e-mails on the issue. He has requested a speed survey by Herts Highways.

He is aware of correspondence with the Ansteys Quarry owner and has requested a comment from the relevant officers to be supplied to the Parish Council.

He welcomes any council concerns.

Adjournment for District Councillor – Cllr Boylan thanked the people of Ansteys who voted for him on 2nd May. He looks forward to working with us in a more regular and positive way than that of his predecessor. As well as being a Local Member for Braughing Ward, he was invited to join the Executive Team at East Herts, with lead responsibility for Neighbourhoods which is based around communities, affordable housing, the home improvement agency, community safety, emergency planning, CCTV, safeguarding and licensing. This will be confirmed this week. He has spoken to the new Executive Member for Planning, Jan Goodeve, and now the elections are over after this week they will look to hold a meeting with Officers at East Herts and Council to move forward our Conservation Area Review.

26.5 Adjournment for Police Update – A report was received which surprised the council to see items listed on the report that we hadn't been informed on during last year. It was disappointing to have not received the information on a more regular basis. There had been 6 incidents at Ansteys Quarry – one theft and 5 linked to kids at the site and causing mindless damage to the property within.

26.6 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March 2019

The minutes were reviewed and it was unanimously agreed that with corrections listed below, they were a correct and a true record of the meeting held on 18th March 2019 and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

Item 25.7.1: the property is Well Cottage (not Well Green).

Item 25.19: the Google group is: ansteyslink@googlegroups.com.

26.6.1 Planning Applications / Decision Notices

26.6.2 Hill Farm Ref. 3/19/0799/HH Double Storey rear extension and single storey porch – comments due by 14/5/19. There have been no known complaints or objections. Plans have been viewed. Item 26.7.6 was brought forward to discuss the issue of a comment of 'no objection'. It was RESOLVED to provide a response to this planning application of 'no objection to Hill Farm'.



- 26.6.3 **Well Cottage** Appeal No. APP/J19195/C/17/3183701 Ref: 3/17/0358/HH – reopen an old existing roadway that had been used in the war. This has been refused and the final appeal has been refused by the Inspector. A planning query is ongoing with Cargreen Cottage – the Parish Council await a response for the Highways Report and Conservation Officer Report requested on 14/4/19 – any response to be sent to DC Boylan.
- 26.6.4 **Bandons Farm Ref. 3/19/0285/ARPN** Change of use from Agricultural Building to Dwelling – approved 8/4/19.
- 26.6.5 **Wayside Cottage Ref. 3/19/0696/FUL** 2 Storey and Single Storey and Rear Extension – plans had been viewed by councillors and the application was discussed. Councillors agreed a response of ‘no objection’.
- 26.6.6 **Coltsfoot Barn Ref. 3/19/0541/FUL** Decision Notice : Refused 10/5/19.
- 26.6.7 **Planning Responses** : It was agreed that a ‘no objection’ comment will be made in future responses instead of ‘no comment’.
- 26.6.8 The Parish Council have been made aware that a business might be in operation at 4 Castle Cottage and a commercial building being built. The Clerk to write to East Herts Planning to enquire.

26.7 Finance

- 26.7.1 Audit Files to be submitted to Paul Walton for the Internal Audit. External Audit deadline = 1.7.19.
- 26.7.2 The Parish Council agreed to be exempt from the External Audit 2018-19 and completed the AGAR Part 2 Form.
- 26.7.3 The May financial update was accepted by the Parish Council with amendments.
- 26.7.4 The Parish Council RESOLVED to agree the BACS and DD Form for regular payments in view of the Barclays Branch closing this month.
- 26.7.5 Donation to the Benefice Good Neighbours Scheme : £100 donation was agreed. Clerk to arrange cheque.
- 26.7.6 Payments for May/June were approved (cheques and BACS Forms to be signed at the end of the meeting).
- 26.7.7 Election Costs – forms to be completed at the end of the meeting and sent to East Herts Council.
- 26.7.8 The Parish Council ratified the Church costs of £1,200 p.a.
The amount was reduced to £800 and increased last year to £1,200 p.a.
The Chairman will speak to the PCC to receive justification from Anstey PCC.
- 26.7.9 The Bank Reconciliation of 13th May 2019 was accepted as correct.

26.8 Anstey Quarry

There was an interested party in the Quarry – no further information available at this meeting.
Chairman to provide meeting notes to DC Peter Boylan.

26.9 Highways / Vegetation

All potholes have been repaired and there are no major problems through the village.
The drain by Wayside outside the entrance to Castle Cottages (no’s 3-6) need reporting; it is full of gravel.

26.10 Convex Mirrors

Highways have confirmed that they do not allow or permit mirrors to be installed on Highways and it is not a prescribed traffic sign. This will be discussed further at a later meeting.

26.11 School Parking

The Chairman and Cllr House met with Kenneth Grant at Cokenach who agreed to level the car park ready for aggregate. He will dig out the area to increase parking for 6 more spaces.

School are investigating putting polite ‘keep clear’ signage on the bank from the school to the bend / church.

26.12 Defibrillator

Training quotations have been expensive, St John’s Ambulance is £1,000. Clerk is awaiting further quotes.



DC Peter Boylan will send through defibrillator training that Braughing used.
Cllr Oxley will follow up a First Aid Contact for a price.

Defibrillator : there have been 5 interested responses for a courier service in the event of an emergency. A WhatsApp Group was suggested to manage this.

26.13 Phone Box

Following a clean of the telephone box, the Clerk has requested repainting and refitting of glass / Perspex (7/5/19). Clerk to contact John Bosworth to ask if he can assist as it is within the conservation area.

26.14 Village Hall

Regular usage continues, exercise classes are all running, and the film club is continuing to be popular. There are concerns that we cannot afford to continue to run classes but there is funding for 2-3 years.

Annual Quiz 27th April raised just over £600.

Next fundraiser is a Barn Dance on 28th September.

There are 16 Anstey members of the East Herts Lottery Funding which generate £572 of funding per year.

Broadband – the school have received a quote but it is expensive, this is ongoing.

The Village Hall Committee are grateful for council assistance to improve the drive and parking area.

Planting along the Village Hall flowerbeds have been completed with donated plants from Mill Green Nursery.

26.15 Playing Field

26.15.1 The grass cutting – will be cut tomorrow at the same costs as before.

26.15.2 Hedge Repair – completed.

26.15.3 Playground Improvements – we will consider this when the next round of grants open.

26.16 Conservation Area

This will be considered by new officers.

26.17 Correspondence Received / Sent

There were two enquiries on the house.

26.18 AOB

26.18.1 **Buryfields** – Chairman to determine if there is common land there.

26.19 Monday, 22nd July at 7.30pm at the Village Hall – Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting concluded at 8.55pm.