



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
MONDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.40 PM**

Present: Andrew Marchant  
Simon Bagnall  
David Oxley  
Mandy Parker  
Jan Pledger  
Peter Sapsed

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

**1. To Receive Any Apologies for Absence**

PCSO Amanda Higham (her rest day)

**2. To Receive any Personal or prejudicial Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
None.

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

The minutes that included the Skateboard Meeting had been previously circulated.

Following no requests for changes and a unanimous vote that the minutes were correct, it was RESOLVED that the minutes were a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

**4. Adjournment for PCSO Update**

PCSO Amanda Higham requested a report for the council but it hadn't been received in time. The Clerk will circulate once it has been received.

There has been a theft of oil at Paddocks End a few weeks ago and an attempted break in at High Hall Farm (not circulated via OWL).

**5. Adjournment for Public Comments**

None present.

**6. To discuss any Planning Applications and Decisions Notices Received**

No new planning applications or decision notices have been received. An updated planning list was issued. Cllr Sapsed informed council that there was a notice outside Cargreen Cottage. Clerk will check what the application was for and circulate the details to Cllr Sapsed.

There was an update on Buntingford, none of the outstanding appeals have been determined.

**7. Finance**

**7.1 To accept the Annual Return** This was presented to the council. The Annual Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15 were verified and signed as correct.

**7.2 Good Neighbours Scheme**

This is a community asset for the parishes. Funds are required to cover the drivers' liability insurance. The Chairman suggested that this cost be split between the parish councils. Cllr Parker offered to check if it comes under the church insurance first. The Clerk will find out if any other Parish Councils have offered to cover the costs. The Chairman suggested that if the funds are not covered by the church's insurance, Anstey matches what other Parish Councils donate.



**7.3 To receive an update of the Financial Summary and Funds Available**

As Cllr Wylie has stepped down, it was agreed that the Clerk will ask Colin if he has everything he needs to keep the website up to date, particularly with regards to annual payments.

A question was raised; was the membership for HAPTC needed – the Chairman and clerk confirmed that Anstey should continue to be a member as it was frequently used for general council information, councillor training and planning matters.

It was RESOLVED that the Financial Report be accepted.

**7.4 To Approve the Payments for May and June**

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments for May and June, cheque signing was deferred to the end of the meeting.

**7.5 Backup** The Chairman was passed a copy of the documentation backup. This included photos of the VE Day for EHDC.

**8. To Discuss the order of the Skateboard Ramp and the Playing Field**

The Chairman notified councilors that the base concrete would not be free of charge but Anstey PC would receive a 15% discount for 12 cub meters of readymix. Poultons will provide hardcore for the base. The skateboard should be dispatched by Urban Ramps during the second week of June. The Chairman will co-ordinate the base / delivery and Simon Greenhill will oversee the actual work.

The Annual Playground Safety Inspection will cost an additional £20 to enable a booked date for inspection to include the new Skateboard Ramp. An installation inspection could be undertaken for £200 but it was agreed this wasn't required. Cllr Bagnall knows someone that may undertake inspections and he will investigate whether he could take on Anstey's inspection.

The Chairman reported that anti bird roosting spikes weren't allowed anywhere near a playground. Other suggestions were sticky paint that birds don't like to roost on, a dummy bird of prey or plastic bags. Clerk to message HAPTC to ask if they have received any suggestions.

The Football net replacement will be undertaken when the Skateboard Ramp is delivered.

**9. To Receive information on Snow End/ Lincoln Hill Flooding**

This is complete. The Chairman feels that it is likely to reoccur. The Blind Fiddler's drain has been fixed.

**10. To Discuss the Village Clock and the Seat at The Well**

There was a discussion as to who owned the Village Clock which had stopped working. It was a Commemorative Clock for Paul Fox in Paddocks End. It was agreed that if it was irreparable, it should be replaced – estimated costs are £300-600. Various ways of raising funds were suggested and it was agreed that Anstey Fair be approached to see if they would consider funding the repairs/ replacement of this village item.

The Bench at the Well has collapsed and been put back together by a resident. Clerk to write and thank Martin Baily for repairing it.

The Council noted that the bench by the War Memorial needed attention.



**11. To Receive Information received and sent**

The correspondence sent and received was reviewed.

It was noted that a resident suggested a shop in the Festival Hall. If someone wants to put a proposal forward to run the shop to the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee this can be considered further.

**12. Any Other Business**

The 106 Agreement for Two Acres Farm was discussed together with the 106 Agreements in Buntingford. No money is available from the Buntingford developments as Ansteys boundary does not enter the Buntingford area.

It was noted that the Give Way Sign had been replaced.

The Chairman reported that Mary Pearce has been on the Barkway Stallibrass Alms Houses Trust Committee but now wished to stand down after many years of service. Stephen Wylie has kindly offered to stand as the Parish Council representative.

Cllr Pledger reported that the hedge opposite Woodside Cottage is growing right out into the road. The Parish Council believe that it is a boundary hedge but the owners were previously notified that it was East Herts responsibility to cut it. It was agreed that the Clerk will write and request the owners to trim the hedge.

Cllr Sapsed reported that a number of fridges have been dumped on the boundary between East and North Herts. It had been difficult to establish who's responsibility it is to collect them. East Herts have collected some. An infrared camera has been placed at the site.

**13. Date of Next Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 at the Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_