



# Anstey Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, ANSTEY ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2014 COMMENCING AT 7.10 PM

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

Others Present:

Officers Present: Caroline Jones (clerk)

Meeting commenced at 7.10pm.

### ACTION

#### 1. Apologies for Absence

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

#### 2. Declarations of Interest None declared

#### 3. Approval of Minutes 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting had been previously circulated and were reviewed. **It was Resolved** that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> March be duly signed as correct by the chairman.

#### 4. Police /Public Adjournment

No report from PCSO Higham. The chairman informed councillors that there was an attempted burglary at a house in Anstey at around 2pm. Offenders broke the patio doors but left the scene when the house alarm sounded.

#### 5. Planning

a. **3/14/0705/FP Oakwood**, Mill Lane – Following a discussion, councilors agreed the conversion was an improvement and had no comments to make on the application.

b. **3/14/0772/LB Little Thatch**, Mill Lane – Replacement of French Window in the same design. Following a discussion, councilors had no comments on the application.

c. **3/14/0913/FP Holly House**, Barkway Road – New 3-bed House. Following a discussion and review of plans, councilors were concerned that this application would have an impact on neighbours, especially when the tree foliage died back during Winter and with the removal of any trees on site. Concerns were raised over the safety of access during the works at the property and that it was overdevelopment within the most historic and attractive part of the village, opposite the Well. It was unanimously agreed to write a letter of objection.

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d. **3/14/0528/OP and 3/14/0531/OP** Outline Planning Wheatley Homes extra 180 homes on south side of Hare Street Road – it was agreed that a letter objecting to the additional homes be forwarded.

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e. **Nuthampstead Shooting Ground** Decision Notice : Approval : Variation of Condition 13 rewording of the classification of the type 'waste' to include tyres.

f. **Welspen Thatch**, Silver Street Decision Notice : Approval of change of use of land for private equestrian and stable block.

#### 6. Anstey Chapel

To consider a request for contribution of funds for a new mower. Contributions were stopped a year ago to the Chapel but the council agreed that some assistance should be provided to cut the grass as a one off payment. Following a proposal, second and unanimous vote **It was Resolved:** to pay £100 towards the costs of a new mower.



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### 7. Finance

- a. Latest balance and statement were presented by the clerk – the chairman stated that there continued to be a 10% saving each year and that NHB £2345 due this year
- b. June and July payments were provided to the council and approved – Mr Moule to clean the signs as some are dirty and to cut the grass away from any water not draining away.
- c. The Annual Return was presented to the council. Accounting and Annual Governance Statements were accepted and approved by council. Following a unanimous vote it was  
**Resolved: To accept the Annual Return**  
**To sign the Accounting Statement**  
**To sign the Annual Governance Statement**
- d. A backup was provided to the Chairman

### 8. East Herts Draft District Plan

It was agreed that the plan was completed very professionally. Due to its late issue, a number of Buntingford applications have been allowed through, thus meaning the Plan for Buntingford is now out of date.

### 9. Broadband

There was no further news, the Chairman stated that the cost of £30/40 per month seemed too high for enough interested residents.

### 10. Village Meeting

A new committee needs to be formed and the parish council expect people will attend the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July.

### 11. Playground Repairs

Cllr Pledger has spoken to the children and they want a skateboard ramp. She has sourced a company that can provide a half ramp for £350  
Clerk to check if this can be approved by the Playground Inspection Team  
Clerk to check insurance cover for a skate park item

### 12. Highways

Essex Cottage hedge is complete. No other highway issues were reported.

### 13. Correspondence Sent / Received

A list of correspondence sent and received was circulated.

### 14. AOB

- 14.1 Phone box has been painted
- 14.2 There is no further news on Stagestruck S106 – clerk to chase
- 14.3 Archive information is progressing, Jenny and Gus will collate and write up historical village information. The clerk visited The Local Archive and Studies library at Hertford and passed some war information to Jenny Goymour.
- 14.4 There was a report of cans being thrown into the ditch opposite the school
- 14.5 There has been an occurrence of parking on the corner at the church, clerk to contact the school and church requesting 'no parking' on the corner
- 14.6 Next newsletter article to include details of a forthcoming council vacancy (within 3mths) and that residential hedges adjacent to road need to be taken back beyond the edge of the road by 1ft, school and church visitors to not park on the corner outside the church/school

### 15. Next meeting

The next meeting is planned for 7pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at the Village Hall

### ACTION

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