



Anstey Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2013 COMMENCING AT 7.40 PM

Present: Clive Hall (CW)
Cllr Parker (AP)
Jan Pledger (JP)
Andrew Marchant (AM)
Stephen Wylie (SW)

Others Present:
Officers Present: Caroline Jones (clerk)

Meeting commenced at 7.40pm.

		ACTION
1. Apologies for Absence	Received from DC Rose Cheswright and PCSO Higham. The Chairman informed the parish council that Cllr Bagnall was possibly out of the country for this meeting	
2. Declarations of Interest	None declared.	
3. Approval of Minutes 4.3.13	The minutes had been previously circulated and were reviewed. Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 4 th March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the chairman.	
4. Police /Public	PCSO Amanda Higham was unable to be at the parish council meeting due to her working shifts. Her report stated that from the date of the Annual Parish Meeting, there were no recorded crimes in the village and only two for the whole of her area. It has been a quiet few weeks.	
5. Planning		
5.1 3/13/0118/OP Outline Planning Applications by Wheatley Homes	No update	Refused 22/5 Appeal 2/6
5.2 3/13/0401/FP and 3/13/0402/LB Applications for Anstey House	were granted planning approval. The parish council were delighted that the householder is able to update and renovate an important house in the village but were somewhat surprised at the lack of response from planning and the listing building department over concerns raised, clerk to inquire.	clerk
6. Finance		
6.1	Information on the Audit was provided to the parish council. Internal Audit Statement was approved and signed, together with the Annual Governance.	
6.2	A summary of funds and payments due was passed to councillors.	
6.3	Payments were approved, cheque signing deferred to end of the meeting.	
7. Co-option / New Parish Councillors	The procedure for a casual vacancy if a councillor resigns were discussed. Following a resignation, an advert has to be put up in the village, EHDC are notified, co-option can commence if no other parishioner applies. It can go to election if 10 electors request one. It was agreed that JP to discuss this with the 3 interested parishioners.	JP



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8. Actions from the AGM

ACTION

8.1 Quarry

Herts CC have provided some documents. The original planning went through in 2009. There was an action against them regarding the recycling with the appeal was upheld in 2006. Recycling is only permitted in one area. An extension of time was granted to extract chalk from 2009 to 2013. A limit is imposed on where soil may be stored but it doesn't seem to have any limit for the chalk. If there is a new application for a continuation of chalk extraction a S106 agreement should be activated for road improvement. Chairman suggested that a file should be made for the documents to be available at forthcoming meetings.

clerk

8.2 Road Surface

Huge hole outside High Trees is still outstanding – clerk to check that this is still live. Quarry Road to be reported. Brambles – large one by the drain.

clerk
rereported

8.3 Broadband / phone network

Skyline, a company that install transmitters or aerials to give an increased network coverage to most of the village have been contacted to do a survey. It was reported that an installation of an aerial may be being considered at the shooting ground. O2 and Vodafone have signed a contract for G4 that should double the signal strength which may cover Anstey. It is planned to boost one area to another. Chairman will report back with the costings and information at the next meeting.

Chairman

8.4 Website

Ian Jennings Information is now being put on the website in the news section

8.5 School Parking

The Chairman has spoken to the Head Teacher at Anstey School regarding putting up a sign for parking. The Head Teacher mentioned that they are low on children and that funds are severely affected. School has been paying for cutting of the playing field and hedge and is also responsible for the septic tank which the village hall and Church Cottages discharges into. AP will check which buildings are connected to the tank.

AP

9. Neighbourhood Plan / Cluster Neighbourhoods

The neighbourhood plan was discussed. Previous advice from EHDC was that smaller parish councils did not need to address this currently unless they had specific planning issues. Hormead Parish Council invited Anstey to join their Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed to write to Hormead Parish Council thanking them for the invitation to join their Plan but at this current time, Anstey did not have a need to be involved.

clerk

9. War Memorial / Ditch

A parishioner reported that the bottom of the war memorial was cracked and that the ditch has been filling up with water. The Chairman has inspected the Memorial, he doesn't see it as being a problem to renovate this at the moment. There are cracks on the steps coming down and it has a small lean. It isn't a public area but should be inspected annually.

The ditch water doesn't drain away outside the church. The parish council requested that the clerk report to East Herts.

clerk



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	ACTION
<p>11. S106 Stagestruck Road Improvements No update</p>	
<p>12. Playing Field Repairs The annual inspection is due – confirmation of this has been received from East Herts. One guard rail missing on the slide, one had been previously replaced but is missing again. Chairman will arrange the repair after the inspection, a working party may be required. The blue ropes on the play equipment may need replacing.</p>	
<p>13. Phone Box Phone box belongs to BT. Anstey didn't buy it, it has listed status. Clerk to investigate and arrange the interior to be cleaned.</p>	clerk
<p>14. Correspondence Received/ Sent</p> <p>14.1 Herts Police and Crime Panel Social Media Press Release 14.2 Email regarding gas guns going off at night in Anstey 14.3 Neighbourhood Plan : Draft Statement of Community Involvement for East Herts 14.4 Email from EHDC re Consultation on Draft Parks & Open Spaces Strategy 2013-18 14.5 Press Release Herts Police & Crime Panel minutes of the meeting 14.3.13 14.6 EHDC Planning : 3/12/0869/SV at Silkmead Farm, Hare Street withdrawn 14.7 East Herts DC letter confirming NHB credit of £2,345 14.8 Grants available from EHDC copied to Chairman and Vice Chair 14.9 Invitation from Hormead Parish Council to create a cluster neighbourhood plan 14.10 EHDC Remittance Advice: 1st Precept payment of £1900 + Tax Base Grant £216.38 14.11 HAPTC Nomination Form for the Exec Committee 14.12 Invoice from HAPTC for subscription 2013-14 14.13 Letter of thanks received from Cllr Parker for the Chairman's work during 2012-13</p>	
<p>15. AOB</p> <p>15.1 Stephen and Pam Blackaby have left and new contact details have been passed to the clerk. The grasscutting budget is £200 and this amount was paid 2012-13. The parish council await information from the Board of Trustees. The bungalow may be rented out. The Chairman will check who will be responsible for maintaining the grass cutting.</p>	chairman
<p>15.2 The bridge at Wyddial Road was repaired and signs, rubble, plastic bollards, sandbags and signs have been left on the bridge. Clerk to report.</p>	clerk
<p>15.3 The wooden fencing at the Bridge, Lincoln Hill is falling down. Clerk to report that this is a falling hazard.</p>	clerk
<p>16. Next meeting will be held on Monday, 8th July at 7.30pm at the Village Hall</p>	All

Signed _____

Date _____