



Anstey Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 19TH NOVEMBER COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

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

Others Present:

Officers present: Caroline Jones (clerk)

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr Bagnall. Apologies received by e-mail from DC Cheswright.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes had been previously circulated and were reviewed. **Resolved** – that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 3rd September 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

4. Police /Public

none

5. Planning

Some criteria was previously set to consider planning applications; need, visual impact, environmental factors and the affect on immediate neighbours.

Councillors considered what circumstances affect whether the parish council should make a comment. Currently no comment is made on standard planning matters if the above does not present a concern. It was agreed with commercial planning a comment should be made from the PC. For residential, if councillors feel strongly and can justify support or no support of a planning application this should be made. For fairness, a unanimous decision should be made or voting taken to reach a decision to comment. The parish council decided not to comment unless an individual councillor puts forward a recommendation of support or an objection. **RESOLVED** to adopt comment would be made on commercial planning applications and no comment on residential planning unless a councillor recommendation is made, all agreed.

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	<u>ACTION</u>
<p>5.1 3/12/1657/FP 160 Dwellings proposed on Hare Street Road, North of Buntingford – there is a need for housing, possible 40% social housing. Concerns raised on the infrastructure. Significant growth has been seen in Buntingford over the past 40 years with schools already stretched. Concerns were raised over the entrance to the site. There is an impact on villages with more traffic travelling through the area to Buntingford.</p> <p>A concern was raised on the percentage of social housing and if it will be made available to those residing in Buntingford.</p> <p>Wheatley Homes planned development was discussed. Clerk to attend the Buntingford Plan meeting and to draft a letter for 3/12/1657/FP.</p>	clerk
5.2 3/12/1731/FP Elm Cottage – no comment was made by the Parish Council.	
5.3 3/12/1261/FP 2 Daws End Cottage – Single Storey Side Extension – Granted	
5.4 3/12/1480/FP Decision Notice for Tennis Court at North End Farm – Refused	
<p>5.5 Thatched roof at Anstey House –Ongoing, is likely that tiled will be agreed. Clerk to check conservation area.</p>	clerk
5.6 S106 for The Blind Fiddler –S106 is not agreed, paperwork not complete.	
<p>5.7 S106 for Stagestruck – tarmac passing places on the hill up to the village proposed. An allocation for New Barns Lane was originally made but no damage has occurred – RESOLVED that the clerk shall write to Highways requesting passing places be improved with tarmac.</p>	clerk
6. Finance	
6.1 A report of the current bank balance and payments was received. All payments were approved. RESOLVED to make all payments listed, plus a payment to Anstey PCC £800 for grass cutting – cheque passed to Cllr Wylie.	
6.2 A backup of parish council files was passed to the Chairman.	
<p>6.3 <u>To receive and agree the 2013-14 Budget</u> The parish council is accruing £600-800 pa that may be needed for maintenance on the gate and possible repairs to play equipment. NHB will be transferred to the new bank account, capital account for capital expenditure for the village. Budget for next year; precept to remain the same amount. St Georges Church grass cutting is currently £800, £882 is the actual spend to date. Agreed to leave the budget at £800. RESOLVED to agree the budget, unanimous.</p>	
6.4 To agree the precept – RESOLVED to remain at £3,800, unanimous. Clerk to inform East Herts DC.	clerk
<p>7. Playing Field Gate Costs have been received for a 5 bar gate and kissing gate £181+£155. Could come out of the surplus for repairs and maintenance rather than capital. Cllrs see this as a big improvement, RESOLVED to arrange 5-bar gate and kissing gate to come out of the surplus budget. Crush risk needs to be checked.</p>	AM



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8. Village Hall Trustees – Festival Hall

It is understood from the documentation that councillors are sole trustees – trust deeds passed to chairman to investigate. Only concern is to ensure adequate insurance cover is in place. Insurance may be a simple add-on to protect the trustees from any claims. Indemnity cover on PC may cover it – clerk to check. Deeds to be scanned by chairman and copied to clerk's pc.

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9. Code of Conduct Update

The chairman attended the workshop and updated the council.
Pecuniary interests do not need uploading at this time as the website is shared.

10. Pecuniary Interests Form

One remaining, clerk to obtain at the next meeting.

clerk

11. Highways

Highways reorganisation is ongoing. Anstey's potholes are being maintained.

12. Website Update

Still requires information to put on the website. Last newsletter upload was problematic. More work to be done.

13. Jubilee Planting

5 oaks to be planted outstanding. No ash disease reported.

14. Correspondence Received/ Sent

A list of correspondence was circulated to the council.

It was noted that Snowden footpath is overgrown and the hedge is encroaching on the footpath forcing walkers up a drive, no action.

Waste Development Framework CD passed to AP.

15. AOB

Wendy was thanked for purchasing, planting and organisation bulbs
Resident request for hedge cutting, landowner name & address to be supplied
Essex cottage hedge still outstanding – clerk to re-report
Drain outside The Blind Fiddler to re-report
Concrete in ditch by school sign – re-report

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16. 2013 Meeting Dates

14th January, 4th March, AGM on 22nd April, 13th May, 8th July, 9th September and 4th November – approved councillors asked to submit any problem within 2 weeks.

Next meeting will be held at the village hall on Monday, 14th January 2013 at 7.30pm

20. Meeting closed at 8.53pm.



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Signed _____

Date _____