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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON  
MONDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM**

Present: Andrew Marchant  
Simon Bagnall  
Amanda Parker (arrived at 7.45pm)  
Jan Pledger  
Peter Sapsed

County Councillor: Jeff Jones

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

Members of the Public: None present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the May meeting.

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Oxley and from Cllr Parker for her lateness this evening.

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

**3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Following a unanimous vote that the minutes were correct, it was RESOLVED that the minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 were a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

**4. Adjournment for Police Update**

No report was received but crime statistics had been received today, the clerk to circulate.

**5. Adjournment for Public Comments**

Mike Young attended the meeting to give information about The Hundred Parishes Society. The Society aims to promote the area in the interests of social welfare with the objective to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors. Ansteys Village falls within the parishes and information on our village can be found on their website.

There is no expectation to expand the area that the society covers and Mike is trying to promote it to local parish councils.

Membership is £10 for individuals or parish councils.

**6. Planning Applications / Decision Notices**

**6.1** 3/17/0469/HH and 3/17/0470/LBC Little Thatch was refused by East Herts DC on 19/4/17.

**6.2** 3/17/0358/HH Well Cottage – entrance refused on 2/5/17.

**6.3** No other planning applications or decision notices had been received.

**6.4** The planning criteria was discussed. The Parish Council discuss each planning application it receives and considers the size of development, the use of materials and whether it will adversely affect the village. The Parish Council are not averse to modern design but wish to keep the rural feel of the village set within a conservation area. It will continue to review all applications equally and fairly.



**7. Finance**

- 7.1** It was RESOLVED to accept the Annual Return. The Chairman duly signed the Accounting Statement an Annual Governance Statement.  
Our new Internal Auditor, Paul Walton has agreed to internally audit our accounts next year.
- 7.2** The Finance Report was received and approved.
- 7.3** It was agreed to contribute to the Good Neighbour's Scheme to assist with their Liability Insurance (£190.42) due 4th June 2017 – clerk to investigate other Parish Council contributions.
- 7.4** May and June 2017 payments were agreed and the Chairman was permitted to sign cheques at the end of meeting.

In view of reorganisation of grants at East Herts DC, it was agreed to wait for news before moving forward the installation of a roundabout or make any improvements on the Playing Field.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would consider any application for grant funding from the Village Hall, or any other request in the parish. It should be noted that St. Georges Church may apply for parish council funds.

County Councillor Jeff Jones informed the Parish Council that he had a Locality Budget that provides funding for the local community. He will forward a leaflet to the clerk.

**8. Highways / Vegetation Issues**

No highway or vegetation issues.  
No rain had fallen to determine if the work at Snow End had been successful.

**9. Village Hall**

Repair considerations for flooring and ways to improve the heating at floor level was ongoing.

A successful annual Quiz was held last Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**10. Playing Field**

No issues.  
Due to East Herts Grants being on hold, it was agreed to wait for further information. County Councillor Jeff Jones did not expect any impact from changes to the application process.

**11. Correspondence Received and Sent** was noted for information.

**12. Any Other Business**

- 12.1** It was agreed to provide a new liter bin for the village – clerk to source.
- 12.2** Clerk to revisit village hall insurance to see if any saving could be made by combining the insurance.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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