



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019 AT 7.30 PM

Present: Andrew Marchant  
David Oxley  
Simon Bagnall  
David House  
Amanda Parker  
Jan Pledger

Members of the Public: None present  
County Councillor: Not present  
Apologies: CC Jeff Jones, Councillor Peter Boylan

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

**25.1 To Receive Any Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Parker joined the meeting at 25.7.3.

**25.2 To Receive any Personal or Prejudicial Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**  
Cllr Bagnall declared an interest on item 25.7.3 for Coltsfolt Barn.

**25.3 Adjournment for Public Questions/Comments** – none present.

**25.4 Adjournment for County Councillor** – Jeff Jones provided a report as he was unable to attend:  
He had hoped to provide an update on Anstey Quarry that he requested from HCC but unfortunately the relevant officer has not provided this yet.

Anstey Quarry – He was made aware that there may be a planning application coming forward from the landowner and has no further details on this but presumes it may be to do with the restoration of the site. Once there are firm details he will forward to the PC.

We have been aware that the Conservation Area report has been deferred for a review of their findings and hopefully amendments to the report.

He looks forward to hearing the PC's thoughts on the speeding issue, by Anstey School. If the consensus is that there is an issue, he could fund a speed check and if positive install SiD's as a solution.

**25.5 Adjournment for Police Update** – none present, no report received.

**25.6 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

It was unanimously agreed that the minutes were correct with the amendments listed below and it was RESOLVED that the minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 were a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

*'Draft Minutes will be submitted to the website within 2 weeks of a parish council meeting and approved minutes will be uploaded after signing at the next meeting'.*

**25.7 Planning Applications / Decision Notices**

**25.7.1** Well Cottage Appeal No. APP/J19195/C/17/3183701 Ref: 3/17/0358/HH and Cargreen Cottage's permitted development – letter sent to Highways on 6/2/18 and 8/3/19 – no response. Clerk to write to Kevin Steptoe requesting a response from a planning officer.

**25.7.2** Bandons Farm Ref. 3/19/0285/ARPN Change of Use from Agriculture Building to dwelling – no decision. Plans submitted included the barn onsite. The Parish Council wrote to Planning asking that the development should not exceed the footprint of the existing building and ensure that any development be in keeping with the original structure to preserve the rural setting.



**25.7.3** Coltsfoot Barn Ref. 3/19/0541/FUL New access track to existing dwelling.

Cllr Bagnall left the room while the planning application was discussed.

Councillors agreed they had no comment on this application.

**25.7.4** No other planning applications or decision notices as of 18.3.19.

## **25.8 Finance**

**25.8.1** The Parish Council received an update of finances and the summary of funds available to date.

**25.8.2** Payments for March/April were approved (cheques to be signed at the end of the meeting).

Clerk to pay in the donation for the defibrillator.

**25.8.3** The Bank Reconciliation of 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 was accepted as correct.

**25.8.4** Audit Task List – clerk to write to Paul Walton to request if will undertake our Internal Audit and request Village Hall Risk Assessments.

## **25.9 Elections 2019**

The candidate and nomination packs were distributed to existing councillors.

Notices will be put up in accordance with East Herts DC guidelines.

Nomination Papers must be hand delivered between 21<sup>st</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 (by 4pm.)

## **25.10 Conservation Area**

The Parish Council complained that the recommendation to change Anstey's Conservation Area had gone straight to an Executive Meeting without any further communication with the village. It was subsequently withdrawn due to Anstey's petition. There was an opportunity to present at the Executive Meeting which the Chairman did on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019. He gave a presentation on why the village were opposed to the planned changes to our conservation area and had subsequent conversations with Suzanne Rutland-Barsby. The Chairman made it clear that we were disappointed there was no consultation or partnership between our submission and the Conservation Plan presented to the Executive Meeting. This is now being re-evaluated.

## **25.11 Quarry Update**

The landlord is looking at whether it will be feasible to dig out the chalk for agricultural purposes and make good the quarry.

The current Minerals Consultation Draft looks to protect Anstey against any large recycling site being located at The Quarry.

## **25.12 Defibrillator**

Mark Dry assisted with the installation of the cabinet and provided electricity to power a small heater to the cabinet. Cllr Oxley is the guardian. It is linked to the Ambulance Service (clerk to check – Ref. 1580 Blind Fiddler, Anstey). A training session would be worthwhile, although it is very easy to use. Clerk to investigate training.

Cllr Oxley to consolidate a list of telephone numbers of those interested that can courier the defibrillator to others in the village in the event of an emergency.

## **25.13 Speeding**

Cllr Oxley and Marchant visited the school regarding speeding and broadband.

A message was put into the newsletter requesting people to slow down by the school.

Two convex mirrors were suggested, one to be sited on the bridge and a second on the bend by the church (on the island). Clerk to obtain prices for next meeting.

## **25.14 Highways**

Cllr Pledger dug out the ditch opposite Bandons Cottage but there is blue plastic sandpit dropped down there by the bridge. Cllr Parker will ask Mike Johnson to see if he will dig out the ditch.



## 25.14.1 Lincoln Hill closure

Clerk complained about the road being closed into Anstey on 20<sup>th</sup> February, no response received.

## 25.15 Phone Box Update

The phone box has been cleaned and photo's taken before and after by the engineer, reference: EA4GFF00 on the 14/01/19. The glass is still obscured. Clerk to ask for the box to be repainted and glass to be replaced as it's within a conservation area.

## 25.16 Village Hall

A regular usage timetable was submitted – the hall was being used by the school and 7 exercise classes, it is being used regularly each week. There are also ad-hoc bookings.

The Film Club is still being well attended at each show. 36 members have renewed. They will trial subtitles this year.

Exercise Classes – all 7 are running but we are losing money now the Forever Active East Herts Support England support has finished. Kate put in a grant application and was awarded £600 towards tutor fees. We have money saved to ensure classes continue for the next few years.

The next event is our main fundraiser for the year, the Annual Quiz Night on Saturday, 27 April, £10 per person with supper. Raffle donations welcomed.

The Village Hall have signed up for the East Herts Lottery.

Broadband is with the school to decide how to proceed.

The carpark was an issue raised at East Herts Village Hall Network Meeting. It is a very important resource for the Village Hall, Church and School. Cllr House to contact local a landowner to see if they can offer any assistance.

## 25.17 Playing Field / Grass Cutting

25.17.1 The clerk has contacted David Moule, Barry Moule, Paul Abrahams and Richard Webb and provided information on the grass cutting contract. No quotations have been received. Clerk to contact Steve Scott from Royston and Garden Care and Design.

A large hole has appeared in the hedge at the Playing Fields on the bend which needs plugging/fencing to be safe for small children. Chairman will investigate / repair.

## 25.18 Correspondence – received

25.19 **Chairman's Report / AOB** The Anstey Link was discussed – it's a google group and the Google group is: [ansteylink@googlegroups.com](mailto:ansteylink@googlegroups.com).

25.20 Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April – Annual Parish Meeting (AGM)  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (electors)  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> May – Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting concluded at 21:20.