



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 7.45 PM**

Present: Andrew Marchant
David Oxley
Simon Bagnall
Jan Pledger
Peter Sapsed

County Councillor: None present

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

Members of the Public: None present.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the September Anstey Parish Council meeting.

1. To Receive Any Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from CC Jeff Jones (at another meeting) and Councillor Parker (away).

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 17th July 2017

Following a change to the minutes, there was a unanimous vote that the minutes were correct, it was RESOLVED that the minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th July 2017 were a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

4. Adjournment for Police Update

No report received or police present at tonight's meeting.

5. Adjournment for Public Comments

None present.

6. Planning Applications / Decision Notices

6.1 3/17/1394/LBC – Anstey Hall conversion of existing large G/F window to French Doors – awaiting decision – councilors had no comments.

6.2 It was noted that we were informed of the planning application 3/17/1809/FUL - Land Adj To Natkriskee Hare Street SG9 0DX but it was only sent for information – this is within our parish.

6.3 No other planning applications or decisions were received.

7. Finance

7.1 The audit has been returned for changes to the fixed assets. Awaiting finalisation. There will be a £30 fee.

7.2 A report of the finances was presented and accepted.

7.3 Payments were approved for July and August and the chairman was permitted to sign cheques.

7.4 No grants available for a defibrillator currently – only grant open is East Herts Community Grant.

A resident may be interested in buying a village defibrillator to be sited in the village centrally – Cllr Pledger to investigate. The PC will support any grant applications made by individuals.

7.5 East Herts Grants programme is open to 2nd October – up to £8,000.

The Parish Council are still committed to applying for a grant for a new play item in the playing field. Clerk to check if prices are still current. Clerk to enquire if we can apply for a defibrillator in the same application and it would be detrimental to apply for two separate items.



Cllr Pledger to speak to the village resident to see if she would like to purchase a defibrillator. Clerk to send Cllr Pledger the defibrillator information. If was agreed that if successful in obtaining a grant, the money should go to the most centrally sited defibrillator.

7.6 Budget produced and circulated for the November meeting.

8. Playing Field

The benches have been maintained – a new piece of wood was replaced and they have been tightened.

New bird control dishes have been fitted on the swings – this is working well.

The school have requested use of the Folly Playing Field for their Fairy Festival on 24th September to allow parents to camp after the festival. This was approved. The school will be asked to ensure that their own insurance will cover the activity and that they tidy up any litter.

9. Village Hall

There are two more films planned for the Film Club – Fri 13th Oct and Fri 13th Nov. 9 films will have been shown over the year for £12. They will continue to have no film showings during July, August and December. The last film showing wasn't as busy but there was still a good turnout.

15 residents took advantage of the First Aid Course held at the hall on 16th September. This was funded by a £300 grant. Three councillors are now first aid trained. Any further course will be subject to funding. The Village Hall Committee feel more confident dealing with village events having done the training.

Church Events : Harvest Festival 1st October and Church Quiz Night on 7th October in the Hall.

Christmas Dance : Sat 25th Nov.

Forever Active continues to be successful with 5 classes running and two evening clubs are using the hall. Note: there are revised times. The class fees have been raised to £3 due the expectation that funding from East Herts will soon end. First class is still free.

East Herts Sustainability Officer, David Thoroughgood is visiting the hall on 21st September at 2pm to look at energy efficiency, hall heat loss and to give advice on how to get the hall warmer.

Village Hall signage will be considered at the next Committee Meeting as the current sign is small and obscured – they will look at options for a bigger sign on the verge opposite. Permission will need to be sought from Cockenatch/ Council.

The Village Hall drive is still of concern – resurfacing will also be discussed following complaints of visitors parking in the lower car park and having to use the drive to walk up the approach to the hall. If remedial works are carried out, permission may need to be obtained from East Herts Council. The Willow Tree needs cutting.

10. Car Parked outside St George's Church

A Toyota Yaris car has been parked outside the church for nearly 3 months registration: BJZ 9188. This has been reported to Sgt Wallace and PC Miller at Buntingford Station and via 101, reference 702 05.08.17. Clerk to enquire if it has insurance – it's on a public road and request a Police Aware Sticker.



11. Highways

No issues reported.
Roding House's hedge has cut back.

A parishioner complaint was received regarding the dip in the bend at Roding House – no action can be taken.

Complaints have been received from walkers using the footpaths where dog owners have not picked up after their dog. Clerk to print a flyer to be inserted in the next newsletter. Clerk to request larger signs from East Herts Environmental – possibly metal ones to state that walkers will be prosecuted.

12. Silkmead

Storage of cars at Silkmead was discussed – a large number were being stored (circa 200). This is to be monitored by the PC due to storing of vehicles is misuse of agricultural land.

13. Correspondence Received and Sent

Was noted for information. Additional correspondence was noted from Alison Cosser thanking councilors for the Church wall restoration donation.

14. Any Other Business

14.1 Footpath to the west of the church across the fields need reinstating – contact Cockenhatch.

14.2 Bin – Chairman asked for assistance to get the new bin sited in the village.

14.3 Wreath – to be ordered by the clerk, check when the Remembrance Day service is.

15. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 20th November 2017 at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.45pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed _____

Date: _____