



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 21ST JANUARY 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

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

Members of the Public: None present
County Councillor: None present
Apologies: Amanda Parker
Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

The Chairman offered his thanks to Cllr House for standing as councillor, it was hugely appreciated. Clerk to forward The Code of conduct and Councillors Guide to Cllr House. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first Parish Council meeting of the year.

24.1 To Receive Any Apologies for Absence – Cllr Parker forwarded her apologies. Cllr Bagnall joined the meeting at point 24.3.

24.2 To Receive any Personal or Prejudicial Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda
This was discussed, none received.

24.3 To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th November 2018
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 21st January 2019 were a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

Amendment = move the Neighbourhood Plan note under 23.15 to 23.17.1 as this is associated to that point.

Draft minutes to be published after circulation to councillors and shown as a draft within two weeks of a parish council meeting. It was also agreed that when the minutes are approved, they will be put on the website within a week.

24.4 Adjournment for County Councillor – none present.

24.5 Adjournment for Police Update – none present.

24.6 Adjournment for Public Questions/Comments – none present.

24.7 Planning Applications / Decision Notices

24.7.1 Meadow View / Cargreen Cottage permitted development was discussed.

24.7.2 Appeal 3/17/0358/HH – Appeal Ref. APP/J1915/C/17583183701 - Well Cottage's similar works to point 24.7.1 were refused in April 2017 and has since gone to appeal.

24.7.3 Decision Notice 3/18/1885/FUL demolition of 3 units and erection of 1x5-bed at Silkmead.

24.7.4 No other planning applications or decision notices as of 21.1.19.

24.8 Finance

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

24.8.2 Payments for January/February were approved (cheques to be signed at the end of the meeting).

24.8.3 The Bank Reconciliation of 21st January 2019 was accepted as correct.

24.8.4 To note that there are no actions on the Audit Task List.



24.9 To Receive an Update on Anstey Conservation Review

John Bosworth has visited three times since the Conservation Open Meeting and was very complimentary of how the village responded to the review. It has been a complicated task but the comments raised by the village were sensible. There was no current update as to whether our suggestions would be carried forward and another future Open Meeting may be held.

24.10 To Discuss Anstey Quarry

News of a license being obtained by the landlord to work and extract chalk was discussed. The Parish Council will keep in contact with both the Landlord and the County Council on this matter.

The 22nd January 2019 report in the Hertfordshire Mercury was noted – Winters Haulage, now in liquidation, were fined a total of £510,000 for admitting to illegally storing baled waste.

24.11 Defibrillator Update

The village defibrillator kindly donated by a resident will be installed outside the Blind Fiddler Public House next week by our local electrician free of charge.

Cllr Oxley will be the guardian.

A donation for the defibrillator will be made to Anstey Parish Council.

Clerk to send Cllr Pledger the invoice.

24.12 Fire Hydrant Inspection

Four village fire hydrants were repaired in December after the Parish Council put pressure on the Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Services to organise inspection and repair.

24.13 Fly Tipping / Highways / Vegetation

No fly tipping or vegetation problems were reported.

Quarry road has been repaired, no other highway issues raised.

24.14 Repainting of Phone Box

BT has been contacted and photos of the disrepair reported, an engineer will be out as soon as possible to clean it. Fault reference number is EA4GFF00. The Commercial Field Officer is considering our request for cleaning / replacement of glass.

24.15 Village Hall Update

Broadband – Cllr Oxley had an excellent deal from PlusNet which could not be organised by Direct Debit. The school is now interested in providing Wi-Fi to the Village Hall for school use via a booster which will cost £300-400 as a one-off payment with a separate password. Clerk to request if the transparency grant can be used. The Parish Council to consider the best options – Cllr Oxley / clerk to investigate.

The Village Hall held a Xmas Christmas Dance in December and there was a PTA event.

There was no film showing in December. 2019 is the third year of the cinema club, renewals due January. Membership £12 p.a. First showing of the year was held on Friday 11th January with 30-40 attendees. Fri 27th Feb and 24th March are the next two film showing dates.

Forever Active held a Legacy Event – it was agreed that it was a great success.

The Sports Classes continue.

The school are using the Village Hall at lunchtimes.

24.16 Playing Field Update

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24.16.1 The bench has been reinstated at the Playing Field after Stagestruck undertook repairs to it. Clerk to write to Stagestruck to thank them for undertaking the works.

24.16.2 No general repairs required.

24.16.3 Barker Farms, Nuthampstead have been cutting the Playing Field hedge and will continue to on an annual basis. Clerk to progress 3 quotations for Playing Field Grass Cutting from the Spring.

24.17 Correspondence Send / Received – noted and received.

24.18 AOB – none to discuss

24.19 To note the next meeting will be held on Monday, 18th March 2019 at 7.30pm and that the July Meeting date will change to 22nd July – clerk to circulate new dates on the website and Noticeboards.

Meeting concluded at 8.25pm.

Signed _____

Date: _____