



Anstey Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM

Present: Jan Pledger (JP)
Andrew Marchant (AM)
Stephen Wylie (SW)

Others Present:

Officers present: Caroline Jones (clerk)

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm.

ACTION

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr Hall, Cllr Parker, District Councillor Cheswright and a late arrival/apology from Cllr Bagnall.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes had been previously circulated and were reviewed. **Resolved** – that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 2nd July 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

4. Police /Public

The chairman read out a report from PCSO Higham who could not attend the meeting. It has been relatively quiet in the Anstey area since the last parish council meeting although the police are now gearing up for the harecoursing season. The police are using a new Quad bike to deter any activity, usually used at weekends. All residents are urged to be vigilant and report any sightings of people in fields by calling 999 if people are still on site, or 101 if they have left. If possible, descriptions of the people and an index of any vehicles seen would be helpful.

5. Planning

5.1 Dawes End Cottage All councillors agreed that the council had no objections to the plans. The chairman had spoken to the neighbours who had no concerns. **Resolved** - clerk to forward that there were no objections.

clerk

5.2 Solar Panels – two properties were queried to have solar panels with no consent. This was verified with the Planning Officer and no consent is required.

5.3 Thatched Roof at Anstey House – 10 years ago an application was ongoing and a new planning application was put in during March but was withdrawn. No records are available online; more investigation may be required. In the 10 year rule, if there is a breach of a planning decision, automatic change of use may come into place. Clerk to investigate.

clerk

5.4 S106 The Blind Fiddler – no update / document is available from East Herts DC, clerk to keep in touch with the planning department

clerk

6. Finance

6.1 A report of the current balance and payments were received. All payments were approved. Cheques were deferred for signing to the end of the meeting. The councillors noted a payment for the New Homes Bonus of £1,887 which will be paid annually for 3 years. **Resolved** – that a separate bank account should be opened for the monies to be put aside for a specific improvements fund.

clerk



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6.2 A backup of parish council files was passed to the Chairman.	
6.3 Budget There were no additions to the budget. Clerk to do a roll-over budget for the November meeting, precept will be the same for 2013.	clerk
6.4 A request from The Good Neighbours Scheme had been received; the chairman stated that Anstey Fair had been asked to donate to this fund to which they were pleased to arrange. The chairman thanked the Fair Committee for this donation.	
7. Playground Inspection This has been received and there were no urgent actions, all issues were low graded. The chairman suggested that a new gate could now be considered and possibly an improvement to the kissing gate. This can be decided by a full parish council committee. Clerk to forward the report to all councillors for review and comments at the next meeting.	clerk
8. Pecuniary Interests Form One remaining, clerk to mail the paperwork	clerk
9. S106 Agreement Lincoln Hill to B1368 A 106 agreement is outstanding for improvements on the passing places and possible widening all the way down to the main road. It was agreed that the corners before the bridge needed attention and also that the hardstanding needed to be tarmac. The chairman to discuss this further report back.	AM
10. Website Update A request for web links or files from the church, school and the village hall will be organised plus an upload of the newsletter. Businesses that want to be on the website can now be added. Clerk to send contacts for East Herts/Highways to SW.	clerk
11. Jubilee Planting Has been organised, the grass will be cut and 5 oaks will be planted by the footpath near Anstey House where the elm trees have died	AM
12. Correspondence Received/ Sent A list of correspondence was circulated to the council.	
13. Bulbs Cheque has been paid to Wendy for bulb planting. It will be put in the newsletter with a request to come along and help plant them.	
14. Seat outside the triangle To be noted that this seat is padlocked to the floor, Cllr Pledger has the key.	
15. Caravan and Tent It was noted that a tent and caravan had been sited opposite Anstey Hall during the summer. The chairman confirmed this was for summer use only.	
16. Potholes 19 holes in the parish, the chairman explained that the more people report them, the more likely they get repaired. Clerk to report and share the web link again.	clerk
17. Drain The drain that runs past Castle Cottages needs attention. It is full of silt and runs out of the driveway to the main road. The drain immediately on the right in front of the telegraph pole is full. It has been piped under the driveway to the ditch to the front of The Fiddler, then goes under the road uphill to a manhole cover under the hedge opposite. The cellar at The Blind Fiddler could flood. Clerk to report.	clerk



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18. Overhanging Hedge

At Essex Cottage – clerk to re-report.

19. Neighbourhood Watch

Alison North has checked the OWL messages, these should be working.

20. Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Action

Clerk

Signed _____

Date _____