



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
MONDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.30 PM**

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

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1. To Receive Any Apologies for Absence

PCSO Amanda Higham.

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

3. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th July 2015

Following no requests for changes and a unanimous vote that the minutes were correct, it was RESOLVED that the minutes for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July were both a true record and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

4. Adjournment for PCSO Update

PCSO Amanda Higham arranged a report. There were no parish crime during August. Door to door salesmen were reported at Coltsfoot on 14th August. Herts Police had received a number of calls about men aggressively trying to sell to people in surrounding areas. Offices were deployed and a man spoken to. If Anstey Residents are concerned about tradespeople operating in the area they should call 101. There have been an increase in shed break-ins at Great Hornead the Buntingford team have increased police patrols to 3am.

Amanda Higham visited the Anstey play scheme on 18th August and a great time was had by all with the 4x4 visiting.

There has been some Hare coursing behind Coltsfoot.

5. Adjournment for Public Comments

None present.

6. To discuss any Planning Applications and Decisions Notices Received

No new planning applications or decision notices have been received.

Willow Cottage has put in for Change of Paddock to residential garden – Ref. 3/15/1554/FUL he Parish Council had no comments on the plans.

There was no Buntingford new homes update.

7. Finance

- 7.1** A report detailing the summary of funds was presented and the Chairman informed council an error on the capital account; £3,682.57 was the correct amount and councilors should ignore the final 4 rows. The report was accepted.



7.2 To Approve the Payments for September and October

It was RESOLVED to approve the payments for September and October, cheque signing was deferred to the end of the meeting. The Wybone invoice was for waste bin on the skateboard ramp. Cllr Sapsed informed Councillors that the PCC have asked if for the £400 grass cutting. It was agreed to pay both Wybone and the PCC.

7.3 Document Backup A back up of the correspondence was passed to the Chairman

8. Update on the External Audit

8.1 To receive, accept and approve the Annual Return with an issue raised 'Approval of Risk Assessment. The report was read out and the Annual Return accepted and approved.

8.2 To Review an amended Risk Assessment

The clerk has produced a new Risk Assessment and this was circulated. Additional items were the Village Hall Risk Assessment and Skateboard Ramp Inspection had been included.

9. Highways

Mike Johnson has agreed to cut the overgrown hedge.

The Hamiltons have cut their hedge back.

Northey Lodge hedge has been cut by John O'Conner. Cllr Pledger called East Herts to request the hedge is cut.

Cllr Sapsed agreed to cut the hedge on the bend at the playing field by the bridge. Contractors that cut the school hedge no longer cut it. Councillors thanked him in advance of undertaking the work. Cllr Oxley asked if a mirror would help on that corner as he felt it was a potential hazard. It was agreed to review the need after the hedge has been cut.

10. Playing Field & Skateboard

10.1 Everything is complete; tables and benches, gates on, climbing train nets are replaced. The grass is growing well. The Parish Council agreed 10th October for an Open Day with soft drinks, wine and snacks. Clerk will arrange. Invite to be designed and sent via Ian Jennings e-mails and to Urban Ramps and East Herts DC.

A gel had been found to deter birds roosting on the swings top bar called Birdfree that was £35 for 5/7 packs.

Football Goal new net was discussed and it was agreed to leave this for now. Councillors were concerned about wildlife getting caught in the netting.

10.2 Opening 10th Oct.

10.3 Everything has passed the Playground Inspection except the new chains on the swings don't conform to BS 1176. There are a few small repairs to be done but no high risks. Clerk to forward report to all Councillors.

10.4 Emma Bush contacted the Parish Council regarding a fitness class at the Playing Field. As far as Councillors were concerned there was no problem envisaged for her to use the field.

11. Village Hall Clock

Parts will be ordered and the clock repaired. Clerk to forward payment.

12. To accept Correspondence Sent and Received

The list of correspondence was accepted. It was noted that the request by walkers to skirt the field on Footpath 007 hasn't received any response from Cokenach. Clerk to chase.

13. Any Other Business

13.1 BirdFree covered under item 10.1



- 13.2 Community Asset Register** The clerk reported details of the Community Asset Register which allowed 6 months for the community to raise funds to purchase an asset that went up for sale in its local area. The Blind Fiddler was considered for the register as it was a huge community asset although the Parish Council weren't certain if the community could raise funds to buy it if it did come on the market. The Parish Council have supported the change of use of the Pub and the sale of the land from the B&B and raise the financial funding it required. It was currently against planning policy to allow change of use of the Pub and therefore safeguarded, especially as there was only one pub in Anstey. The Phone Box was also considered. Clerk to determine if there is any deadline to add Assets on the Register.
- 13.3 Poppy Wreath**
It was agreed that the Parish Council will arrange the wreath this year.
- 13.4 Minerals Consultation**
The consultation was discussed, they are likely to extend the quarry extraction. The Parish Council agreed that they must push for making up and filling of the quarried land.
- 13.5 BTC Local Plan**
The plan had suggestions for car parking places, highway improvements, school and surgery suggestions. It was a very sensible plan. There is a suggested site at Sainsburys for a new first school.
- 13.6 Police Locality Meeting** no items were put forward.
- 13.7 Dog Fouling** Problematic on footpath 005 behind Castle Cottages. It was agreed that something should go in the newsletter and e-mails via Ian Jennings. Clerk to request notices from East Herts.

14. Date of Next Meeting: 9th November at 7.30 at the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

Signed _____

Date: _____