



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th February 2021 at 7.00pm. Held via a Zoom conference call.

Councillors: Cllr. C. Edwards, Cllr. B. Williams & Cllr. N. Begg
Parish Clerk: A.Roberts
District Councillors: none
County Councillor: Mike Lewis
Parishioners: none

- 093/2020 Apologies** Cllr.G.Clothier & Cllr. P. Pinnions due to COVID 9 restrictions.
DC Henry Hobhouse & DC Kevin Messenger.
PCSO T. Russell
- 094/2020 Declarations of Interest.** None
- 095/2020 Minutes of Previous Meeting.**
These had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was proposed by Cllr.CE that the minutes be signed as an accurate record, if all in agreement. (3.0.0)
- 096/2020 District & County Councillors and Police Report –**
CC Mike Lewis. The Covid 19 'R' rate is decreasing and is currently between 0.7 & 0.9. He stressed the need to keep social distancing and continue to wear masks. Ash 'dieback' trees in Somerset. Extra funding has been made available.
DC Henry Hobhouse. He had sent a written report that 150 staff from SSDC are manning the vaccination center's throughout South Somerset. This may well delay responses to routine queries but planning applications and decisions within the area will stay unchanged.
DC Kevin Messenger – as above.
Police – Crime statistics for the Ansford area had been circulated. Current priorities remain, regular patrols of the area by the NH Team. Main crime trends in the area suggest opportunist thefts from unsecured doors at homes, garages and sheds.
- 097/2020 Planning**
21/00061/OUT Woodforde Meadow – Outline application for residential development for 37 dwellings with some matters reserved except for access and layout. Details of this application had been circulated prior to the meeting and were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. CE and agreed (5.0.0) that Ansford Parish Council recommend refusal, due to an almost 50% increase in the number of (smaller) home types, and the withdrawal of all of the open market homes.
20/03538/HOU. Blackworthy Farm. Erection of a steel portal framed building/garage to the rear of the dwelling. This application had been circulated prior to the meeting, and was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. CE that as the unit would mostly be screened from Blackworthy Road by the farmhouse and several large scale outbuildings, and as such, the Council has no objection to the application (3.0.0). *Please note that Ansford Parish Council have since been advised that the application has been withdrawn.*
- 098/2020 Matters arising from the Minutes.**
Blocked drain(s) in Clanville. APC have been advised by Highways that further investigative works will take place in late February / March to resolve localized flooding due to blocked drains. No dates yet confirmed by Highways.

Traffic on A371/B3153. Once the contractors have reached contractual compliance for the installation of the SID (expected in February), and our subsequent application to SCC has been approved, work can then proceed to set up and test the equipment, starting on the A371, as this route is where the majority of speeding vehicles takes place. Other locations will be targeted, on a rolling schedule.

Climate Emergency Fund Application. Due to Covid 19 delays, applications have all been postponed. Further information has been requested by SCC, for parishes to submit many more details by the 19th February 2021, and this is now being prepared, with the help of Caryford Hall Management Committee.

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Correspondence

Small Improvement Scheme: Re: A371 Concerns have been raised about the placement of the new Gateway sign welcoming drivers to Ansford & Castle Cary, that had recently been erected by Highways contractors near the railway station. As this sign has been erected in Ditcheat Parish, we have asked Highways to have it placed within Ansford Parish. Clerk to contact Highways again, for further attention.

AGENDA

Caryford Hall: The Management Committee have put forward plans to upgrade the internal lighting, sound system and associated catenary equipment, in order to provide important enhancements for the benefit of the general public and User Groups when the hall is being used for leisure, business and sporting events etc. After discussion, it was agreed by the councillors that Ansford Council should fully support the requirement for these essential modifications whilst the hall is currently under-used, and to provide the necessary funding. All agreed (5.0.0)
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Restart of public Parish Council Meetings - May 2021 Notification has been received from SALC suggesting that parish council meetings will need to be held in public again, starting in May. No official information has yet been received from Central Government, but the Clerk will contact Caryford Hall to check availability and to make a provisional booking.

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Accounts

a) Monthly Financial Report. This had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was proposed by Cllr CE that these be signed all agreed (5.0.0)

b) Invoices for Payment

Clerk Salary February	£499.20
Clerk HMRC Tax	£124.80
Zoom monthly charges	£14.39
Milborne Port Computers – annual domain charge	£72.00
Sub Total	£710.39

Replacement audit cheque – PKF.

It was proposed by Cllr.CE that these be signed. All agreed (5.0.0)

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Any other business.

Cllr. CE queried why local Parish Councillors were not being invited to Area East Planning meetings to participate in discussions regarding applications in the area. CC ML suggested that a letter be sent senior SSDC managers asking whether new Central Government regulations have been made due to COVID 19, where planning decisions could be made without representation via virtual Zoom meetings, from Parish & Town Councils.

Cllr. CE also queried the new limit of 2000 characters that SSDC Planning officers have suddenly imposed when Councils respond to planning applications,

by posting submissions onto the SSDC planning website. This new instruction is highly inconvenient and creates an unnecessary hindrance for all councils. Cllr NB stated that the entry/exit gate off Wyke Road is still illegally locked, regarding Right of Way WN22/11, in Pitcombe Parish.

Cllr CE thanked CC Mike Lewis for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Next Meeting: 10th March 2021 – To be held via Zoom conference call.

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