



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th May 2021 at 7.00pm, at Caryford Hall.

Councillors: Cllrs C.Edwards, B. Williams, D.Pinnions, G.Clothier & N.Begg
Parish Clerk: A.Roberts
County Councillor: DC H.Hobhouse
Parishioners: One

013/2021 Apologies. CC M.Lewis & DC K.Messenger

014/2021 Declarations of Interest None

015/2021 Minutes of Previous Meeting.(circulated prior to the meeting)
Proposal that the minutes be signed as an accurate record of proceedings.
Resolved (5.0.0)

016/2021 County & District Councilors and Police Report
CC Mike Lewis. Emails had been circulated to all councillors during the month.
DC Henry Hobhouse reported that there are two main Covid vaccination centres in our area, these being the Bath & West Showground & the Haynes Motor Museum.
There is to be a public vote for residents in Somerset, regarding the proposed changes to local Government, to replace the five existing Councils. There are two options; one unitary authority (One Somerset) or two [East & West Somerset] unitary authorities (Stronger Somerset), with an advisory poll on options for change taking place. Votes can be sent by post or online and must be received by 4th June 2021.

Future Planning Applications. There are to be stricter regulations regarding phosphates entering the water table. After consultation with the Environment Agency, National England & Wessex Water, all new planning applications must include a comprehensive on-site filtration system to prevent phosphates from contaminating land and water courses etc.

Police – The district Crime Report had been circulated during the month.

017/2021 Planning

Planning Appeal ref no. APP/R3325/W/20/3259668 – Wyke Farms 200 New homes. Notification has been received that a Hearing will take place on the 13th July 2021. No venue has been decided and the date may change due to COVID restrictions. Clerk to contact Bridie Campbell-Birch at the Inspectorate in Bristol, to confirm that a councillor from APC will attend the meeting (either in person or via zoom conference call), and to request further information regarding the venue and details of items on the agenda.

018/2021 Matters arising from the Minutes

Cary in Bloom. CCTC have ordered a large quantity of hanging baskets and troughs from SSDC and these are expected to be delivered towards the end of the month. Volunteers will deliver them to the designated sites, and they will be periodically watered by SLC.

Following CCTC's request for Ansford to take part in the event, it was proposed that APC make a contribution towards the troughs that will be displayed at the Railway Station. It was also agreed for APC to carry out some basic repairs to the "planter" at the junction of Ansford Hill/Station Road, with the help of Mr. A. Wadman (5.0.0)

APC Annual General Meeting. This has been arranged for Wednesday 9th June starting at 6.30pm at Caryford Hall. This will then be followed by the Monthly Parish Meeting starting at 7pm.

Joint APC/CCTC meeting. This will be held at the Cadet Hall in Castle Cary on Tuesday 8th June starting at 7pm. Minutes from the last meeting will be circulated prior to the meeting. Agenda to be agreed.

Items for the Newsletter

The draft newsletter will be circulated to councillors and the final copy to be sent by Friday 14th May 2021.

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Correspondence

DC HH was asked to provide further details about the playing field and plot of land near Maggs Lane, and he asked APC to put forward a proposal as to what plans would be acceptable to our Council, with reference to the provision of changing rooms/clubhouse and improvements to the playing pitch and also for low key development of the vacant green plot, that is currently administered by SSDC’s property department, and which they now wish to release from their control. AGENDA

Eucalyptus Tree overhanging the road at Parsons Gate

Proposal that this heavily leaning tree be felled as per the recent survey and quote received from the tree surgeon Andrea Maistrello plus removing two overshadowed shrubs beside it. Resolved (5.0.0)

Gigaclear. A request has been received to lay fibre-optic cables underground, on one side of Ashlea Green. It was proposed that we request more information before reaching a decision. Resolved (5.0.0)

Nominated Broadband Supplier for South Somerset Clerk to contact CC ML for more information. **Agenda**

Cllr CE thanked HH for attending the meeting.

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Accounts

a) **Monthly Financial Report** this had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. Proposal that they be signed. Resolved (5.0.0)

b) **Invoices for Payment**

SALC – AGAR training Clerk	£30
Red Dragon Flag Makers- Somerset Day	£40.00
A.Roberts – Salary May 2021	£499.20
HMRC – Clerk Tax May 2021	£124.80

Proposal that the cheques be signed. Resolved (5.0.0)

c) APC Insurance 2021/2022. Two quotes had been obtained and after discussion it was proposed that we accept the more competitive quote from Zurich Municipal (the current provider) for the renewal of our insurance cover. £392.22
Resolved (5.0.0)

Total: £1086.22

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Any other business.

Proposal that A.Wadman be asked to assist Cllr CE to repair the damaged gate at Coombe Bottom and to assist with the replacement of the broken glass panel at the bus shelter at Churchfield Drive. Resolved (5.0.0)

It was noted that a long standing GWR member of staff at Castle Cary Railway Station has recently died, and that a letter of condolence be sent, in conjunction with CCTC. Clerk to contact CCTC.

Caryford Hall have formerly asked if part of APC’s Grant could be used for acquiring additional lighting units for the main hall, so that works could commence shortly, due to an increase in user group bookings. This will allow for the provision of an important upgrade to the hall, that will enhance the facilities for future public events. It was proposed and agreed for the work to proceed at the Trustee’s discretion. Resolved (5.0.0)

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Next Meeting: 9th June 2021 – Caryford Hall 7pm

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