



**Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 28th April 2021 at 7.00pm., via a Zoom conference call**

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

- 001/2021 Apologies**
Due to covid restrictions Cllr. D.Pinnions & Cllr. G.Clothier
DC Henry Hobhouse
- 002/2021 Declarations of Interest - None**
- 003/2021** Minutes of Previous Meeting. These had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that Cllr. CE should sign the Minutes as a correct record. All agreed (3.0.0)
- 004/2021 District & County Councilors and Police Report –**
CC Mike Lewis. Reported that SSDC staff are still playing a significant role in the vaccination program. The Annual Somerset CC meeting is to be held next week. More information will be provided at the next Meeting. Cllr.CE requested that CC ML try to obtain more information regarding the recent Somerset Climate Emergency Fund, and to seek clarification as to the criteria used in the selection process, where similar bids from several parish councils (for solar electricity schemes) were either accepted or rejected, but without stipulating why the winning bids were chosen.
DC Kevin Messenger. Reported that the new venue for COVID vaccinations would be at the Haynes Motor Museum, effective from the 1st May 2021. This will provide more space for staff & patients awaiting their vaccinations. The SSDC Free Tree campaign had been successful and to date, over 775 trees are to be planted in Somerset.
Recycling is to change to the Blue Bag Scheme effective from the 20th June 2021. Wheelie bins will be collected at three weekly intervals.
There are plans to move the Post Office to the Market Garden premises in Castle Cary. No date has been confirmed.
- 005/2021 Police –** The crime report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting.
Planning
Wyke Farm Planning Appeal Hearing AAP-R3325-W20-325-3259668. Original application 19/01840/OUT. It has been requested that the Hearing be held locally so that interested parties can attend and be given the opportunity to make final representations.
Land Opposite Ansford Lodge. No formal information has been received, to back-up the vague outlines mentioned at our March Council Meeting. DC KM was asked to try and obtain details from the Properties Manager at SSDC, regarding the two parcels of land under their sole jurisdiction. **AGENDA**
- 006/2021 Matters arising from the Minutes.**
Grass Cutting Contract. The contract for grass cutting in Ansford Parish for 2021-2022 was discussed, and it was proposed by Cllr CE that APC continue to use the

services of the current contractor (A. Wadman) for a further 12 months. All agreed (3.0.0)

Tree Maintenance. An initial inspection has been carried out, with no major issues requiring urgent attention. A more detailed survey is to be arranged once the trees have come into leaf, and a full report will then be provided. AGENDA

Damage to Gate at Maggs Lane. Cllr CE reported that some minor replacement parts are needed to try and repair the gate. All agreed (3.0.0)

Ultrafast Internet Providers. Two providers have contacted APC with a view to giving a presentation to the Council. [Wessex Internet and Gigaclear.] Cllr CE to follow up.

CC.ML to confirm approved Internet suppliers, given in a recent 'Connecting Devon & Somerset' contract, issued by SCC.

Caryford Hall report. With the partial lifting of the COVID restrictions, bookings are now being taken for events in the coming months.

Cary in Bloom. It was reported by Cllr.CE that CCTC have (independently) arranged for 20 flower troughs to be made available at the railway station. It was confirmed that APC will arrange for repairs/replacement of the damaged planter at the Station Road Junction. The two planters at Jubilee Gardens will also be replaced. All agreed (3.0.0)

Somerset Day Flags. It was proposed by Cllr. CE that two flags be purchased, for the annual event in May. All agreed (3.0.0)

Joint APC / CCTC Meeting. Tuesday 8th June 2020 has been suggested subject to a venue being available. Clerk to check with Caryford Hall. Councillors to confirm their availability, and the Clerk will liaise with the CCTC Clerk.

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Correspondence

SALC have requested that Parish and Town Councils complete a survey regarding their preference for public face-to-face meetings or the continuation of Zoom conferencing meetings. It was proposed that Cllr CE draft a response and circulate to councillors, for their consideration.

Clanville Cottage. An email had been forwarded from CCTC regarding excess road grit and faded road markings outside an owner's terraced property. This was discussed and it was proposed that the occupant be advised about the relevant contact information, when they contact Highways.

CC ML, DC KM left the meeting at 7.40pm. Cllr. CE thanked them for their attendance

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Accounts

a) **Monthly Financial Report.** These had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr. CE proposed that these be signed. All agreed (3.0.0)

b) **Invoices for Payment:**

Clerk Salary & Tax April 2021.

Zoom Monthly Charges

SSDC- Contribution towards the Car Parks in Castle Cary 2021/2021

A.Wadman. Grass Cutting charges March 2021.

Website Support 2021-2022

Cllr CE proposed that the above cheques be signed. All agreed (3.0.0)

c) **Request for a grant to Girlguiding Somerset, ref Tanzanian Trip in 2022**

This was discussed and proposed by Cllr CE that a grant of £100 be made for this community project. All agreed (3.0.0)

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Any other business.

Weavers Field Development - Almsford Close. Contractors have now arrived, for completion of the long outstanding surfacing of the internal roadways and footways.

Lovells Farm Development. APC councillors had contacted senior Backhouse Housing directors, with requests for urgent action concerning drainage issues.

Wessex Water have installed new mains sewer pipes, doubling the existing capacity.

No further communications have been received from the resident's user group.

Yarlington Homes - Woodforde Meadows. Halsall Builders were still on site, prior to final completion. Properties not yet occupied, at the moment.

Stonewater – Mulberry Meadows. The application for 100% affordable homes had been withdrawn by the developer. Some properties have been occupied.

SID Cllr CE to contact contractors for an update on progress re training certification.

AGAR 2020/2021. Clerk requested authority to contact Lighthouse payroll to carry out Internal Audit on Accounts. This was proposed by Cllr. CE, all agreed (3.0.0)

Meeting closed at

Next Meeting: 12th May 2021 – To be held at Caryford Hall. 7pm.

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