



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7.00pm, at Caryford Community Hall

Councillors: Cllr.C.Edwards, Cllr.B.Williams, Cllr D.Pinnions, Cllr G.Clothier & Cllr.R.Leary

Parish Clerk: A,Roberts
District Councillor: K.Messenger
County Councillor: Mike Lewis
Parishioners: none

- 065/2021 Apologies**
Cllr.N.Begg & DC H.Hobhouse
- 066/2021 Declarations of Interest**
To be declared prior to any discussion of items listed on the agenda.
- 067/2021 Minutes of Previous Meeting.**
These had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed that these minutes be resolved (5.0.0)
- 068/2021 County & District Councillors and Police Reports – CC Mike Lewis Somerset Unitary Authority**
No decision on the final format of Somerset Unitary Authority has been made. Discussions are ongoing with a final submission date of the 17th September 2021. The Secretary of State is expected to make an announcement in December 2021.
Waste Collections/Recycling. New drivers are being recruited and once training has been completed the recent staff shortages are expected to be resolved. Green waste collections should restart week commencing 13th September 2021
DC Kevin Messenger
CATS have been given a grant from SSDC of £1,000 through the recent SSDC incentive to promote local community activities, post COVID.
Woodforde Meadow - Play Park. Following concerns from residents regarding a partially unfenced culvert adjacent to the playpark, KM reported that some temporary “safety netting” had been erected. The play area is closed for the time being.
- 069/2021 Police –** Local crime report has been received and circulated prior to the meeting.
Planning
Appeal 19/01840/OUT AA/R3325/W/20/3259668 Local, Land North of Ansford Hill, Ansford
Discussions have been ongoing with APC & CCTC, to engage the services of a specialist consultant to focus on the core strategy that the two Councils wish to pursue at the Public Inquiry. Zoom meetings have already taken place regarding specific details that are to be included in our joint opposition to the appeal.
A proposal to authorize the fee structure and for APC to contribute 50% of the costs for opposing the appeal. Resolved (5.0.0)
Representatives from APC & CCTC will attend the Public Inquiry.
Caryford Hall Committee Members are actively making arrangements for the Hall to be used exclusively for a total of five days in November, as it is the only venue

in the local area capable of hosting such a public event. APC appreciates the Hall Committee's initiative in rescheduling their existing bookings accordingly.

21/02519/PMB(20/03244/FUL) Barn rear of Wychwood Cottage, Ansford Hill

This new application by the applicant has reverted to the original design (previously submitted in 2018), for a single-storey dwelling with exactly the same proportions as the existing barn, that had already received pre-planning approval by SSDC (with conditions).

This application was discussed, and it was proposed that APC will not oppose the application and to leave the final decision to the Planning Officer. Resolved (5.0.0)

21/02446/FUL The Factory Station Wharf, Ansford This application was discussed, and it was proposed that APC recommend approval of the planning amendments. Resolved (5.0.0)

OUT

Planning Appeal 18/01602/FUL/LBC APP/R3325/W/20/3247647 Former BMI site, Cumnock Road, Castle Cary

This appeal was discussed, and it was proposed that APC once again oppose this appeal, on the same grounds as detailed in the previous application documentation. Resolved (5.0.0)

070/2021 Matters arising from the Minutes

Informal proposal by SSDC deployment of land in Ansford

An onsite meeting has taken place with the SSDC Property & Development Manager on the 1st September with Cllrs.CE,NB,BW & RL. A number of issues were addressed and observations concerning the locality (partially in a conservation area) were put forward by APC, and it was agreed that further discussions between SSDC and the owner of the land would take place in due course.

20mph Speed Limit – Lower Ansford. Highways have been contacted and they have referred APC to SSDC Traffic Management, where it was understood that parish councils would incur substantial costs should the installation of a lower speed limit in a residential location be authorized by the agency. Further details are being sought in the meantime. **Agenda**

Gigaclear Meeting. Cllr CE attended a meeting for an update on rolling out fibre optic cabling in Ansford. This is planned for completion in early 2022. More details later.

Turning Bay – Woodforde Green. This problem has been highlighted in our response to a recent planning application. Await more information.

071/2021 Correspondence

Planting of a memorial tree in Fairfield. Email received 8.9.2021. An update regarding this matter will be reported at the next Council Meeting.

Cllr CE thanked CC ML, DC KM for attending the Meeting

072/2021 Accounts

a) **Monthly Financial Report.** This had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposal that these be signed, resolved (5.0.0)

b) **Invoices for Payment**

Clerk Salary September 2021	£499.20
Clerk Tax – HMRC September 2021	£124.80
Clerk Expenses April 21 – August 2021	£88.12
Caryford Hall Room Hire August 2021	£28.75
ICO GDPR Data protection - annual charge	£40.00
Grass cutting works - August 2021	£348.00

Proposal that these cheques be signed, resolved (5.0.0)

c) **Grant request for CC & Ansford Carnival Society.** Cllr. DP declared an interest and temporarily left the Meeting.

This was discussed and it was proposed that a grant of £600 be made to support the 2021 carnival in a slightly different format. Resolved (4. 0.0)
d) **Costs for professional advice for planning appeal R3259668.** Proposal that the fees be met jointly with APC & CCTC. See above. Resolved (5.0.0)

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Any other business

CCTC Big Christmas Cllr BW attended a meeting no firm decisions were made, estimates are being sought.

Clerk to assist APC parishioners, at the Market House

This was discussed and agreement reached for the Clerk to represent APC at the Market House on the last Wednesday of each month, between 1pm- 3pm, and APC acknowledges CCTC's kind offer for our Council to use the Tourism Office facility. This will be on a three month trial basis and reviewed at the end of the period.

Public Enquiry Venue – Appeal R33259668

Agreement has been reached between SSDC and the Inspectorate that the Public Inquiry is to be held locally and that Caryford Hall would be an acceptable venue, to host an in-person (with virtual connectivity) four day inquiry starting on 9th November and for one extra day, to conclude the Inquiry, on 24th November.

Proposal for providing permanent stone flower/plant troughs at the railway station. This was discussed and further details and quotations would be required before a final decision is made. **Agenda.**

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Next Meeting: 13th October 2021 – To be held at Caryford Hall, Ansford at 7pm.

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