



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7.00pm, in Caryford Community Hall

Councillors: Cllr.C.Edward, Cllr.G.Clothier,Cllr.B.Williams, Cllr.R.Leary
Cllr. D.Pinnions & Cllr P.Clark
Parish Clerk: A.Roberts
District Councillor: H.Hobhouse & K.Messenger
County Councillor: none
Parishioners: two

- 036/2022 Apologies**
CC. Cllr. M.Lewis.
- 037/2022 Declarations of Interest**
To be declared prior to any discussion of items listed on the agenda
- 038/2022 Members of the Public - representative from Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society.**
- 039/2022 Minutes of Previous Meeting**
These had been circulated prior to the Meeting. It was proposed that these be signed as a correct record. Resolved (6.0.0)
- 040/2022 District & County Councillors and Police Reports**
DC Henry Hobhouse.
HH reported that the Somerset CC budgets had not been agreed and there was currently a deficit of 28million. More information when available.
Bus stops at the junction of Maggs Lane & A371. The traffic police were reviewing this as it was causing concerns from local residents.
Police – A crime report had been circulated during the month.
- 041/2022 Representatives from the Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival** came to the meeting to ask if APC would continue their support of the carnival for a further year. This year emphasis was to be made on the Children’s Carnival with special attention to the new developments. Councillors thought that this was an excellent idea and would involve children from these developments and start to feel part of the community. A final decision would be made later in the meeting.
- 042/2022 Planning.**
A late notification of a planning application had been received after the agenda had been issued.
22/00867/HOU. 5, Fourways Close. Ansford. Erection of a single storey extension to include annexe and garage. This was discussed but a final decision will be made at the next meeting. It was felt that this application would be recommended for approval. Clerk to contact Planning Department to pass on our comments and recommendation that this be left to the planning officer. **Agenda.**
- 043/2022 Matters arising from the Minutes**
Commemorative Tree to mark The Queens Platinum Jubilee.
This was discussed and it was proposed that a suitable be purchased at a cost not exceeding £500. This will be a native tree of a suitable size and growth rate as not to impinge on any surroundings properties. Jubilee Gardens was suggested as a

suitable spot, but this will be decided when the tree has been purchased. Resolved (5.0.0)

Stone Troughs for Station.

These troughs will be delivered to Cllr CE for future positioning at the station. Plants are on order and Clerk to chase supplier for delivery dates.

Replacement Notice Boards.

Cllr CE had obtained quotes for two new notice boards which had been circulated to all councillors. It was proposed that we accept the quote from ...

Resolved (6.0.0)

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Correspondence

S106 Meeting ref LEAP(Play Area) at Stonewater Development/ Wayside

Farm. A meeting has taken place with a representative from Stonewater Development/Mulberry Meadows, SSDC S106 Team, CCTC & APC where discussions took place regarding the type of play equipment to be provided at the play area on site. Various ideas were put forward and it was agreed to arrange a meeting with residents living on the development to get their views. This has been arranged for Tues 31st May 3pm – 7pm at the site. Stonewater, SSDC, CCTC & APC will be present during the event

Grant from SSDC

Cllr CE explained that a grant had been applied for in March 2022 from SSDC for funds to enhance community projects in Ansford. APC applied for a grant to provide a Gazebo / marquee that could be used / loaned to community projects. APC have been successful in their application and £2275 has been received. Further discussions next meeting. **Agenda.**

Caryford Hall

Ongoing activities are planned for fund raising. More information after next meeting due to be held in a few days . Cllr. BW will report next meeting.

Temporary closure of RoW footpath/bridleway near Station WN2/36

No new information has been received.

Joint APC & CCTC Meeting 24.5.2022

This annual meeting is due to be held on the 24th May at Caryford Hall. Set up started at 5.45pm.Public from 6.15pm formal meeting to start at 7pm.

Cllr CE thanked DC HH & KM for attending the Meeting

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Accounts

- a) **Monthly Financial Report.** This had been circulated prior to the Meeting and it was proposed that they be signed. Resolved (6.0.0)
- b) **AGAR – Completion of Accounts for signature.**
Information had been circulated to all councillors with supporting documents prior to the meeting and internal audit had been conducted. It was proposed that these be signed by the Chair. Resolved (6.0.0)
- c) **Approval of display of confirmation of the dates/period for the exercise of public rights to view APC accounts.** It was agreed that the access period start on the 13th June 2022 until 22nd July 2022.
- d) **Approval of quotes for APC Insurance for 2022/2023.** Quotes had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was proposed that APC accept the quote from Zurich Insurance. Resolved (6.0.0)
- e) **Approval of cheque payments.** Clerk gave detailed information regarding these payments and supporting documents had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- f) **Invoices for Payment**

A.Roberts – Clerk salary May 2022	499.20
HMRC – Tax Clerk May 2022	124.80
Caryford Hall Room Hire charges: April 2022	28.75

A.Wadman – Grass Cutting: April 2022	365.40
C.Edwards – Timber stakes – shrubs	29.80
Zurich Insurance 2022-2023	396.61

Total: £1444.56

Proposal that these cheques be signed, all agreed (6.0.0)

To Discuss:

Grant request ‘The Toy Box’ This application for a grant has been postponed for one month as further estimates for the refurbishment of the kitchen area are being sought..

Grant request from Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society.

Cllr D.P declared an interest in this grant application as she was a member of the Carnival Society and she left the room.

This was discussed and as additional emphasis was being put on the Children’s Carnival which would include the new developments it was proposed that APC make a grant of £1000. Resolved (6.0.0)

Cllr DP returned to the room.

Castle Cary Summer Leaflet. Contribution request from APC.

This was discussed and it was agreed that APC contribute towards the cost of producing this leaflet. Request that APC have sight of the leaflet before it goes to print. Clerk to contact CCTC.

Refurbishment for two planters at Jubilee gardens.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the planters be refurbished or replaced if necessary. More details regarding costs next meeting. Agenda.

Increase in payroll costs

A letter had been received from Lighthouse Booking Services who manager APC payroll system that due to increase in costs during the past two years they would have to increase their charges to £11.05 per month. It was proposed that we accept the increase and review next year. Resolved (6.0.0)

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Any other business

A letter has been received from Somerset Girl Guiding regarding previous funding for an overseas trip to Tanzania. Originally planned for 2020 but due to Covid was postponed till 2021. Unfortunately, this can no longer go ahead, and the Somerset Girlguiding would like to refund the money to APC or to donate it to another charity. Further discussion next month. **Agenda.**

Reminder Website meeting – 19th May 2022 11am Caryford Hall committee room. Once the website has been updated plans for new items to be included including Favourite Walks, Forthcoming Events & Map of Ansford.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Next Meeting: June 8th, 2022, at Caryford Hall. The Monthly Parish Meeting will start at 7pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....

Chair.....Date.....Page