



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.00pm, at Caryford Community Hall

Councillor Cllr.C.Edwards, Cllr.R.Leary ,Cllr. B.Williams, Cllr.P.Clark & Cllr.D.Pinnons

Parish Clerk: A. Roberts

District Councillor: H. Hobhouse

County Councillor: M. Lewis

Parishioners: two

093/2021 Apologies

Cllr. G. Clothier, Cllr. N. Begg & DC. K. Messenger

094/2021 Declarations of Interest

To be declared prior to any discussion of items listed on the agenda

095/2021 Castle Cary Allotments Association

Two members were invited to attend the meeting, following their request for APC to consider a grant in respect of the replacement of a grass mower and a new access gate on the site, and they confirmed details about the cost of the equipment etc. They also provided background information regarding the 40 allotments, several of them rented by Ansford parishioners. They have been self-funding, but due to the high cost of a more powerful mower, they have approached SSDC and other local organisations to help with funding. The members were thanked for attending, with APC agreeing to debate the matter later, and then left the meeting at 7.15pm.

096/2021 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of December had been circulated prior to the meeting. Proposal that these be signed as a correct record. Resolved (4.0.0)

097/2021 District & County Councilors and Police Report

CC Mike Lewis

Cllr Lewis gave more information regarding Somerset residents who were struggling to pay the bills this winter who could be eligible for support with the cost of food, energy, water, and other essentials.

SCC has been allocated £3.8m from the Government's Household Support Fund which will be used to ensure there is a wide range of support available to those who need it between now and the end of March 2022.

DC Henry Hobhouse. New Chair of Somerset Waste Board has been appointed: Ms. Sarah Dyke.

Police – Monthly update had been circulated prior to the meeting.

098/2021 Planning

21/03685/TPO Land at Carter Close, Station Road, Ansford. Application for one mature tree to be felled and one mature tree to be lopped. APC to request more information. Cllr. CE to follow up and report back at the next meeting.

19/02406/FUL Castle Cary Railway Station, Ansford. Application to discharge conditions No.8.(Bicycle parking) 15,(external Illuminations),16 (landscaping) and 17 (e-charging points.)

It was proposed that APC recommend the application. Resolved (4.0.0)

Out of Parish applications

21/03400/FUL Proposal for agricultural buildings at Manor Farm, Castle Cary & **21/03466/FUL** for a new bridge to connect farms on both sides of the A359, (eastern part in Pitcombe CP), next to Avalon Farm in Galhampton. As all of the neighbouring parish councils had approved the applications, APC briefly discussed the proposals and agreed to accept the conclusions, as per the three Council's decisions.

099/2021 Matters arising from the Minutes

Online Banking. Once full access to online banking has been obtained it was proposed that this will start at the next financial year, in April 2022. Amendments in respect of the financial regulations will be actioned. **Agenda, April 2022**

Replacement Gates at Coombe Bottom. Quotes have now been obtained and it was proposed that APC proceed with the purchase of metallic gates and posts, with associated costs. Resolved (4.0.0)

Overgrown footways along parts of Station Road & Ansford Hill. This item had already been reported to Highways, who have since allocated job numbers for each specific area, although no timescale has been given as to when the works will be carried out. CC. ML kindly offered to follow-up the matter, on behalf of APC.

Thermal Imaging Camera. The loan of the camera has been booked for one week, commencing 28th February 2022. Cllr. CE to collect it from Bruton TC.

SID. A draft application had been circulated and a copy sent to SCC for perusal. Once this has been approved by Highways officers, it will then be signed and forwarded to SCC. **Agenda**

100/2021 Correspondence

Donald Pither Pavillion Meeting. Cllr. DP to attend the meeting on the 18th January on behalf of APC – report next meeting. **Agenda**

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It has been suggested that a planning group to oversee this joint council event will be formed, with two Cllrs. from APC and two Cllrs. from CCTC. More information at next meeting. **Agenda**

APC website & new email addresses for Cllrs. A meeting is to be arranged with the Milborne Port Computers to discuss usage and connectivity issues of Stackmail (gov.uk), and some general updates/changes that need to be applied to the current website. Meeting to be arranged soon. Clerk will advise the date.

Cllr CE thanked CC ML, DC HH for attending the Meeting. They left 8.05pm

101/2021 Accounts

a) **Monthly Financial Report.** This was circulated prior to the meeting. Proposal that this be signed. Resolved (4.0.0)

b) **Precept.** This was circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposal that Cllr CE (Chair) sign the SSDC Precept Notification Form and 2022/2023 Budget Form, and then to be forwarded by the Clerk, to SSDC. Resolved (4.0.0)

c) Invoices for Payment

Clerk Salary January 2022	£499.20
HMRC Clark Tax January 2022	£124.80
H.Higgins – Lighthouse 3 monthly Payroll Costs	£18.00
CCTC – Winter Newsletter contribution	£492.99
Total	£1134.99

It was proposed that these cheques be signed. Resolved (4.0.0)

To Discuss: Castle Cary Allotment request.

This matter was debated and it was proposed that APC would support this local initiative, with a grant of £150.00 being awarded. Approved/resolved (4.0.0)

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Any other business.

Clerk's attendance at Market House office (on the last Wednesday of each month.) During the preceding trial period over the last few months, it was reported that while on duty between 1 – 3pm, very few people had actually visited the office, but it was agreed that this would continue for a further three months and then reviewed once again. All Cllrs. thanked the Clerk for her attendance.

Caryford Hall

Cllr RL reported that the Charles Dickens Night at Caryford Hall was well attended. The cost was £254.20. APC had agreed to sponsor this event at an earlier meeting. Other events are being planned. Caryford Hall's fundraising committee are to be invited to attend a meeting with APC regarding forthcoming events in 2022. Date to be confirmed. **Agenda**

Road speed limit. Request from Cllr. BW that some speed limits within Ansford (& Castle Cary) should be reduced to 20 mph, to provide a safer environment for motorists and pedestrians. Clerk to obtain more information from Highways on how this could be achieved. **Agenda**

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Next Meeting: 9th February 2022 – at Caryford Community Hall.

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