



Minutes of the Ansford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 26th September 2022 at 7.00pm. at Caryford Community Hall (postponed from 14.9.2022)

Councillors: Cllr.C.Edwards, Cllr.B.Williams, Cllr.R.Leary, Cllr.D.Pinnions & Cllr. P.Clark
Parish Clerk: A,Roberts
District Councillor: None
County Councillor: H.Hobhouse (DC & CC)arrived at 8pm

Parishioners: None

079/2022 Apologies M.Lewis CC

080/2022 Declarations of Interest

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

081/2022 To Approve minutes 11th & 30th August 2022/

These had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed and agreed that these minutes be signed. Resolved (5.0.0)

082/2022 District & County Councillor reports

CC HH attended part of the meeting to give a report on the following:

Plans for Fun on the Field Summer 2023. The plan for next year would be to hold a larger event than 2022, with extended hours starting at mid-day for main arena events, and entertainment with music from 6pm till 10am. There will be a meeting in January 2023 where all interested parties will be invited to attend.

The Toy Box. All the refurbishments had now been completed and an H & S inspection is due this week. Attendance figures have increase from last year which will mean more volunteers/assistants will be needed to meet the demand. They will be fully trained prior to starting and would be paid as "bank" employees. Plans are presently being prepared for an extension, with further details to be released in the New Year.

Bus Stop A371 Ansford Hill / Maggs Lane

HH has met with Highways regarding the new bus stops. It has been suggested that one of the bus stops be moved to Churchfield Drive. Funding for these bus stops had been taken from the S106 money allocated from the Wayside Farm development and should have been used for a pedestrian crossing at Station Road, plus bus stops at two locations.

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TRO Foxes Run(Out of area) This application is still on going with a proposal that would make Mill Lane which run adjacent to Bridgwater Buildings into 'a one-way system'. Residents should write to Planning if they wish to oppose this amendment.

083/2022 Planning applications:

22/02354/HOU Side extension to house at 31 Ancastle Avenue.

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting. This was discussed and it was proposed that the final decision be left to the planning officer. Resolved (5.0.0)

Application to modify planning application Re: 21/00929/DPO

Details had been circulated regarding this modification. It was proposed that APC again oppose this application to modify the S106 agreement, despite the development having almost reached an occupancy rate of 75%. Resolved (5.0.0)

084/2022

Matters arising from the Minutes

Parishioner's letter regarding retrospective planning application

Cllr.CE had contacted the parishioner to discuss the matter concerning a modest side extension that had recently been approved by SSDC.

SCC Council Tax Reduction Scheme – consultation. This was discussed and it was agreed not to participate at this time.

Warm Air Hub. This was briefly discussed, but due to a lack of suitable facilities, it was agreed that APC would offer assistance where possible at a venue in Castle Cary. Clerk to contact the clerk at CCTC.

Community Care Plan Review. Cllr CE to attend meetings & Clerk to complete online consultation.

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Finance

The financial report had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed that this be signed resolved (5.0.0)

Cheques / Online Payments.

Clerk Salary September 2022

HMRC Clerk Tax September 2022

Payroll Charge – Lighthouse August 2022

Fun on the Field donation from APC – A.Roberts

Playfest grant for event at Caryford Hall

D.Higgins – electrical works at Toy Box

C.Skinner – completion of works Toy Box

PKF – AGAR Audit charge 2021/2022

ICO – GDPR Annual renewal fee

Remedial Tree Works at Fairfield A.Maistrollo

SALC Affiliation Fee 2022/2023

Newsletter charges - Autumn CCTC

Caryford Hall Hire charges – August 2022

C.Edwards - Replacement flagpole hooks

To Discuss:

Donation towards Trees for Big Christmas event in CC High Street

Following discussions, it was proposed that APC contribute £500.

Online Banking: This facility has now been set up with signatories to authorize monthly payments. It was proposed that the Clerk enter payments on to the online banking system and Cllrs. CE & PC to check them, and with necessary changes to the Council's Standing Orders.

This was proposed and resolved (5.0.0) **Agenda**

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Any other business

Joint council meeting 6.9.2022. Draft Minutes had been produced by CCTC's Clerk. These were discussed with a request that minor changes be made to clarify a few details, and returned to CCTC.

Caryford Hall proposal for APC & CCTC to consider PWL for part funding of the Phase 2 extension

Ansford councillors proposed that a joint APC/CCTC application for a Public Works Loan for up to £200,000 would be acceptable, and using details recently provided by SSDC regarding the number of homes in each parish as at July 2022, all councillors agreed to abide by these up-to-date figures presented by the District Council, with an uplift in a contribution from 33.3% to 36% from Ansford Parish, and a decrease in a contribution from 66.6% to 64% from Castle Cary Parish, to reflect the current statistical data. However, a PWL would be subject to an official public consultation being carried out, and where a final decision would be announced by the two Councils. Resolved (5.0.0)

It was also proposed that another joint council meeting should be promptly arranged, to prepare a realistic timetable in order to fulfil the obligations as demanded by the PWL Board.

Following a joint Council meeting on the 6th September at the Market House, it was proposed that a single A4 size information leaflet (with response form) is printed and delivered to every occupied residence within the two parishes, towards the end of October 2022, if possible.

Caryford Hall has agreed to host a special consultation event by presenting an illustrative concept together with architectural plans and funding details, to cover construction costs for this extension, and where Caryford Hall committee staff & parish councillors will be present to assist with enquiries etc. This would be an ideal opportunity for parishioners to take an active part in this consultative process, and to vote on the proposal accordingly.

Speed Indicator Device. Two new poles with extended height are required, and one existing pole to be used to enable equipment to be fitted. Cllr CE to meet with Andy Barron (Highways) on Tuesday 27th September. **Agenda**

Plant Troughs at the Station. It proposed that for the autumn period, a new selection of plants are now needed to replace the fading summer plants. Cllrs. CE & PC to check two “sample” troughs, with photos shown to the next full Council Meeting, prior to replanting the other 6 troughs. For the 2023 event, APC & CCTC have been asked by SSDC to confirm our respective requirements for the provision of plants & compost etc. Clerk to confirm.

Science Festival 2023. Plans for a science festival event at Fairfield are being prepared by CCTC, and agreement has been reached for APC to support this public event.

Neighbourhood Plan A request has been received regarding a proposal to close the original (working) NP website as it no longer serves a purpose. As both APC & CCTC display the full NP on their websites, it was proposed and agreed that the original website can now be closed. Resolved (5.0.0)

Big Christmas. A letter has been received from PS requesting help to meet the expense involved with seeking temporary road closures in the centre of Castle Cary. A revised charge of £650, valid for 2 years, has been confirmed, and it was proposed that APC would make a contribution towards the road closures. Resolved (5.0.0)

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Next Parish Council meeting to be held on 12th October 2022. 7pm at Caryford Hall