

Minutes Ansford Parish Council**WEDNESDAY 13th September 2017 Monthly Parish Council Meeting Held at CaryFord Hall at 7.30pm****Present:** Cllr. C. Edwards, Cllr. G. Clothier, Cllr. A. Gibbons, Cllr. D. Pinions, Cllr. N. Begg**In attendance:** County Cllr M. Lewis, District Cllr N. Weeks, District Cllr H. Hobhouse, C. Hobson (Ansford & Cary Youth Matters). Mr G. A. McCarthy [parish clerk]**Parishioners:** 1

Ref:		Action:
034/2017	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from PCSO T. Russell.</p>	
035/2017	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>The Chairman advised that if anyone had a personal &/or pecuniary interest on any matter on the agenda they should declare this & leave the room when appropriate.</p>	
036/2017	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u></p> <p>The minutes of the parish council meetings of 12th July 2017, that had been circulated to all councillors, were RESOLVED [5.0.0] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.</p>	
037/2017	<p><u>Reports from Police & District & County Councillors</u></p> <p>District Councillor N. Weeks requested that Ansford Parish Council should consider recording their support towards the provision of an artificial grass pitch in the local area. Existing pitches are either too far away or located on private ground where access, if available at all, is limited. The consideration for a sum to be included in future precepts was also requested.</p> <p>Financial problems and issues regarding rules for the provision of drivers associated with the running of the CaT bus service could result in its cancellation. Local Councils are being requested to allow provision in future precepts to enable adequate funding provision to allow this service to continue. Ansford Parish Council will be requesting details on statistical usage of this service for the surrounding area.</p> <p>District Councillor H. Hobhouse also backed up support towards the CaT service as well as the volunteer car service which is used for taking people to hospital. New rules concerning the provision of drivers could result in this service having to be stopped. Ansford Parish Council were requested to write expressing their concerns over the impact of new rules on this service.</p> <p>County Councillor M. Lewis reported on the decisions being made regarding amendments and improvements to the A303 road. A decision on proposed routes for public consultation is due in October 2017. Local health schemes are to be announced which tackle problems with being overweight and problems with smoking during pregnancy. A strategy to improve the standard of the old style 'finger pointing' road signs is to be announced. This will involve local volunteers repairing and maintaining the signs. Training for the work will be available. This strategy is being run in association with Highways and with the South West Heritage Trust.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

Minutes of the Monthly Ansford Parish Council Meeting of Wednesday 13th September 2017

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<p>038/2017</p>	<p><u>Open Forum for Residents</u></p> <p>Ansford and Cary Youth Council – C. Hobson updated the meeting on the progress being achieved by this new initiative. Following recent meetings the Youth Council have identified the following issues within the Ansford and Castle Cary areas:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Street lamps not working adjacent the Bowls pavilion. – It was noted that these are not in Ansford Parish however advice was provided on how to report these for repair. 2. Quality of the Station footpath and the lack of adequate lighting – The Council explained that this is a topic that has arisen previously and that the large cost for installing the lights has currently made this idea not practical at this time. The Council recommended that personnel use the footpath adjacent the main road and railway bridge as a safer means of access if a person is concerned about using the footpath after dark. Note: See this footpath is referred to later in the meeting. 3. The idea to paint litter bins to make them more interactive for people to use them. 4. The installation of more dog mess bins – The Council advised that at present there are the maximum number of bins in the Parish allowed to ensure emptying by SSDC. 5. Painting over existing graffiti - The Council recognised this idea but advised that permission should be obtained by the owner of the structure the graffiti had been applied to before overpainting. 6. Glasses being left outside public houses in Castle Cary. <p>A local competition is to be arranged for a logo. Ansford Parish Council were happy for posters to be put on the Council notice boards. Ansford Parish Council thanked C. Hobson for attending the meeting and updating Councillors on progress and offered support for the future.</p>	
<p>039/2017</p>	<p><u>Planning:</u></p> <p>a. <u>WITHIN ANSFORD</u></p> <p>17/03102/FUL – Erection of replacement garages – Garages at rear of Old Ansford Inn, Higher Ansford, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset. – Due to the requirement to respond in advance of the meeting date it was noted that favourable and supportive comments had been returned to SSDC planning.</p> <p>17/03127/FUL – Demolition of side extension, erection of two story side and rear extension and erection of replacement timber garage. Erection of replacement garages – Old Coach House, Higher Ansford, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7JG. – Due to the requirement to respond in advance of the meeting date it was noted that comments had been returned to SSDC planning.</p> <p>b. <u>OUTSIDE THE PARISH OF ANSFORD</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>c. <u>ANY PLANNING DECISIONS TO REPORT</u></p> <p>17/02429/COL – Application for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of residential mobile home as a residential annexe to Ansford Park Cottage, Ansford Park Lane, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7JJ – Certificate of Lawful use or Development certified.</p>	

	<p>d. GENERAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS AND REPORTS TO DISCUSS [IF ANY]</p> <p>1. Weavers Field Farm Development – Ansford Parish Council have been requested to make suggestions for road names for this development. It was recommended that reference to a tithe map from 1649 which is held in Castle Cary museum could be used for names. It was also noted that ‘Weavers Field’ as a name was not associated with the history of the location.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>040/2017</p>	<p><u>Matters arising from the previous minutes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Fairfield The award of the contract for the initial footpaths installation is imminent. Work is currently expected to commence after the visit of the fun fair. Possibly mid October 2017. The installation of the ‘green gym’ equipment is also scheduled to commence soon.</p> <p>• Roads and Traffic around the Parish The Council were advised of a planned closure to Wyke Road in Bruton, and of an existing closure to Cary Road and Church Lane in Alford for repairs.</p> <p>SiD reports taken on the Cumnock Road, near North Street and on the B3153 at Clanville were distributed to Councillors.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the meeting of an exchange of correspondence over the addition of extra 30mph signs on the B371 to replace temporary ones which were presumably put up by a local resident in an attempt to reduce traffic speeds on this road. The highways authority responded by claiming they were unable to improve safety by installing additional signs as they are prevented by existing rules.</p> <p>The Clerk also reported on correspondence concerning recent work on Maggs Lane where it was requested that during this work the uneven surface could be repaired, as has been requested numerous times on previous years. Apparently a ‘private’ system was found during excavations and discussions with the owner are currently taking place. As a temporary measure a filter drain has been placed in the carriageway to divert any groundwater in an attempt to stop further sinking/depression of the road surface occurring.</p> <p>The repairs to Wyke Road are still awaited.</p> <p>It was reported that whilst repairs were being made to the B3153 in Clanville, during a discussion with the contractor carrying out the work they admitted that the current road was ‘not fit for purpose’.</p> <p>• Somerset Waste Board – Waste Transfer Station at Dimmer A liaison meeting with the operators is scheduled for the 13th September 2017. The topic of the recent fire at the site will be brought up for discussion.</p> <p>• Ansford War Memorial Ellis have confirmed that they have completed the restoration of the War Memorial in accordance with their quotation. Councillors were disappointed with the finish caused by the mortar used for the repairs. Further discussion with Ellis will be considered.</p> 	

	<p>Whilst the majority of the cost of this work is covered by the War Memorials Trust grant additional work, if required, would have to be paid for out of existing budgets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repairs to Gates and fencing at Coombe Bottom It was RESOLVED [5.0.0] to carry out repairs. A scope of work is to be produced to enable quotes to be obtained for repairs to the gate posts and gate plus other work if required. Station Footpath This was RESOLVED [5.0.0] to support improvements to this footpath. A site meeting with Wyke Farms will be arranged to discuss clearing the overgrown vegetation back to the concrete posts and wire, as they are the land owners responsibility, through which the path runs. GWR have funds available to help support local community projects that provide benefits to rail users, and where potential schemes meet a social need. Jubilee Gardens An existing willow tree has had to be cut back to eliminate the risk of damage to adjacent properties. The Council expressed their thanks to local resident Mr A. Berry for his help in carrying out this work and it was RESOLVED [5.0.0] to make a contribution of £50.00 to Mr Berry to cover the costs of his work and the clearing and removal of the tree debris and clearance/disposal of overgrown shrubbery from one corner of the site, that was spreading over the boundary fence to another property. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
041/2017	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A request was received from the Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society for a donation towards their 40th anniversary carnival arrangements. It was RESOLVED [4.0.1] to make a donation of £300.00. Thanks were received from St Andrews Church for the recent donation from Ansford Parish Council for the upkeep of the surrounding park area. Correspondence was received from a resident requesting information on byelaws applicable to the lighting of bonfires. The Clerk was able to give them information to address their request. A letter was received from SSDC requesting support towards the installation of artificial grass pitches in the local area. It was RESOLVED [5.0.0] to support this project. SSDC have requested any updates to Councillors Register of Interests. The Clerk requested that Councillors provide information of any changes. Correspondence has been received about the Electoral Review of South Somerset – Warding arrangements. The ten week consultation period commenced on the 22nd August 2017. Consultation will close on the 30th October 2017. Draft recommendations will be published in January 2018. Following further consultation final recommendations are expected to be published in May 2018. The new electoral arrangements will come in to effect at the local elections in 2019. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
042/2017	<p><u>Information Received</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details on training for Town and Parish Councillors in responding to planning applications has been received. 	

043/2017	<p>Accounts</p> <p>1. Monthly financial report – The monthly financial report that included progress against the budget and a bank reconciliation to the most up to date bank statements received, was provided to all present. This was RESOLVED [5.0.0] to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. D. Pinions as such.</p> <p>2. Invoices for payment – It was RESOLVED [5.0.0] that the following are authorised for payment:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="256 450 1406 875"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Chq No.</th> <th>Amount £</th> <th>.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>G McCarthy</td> <td>Salary August 2017</td> <td>SO</td> <td>£</td> <td>334.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. Wadman</td> <td>Grass Cuts</td> <td>101354</td> <td>£</td> <td>552.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Info Commissioner</td> <td>Data protection Registration Fee</td> <td>101355</td> <td>£</td> <td>35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C. Edwards</td> <td>Recompense for strimmer consumables</td> <td>101356</td> <td>£</td> <td>56.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G. McCarthy</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>101357</td> <td>£</td> <td>50.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spanglefish</td> <td>Web site renewal fee</td> <td>101358</td> <td>£</td> <td>29.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSDC</td> <td>Car park Compensation scheme</td> <td>101359</td> <td>£</td> <td>1,985.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G McCarthy</td> <td>Salary September 2017</td> <td>SO</td> <td>£</td> <td>334.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td>£</td> <td><u>3,378.83</u></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name	Reason	Chq No.	Amount £	.	G McCarthy	Salary August 2017	SO	£	334.94	A. Wadman	Grass Cuts	101354	£	552.00	Info Commissioner	Data protection Registration Fee	101355	£	35.00	C. Edwards	Recompense for strimmer consumables	101356	£	56.20	G. McCarthy	Expenses	101357	£	50.20	Spanglefish	Web site renewal fee	101358	£	29.95	SSDC	Car park Compensation scheme	101359	£	1,985.60	G McCarthy	Salary September 2017	SO	£	334.94				£	<u>3,378.83</u>	
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044/2017	<p>Matters to Report not listed on the agenda - [Note: No decisions can be made on these items]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair requested Councillors to consider projects which can be considered for running in the future and for them to have ideas available for discussion at the next meeting. 																																																			
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	<p>Date of next meeting Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 11th October 2017 commencing at 7.30PM at Caryford Community Hall.</p>																																																			