

**Minutes Ansford Parish Council****WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Monthly Parish Council Meeting Held at CaryFord Hall at 7.30pm****Present:** Cllr. C. Edwards, Cllr. G. Clothier, Cllr. A. Gibbons, Cllr. N. Begg**In attendance:** County Cllr M. Lewis, District Cllr N. Weeks, District Cllr H. Hobhouse, Mr G. A. McCarthy [parish clerk]**Parishioners:** 1 – B. Moorhouse (Castle Cary Council Chair)

Ref:		Action:
045/2017	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Pinions and PCSO T. Russell.</p>	
046/2017	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that if anyone had a personal &amp;/or pecuniary interest on any matter on the agenda they should declare this &amp; leave the room when appropriate.</p>	
047/2017	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the parish council meetings of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017, that had been circulated to all councillors, were <b>RESOLVED</b> [4.0.0] to be an accurate record and were then signed as such by the Chairman.</p>	
048/2017	<p><b><u>Reports from Police &amp; District &amp; County Councillors</u></b></p> <p><b>County Councillor M. Lewis</b> reported on the status of Castle Cary library and the intention for the county library service to remain in Somerset. This approach differs from other counties where Limited companies are being set up to run the service. This approach was not considered feasible for Somerset at present. The ongoing strategy is for the local libraries to be used for more than just a book service.</p> <p><b>District Councillor N. Weeks</b> reported on S106 funding associated with the proposed housing development east of Station Road and that part of the allocation was for support to a theatre in Yeovil. This was not considered useful to local residents.</p> <p><b>District Councillor H. Hobhouse</b> reported on the progress of the reorganisation of the district council which will result on numerous job losses, the first batch being imminent. The result of the job cuts has resulted in an excess of office space and hence one of the floors in the Yeovil office will be advertised for rent. The district council has recently purchased the Marks and Spencer site in Yeovil. The site will remain as shop for present. The district council has also invested £6.5m in a battery power balancing system which is due to go on stream on April 2018. There is also an ongoing property review taking place in an attempt to save on office space. It is still the plan to keep the council structure in place despite these changes.</p> <p><b>PCSO T. Russell</b> – Although not present the latest report received from the PCSO was read out. There have been reports of individuals observed in the Caryford car park trying car and building doors. Additional patrols by the local police force are now in place. There have been two reports of antisocial behaviour with individuals in the Fairfield and Ansford Church yard however when checked these were found not to be valid when later checked with others in the neighbourhood.</p>	

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049/2017	<p><b><u>Open Forum for Residents</u></b></p> <p><b>Local resident and Chair of Castle Cary Town Council B. Moorhouse</b> invited members of Ansford Parish Council to talk at the CCTC annual meeting. This was well received and Ansford Parish Council returned the invite for their annual meeting.</p>	
050/2017	<p><b><u>Planning:</u></b></p> <p><b>a. <u>WITHIN ANSFORD</u></b></p> <p><b>17/03422/REM – The erection of 75 no. dwellings (reserved matters following approval 15/00519/OUT) – Land OS 4700 Station Road, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset</b> – Ansford Parish Council had the following comments on this application <b>RESOLVED</b> [4.0.0]. It was noted that S106 funding associated with this application referred to support for a theatre in Yeovil. It was considered that this was not useful to local residents. Also the Council has concerns over the contractor meeting their obligations as referred to in recent correspondence received from Alison Cameron, SSDC Leisure Policy Co-Ordinator, whereby the buffer zones associated with leisure areas and local buildings were not being adequately provided for.</p> <p><b>17/03961/FUL – Erection of new dwelling – 1, Station Cottages, Castle Cary Station Lane, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset BA7 7PF</b> - Ansford Parish Council had the following comments on this application <b>RESOLVED</b> [4.0.0]. The drawings provided with this application were considered to be inadequate in that they did not show elevations and cross sections which demonstrated the proposed position of this structure with reference to the adjacent road, which is of a higher elevation. Ansford Parish Council also have concerns over access to the A371 if this application is approved in that it may affect visibility at this junction.</p> <p><b>b. <u>OUTSIDE THE PARISH OF ANSFORD</u></b> Nothing to report.</p> <p><b>c. <u>ANY PLANNING DECISIONS TO REPORT</u></b></p> <p><b>17/02744/S73 – Application to vary condition 1 (approved plans) of 16/02187/REM, to allow a substitution of plan that proposes changes in finished floor levels in order to overcome engineering issues. – Land adjoining Well Farm, Lower Ansford, Ansford, Castle Cary, Somerset.</b> – Application permitted with conditions.</p> <p><b>d. <u>GENERAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS AND REPORTS TO DISCUSS [IF ANY]</u></b></p> <p>Weavers Field Farm Development – The clerk reported on correspondence with the developer over the impact on footpaths during the construction period and on the existing safety rails on the footpath adjacent Station Road. The developer confirmed that it was their intention to ensure access around the site during construction unless considered unsafe, at which time an alternative temporary route would be provided. Plans are for the footpath adjacent Station Road to have its elevation raised such that it would then be at a higher level. This will therefore make the requirement for the current safety rails unnecessary based on exiting legislation and hence they will be removed and returned to highways. This approach has been agreed with highways.</p>	

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**Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

• **Fairfield**

The installation of the footpaths is planned to commence during October 2017. Funding is now available for the construction of the pump park. Tesco’s store agreed for the Fairfield project to be used for one of their local fund raising initiatives. A local charity concern has offered to donate £6000 if the sum is also raised elsewhere. Sport England have also offered their support to the project and funding from other local businesses is now becoming available. At this moment in time current forecast costs are being met.

• **Roads and Traffic around the Parish**

The Council were reminded of the planned closure to Wyke Road in Bruton. The Council were also advised of the planned imposition of a 30mph limit on the B3153 Cary Road, Dimmer Lane and B3153 Station Road to Turnpike Cottage, Castle Cary. It was noted that this installation was already in place at the time of the meeting.

The Council has been invited to attend a meeting organised by Pitcombe Parish Council concerning possible improvements to the Grove Cross intersection (A359/A371).

Road signs warning of an uneven surface have appeared at the entrance to Maggs Lane from the B371, an area which has often been reported on due to the poor state of the road. The Council noted that these signs infer an acknowledgement by highways of the poor condition of the road surface.

On some of the footpaths where overgrown hedges are affecting access the local landowner has been requested to cut the hedges back.

• **Ansford War Memorial**

A site meeting was arranged with Ellis to discuss the finish of the work and concerns over the look of the new mortar. Ellis have made a recommendation which will enable the appearance of the new mortar to appear aged. The metal lettering on the memorial has to be given a security paint coating as part of the requirements of the War Memorials Trust. The Clerk has this paint.

• **Repairs to Gates and fencing at Coombe Bottom**

An initial discussion has taken place with a contractor to discuss the scope of the work. The Clerk reported on the requirements on the sizing of access gates as this is a bridleway and that some gates are available for cost plus postage from Somerset County Council. This will be considered. The specification for the work is to be updated.

• **Station Footpath**

A meeting has taken place with a representative of Wyke Farms to discuss control of foliage and repairs to the fencing. Wyke Farms will help to keep the vegetation cut back. Ownership of the fencing and gate near the station was discussed. Great Western Railways will be contacted. Once ownership and responsibility is clarified quotations for replacing the fencing will be obtained and improvements to the footpath carried in conjunction with Wyke Farms.

• **Future Projects for the Parish of Ansford**

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	<p>Ansford Parish Councillors were requested in advance of the meeting to consider future projects for the parish. The following suggestions were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All weather sports area.</li> <li>2. Improvements to Council land at Solomons Lane.</li> <li>3. Support to the CaT community bus.</li> <li>4. Improvements to Maggs Lane area footpaths and Coombe Bottom.</li> </ol>																																									
052/2017	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter was received from SSDC requesting support towards the continuation of the Community Accessible Transport Scheme which is at risk due to government budget cuts. The letter request Council to consider including funds to support this scheme in future precept budget requirements.</li> </ul>																																									
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054/2017	<p><b><u>Accounts</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>Monthly financial report</u></b> – 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 <b>RESOLVED</b> [4.0.0] to be an accurate record and signed by Cllr. A. Gibbons as such.</li> <li>2. <b><u>Invoices for payment</u></b> – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> [4.0.0] that the following are authorised for payment:</li> </ol> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Name</u></th> <th><u>Reason</u></th> <th><u>Chq No.</u></th> <th><u>Amount £</u></th> <th><u>.</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A. Berry</td> <td>Recompense for Jubilee Gardens work</td> <td>101360</td> <td>£</td> <td>50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CC&amp;A Carnival Society</td> <td>Donation</td> <td>101361</td> <td>£</td> <td>300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lighthouse</td> <td>Payroll Fee</td> <td>101362</td> <td>£</td> <td>15.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A. Wadman</td> <td>Grass cuts</td> <td>101363</td> <td>£</td> <td>276.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ellis &amp; Co</td> <td>War memorial refurbishment</td> <td>101364</td> <td>£</td> <td>792.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>G McCarthy</td> <td>Salary October 2017</td> <td>SO</td> <td>£</td> <td>334.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td>£</td> <td>1,767.94</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Chq No.</u>	<u>Amount £</u>	<u>.</u>	A. Berry	Recompense for Jubilee Gardens work	101360	£	50.00	CC&A Carnival Society	Donation	101361	£	300.00	Lighthouse	Payroll Fee	101362	£	15.00	A. Wadman	Grass cuts	101363	£	276.00	Ellis & Co	War memorial refurbishment	101364	£	792.00	G McCarthy	Salary October 2017	SO	£	334.94				£	1,767.94	
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055/2017	<p><b><u>Matters to Report not listed on the agenda</u></b> - [Note: No decisions can be made on these items]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from the latest Dimmer Liaison meeting was given providing information on the background to the recent fire.</li> <li>• A draft of the neighbourhood plan has been submitted to SSDC.</li> <li>• The demolition of the old warehouse at Castle Cary station is to recommence.</li> </ul>																																									
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	<p><b>Date of next meeting Parish Council Meeting:</b>  <b>Wednesday 08<sup>th</sup> November 2017 commencing at 7.30PM at Caryford Community Hall.</b></p>																																									