

Anderby Parish Council

MINUTES

The Parish Council meeting took place on:

Monday 20th September 2021 Village Hall, Anderby Village.

The council meeting commenced at 7.00pm and closed at 8.30pm.

Signed – *Alan Vassar* - Alan Vassar – Clerk to the Council

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs. Wendy Fisher, Linda Johnson, Karla Bullimore, Graham Williams, Paul Hibbert Greaves.

2. To receive Declaration of Interests

None declared.

3. Notes of meeting held on 20th July 2021 to be approved as Minutes.

So approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Clerks report on matters outstanding

a. Update on new IT equipment.

Purchased by Clerk. 1 x ACER 14" Laptop with potential of 1TB memory. Anti-virus and M/Soft Office included + 12month guarantee. (Argos). No printer and no laminator were purchased as the Council will use the Clerk's own equipment and just pay for ink used and laminating sleeves.

b. Repositioning of Speed Signs?

Awaiting the end of the Tourist season so job can be done safely.

c. Query over Insurance of said Speed Signs

Resolved. Cameras are on the Insurance Asset list. No action required.

d. Letter sent to Mr Wylie – owner of plot of land on Sea Road

No response received yet.

e. Dog Warden?

Cllr Rushton volunteered to become the new Dog Warden – Clerk to send a holding letter to ELDC informing them of this fact. Cllr Davie indicated that it is too late now, but to send the email anyway, and he would get the address of the Officer concerned.

5. To receive reports from outside bodies

Cllr Hibbert Greaves ill, but report from Cllr Davie was as follows:

'COVID. It appears that the vaccine wears off quicker than expected. There are 3 wards open for Covid patients in Lincolnshire 50% of the patients on these wards have had no vaccination, 24% had had 1 jab, and 25% have had the 2 shots required.

In addition, the Flu virus is a serious threat due to many people having lower resistance after Covid.

It is expected that there will be a resurgence of the pandemic by November, and it is felt that people will be working from home, Councils back on Zoom meetings, etc.

New planning legislation may be announced shortly 'A Community Right of Veto' – currently under review.

There is a massive shortage of manpower with only 60-70% cover for the Care Sector, 100 less bus drivers than needed for school run etc, and not enough drivers for Gritters, nor enough HGV drivers for general distribution (food etc). These shortages will cause major hardship this year.'

Also he stated that they were expecting bad weather over winter, (Jan and Feb especially), CD working with the EA to plan for evacuations and training etc.

The Resilience Forum has been badly hit by Covid restrictions but need to get the Community galvanised to support their own Community in an emergency.

(Cllr Rushton pointed out that the Village Hall was ready to handle general flooding, but the Constituents need training. For example, ER (Emergency Route) signage is a mystery to a lot of people. CD to chase EA training and dissemination of training.)

The required grit has been sorted but there were insurance queries about gritting the roads by Councillors – CD to investigate.

He felt also that the Anderby road should be a Clearway and explained that there will be a dedicated Traffic Warden in the New year – covering the Coastal Area/

Asked about car park charges to be introduced – he explained that Fishermen will be paying to park overnight, and they will be placed on a 'White List'.

It was impossible to run the same scheme for the daytime parkers.

6. *Matters relating to the lifting of a bye law to introduce parking charges and note of correspondence from a Constituent*

Cllr. Wood stated that he had been made aware of a Facebook post stating that the PC was failing to disclose information regarding the repealing of an ancient bye law, to enable the new parking regime.

The author claimed this was a notice indicated by a notice in Anderby Creek car park.

Cllr, Wood gave a brief report on the notice and his research into a possible reasons for the claim, concluding that it could only be a failing in comprehension by the author.

Cllr. Wood's conclusion was that there was no truth whatsoever in the post as the bye law concerned was passed in 2013 to prevent overnight parking. The PC were already fully aware that the bye law would have to be repealed and that it would have zero impact on parishioners.

He added that the APC need to publicise the good work that has already been done by the Council, and that we should make this known on the website - Money raised by grants applied for, amounting to nearly £30000 over the past 3 years. AV to do entry on the PC site ASAP.

It was also suggested that we could set up an Anderby Parish Council Facebook page, and that this would be a good way of communicating all the good work done by the Parish Council to the Residents of Anderby and Anderby Creek. The Village Hall could also be part of this giving them another way of publicising their events etc. Various details were discussed – notice that no abuse will be tolerated, local photos needed etc and all this was agreed in principle and should be an Agenda item in October.

The letter from the Constituent to be answered by the Parish Clerk given the information from the County Councillor and feedback from APC.

7. *Illegal traffic along national country path in Anderby Creek.*

Covered by Cllr C Davie in his presentation with the promise of a dedicated coastal Traffic Warden.

8. Finance:

To approve payment of accounts:

- a. Retrospective approval of expenditure for farewell gift (£25) for outgoing Parish Clerk
Approved.

- b. Retrospective approval of cheque sent to Robert Aldrich - £293.70 – for grass cutting June and July 2021
Approved.
- c. Cheque required for payment for new Laptop already paid for by Clerk.
A cheque was approved & issued for the cost (£229.99)
- d. Any other cheques required for immediate action
None.

9. Highways & Area Maintenance

The Cllrs in the Rejuvenation Team have worked hard these past few weeks, tidying the roundabout, painting posts, planting various planters, and cutting the hedge around the sign enabling the sign to be read. The Council pre-approved an amount of £100 to be given for spending on plants etc in the future.

10. Churchyard Trees – update

Tree number 18 – issues with this tree so a new report is required.

The Gardener has also been asked to kill the already felled trees and the giant Yew can grow to a max of 5m but can be cut down to a min of 3m.

Because of the changes there are now Grant issues and further consultation is required with the Gardener. (Cllr Wood)

11. Date of next meeting Monday 18th October 2021

12. Any other business for discussion only or next agenda

Details of whether the Grant recently applied for had yet been paid into the bank account were unavailable because no statement had been received. On-line banking was discussed, and it was agreed that this was to be pursued, but if successful, it should not be used to pay bills as this would give 1 person the ability to transfer money out of the account, and this would be in contravention of APC's banking rules (2 person authorisation).

The authority to purchase Christmas Trees and a Memorial Wreath should be included and requested on the next Agenda.

EA work on the Car Park was stopped in the summer and needs restarting. Letter required to Peter Davenport of the EA asking for an update.
