**ANSLEY PARIS H COUNCIL**

**MINUTE 10 of 2024/2025**

**Monday 20th January 2025**

**PRESENT: Cllr P. ARROWSMITH (Chair)**

 **Cllr M. JACKSON (Arrived late, clash with NWBC meeting)**

 **Cllr P. REES**

 **Cllr A. NORGROVE**

 **KEVIN HAYES (Clerk)**

**ALSO PRESENT: Two members of the public**

#### RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE MEETING

The Chairman explained the procedures and reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Kearns (Holiday), Cllr Barrs (ill) County/ Borough Cllr Bell (Clash with NWBC Meeting)

#### DECLARATION OF INTEREST ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – None

#### REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

There were no County or Borough councillors present so there was no report.

1. **PUBLIC SESSION**
* The member of the public said that the 30mph signs on Tunnel Road had still not been moved. Cllr Bell is chasing Highways to make sure this gets done.
* The grass patch outside 114 Birmingham Road has been driven over by a van and needs a new bollard installing to stop this happening. The Ansley Footpath group agreed to do this.
* The bin washing van parked on Birmingham Road opposite the post office is leaking fluid onto the pavement. Its needs to be moved to a better place to park.
* There are residents from the Eaton Fields estate entering the lane by the allotments . There is a lot of fly tipping where they come through the fence and there is a car parked in the lane. The clerk to follow up.
1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 16th 2024.** These were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

1. **CLERKS REPORT** The clerk read out the items that he had actioned since the last meeting. Amongst the items the clerk reported was a donation of £677 from Lifelines that Shelia Passey had and wanted to offer it to the parish council for the benefit of the community. The clerk had asked Andy Down to give us a quote for the repair of the bus shelter in Birchley Heath. The chairman said herself and Cllr Norgrove were due to meet Mr Down next week to discuss the repairs that were needed. The lengthsman had been asked to quote for this but we have been waiting a long time for the quote. Cllr Jackson had allocated £600 of the Borough councillors community fund towards the cost of the repairs and whatever else the community want to do.
2. **PLANNING MATTERS**
3. **PAP/2024/0587Mr. Palmer, 12 Ansley Hall, Coleshill Road, Ansley. Listed build consent for installation of velux window.** No objections
4. **NEW MATTERS ARISING**

**Report from Youth Club working group.**

1. There were twelve people who turned up for the meeting held on 6th January 2025. The clerk gave a brief description of the bid that had been submitted in order to obtain the £3000 grant we had received from Warwickshire County Council Youth Grants. The grant would enable the parish council to employ a part time youth worker for up to December 2025 to set up and run a weekly youth club in Ansley Village. The plan was to use the village hall for some of the sessions and the recreation ground for the other sessions when the weather permitted. There was a general discussion about the salary for the youth worker and it was decided to offer between £14 and £16 per hour depending on experience and qualifications. There was also a discussion about the age range. The grant was offered for work with 11-18 year olds but there was concern about what would happen to those who were younger than 11. It was agreed that we should advertise the job and seek to employ someone by March 2025 with a view to start the club around the Spring Bank Holiday. We now need to ask the interview panel to shortlist the candidates for interview and set a date for the interviews. It was also suggested we should look to include a young person, if possible, to join the interview panel. Cllr Jackson suggested that we should apply to other agencies to match fund and support the youth club. Arley parish council are looking to raise funds to set up a youth club in Arley and would like to join forces with Ansley. It was also suggested that we look at the National Youth Agency’s ‘Youth club in a box’ for their free templates and information about setting up a new youth service.
2. **Party in the park 2025 report** Cllr Jackson had donated, from the borough councillors community grants fund, a grant of £1000 towards the cost of the Party in the Park 2025. The next meeting of the working group is due to take place on Tuesday 28th February at Hood Lane Farm.
3. **Dates of future parish council meetings** Following a discussion about the clash of our meeting dates with the Borough council meetings it was decided to move the future meetings to the third Tuesday in every month (except August when there was no meeting). Tonight was another example of a clash with a Borough council meeting with the County and Borough Councillors absent (Cllr Jackson attended this meeting late because of this). It was important to have County and Borough councillors present at our meetings for updates and to inform them of the concerns of the residents. Therefore the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th February in the St Laurence Church Annex. The clerk to draw up list of future dates and venues, book these with Ansley PCC and advertise these in the notice boards, on the website and the relevant Facebook pages. It was also agreed that if any residents have difficulty getting to the annex we should offer them a lift there and back.
4. **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**
5. **Budget 2025 Precept request** The Clerk presented the 2025/26 budget for approval. Following discussions about some of the items the Cllrs accepted and approved the precept request for £28351.07. Cllr Jackson suggested the clerk approach the NWBC to ask for a donation towards the cost of the Party in the Park 2025.
6. **Bank Reconciliation December 2024** This was approved and signed by the Chairman.
7. **Approval of printing costs of Food Parcel leaflets** The cost of the leaflets was £150 which was accepted and approved by the Cllrs
8. **Schedule of payments January 2025** The schedule of payments for January 2025 was approved by the Cllrs and signed by the Chairman
9. **Clerks worksheet** This was deferred until February meeting
10. **COUNCILLORS BUSINESS RELATED TO PARISH MATTERS**
	* Cllr Rees asked about the bollards to be installed on the grass outside number 114 Birmingham Road. He will supply the wooden bollards and the footpath group will install them.
		+ Cllr Norgrove reported on the state of the pavements outside his home on Birmingham Road following the recent flood. The tarmac is all broken up. He has swept up the debris but the pavement will need re-tarmacking. The clerk will write to highways about this.
		+ Cllr Jackson reported on the following items:

**Severn Trent Water Authority** had presented to the borough councillors their plan to install a new been mains water pipe across land between Hartshill and Meriden. This would have a big impact on the residents of Ansley whose land it crossed. Cllr Jackson to send a copy of the plans to the parish councillors.

**Unitary Authority** The County Council were looking to create one Unitary Council across the whole of Warwickshire doing away with the Borough and Town Councils. Not sure what will happen to Parish Councils if this happens. Will probably be in 2027/28 if it goes ahead.

**Road Safety in Ansley Common** The councillors have asked for a new crossing in Ansley Common. Cllr Jackson is going to raise a motion on road safety at the next Borough Council meeting to put pressure on the County Council because Warwickshire are so far behind in their road safety and to look at schemes like ‘20 is plenty’ and other things that can be done to make the roads safer. Herself and the local MP Jodie Gosling are also due to visit the Government Minister in Parliament to bring their concerns about road safety in Warwickshire to their attention.

**Community Environment** There is a concern on the lack of uptake of vaccines across the borough.

A member of the public raised a concern about the state of the road signs around the parish and asked what could be done about these, The clerk will contact the local window cleaner who offered to clean the parish council signs to ask him to do it. He will also contact Highways to see what can be done to clean the signs that belong to them.

**The meeting closed at 9pm**

**Chairman…………………………………… Date………………….**