

ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL



Draft Minutes of the Meeting held in St James's Church, Ansty
on Tuesday 25th July 2017 at 6.00 pm

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Jose Green
- 2) **Present:** Chair, Ben Ridley (BR), Cllr Morwenna Brewer (MB), Cllr Mathew Feltham (MF), Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Cllr Tim Martin (TM)
Members of the public: Anna Greenhalgh, Anne Martin, Lesley Simm (LS) for item 13, Rob Wilkinson (RW)
- 3) **Declarations of office** were signed by Chair Ben Ridley, Cllrs Mathew Feltham and Tim Martin
- 4) **Declarations of interest:** none
- 5) **Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May:** this meeting was held just for Chair election, without reference to the previous Minutes, so it was agreed issues should be discussed from those previous Minutes.
- 6) **Public questions:**
 - a) RW asked how the preventative HGV signs required at the top of Ansty Coombe Lane were progressing. TM said they had been approved by CATG, sent to the Area Board and believed approved by them. A sign costs £250/275 approx, for which a local contribution of £100 would be needed.
 - b) RW also asked for future Agendas and Minutes to be emailed to him. JF confirmed a comprehensive resident email list had been drawn up by her and would be passed to our new Clerk. Those without computers would be circulated by hand.
- 7) **Planning:** Ref. Application 17/03534/VAR (The Cherrries). It was agreed to return a "No Objections" response to the application for the removal of Condition 1 from the 1970s planning consent dealing with the agricultural workers tie.
- 8) **Jose Green Report:** There was no report at this meeting.
- 9) **Clerk:** Our previous Clerk, Lal Poynter, had resigned. The post had been advertised and the applicants interviewed. Julie Ann Murphy had been chosen and the Councillors were delighted she had accepted, starting at the November meeting. She asked if she might go on the official Clerk's course, undergone by her predecessor and the Council agreed to fund this.
- 10) **Website:** firstly, thanks were expressed to James Thompson for setting up the village website and managing it until now. Both TM and RW were interested in running it in future, as our new Clerk did not wish to do this and they intended seeing James Thompson to improve the site, which needed to be made more slick. Registration on Google should be investigated, though they were aware this would be expensive.
- 11) **Speed Indicating Device (SID)**
 - a) JF reported she had been to the presentation about SIDs. Hindon PC had sourced 8 SID suppliers, varying in price from £1,295 up to £3,195. Hindon chose the cheapest at £1,295. South West Wiltshire Area Board would be prepared to give a grant of £1,500 towards the purchase price to share between Ansty and Swallowcliffe. The Area Board/CATG would grant us £500 towards the insurance if not already covered by our own policy. JF would contact Stephen Banas in Swallowcliffe to confirm our interest in sharing a device and she would also try to find another village to share a SID and its cost.
 - b) **20 mph initiative:** TM reported that Wiltshire Council was restarting their programme to implement 20 mph speed limits, but on a reduced basis. The feasibility stage costs £2.5k and the Parish Council pays £1k towards the feasibility. The Parish Council then has to pay the full installation cost. Ansty PC has no costs for its installation, but has been advised the Tisbury scheme cost £6k to implement, so this could cost about £3k. The Parish Council would have to pay about £4k and Wiltshire Council about £2k, allowing an amount for legal costs. Only two parishes will be

selected this year. Submissions have to be in by 15th September 2017. It was also noted that Ansty did not score highly against the selection criteria tabled by Wiltshire and our Area Board. The Parish Council agreed that this was not affordable from the Parish Council's funds. However, as traffic speed was a major issue for many residents and often raised by them, the Parish Council would see if there was an appetite for proceeding with a 20 mph application with funding from residents. Any application would need good support from residents.

12) **Police Report:** there was no report at this meeting.

13) **Any other matters**

a) **Open Gardens Report and use of St James's Church**

LS thanked all who had taken part in and given much time to the Open Garden day, saying it had been a good village effort. Approx 230 people attended, raising a gross total of £1583.80 which, after expenses of £207.04, resulted in a net total of £1386.76. She then spoke at length about using the church for general fund raising and community events, as many other villages without a hall do, even contemplating the addition of a small kitchen and loo one day. Use of the Commandery was only in the gift of the Manor owners, though MF pointed out that Tony Keating had always regarded it as an asset freely available to the village since restoration had been partly grant funded. JF commented that when many villagers took part in an event, funds raised should not always be devoted solely to the church but to other village benefits, such as traffic control schemes. LS and MB agreed to do this and make it clear on publicity for the forthcoming Ansty Bazaar.

b) **Noticeboard key:** MB has one key, Lal another (to be passed to the new Clerk) and it was thought at least a third should be cut to enable easy access to the board.

The meeting ended at 7.25 pm.

14) **Date of the next meeting**

The next Ansty Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th November, 6.30 pm in St James's Church.



28/11/17