

## **ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL**

***Minutes of the meeting held in St James Church, Ansty on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
November 2017 at 6.30pm***

1. **Apologies for absence:** Sarah Frater, Anne Martin
2. **Present:** Chair: Tim Martin (TM), Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Cllr Morwenna Brewer (MB), Cllr Mathew Feltham(MF), Wiltshire Cllr Jose Green (JG) Parish Clerk: Julie Ann Murphy (JAM),  
**Members of the public:** Pam Baldwin (PB), Barrie Shore (BS), Rob Wilkinson (RW)
3. **Declaration of Interest:** none
4. **Approval of minutes** of meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017:  
minutes approved as accurate record by all councillors present and signed by TM
5. **Statement from the floor:** TM advises in relation to anything on the agenda can be covered as items arise
6. **Election of Chairman:** TM nominated by Cllr Morwenna Brewer all present voted in favour
7. **Appointment of Parish Clerk:** JAM introduced and welcomed
8. **Parish Councillor vacancy:** RW put himself forward for co-option prior to the meeting, was nominated at the meeting and all present Cllrs voted in favour of his co-option. JAM to arrange paperwork for RW to sign Declaration of Office. Also highlighted JAM to arrange name changes of Ansty Parish Cllrs on Wiltshire website adding MF and RW while removing Margaret Thompson and Ben Ridley. Also MF to complete a Declaration of Interest
9. **Update from Wiltshire Councillor Jose Green: This is the full written text supplied by Jose Green:** Congratulations to Tollard Royal for winning the small village category County Wide of the Best Kept Village

Competition. Great news for Shaftesbury and the areas beyond. The 16 beds for patients have been saved, the CCG have listened to what the public said. Compliments to all those that helped with the ' Save Our Beds 'campaign. It has been mentioned that the long term intention is to build a new hospital with other facilities ( Community Hub) in a different location because of the current site's limitations I'm sure that will be a few years away! Wiltshire Council has recently been recognised by the MOD by being awarded their Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Award. This is the highest badge of honour the MOD can bestow on an organisation for outstanding support for those who have served and those who serve. Prince Harry presented the award to Baroness Scott. It's been a year since The Nadder Centre in Tisbury opened. Since then the Library opening hours have increased by 30% ( 2,297 hours pa ) with 32 volunteers giving a marvellous service. The state-of-the-art gym with the latest smart technology to record and track your fitness is proving to be popular. The timetable has grown with 16 different exercise classes. There are still some start-up units available for small businesses to let. 6 new bungalows in the South for elderly people are well underway bringing a total of 5,540 of WC owned housing for renting, the majority are in the South of the County. The improvements to the Nadder Close sheltered scheme in Tisbury has recently been completed. Wiltshire Council is committed in reducing litter in every form. £2.5 million is spent every year picking litter up. Next year another project called Clean Up Wilts follows on from the previous national campaigns that proved to be so successful. Changes will be coming to our doorstep collections late in 2018 of which I will emphasise nearer the time. The Speed Indication Device ( SID ) camera project is going well. I hope it won't be too long until we see more of them along local roads. Broad Chalke, Bishopstone and Bowerchalke consortium is already up and running. I was pleased to support the grant application to kick start the restoration of the Australian Map on the downs at Compton Chamberlayne. This ties in nicely with the little cemetery in the village which is maintained by the War Graves Commission and contains soldiers who gave of their all during WW1. The restored Royal Warwickshire Badge in Sutton looks very impressive, congratulations to all those who supported the project.

The next Area Board will be held on 6th December. Mental Health will be the main Item and several grants will be considered, one being the Youth Club in Fovant. Full Council agreed to form a committee to look at the Boundary Commission's review of Electoral Divisions within Wiltshire that will be taking place soon. This could lead to a reduction of Councillors across Wiltshire. Divisions are determined by the number of residents within each Division as they all should be of a similar ratio/size therefore changes are expected to the boundaries. A Parliamentary constituency review is also taking place and consultation is taking place now. I am currently on a Task Group looking at the Planning system. If anyone has an opinion on their first-hand experience of the planning regime/process please let me know. A review to refresh the existing Core Strategy planning document will commence with public meetings and consultation starting on the 6th November for 6 weeks. When finally adopted the validity date will extend until 2036 and will be called the Wiltshire Local Plan. The whole process will take over 2 years with a number of existing policies to be updated with an Inspector making the final recommendation. The new Wiltshire Local Plan is not expected to be adopted until 2021. To commemorate the end of WWI a War Memorial cleaning initiative is available. This project also includes lime pointing and bronze plaque maintenance. Anyone wishing to know more Email ....i.m.i@ntlworld.com or phone...07870 984556.

10. **Police Report:** TM reported email from PSO Neil Turnbull who advised 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017 incident by unknown person who removed rear lock of vehicle parked on Ansty High St, nothing taken. Also series of burglaries in Ansty and the surrounding areas between September and November with sheds/stables and electric fence batteries targeted. General vigilance recommended. Further updates can be found on the police website. ([www.police.uk/wiltshire](http://www.police.uk/wiltshire))

11. **Planning update:** MB reported:

- **Pennyfarthing Cottage** – approved by Wiltshire with conditions
- **Peartree Cottage** - refusal of driveway expanse but subsequent Wiltshire approval by reducing size

- **Deer Cottage** – pruning trees - no objections
- **Quarry Farm** – Retrospective permission refused by Wiltshire
- **87 King's Lane** – plans discussed. Interior work extensive but Cllrs MB and TM were more concerned about the further loss of thatched cottage behind a further extension of the property. JF commented that the new plans cannot be worse than the 70s garage. It was agreed by the councillors that no objection would be raised, but the concerns would be tabled to Wiltshire.
- MB also reflected on concerns about lorry damaging corner at top of King's Lane – there is a lot of heavy traffic with all the works going on causing significant disruption to locals.
- For all planning applications go to Ansty website

**<http://www.anstywiltspc.org.uk/planning-applications/>**

## **12.Traffic issues:**

**a) JF/TM Update on SID (speed indicator device):** Wiltshire are offering funding of £1,500 per SID consortium. In July the parish council decided it was interested in investigating the scheme further. Device/cost would be shared with Fovant and Swallowcliffe. JF advised that after research the SID chosen is the Pandora. Not the cheapest but with superior after service. Generally no objections in Ansty. Unit itself costs £642 as our contribution plus small additional costs. BS asks is it temporary - which it is and will move every few weeks. Unit will tell drivers their speed. Information gathered from SID ie records vehicle numbers and frequency downloaded to a laptop. Unit will be shared with Swallowcliffe and Fovant swapping every two weeks. Volunteers will put it up and take it down. It possibly could be attached to the 30mph posts although could possibly be too close to the road. This requires further investigation. SID can be moved around until suitable spot found. Insurer needs to be notified. Running costs will be kept down by solar unit. There are doubts in the room that it will make any difference to the problem of cars speeding through Ansty, but generally felt it is worth a try. Funding to be discussed in point 16) Precept.

**b) Ansty Coombe sign to restrict HGVs:** sign to be at top of Ansty Coombe just off the A30, and has been ordered. TM reports signs are expensive £275 for one.

**c) 20mph consultation:** TM reported that introducing a 20mph zone is not a straightforward process. Cost could be in region of £6,000. Ansty PC cannot afford the funds needed to have a 20mph zone but it could be self-funded if people felt strongly enough to provide the funds. It was noted that several parishes are starting to self-fund different schemes. TM advised costs of £1,500 for feasibility study, £500 legal costs, and £4k or so for signage/installation. PB would support a 20mph but BS wondered how much difference it would make. MF retold conversation with a retired traffic policeman who said it made no difference to how fast people drove. MB responded how ugly the road signs can be painted on the road, and it would distract from the beauty of the village. TM reflected that whilst drivers might break the 20mph limit they were likely to go slower than if it had remained a 30mph which would be a good result. BS felt boy racer types would not comply. MF wondered if parking spaces would slow traffic as successfully as carried out in Tisbury.

**d) Tisbury Neighbourhood Plan Consultation:** TM reported that Ansty PC did respond with concerns about how the villages around Tisbury suffer due to increased traffic access into and from Tisbury and with future building plans mitigating measures should be considered. For instance making parking at the station a less attractive proposition for people from outside the surrounding neighbourhoods so they are not tempted to come from a long distance to park at Tisbury.

### **13. Footpath report – Rob Wilkinson (Ansty Footpath Maintenance Group – RW & MF)**

- Two new footpath signs have been installed off the High St
- Four new self-closing gates with hoops have been installed
- Overhanging or dangerous branches in several locations were removed (with permission)
- Four stiles were repaired or strengthened

- All parish footpaths were constantly cleared of overgrown vegetation from June until October
- Approximately 120 man hours were invested
- This means that all of our parish footpaths are currently accessible.
- The parish mile stone opposite Ansty PYO shop was also kept cleared.
- Currently ongoing: The newly diverted FP6 (over Mr Rob Beale's land) is currently being cleared, signposted and waymarked. All with permission. Two local stiles in Ansty Coombe have been repaired this month.
- RW thanked the following for their help and support Tim Martin, and Nick Cowen, Alex Howson, Derek Newman (Wiltshire Council) also all the local landowners for granting permission to work on their land when carrying out footpath maintenance work. A fuller report can be found on the village website.

TM commented that the stile by The Hundred is very high and following requests is likely to be replaced with a footpath gate. Also the wooded tunnel up to Jockey field is likely to have a gate in the future to replace the stile. MF asked if Wiltshire Council would provide a yearly allowance for cost of footpath maintenance materials but TM said Wiltshire had virtually no footpath funds. However, we were very fortunate in Ansty to have recently received a generous donation from a villager for footpath maintenance materials/tools.

**14. Parish Steward visits – frequency and role:** MF reports on the vagaries of what the steward can and can't do. It is very limited ie he can clear drainage gratings but not unblock the drain below, but will take a photo of blockage. And the Steward comes once every four weeks but will not be coming in December. JG counsels encouraging Steward to do more. General frustration with service from Steward voiced by many attendees. TM advises Ansty residents to feedback to Mat what work they need doing re drains and grates etc.

**15. Village website update:** thanks to RW for website revamp. Everyone to be encouraged to regularly visit website which now has a Notice Board section with day to day issues. [www.anstywiltspc.org.uk](http://www.anstywiltspc.org.uk)

**16. Setting Precept for 2018/19.** A financial sheet, titled Ansty Precept 2018/19 was circulated and is attached. TM explained Band D council tax and the costs involved in running Ansty PC inc. host website costs, insurance, Parish Clerk costs etc. He highlighted the significant savings made by managing our own website, also not having to pay for Parish Council meeting rooms etc. These are some of the ways we keep our Precept low. There is about £1,500 of annual hard costs we know about. If we add around £1k for the SID our expenditure for the year would be about £2,500. Ansty PC does have some funds of close to £4k in the account, accrued over the years with various fund raising etc. We currently have a Precept of £1,800 income for 2017/18 from Wiltshire. If we were to have the same next year it would cost us more, the reason being we have less people paying council tax in Ansty next year than we do this year. Various factors like single occupancies for instance contribute to this situation. We have gone down approx. two and half Band D properties. So TM proposes a Precept of £2,000 which would give a Band D cost within the council tax charge of £27.06 which would be an increase of £3.50 per house over a whole year, or 7p a week per Band D house. Percentage wise it looks more, but comes down to a relatively small addition. MF worried that a 15% rise is above inflation. We are not asking for more for the sake of it but it would give us a bit more funds to do more in the village. PH asked if the money raised by events in Ansty could be itemised on the website. TM advised end of year accounts will be on the website. TM proposes Precept of £2,000 for 2018/19, all Cllrs agreed.

**17. Date of Next Meeting: February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 6pm in St James Church**

**18. AOB:** Concerns were raised about general upkeep issues in the village and specific points were raised in relation to the condition of the bank to the pond, and keeping the stream clear. The lack of progress with works to Coombe Farm Cottage was also noted and the affect this has on the Coombe. Councillors to consider these issues.

MB referred to a report she was drafting setting out her view that using the church as a village centre is unfeasible in view of the cost to add facilities following research on the subject.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

FINAL DRAFT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theresa'.

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