

Draft MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL

HELD AT ANSTY PICK YOUR OWN

ON MONDAY 22nd AUGUST 2016 at 6.00PM

1. Apologies for absence from Keith Parker and Rob Wilkinson.
2. Present Chair Margaret Thompson, Cllr Juliette Foy, Cllr Ben Ridley, Cllr Morwenna Brewer and Cllr Julia Davis, Jose Green Members of the public James Thompson, Peter Dalton and Tim Martin.
3. Declarations of interest none.
4. Minutes of previous meeting signed and approved.
5. Police Report. No police present at meeting and no report given.
6. Planning Issues. The Manor has had scaffolding installed on an outbuilding within the churchyard. This has been checked by Lesley Simm who can be contacted in the event of any queries. She has put into place a number of conditions to ensure that there is no damage to graves and the churchyard is not used for anything except the actual installation.
7. Milestone Update. John Needham is back in the Autumn from France. Chair Margaret Thompson has instructed him what to do regarding the repair. Cllr Julia Davis suggested the stone mason Harry Jonas if John Needham is delayed in returning to the UK. Tim Martin thought it best not to cut into the stone and this has never been planned. Margaret Thompson thanked Tim Martin and Rob Wilkinson for mowing around the bottom of the stone to make it more evident but as there had been no cutting so far this year it is feared more damage may occur. Responsibility for the safety of the stone rests with Wilts council and the reduction of verge cutting is imperiling this
8. Road Issues. Metro count Report results were read out by James Thompson. Traffic readings the period from 17th May 2016-3rd June 2016. There was a total of 13,705 vehicles of which 71% did speeds of 30pmh or less. Therefore 29% exceeded the speed limit. Chair Margaret Thompson said we have to wait for data collected outside 'Long Ash.' Chair MT stated she had discussed this with most of the owners of houses on the High Street and they were in agreement.

Chair Margaret Thompson brought up the matter of a bus route going through Ansty and if no passengers were being picked up then the bus timetable organizer Mr. Grocott says it could at some future point be suspended. This currently deferred for discussion. Cllr Julia Davis felt there was no point in

discussing this at length on a once a week bus route. However Chair Margaret Thompson pointed out that buses are being made wider and use private entry land to houses to pass other vehicles on High St.

Resident Yvonne Pritchard is marooned in her house and the roof on the house of Mr & Mrs. Oldfield is suffering as a result of the large vehicles that pass through Ansty. Cllr Ben Ridley said that there was an increased overhang on their house from the last time it had been thatched. Raised kerbs are an issue for CATG. Due to the restricted sightlines in this area 20mph is to be submitted for CATG.

9. Venue of future PC meetings. Lesley Simm had queried whether winter meetings should take place in the warmer venue of APYO and use the church for summer meetings.

10. Best Kept Village. Ansty did not win this year. The village did come first in the first round but ended up in fourth position.

11. Public Queries. Footpath at northern entrance. There have been discussions to divert the path as it is very wet. A fence has been put in front of the stile. Tim Martin mentioned that barbed wire has been put on it. This makes it impassable and this is an offence. Tim Martin has informed Nic Cowen on this matter. We remain unsure of whether Clouds estate will agree to diversion of the footpath to Blind lane. This would require removal of a padlock on the gate to the field. As it stands there are obstructions on the current FP and the proposed diversion which is not satisfactory.

Uncertainty about availability of foot paths in three parts of Ansty has contributed to decision not to join the circular walks initiative since there is no point in directing walkers around a route that has three possible problems and obstructions.

12. Date of next meeting could be 28th November 2016 at PYO. Checks as to availability of Cllrs will be made.

12. Date of next meeting 28th November at Ansty Pick Your Own

Meeting finished 7.00pm

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