

**Draft MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT ANSTY PICK YOUR OWN
ON MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2016 at 6.00PM**

1. Apologies for absence from Juliette Foy and Jose Green.
2. Present: Chair Cllr Margaret Thompson, Cllr Ben Ridley, Cllr Morwenna Brewer and Cllr Julia Davis.
Members of the public: James Thompson, Anne Martin, Tim Martin, Rob Wilkinson
3. Declarations of interest: none.
4. Minutes of previous meeting signed and approved.
5. Police Report – Police not present. A general report was provided and read out.
6. Planning – work has not started at The Manor.

Copse Farm application: Footpath diversion is not tied in with the plan. Tisbury Footpath and Ramblers Association have been notified. The diversion will be to the side of the wood.

7. Milestone. Chair Margaret Thompson said there was no PC funding available for reconstruction and the PC do not have to do anything as Grade II listed monuments are the responsibility of the council. This announcement was to clarify discussion at the last meeting. Her advice is that we should do nothing or time will be spent which should be invested in things which are our responsibility.

Rob Wilkinson asked if Ansty should “adopt” the milestone. Cllr Morwenna Brewer suggested informing the Milestone Society. Chair said no as it is a grade 2 listed monument and the council are obliged to look after it. Cllr Julia Davis supported this as there could be a risk of doing wrong or damaging work. Tim Martin asked who cuts the verges and is it shared? Chair Margaret Thompson informed the meeting that Wiltshire Council cuts it once a year and New Barn Lodge on the Shaftesbury side of the monument do local maintenance.

8. Feedback on road issues. CATG was attended by Chair Margaret Thompson, Juliette Foy, Tim Martin and James Thompson. Dr James Thompson noted there was evidence from metro count data that Ansty had twice the amount of traffic compared with other villages, and there were some willing on the CATG committee to give Ansty half the remaining meagre funds available to examine the Ansty situation. However, this was challenged at the last minute with the result Ansty missed out on a potential fund of £2500. Hopefully Julie Wharton will return this year to sort this out. It is disproportionate for a village the size of Ansty to pay a quarter of such costs. Tim Martin sent an email to Chair Margaret Thompson on CATG meeting.

Separately there was an application from Horwood farm for cattle crossing signage on the A30.

9. Venue of future Parish Meetings. Chair suggested that meetings should continue at APYO. Lesley Simm had suggested earlier having summer meetings in the church and winter meetings at APYO as less easy to heat church in winter. Next meeting provisionally to be in APYO on February 27th at 6 pm

10. Precept. Precept has been set at £1800. There is a cost for hosting and also maintaining the Parish website. The increase was agreed by Cllr Morwenna Brewer, Cllr Julia Davis and Chair Margaret Thompson. We are currently applying for the cover of hosting at £100 annually from WALC sources which will last for another 2 years. After that it is thought they will not help PCs with this although PCs are now required to have websites.

Volunteers to help look after the website would be most welcome by James Thompson.

11. Best Kept Village. Ansty got a certificate for being first in South District small village class but no money was awarded.

12. Hedges. Cllr Ben Ridley who has accepted the PC responsibility for hedges and ditches has had "ear ache" on the matter of hedging. The Highway Act is not enforced for hedges overlapping onto the roads in the village.

Cllr Julia Davis said that hedges should be cut when birds have left their nests. Cllr Ben Ridley said that it depends if the hedge is agricultural or domestic. Mr Rob Wilkinson noted that some hedges have been neglected; if you are walking there are few verges. Cllr Ben Ridley said people are responsible for cutting hedges. Chair suggested he have a discussion with David Button at Wilton for assistance in this matter.

13. Public Queries. None

14. Date of next meeting. Monday 27th February 2017 at 6pm APYO

Meeting finished at 7.05pm

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