

Draft Minutes Ansty Village Meeting

Monday 16th May 2016 6.30pm

Held at St James's Church Ansty

1. **Election of Chair**- Chair Margaret Thompson to continue as Chair for Ansty Parish Council. Juliette Foy to continue as Vice chair. This was agreed by all present on Ansty Parish Council.

2. **Apologies for absence**- Cllr Julia Davies, Keith Parker, James Thompson, Sarah Gwinner, Mr and Mrs Morse, Pam Hassam, Alan Baldwin,

3. **Present** – Chair Margaret Thompson, Cllr Juliette Foy, Cllr Morwenna Brewer, Cllr Ben Ridley

Members of the public Mr & Mrs Baker, Mrs Ridley, Helen Forshaw, Sarah Frater, Tim Martin, Charlie Morgan, Maureen Feltham, Barrie Shore, Yvonne Pritchard, June Stonier, Mr and Mrs Greenhalgh, Mr and Mrs Oldfield, Mrs Beale, Caroline Plumptre

4. **Declaration of Interest.** None

5. **Police Report.** Police invited but unable to be present

6. **Josie Green Report**

“It has been another interesting year but one very much dictated by the savings that have had to be found as a consequence of, not only the reduction of grant funding that Central Government give to local Authorities, but also to enable a better way of working together with other providers and organisations. £120 million has been saved over the last 5 years.

It is 7 years since Wiltshire went Unitary. For those years the priorities have remained the same.

The Vulnerable in our communities, especially the disabled, elderly and those children that need our care and protection. Since the Rotherham case we have all been alerted to the atrocious things that can happen so WC has made some positive moves to prevent such horrors.

The Economy..... without a vibrant economy things would be worse and we must do all we can to maintain vital services, the new science park at Porton which will create more jobs, the expansion of Dyson and other opportunities will benefit the military personnel as they relocate to the Plain. (4,000 troops + 3,600 dependants).

By 2026 it is anticipated that 40,000+ new jobs will be created and 31,000 new homes delivered in the County.

In Wiltshire last year there were 2,118 new homes of which 635 were affordable. More affordable housing is required as well as extra care and sheltered housing to meet the demand. Changing demographics means that Wiltshire has 15% more older residents than the UK average which places a huge demand on both social and health services. The population of Wiltshire is 471,000 and the number of retired residents is predicted to rise from 23% to 27.1% in 10 years time.

Wiltshire Highways is an issue that hopefully will improve now the new contract has been awarded to Ringway. 65% of the service remains with Tarmac Lafarge and Jacksons and The Landscape Group will continue to do the verges. The Parish Steward's role is to be retained and enhanced so look out for the team within the Parish so that you can have some direct contact. The My Wiltshire App is the process to report work that is required. £21million is spent across the County but with 2,728 miles of roads it is an ongoing programme of which we in the South West of the County constantly remind Officers we want our fair share!

Fovant has been chosen to have the 20mph limits installed and I hope Broad Chalke's limits will soon be in situ, these were put forward on the recommendation from CATG and ratified at SWWAB.

The University Technical College in Salisbury has now opened. 91.2% of children are in good or outstanding schools across Wiltshire and we must maintain that. The Tisbury Nadder Centre is progressing well.

It is noticeable how much more resilient and proactive communities have become. The 31 Libraries have remained open across Wiltshire whereas in other Counties they are closing, this can also be said of the Sure Start Centres although changes are afoot and the Emergency/ Flood plans you have drawn up are a credit to you all.

The Rights of Way and First Aid projects have been very successful and is another example of how parishioners have worked together with WC.

Over 80,000 premises now have Broad Band with well over 70,000 receiving superfast (over 24 mgbt's per sec). Satellite BB is the next phase but this is not seen as an overall solution. Further investment will be announced imminently.

Finally, I would like to thank the 14 PC's in the Fovant and Chalke Valley Division for providing me with the feedback and views of the communities with which I am then able to air at the appropriate committees. With this involvement I can be assured that I speak and represent the views of everyone no matter how diverse or controversial the subject.

7. May Day Report by Robert Baker

He reported a successful day although the weather was wet and takings were down. Thanks were given to all involved. Barrie Shore will stand down next year and the Chairman thanked her for her work and support over the years.

Accounts

Income

Catering Vans	70.00
Tuck Shop	91.96
Raffle	131.00
Bar	704.78
White Elephant	105.40
Cakes	148.25
Plants	165.80
Donation	10.00
Total	1427.19

Expenses

Mowers	20.00
Rob Beale	25.00
Cluett	150.00
Wendy S.Smith	150.00
Morris Dancers	50.00
Bar License	21.00
Baker Expenses	14.00
Cider	100.00
Beer	108.00
Bookers	177.36
Total	815.36

PROFIT 815.36

9. **Best Kept Village** Ansty has entered again for BKV. It is important to keep litter under control. Judging takes place during May and June. Tim Martin and Charlie Morgan have done a lot of work on the stream in front of the Manor.

10. **Roads** Chair Margaret Thompson has produced a report on road issues. Hard copies were available for those not on the internet.

The landslip is not fully resolved. Phone signals remain poor. Tim Martin and Rob Wilkinson have done much work on footpaths.

Tim raised the question of a circular walk with signage which would be a loop. He had attended a meeting about this proposed in the context of other walks locally. Ansty did

not feel it could go ahead with this as it would simply attract parked cars in the village which we cannot deal with due to our traffic issues.

The narrows, which is the road between the Oldfield's and Pritchard's, remains a problem. Large vehicles have caused damage to the wire and thatch of Ansty Stud. Mrs Oldfield thinks that this may contribute to cracks to her property.

Julie Wharton (highways) is aware of the problems having been to Ansty in March and spent an hour and a half with Chairman Margaret Thompson going round every road and lane and observing traffic especially at the narrows. She suggested an application for white lines as a traffic calming measure. Creif kerbs are used to stop traffic mounting a verge which could be put in between the two houses. Tractors have done damage. If speed was kept down it would minimise damage. She will have a metro count carried out.

11. **Milestone.** The Chairman has asked Mr Needham to do repairs.

12. **Public Queries.**

- i) Ann Oldfield asked when the potholes between her property and Yvonne Pritchard's would be filled in?
- ii) Mrs Baker has asked why Squalls lane has been resurfaced when main roads are in need of attention. Josie asked what sort of message does this send out? Pot holes should be reported to the Wiltshire council website where a number or job ticket can be issued.
- iii) Mrs Beale asked for the return of "The Villager" as not everyone has access to the internet. Cllr Morwenna Brewer said that it would continue and Ann Oldfield commented that Christine Potter would need help. The chairman pointed out that the Villager was started by and always been supported financially by the Parochial Church Council not the Parish Council so discussion with Lesley Simms might clarify the issue.
- iv) Caroline Plumptre asked if Julie Wharton had mentioned Sat Nav systems sending traffic up unsuitable country lanes and that Wiltshire Council should talk to Sat Nav companies about this matter.
- v) Clouds Estate footpath. Chairman reported that Emma, our contact with Clouds, is going to provide a map.