

ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in St James Church, Ansty

On Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 6pm


1. **Apologies for absence:** Jose Green, Caroline Plumptre, Anne & Alan Moorse
2. **Present:** Chair: Tim Martin (TM), Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Cllr Mathew Feltham (MF), Cllr Rob Wilkinson (RW), Cllr Morwenna Brewer (MB), Parish Clerk: Julie Ann Murphy (JAM)
Members of the public: Anna Greenhalgh (AG), Paul Greenhalgh, George Smith (GS), Chris Smith, Pippa Bridge, Barrie Shore (BS), Anne Martin, Sarah Gwinner, Rosie Paines
3. **Declarations of Interest Requested:** None declared
4. **Public Participation and Presentations (Questions and/or statements):** Emails received from 1) Barrie Shore/Chris Smith/George Smith, 2) Anna Greenhalgh, 3) James Shead, and 4) Pippa Bridge.
5. **Approval of minutes of meeting on Tuesday 28th November 2017:** Approved and signed TM
6. **Matters arising from November 2017 meeting:** JAM confirms name changes on Wiltshire website carried out. Also MF advised his Declaration of Interest had been completed.
7. **Appointments:** i) Internal auditor appointed. Anna Greenhalgh will carry out the internal audit. ii) It is a requirement that Parish Clerks are a direct employee of their parish council and therefore the parish council is responsible for ensuring the correct PAYE and NIC payments. Since the parish council has no expertise in this area, it agreed it would pay for a payroll service. Some parishes locally are known to pay for this service. To reduce the cost of this service, JAM agreed to quarterly payments, for which the annual fee for processing will be £67. The councillors agreed this annual payment.
8. **Update from our Wiltshire councillor Jose Green:** No report this month.
9. **Police report:** Nothing to report
10. **Planning:** No new applications
11. **Financial Update:** The outgoings since the last parish council meeting in November were £20 for storage bins/files for parish clerk, £41.76 for annual website hosting and £7.19 for annual charge for website domain name. These were signed off by the councillors.
12. **Traffic Issues:**
 - a) **Update on purchase of SID (Speed Indicator Device):** JF reported Fovant will purchase the SID and will bill Ansty and Swallowliffe accordingly. There is a VAT issue and also how it will be insured being a shared purchase. TM clarified SID will only be up three weeks at a time in each parish on rotation. Three locations for the SID are being considered where it can be mounted with a clear line of sight. 1st location: near Lower Farm, 2nd between Lower Farm and the Pond and 3rd adjacent to Sam Wiggs field. All the proposed locations have yet to be approved by Wiltshire Council and to be discussed with residents close to these locations.
 - b) **Ansty Coombe sign to restrict HGVs:** This sign is now in place just off the A30. It was proposed by TM that the contribution should be paid by APC (£100) rather than Coombe residents paying. Proposal unanimously agreed by P. Cllrs.

- c) **20mph consultation:** TM reported that Swallowcliffe were the only parish in SW Wilts to proceed with the 20 mph assessment and consultation offered by Wiltshire Council and advised that APC did not have the funds to consider an application.
 - d) **Proposal to change road signs (light vehicles only):** Proposal from traffic engineers at Wiltshire Council to modify the signposting to Tisbury at three locations. One in Fovant to Tisbury, one on Swallowcliffe turn on A30 directing traffic to Tisbury, and one north end of Ansty High St which will direct Salisbury traffic to go through Swallowcliffe, and Shaftesbury traffic to go through Ansty. The total cost is £1,000 and APC contribution would be £250. P.Cllrs listened to the views of residents. Proposal unanimously agreed by P.Cllrs and supported by attendees.
13. **Damage to Ansty Maypole:** TM reported that there had been damage to the maypole caused by a Totterdale Farm vehicle on 30th November 2017. Repairs have been carried out by MF. JF has informed the insurance company of the damage in case any claim becomes necessary.
 14. **Best Kept Village Competition:** A CPRE Best Kept Village application has been received. TM said Ansty would be in the small village category and would need to be entered by April and judging takes place between May and June. It is free to enter. Ansty would meet the criteria on many counts although some feel Ansty is not looking its best. Support will be needed by the village to come together and pick up litter etc. (see next point). There was support at the meeting to enter and the Councillors all voted in favour of taking part.
 15. **Litter Picking:** TM reported on the 'Great British Spring Clean' proposed by Wiltshire Council for 23rd-25th March. Registration by 15th February. Unanimously decided village to take part as a community.
 16. **Coombe Farm Cottage and Ansty Pond overflow/channel (AOB Mtg Nov 2017):** i) Mr Shead has since emailed the Parish Council explaining his immediate plans for carrying out the work and addressing concerns raised by villagers at the previous meeting. The meeting and councillors were grateful for the positive response from Mr Shead. In essence Mr Shead said he was currently negotiating with builders/subcontractors to enable recommencing the works in early spring. The white tarp over the cottage extension had been replaced with a dark coloured less noticeable replacement. Ways to obscure the temporary arrangements, which have become visible in the winter months, are being investigated. ii) Ansty pond issues raised and concerns re the overflow channel left unkempt and the stability of the pond bank. Suggested as part of Best Kept Village/Great British Spring Clean a working party could perhaps clean out channel. Issue to be raised with the Manor House. iii) State of stream by their house and amount of rubbish in it raised as a concern by AG. Also foliage blocking stream (Clouds Estate responsibility).
 17. **Flood risk:** Rob Wilkinson to look at Ansty flood risk assessment and report back. Issue of low level flooding from pond discussed. Residents encouraged to download Wiltshire County App and log their concerns (for more info see: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/pothole-bid-app-g-my-wiltshire-app.pdf>).
 18. **Footpath update:** P.Cllrs listened to strong concerns re new metal gates by the The Hundred and on the footpath up to the Jockey field. Gates considered to be an eyesore. TM said that the gates had been installed following requests from villagers who find the stiles too difficult to get over. TM was challenged on whether this had been raised previously. TM said it had.

(Post meeting note: see 28th November 2017 minutes item 13). BS said it was not the fact that gates had been installed, but that they were metal. RW said that this was the gate used by Wiltshire Council throughout the county. Reasons why Wiltshire Council uses only metal gates were discussed. GS said that wooden gates were available with a 25 year guarantee. However, it was pointed out that these would have to be purchased and installed by Ansty Parish Council at their own expense, whereas our Local Authority will provide metal gates (and only metal gates) and these are paid for by them, and the installation was managed by their staff. The possibility of painting the gates was discussed and will be considered further. RW read out explanatory email from Wiltshire Council re the gates. It is voiced that majority in village dislike the gates. TM said that any further action whether painting or installing new gates will only be done after further discussion and village consultation.

19. **Parish Steward:** No updates.
20. **Village website:** Updating and revamping ongoing.
21. **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING @ 6PM WEDNESDAY 23RD MAY 2018 FOLLOWED BY VILLAGE MEETING @ 7.15PM**
22. **AOB** none

Meeting ends at 7.30pm


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