

## MINUTES OF ANSTY VILLAGE MEETING

ST JAMES'S CHURCH, THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2017 at 6.30PM

- 1) Proposal of Cllr Tim Martin to be Chairman of this meeting. There were no objections.
- 2) Apologies of absence from Morwenna Brewer, Rob Wilkinson, Jane & Peter Leece, John Oldfield and Oliver Simm
- 3) Present Juliette Foy, Ben Ridley Matthew Feltham, Tim Martin, Jose Green and members of the public Lesley Simm, Maureen Feltham, Gill Powell, Anthony Green, Barrie Shaw, Beryl Beale, Ann Martin, Ann Oldfield, Anthony Green, Anna Greenhalgh.
- 4) Minutes of the last meeting viewed and approved. Gill Powell asked why is the area around the Oldfields house called "The Narrows" as the actual name is Ansty Water. Tim Martin said that it was a shorthand term used beyond the village.
- 5) Robert Baker reported on May Day and gave thanks to Jackie Baker, Tim & Anne Martin, Clare Morgan, and Juliette Foy. Figures for this May Day were almost the same as last year. (see over)

<b><u>May Day 2017</u></b>	<b><u>In</u></b>	<b><u>Out</u></b>
WC Bar License		21
J Cluett Music		150
Wendy Spencer Smith Dancer		150
M Romble Posies		20
Cranborne Chase Cider		100
Keystone Brewery		108
Morris Dancers		50
Bob Beale		25
Stationery etc		32.12
Booker		166.33
Takings	<b>1429.35</b>	<b>822.45</b>
Income over expenses	<b>606.9</b>	
In stock 3xred wine/3xwhite wine		
9 ltrs lemonade		

Road signs were an issue. Wiltshire Council do not need to provide signs. However, Ringway did provide support for closing the road. It is hoped that this will remain the same for 2018. Wiltshire Council were unforthcoming on cost and planning. It will be reviewed in January. Robert Baker was very grateful to all those in Wilton who helped to organize it that of David Button, Tim Lee and Christopher. Jose Green suggested taking photographs of the signage. There was the surprise appearance of Ivy after 70 years.

## **6) Report from Jose Green**

Firstly, it would be admiss of me not to mention the County Elections held just 2 weeks ago. I consider it a huge privilege to represent you and I shall do my utmost to work diligently and fairly in the years to come.

When I do the rounds attending the PC's that form Fovant and CHALKE Valley I consider I am amongst friends and that by working together we can achieve so much more. Across Wiltshire **three priorities have remained constant....Protecting the Vulnerable, Boosting and supporting the local Economy and working closely with Partners and Communities.** As you are aware the WC share of the Council Tax rose last year after 5 years of no uplift. 2% to go directly to the Social Care Services.

7675 people received support from Adult Care Services last year, almost 6,500 people have received the special support to enable them to remain in their homes for as long as it is required through WC's Help to Live at Home scheme. This figure is likely to rise due to the ageing population. 450 children are currently being looked after in Wiltshire, 42 Foster carers have been recruited over the last 2 years together with 180 social workers in what is a very competitive market. At a risk of repetition Wiltshire Council's budget is well over £900 million to provide 350 services.

Over the last year I have been involved with various projects including the Rights of Way improvement scheme and more recently working towards greater Dementia awareness and addressing the misuse of alcohol which can lead on to many problems. Four years ago responsibility for public health transferred from the NHS to Local Authorities, in that time £40 million has been spent to deliver improvements and knowledge in the health and wellbeing of the County's population. Wiltshire's children under 16yrs have benefitted from free swimming sessions in the school holidays and 6,000 people have been helped to give up smoking. There is currently a 15 year low in teenage pregnancies, ( 16 births per 1,000 women aged 15-17yrs) a decrease of almost 50% from 1998.

The newly opened **Nadder Centre in Tisbury** is proving to be very successful, use of the library has increased by 2266% and the sports/ fitness membership has increased from 114 to 376 and rising; there is now a Police presence there so it's useful knowing that if anyone wants advice from them, ( by appointment ).

For those that are concerned about development or the lack of it in some instances, last year 2,118 new homes were built across Wiltshire of which 635 are considered affordable. 157 extra care apartments have been built for those requiring smaller and appropriate homes. These homes are critical to help to try and meet the demand for start-up homes to enable young people trying to get their foot on the housing ladder and for the ageing population to downsize.

**5,318 planning applications were processed last year, 3rd to Westminster and Cornwall and more than Liverpool and Birmingham!!**

Clean for the Queen in March last year was very successful with 1500 volunteers picking up 1694 bags weighing 13.50 tonnes. The Great British Spring Clean in March **this** year doubled the number of volunteers and bags picked up. WC spends £2.500 million on litter collection with £500,000 spent on litter picking on the roads alone. We must do all what we can to stop this unsociable behaviour. 454.800 tonnes of rubbish was recycled over the last 4years , 113 tonnes per annum. 60,000 bins are emptied every day!!

**The Wiltshire App** for reporting various issues received 23,000 reports last year, 6,600 regarding potholes. £21m will be spent again this year with roads in the South West receiving the highest spend than at any other time! Fovant and Broad Chalke have both had their 20mph schemes introduced with more local villages looking for the same. The White lining programme will be starting soon.

Unemployment is low in Wiltshire, some Internationally reputed names such as Dyson are enlarging and locally not only do we have the Porton Down scientific park expanding but recently Boeing announced it's plans to relocate to Boscombe working with QinetiQ. 6,500 young people became apprentices last year, the second highest rate of growth in the country.

Other topics that you might be interested in is Broad Band, ( 83,000 homes and businesses now have fibre BB.)

The University Technical College. SALISBURY.

The WILTON Parkway rail station.

The HRC Churchfields.

Area Board Grants funded 200 projects last year at a cost of £390,000.

The list could go on!!!

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7) Any other questions:-

Barrie Shaw was saddened by the lack of people not knowing about the meeting.

Due to the election dates of meetings were changed at short notice.

Anthony Green said the Hollow needs cleaning.

The meeting finished at 7.20pm

  
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