

## ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in St James's Church, Ansty  
on Monday 13 August 2018 at 6.30pm

**1. Present:** Chair: Tim Martin (TM), Cllr Morwenna Brewer (MB), Cllr Mathew Feltham (FM), Cllr Rob Wilkinson (RW), Sarah Gwinner, Anne Martin, Wendy Dyke, Jonathan Ranger, Judy Wilkinson

**2. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Parish Clerk: Julie Ann Murphy (JAM), Wiltshire Cllr Jose Green, Tim and Caroline Plumptre

**3. Declaration of interest:** none declared

**4. Statements from the floor:** taken with the agenda items

**5. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 were signed and adopted as a true record.

**6. Matters arising from these Minutes:** All covered by this meeting's Agenda.

**7. Annual Governance & Accounting Return (AGAR):** TM confirmed that this year's process has been concluded now that the relevant documents have been displayed on the village website and noticeboard for the stipulated period. A copy of the Exemption Certificate had been sent to the external auditor by JAM.

**8. Localism Bill 2011:** The 2011 Localism Bill requires the Parish Council to have a code of conduct for its parish councillors. This has been drafted and the wording agreed by Ansty Parish Councillors, prior to submitting to Wiltshire Council. A copy can be viewed on the Village website.

### 9. Financials

#### a) Income & expenditure since the last meeting and anticipated

<b>Balance at May 2018 meeting</b>	<b>£6,598.91</b>
Income since last meeting:	nil
Expenditure:	
- Nicholas Powell training £110.00	
- Information Commissioner's Office (GDPR) £40.00	
- Pandora Signs (SID) £1,342.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£1,492.00</b>
<b>Current balance</b>	<b>£5,106.91</b>

TM explained that the £1,492.00 for the SID equipment included VAT, which was recoverable and also, we had a £500 contribution towards the SID from Wiltshire Council, making the actual cost to the parish council £618.33. This was within the overall budget agreed at £1,000 for purchase and installation.

#### Anticipated Expenditures

- Insurance of approximately £30 will be paid when the SID is installed.
- The Clerk's salary.

**b) Budget & balance**

TM advised that income and expenditure were on budget and the current balance stands at £5,106.91.

**c) Green energy grant submission**

The application for a gazebo grant from Nadder Energy had not been successful, but a strimmer had been donated to the village by one of the participants in the scheme.

**10. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) :** The recent changes to the data protection regulations have been implemented by the Parish Council. Now that we have a parish clerk in post, JF will transfer the personal data to JAM. Where consent has not been given to hold someone's personal data, it will be deleted from the database, but can be added again if consent is subsequently given.

**11. Police report:** TM reported that none of the crimes in the recent crime reports published by the police were in Ansty, but MF was aware of a garage in Ansty being broken into and a half can of petrol stolen. There were however reports of break-ins in Swallowcliffe.

**12. Planning:** Ansty PYO had applied for a licence to sell alcohol and this had been granted.

**13. Parish Steward:** MF reported that the Parish Steward had attended and had cleared vegetation from around signposts. TM asked if displaced granite kerbs could be re-bedded by the steward. MF said he would see if this could be done.

**14. Hedges:** The Parish Council had received complaints from villagers about overgrown roadside hedges. The situation was improved when the Council trimmed some of the verges and hedges at low level. Others were trimmed back by volunteers.

RW to approach Peter Dalton and the McCarthy estate about cutting the top of Coombe Lane and possibly George Smith/ Barrie Shaw about the section beyond Frogpond.

**15. Traffic issues:**

**a) SID installation update:** The first foundation base had now been installed, but the proposed laptop proved incompatible with the software, so another laptop is being sought. A request was made for anyone who could assist with a laptop.

**b) Light vehicle signage:** This had been vetoed by Wiltshire Councillors, despite them being instrumental in establishing this proposal at the outset.

**c) Freight Assessment and Priority Mechanism Nomination:** In view of the lack of support by Wiltshire Councillors to all the Ansty proposals discussed at CATG over the last couple of years to address traffic concerns in High Street, culminating in the rejection of the light vehicle signage proposal, TM suggested that we should consider carefully whether we want to proceed with this nomination. The concern being that the concerns of Ansty residents are not shared by those outside the village who could be supportive of proposals that are not favourable to us. It was agreed that parish councillors should give further consideration to this issue. However it was recognized that the chances of the Ansty nomination proceeding were slim.

**16. Best Kept Village competition:** MB reported that in judging round 1, Ansty had come first in the small village class for South Wiltshire. In round 2, when the whole county was judged, Ansty had come second, behind Charlton (north Wiltshire) and would be awarded £100. Thanks were expressed to all those involved in the submission and to everyone that helped Ansty look at its best.

**17. Flood & Emergency Plan:** RW had produced draft emergency plans, showing a) how we might attempt to tackle an emergency; b) contact details of all volunteers, watercourse properties and so on. More volunteers were required.

**18. Footpaths:** RW reported that a) the boardwalk off Ansty Coombe Lane had now been extended and made less slippery by covering with chicken wire; b) a footpath gate on the path to Swallowcliffe was being replaced by John Edgley with a hooped gate; c) a 7 metre bridge was about to be inserted across the bog area on FP8 between Kings Lane and Coombe Lane.

**19. Village website:** Thanks to RW, this was running well.

**20. Openreach Update:** TM reported Ultrafast Broadband was now being installed in Ansty following the Superfast installation. This required installing fibre cable distribution from the OpenReach cabinet in Ansty. OpenReach personnel had informally reported that the underground works were now complete and the remaining work was above ground. It had been noted that some manhole covers had not been properly reinstated giving rise to complaints. TM said he was trying to get this rectified.

## **21. Any Other Business**

**Swallowcliffe Almshouse:** TM outlined details of a cottage available to a deserving local, at a cost of £115 per week. Details on the Village Website and noticeboard.

**Citizens Advice Bureau:** TM passed on a request for volunteers. Details on the Village Website

**Defibrillator:** The possibility of Ansty having a defibrillator was discussed and, if successful, possibly housing it in the church. Further details are needed to understand whether the church would be the most suitable location and also the operational implications of maintaining and using it.

**Health and Wellbeing Project Funding:** TM passed on the fact that grants were available from Wiltshire Council for health and wellbeing projects. Examples of grants included a walking festival, health and wellbeing fair, local community teas/lunches and a healthy hearts project.

**Fingerpost Funding.** TM had received details of funding for finger post replacement and suggested that given the paint deterioration on the Ansty Coombe finger post by the Maypole, we should see if this funding would cover its maintenance. TM to investigate.

**22. Date of the next meeting:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30 pm, St James's Church.

The meeting ended at 7.22 pm.

Signed by:



12/11/18.