

## ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held in St James's Church, Ansty on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 6.30pm

**19.02.01 Present:** Chair: Tim Martin (TM), Cllr Morwenna Brewer (MB), Cllr Mathew Feltham (MF), Cllr Rob Wilkinson (RW), Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Parish Clerk: Julie Ann Murphy (JAM).

**Also in attendance:** Leslie Simm (LS), Judith Wilkinson (JW), Anne Martin (AM), David Sharp (Architect – DS)

**19.02.02 Apologies for absence:** Barrie Shore, Councillor Jose Green, Keith Parker

**19.02.03 Declaration of interest:** Non declared

**19.02.04 Statements from the floor:** To be addressed during the meeting.

**19.02.05 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018 meeting were signed and adopted as a true record with amendments i) Jose Green had attended, ii) Point **18.11.11** should read vehicles instead of cars. Proposed by Cllr TM and all in favour

**19.02.06 Matters arising from these Minutes:**  
Point **18.11.06** Hedge on Coombe Lane was done.

#### **19.02.07 Financials**

##### **Income & expenditure since the last meeting and anticipated**

Balance at 12 <sup>th</sup> November 18 meeting:	£4,857.41
Income since last meeting:	£ 100.00 (anonymous bench donation)
BKV prize	£ 100.00

##### **Expenditure:**

- Clerk's salary (Dec,Jan,Feb)	£ 216.00
- Payroll Services	£ 35.50
- Bridge plaque engraving	£ 55.80
- Website host renewal	£ 48.95
- SID bungs & pipe	£ 25.59
- Bench & Plaque	£ 224.99

Total expenditure	£ 606.83
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<b>Current balance</b>	<b>£4,450.58</b>
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##### **Anticipated Expenditures:**

- Clerk's salary (Mar, Apr, May)	£ 216.00
- Insurance approx for SID	£ 30.00
- Payroll Services	£ 31.50

##### **Anticipated income**

- VAT return (Jan 18-Aug 18)	£ 243.60
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**19.02.08 Cllr Jose Green report:**

I'm sorry that some of my report has already happened. Please accept my apologies as I'm unable to attend your meeting because I'm in Trowbridge.

I was pleased the Ridley Family has had their planning application approved. A well deserved and genuine case for Ben to live/work on site. I shall be interested to hear the outcome of the Beale's appeal. So pleased you have named a bridge after Aileen Fisher-Rowe, i knew her for many years, she even signed my papers for the last election. We used to have long chats.

I couldn't start a report without wishing you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. No doubt it will be a very busy year with some notable issues to resolve and hopefully conquer.

Due to the Christmas and New Year break which, I must add, does not apply to me, I have a short report this month.

As most of you are aware the FREE parking AFTER 3pm in Salisbury will remain in place until Easter. A review of the Polling District & Polling Place has just begun. This is not part of the boundary review or any future parish boundary reviews. It is to enable [for example] easy access for those with any disability to vote in an appropriate location, it is a legal requirement that needs to be completed by January 31st 2020. There will be plenty of awareness about it and there will be an announcement at our next Area Board regarding the timetable to gather evidence etc.

There is rapid scrutiny exercise taking place on plastic waste being used on Wiltshire's roads an an alternative to tarmac particularly in potholes. This will be an ongoing scrutiny due to the complexities of the subject and the evidence that has and is needed to be gathered. There are 2 other LA's that have trialled the plastic in potholes and so successful results need to be seen. MacRebur is the main manufacturer of the material used.

Wiltshire Council is responsible for 45,000 lights on highways etc. It has been proposed by the Environment Select Committee (that I sit on) that £12 million is to be invested to replace the older lamps with LED [Light Emitting Diode] lighting to save energy costs. This will be a 2year programme and subject to Full Council approval. The intention is to also dim lights from 8pm to 6am.

The current cost of lighting is £1.9 million pa. Savings are expected to be at least £1.312,000 comprising of £250k in maintenance costs & £1,062,000 in reduced energy usage. It will take 11.8 years to pay back the expenditure but there is an aspiration to achieve 50% reduction in carbon by 2020.

All Wiltshire Council premises [outside smoking areas] are to be SMOKE FREE from now onwards. I am aware that some residents like to be kept up to date on the number of Syrian refugees now settled in Wiltshire. This figure is now 100 persons. 11 babies have been born here since The Vulnerable Person's relocation Scheme was introduced 3 years ago, Wiltshire being one of the first LA's in the Country to welcome the families.

The next Area Board on the 30th January is a themed meeting again on How We in the South West of the County can be more Environmentally Friendly and Live more Sustainably. Do come along and hear the interesting speakers, who are coming, you might also have some ideas.

I must continue to mention the Salisbury Recovery. Footfall is still down prior to the novichok incident by 12% which equates to almost 1 million visitors since that time .The Christmas market proved popular as was the ice rink. 63 businesses have received business rate relief but still there is much to do. A number of events are being organised for the summer, details to come.

The planning application for the first phase of The Maltings re- development has been submitted and the proposals for the Salisbury College will be starting soon.

Finally, this is the time of year when the 2019/20 Budget is being set. Wiltshire Unitary Council is now 10 years old and throughout those years many millions of £'s have had to be saved due to Central Government reducing their grant together with the demand on services increasing year on year. This coming year is no different with a further £20 million required in savings. Several public meetings called 'Focusing on the Future 'have been held to hear what the public think or whether



any innovative suggestions come out of those meetings. Whatever comes forward we need to work together maintaining the strong communities that we live in.

*(This is Cllr Jose Green's full version which was summarised in the meeting by JAM)*

**19.02.09 Police report:** Cllr TM: In the Tisbury area there are typically about 25.5 crimes per month and in December & January 2019 there were about 20 crimes in each of the months. The crimes were in the five main categories: burglaries, violence/anti-social behavior, theft, criminal damage, and vehicle crime. No crimes recorded in this period in Ansty or Swallowcliffe, but in the surrounding villages.

**19.02.10 Planning:**

**a) The Sawmill, High Street:** Cllr TM reports approved with standard conditions

**b) Pennyfarthing Cottage:** Cllr TM wrote to planners on 15th November 2018 about the issues raised at the last APC meeting and copied to Keith Parker (owner). In preparing for the February meeting, TM contacted planners on 17 January 2019 for an update. They reported the conservation team are currently in discussion with the agent regarding remedies for unauthorised work. They are aware stags are removed and are asking for other items to be addressed as soon as possible. At about the same time Keith Parker advised the remedial works were complete. Confusingly on the 6th of February, another planning application for Pennyfarthing Cottage arrived seeking consent for non-compliant construction. This concerned roof lights and also the height of the front wall. DS (Architect) on behalf of Keith Parker explained that the wall height needs to be regularised as one part did not match approval and the roof lights are different from that which was originally approved. The change is now to have two rooflights in the rear and a larger special one in the front which forms a balcony when opened (Cabrio roof light) and folds away when the window is closed.

Cllr TM pointed out the wording describing the height of the wall had been changed from the original height 1.5mts to now 'average' height 1.5mts. DS explained the wall steps along with three different heights. Cllr TM raises the point the height may be closer to 1.5mts on the inside but is higher on the roadside which is what has upset villagers. Cllr MF can see the point that the middle section might be closer to the right height; one part is higher in line with the window and the third part lower. So, one third needs lowering down. Cllr JF approves the look of the soft landscaping. JW raises that the concern of the locals that the wall is out of kilter with the village and ruining the conservation ethos of Ansty. Cllr JF points out the stone was approved by the planners and the stone is meant to be complementary to the May's stone. Cllr MB questions is this 'retrospective planning'? Are the APC being asked to approve an amendment to the original plans? This was confirmed. Cllr TM fails to understand that the roof was built last year, not to the drawings, the roof lights that were put in are not to the drawings and the wall is the wrong height and shape. Are they unable to build correctly or are these changes being instructed contrary to the consent? DS replies he is only responsible for the planning. JW feels it sets the wrong precedent. Cllr JF thinks there is a precedent for this sort of thing.

Cllr TM is aware this building work and its non-compliance caused upset as relayed by several residents at the November meeting. Cllr TM proposes that they object to this latest planning application on the grounds of the very strong views expressed at the November meeting in relation to the wall and the discussion this evening. Four Councillors in favour and one abstention.

**c) Quarry Farm:** Cllr TM reports this went to appeal in Bristol. APC have put in their submission and are waiting to hear back. Cllr MB questions the mirror opposite the gate. Cllr TM states this will have to be removed by Wiltshire Council as it is illegal.

**d) Cllr TM reports on APC planning procedures:** all planning applications will now be published on the website and will also be sent to all residents on our email directory. The point is made that the Council are representatives and not delegates therefore will consult as councilors. Site inspections



will be made with focus on external plans as well as the core dwellings and materials used, while keeping in mind the Dark Sky initiative. For a full explanation please see the Ansty website.

**19.02.11 Parish Steward – update by Cllr MF:** The steward visited on the 26<sup>th</sup> January with very limited work carried out. The pot hole filling lorry was deployed but hampered by the melting snow and only some of the brick bins were refilled after the snow. There is a possibility of applying for funding under improving the appearance of towns in rural areas to facilitate more jobs like resurfacing at Frog Pond, unblocking all the blocked drains, mechanical sweep of the High St curbs, reset the loose granite curbs, replace white railings, resurface outside Snowdrop Cottage, unblock the pipe from the stream, reinstate the bank at the Pound, and the verge overrun outside Maypole Cottage. A list will be submitted by Cllr MF and sent to Cllr Jose Green.

**19.02.12 Wiltshire Council Funding for highways and street scene initiatives –** see point 19.02.11 above.

**19.02.13 SID feedback – Cllr TM:** reporting on the December results when the SID was down by Lower Farm for two weeks. It showed roughly 700 vehicles a day going through (in one direction, so more both ways) with less over Christmas when the SID was by the maypole. Data from Lower Farm showed an average daytime speed of 23mph. 85% of vehicles daytime are driving at speeds of 28mph or less and in the evening and overnight the 85 percentile varies between 32-35mph.

**19.02.14 Commemorative bench – Cllr MR:** A larger classic bench in teak was chosen funded by £100 from the BKV award and a generous £100 from an anonymous donor. Peter Davis has also contributed £25 so the whole cost of bench and plaque was covered. Delivery was free. The brass plaque says 1918-2018 Remembering all those that gave their lives in the Great War and all who lived in and loved Ansty. It will be in its new position in time for Easter.

**19.02.15 Best Kept Village Competition 2019 – Cllr RW:** Ansty has won this competition in the past and two of the main criteria are maintenance and community spirit. Ansty has community spirit in abundance. Facilities Ansty lacks that the BKV judges like are playgrounds, village halls, allotments and public houses. But just minor issues made us lose in 2018. If the pond is empty this year we can turn that to our advantage by showing them it is under maintenance which is a good thing. We can show our businesses and events also to our advantage. Another community litter pick will be organised. All Councillors in agreement to enter this year.

**19.02.16 Defibrillator proposal – Cllr JF:** Unfortunately it seems that a defibrillator is unlikely to be effective in our village situation, principally due to the short window of time in which it has to be used to have any chance of being effective. It was agreed that in its place we should have a CPR training session for villagers, which was likely to be more effective in saving lives than a village defibrillator. All Councilors agree.

**19.02.17 Pond works update – Cllr TM:** Desilting has been deferred until late spring. Draining down, repairing the wall, installing a new outlet, cutting back vegetation and repairing the bank has been undertaken.

**19.02.18 Village website – Cllr RW:** help and contributions from villagers are always welcomed.

**19.02.19 Bridge dedication to Aileen Fisher-Rowe – Cllr MB:** On the website and with BKV in mind it shows what a wonderful community spirited and successful event the dedication was. There was a great turnout of possibly 46 people on a nice day presided over by Martin Shawcross who spoke with much affection.

**19.02.20 May Day preparation briefing – Cllr JF:** Thanks to Anne Martin (Chair) and joined by the Dunkleys, Pam Hussam and Rita Dullant. Caroline will be the treasurer and Claire Morgan will look after the costumes. Wendy Dykes will be producing the flyer and the programme. There will be plants, cakes and produce, raffle stall and a new idea of a hats & scarves stall, also a sweet stand. Also there will be pizza-man and burger van, Morris dancers as normal, and a portaloo. This year there will be a May King with an attendant. Mark Dunkley will be Master of Ceremonies. There will be a request going out for able bodied help.

**19.02.21 Date of next meeting:** Village and Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 with Village meeting commencing at 6.30pm with the Parish Council meeting to follow at 7.30pm.

**19.02.22 AOB:**

i)LS reports that Christine Potter will no longer be taking on the role of producing the three times a year 'The Villager' and LS wonders is there anyone else who would like to take it on. Cllr TM points out that all the information to go in it can be found on the Ansty website so it is not too onerous a task to transfer that into print form but it needs a personal viewpoint. LS states it could include a parish letter written by her. It can also welcome new residents. Cllr JF wonders could there be a page turning facility on the website to mimic 'The Villager' and then have a print out to pin up. The printing and delivering is an issue. It was decided to email the residents to find a possible volunteer or volunteers. JAM to action.

ii)Cllr JF questions the amount of lights on in the village at night time.

Signed by:

