

ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Village meeting held in St James Church,
Ansty**

On Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 7.15pm

18.05.01v Present: Chair: Tim Martin (TM), Cllr Morwenna Brewer (MB), Cllr Mathew Feltham (FM), Cllr Rob Wilkinson (RW), Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Parish Clerk: Julie Ann Murphy (JAM) Wiltshire Cllr Jose Green (JG) Judith Wilkinson, Lesley Simm, Alan & Anne Moore, Gill Powell, Caroline Plumptre, (visiting Architect) Jaci Baker (JB), Jonathan Ranger, Wendy Dyke, Beryl Beale, Rosie Paines (RP)

18.05.02v Apologies for absence: Christine & George Smith, Anne Martin, Eileen Roe, Barrie Shore, Rob Baker, Tim Plumptre, Oliver Simm, Peter & Jane Leece

18.05.03v Declaration of Interest: None

18.05.04v Approval of Village meeting minutes 18th May 2017: one amendment: Antony Green should be named Tony Green otherwise minutes approved and signed by TM.

18.05.05v Update from Wiltshire Cllr Jose Green:

It would be amiss of me not to mention the nerve poison incident in Salisbury. In hindsight it seems unbelievable that out of the blue Salisbury should be in the headlines week after week. What has struck me most of all is how well the various organisations and public sector have worked together. The community spirit of Salisbury and beyond has been recognised as being an exemplary example and I'm sure it will continue throughout the months to come. No one could have imagined that this would trigger off the FREE Car Parking arrangements which will remain until September although some changes to the hours will be brought in before too long.

Yet again this last year has flown by. What I have noticed, more than ever before, is that my work has become a lot more 'political'. Whether this is as a consequence of Brexit and reflecting the National climate who can say? but it is noticeable how much more awareness and interest residents have. My case work has increased considerably, most of which is very sensitive and very often very much more emotive.

When I first started to think about my annual report we were in the throes of having snow and particularly cold weather, now we are having exceptionally hot weather, either way this triggers thoughts of those most vulnerable amongst us and whom in some cases we need to look out to. We all need to be aware of what we should or shouldn't do. Wiltshire Council, as all Local Authorities do, has a role to play in emphasising precautions and preventative tips for most situations that we residents face. A recent study showed that 200,000 UK pensioners had not had a conversation with a friend or relative in more than a month and right now more than 9 million people in the UK say they

regularly feel lonely; the impact on this is one of the biggest demands and costs to the NHS. It has been said that loneliness can be as bad for your health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. We must do all we can to help combat this issue and the most efficient way is to support the many groups, Health and Wellbeing initiatives, clubs, village halls and organisations we can. Through the SWW Area Board, and it has been my role to be Chair this last year, we consider the funding and support of many communities that request help to enable them to remain sustainable, I was pleased to support Fovant Youth Club's grant application to enable the club house to have some necessary improvements and to kick start the proposed reinstatement of The Map of Australia at Compton Chamberlayne as just two examples.

It might be worth noting that Wiltshire has 253 Town and Parish Councils, the 2nd highest number in the Country all of which have their own way of working and special characteristics. There are 3 AONB's, 240 Conservation Areas and over 16,000 Listed Buildings, a good majority of those being in the South. Wiltshire Planning Authority is the 3rd largest in the UK by applications processed. This takes up a great deal of my time and I realise I cannot please every one on this particularly emotive issue. For the last 4 months I have been working on a Task Group scrutinising the Planning Committee System. The final report has been completed with 12 recommendations but the work will be on going.

Wiltshire has the 3rd highest number of people aged 65 years and over in the Country, (100k of our 488k population) this is likely to rise by around 25% in the next 5 years, therefore the demand is high and is increasing. Transforming what WC do to meet the unprecedented growth in Children's and Adult Social Care services is of vital importance, hence the ring fenced Social Care Levy of 3% added on to the Council Tax for the 2nd year following to address this demand. Already greater integration between Health and Social Care Services is well underway, bringing early help, safeguarding and assessment together to reduce duplication, excess time and the frustration for the customer or patient. This will result in a more efficient and joined up service that delivers with a clearer pathway forward. The Help to Live at Home scheme has enabled around 6:500 people to stay independent. This has reduced long term discharge delays at Salisbury Hospital.

Public Health is a department that deals with many diverse issues, too many to mention at this time but it can be anything from noise, dust and smoke to health matters that need to be highlighted to enable us all, hopefully, to help ourselves. The Dementia Awareness programme is progressing well with more villages and Towns joined up to the Safe Places initiative. Salisbury Cathedral has become a Safe Place with church services directly involving carers and their loved ones who are living with various forms of dementia, only recently Stonehenge visitor centre has also become Dementia Friendly which shows how the awareness is growing.

At this moment in time WC is proactively highlighting the cervical cancer screening programme. Nationally, there is a 20 year low on take up by women after receiving an invitation to attend a clinic. WC works closely with the NHS, GP's and Wiltshire CCG's and this is just one example. Another health concern is that in Wiltshire more than 60% of our adult population are overweight or obese. 20% of children starting school are also considered overweight, as you know this could lead to serious problems later in life. WC promotes Health and Wellbeing for residents and I'm pleased to say the take up of the exercise and fitness classes at the Nadder Centre in Tisbury is increasing well. £41million has been spent on new facilities across the County.

Can I once again compliment the 6,000 volunteers helping to deliver Council services across Wiltshire, including locally based flood wardens, people who help clear and maintain our ROW's, sports coaches, the 868 people who support the library service and the community Litter Picks which helps to reduce the £2.5 MILLION WC spends each year on picking up the rubbish others so selfishly dispose of. The War on Waste continues. Prosecutions are now regularly taking place. Single use plastic is a thing of the past in all Council buildings and constant publicity is given about cups, drinking straws, teabags, microbeads, wipes disposal, plastics and packaging. I shall be updating you on the future waste service as it comes in later in the year but to keep you thoroughly up to date ID has to be shown at the HRC's (Household Recycling Centre) now.

At a risk of prolonging my report further can I finally say that I'm acutely aware of the many Highways issues throughout the whole of Wiltshire but, it is a constant duty of mine to insist that this very overdue work is done wherever it happens to be. It is no consolation that £21 million has been budgeting again this year when our local roads are in such need of repair. Amongst other things the £21m maintains the 15% of the 4:500 Kms of roadways across the County to continue the resurfacing programme. The My Wiltshire App is still proving to be the most efficient way to report works required. There were 145 pothole reports in March alone!! I'm pleased the 20mph schemes that have been requested by villages have been supported as also the Speed Indication Cameras (SID's) which the CHALKE Valley Consortium has up and running and others will be in situ before too long. The 'lorry watch' schemes are beginning to be set up whereby if a lorry is exceeding the weight limit through a road it shouldn't be travelling along fines are issued.

On closing can I just emphasise that I listen to each and every one of those who contact me and I endeavour to do all I am able to ensure I am a voice on whatever, or how diverse the issue might be, hopefully achieving a satisfactory outcome.

Sincere thanks to you all.

18.05.06v General Data Protection Regulations: Report from TM on GDPR and a request that all village residents respond to JF's form sent out requiring individuals to opt in to their personal data being held for the principal purposes of the Parish Council liaising with them, and using photographs of events on the village website that may contain their image. More details can be found on the Consent Forms and in the General Privacy Statement on our Village website.

18.05.07v Flood Plan briefing from RW:

A summary of preparatory work achieved so far, regarding the drawing up of a Local Flood Action Plan for the parish of Ansty presented to the parish council and the Ansty village meeting by RW:

Amongst all the other recent things coming on-stream via Government or County led directives, we have to set up a 'local flood action plan' for the parish of Ansty. We are one of last parish councils in south Wiltshire to 'get on board' with this initiative. It has proven to be quite tedious but here is a brief summary of where we are with this particular project to 'keep you in the loop' as it were.

Why do we need a Local Flood Plan? All parish councils with a watercourse through it which are deemed at risk of flooding as identified by the Environmental Agency has to have a local flood plan in place of a potential flooding emergency. A narrow area either side of the Ansty Stream from just north of the Hollow to Ansty Water (and beyond) is identified by the Environmental Agency as a flood zone 3. This has been so for many years.

After the widespread (1 in 250 year event) flooding issues in southern England in the winter of 2013-2014 there was some local flooding in low lying areas of Ansty and several springs spilled out over our lanes – but nothing really serious. The worst affected area was Frogpond Bend and that is not officially identified in the flood zone 3 category but it is recognised as a flash flood zone. Nevertheless the threat of flooding, however remote, is always there: hence the need for a plan.

We all have an obligation to play our part in understanding the main issues to make sure the potential for any flooding is at its lowest.

What are main reasons for having a Flood Action Plan? To try and avoid such (very unlikely) flood issues arising. This could involve a 'community approach' by riparian owners and others monitoring potential problem areas and taking 'common sense' proactive measures to reduce the likelihood of any kind of flooding event. County Council refers to this as resilience measures.

Should flooding ever occur (as in a worst case scenario) there needs to be a well-rehearsed co-ordinated reactive approach between the local parish council, individual parishioners (who might be affected) and the county civil emergencies procedures.

How far have we got with the drawing up of our flood plan? For various good reasons Ansty PC was very late in 'getting on board' and formalising our approaches in the drawing up a local flood plan. We are on board now. We should have started back in 2015.

Initially we have identified 6 potential flood problem areas in Ansty and made some notes as to how we might mitigate some of the problems. This detailed analysis does not mean there is a flood problem in Ansty: but there is just an 'outside' worst case '1 in 100' to '1 in 30' potential of flooding in specific areas. 'Low risk' but not 'no risk'! So the government has decreed that we have to 'be prepared'! And we have to roll with it!

We then submitted two or three versions of our local flood emergency plan framework to go with our findings. We were told that our approach was not specific nor detailed enough. However, we were looking for a 'light touch approach' relevant to the fact that any future flooding in Ansty is unlikely to affect more than one property. Only flash flooding caused by an unpredictable massive thunderstorm of some 3 inches of rain or more in an hour is likely to cause more serious issues. Long standing residents may remember the thunder storm of the mid 1980s that damaged Ansty Coombe Lane and a couple of properties. Otherwise an extraordinarily wet autumn and winter with more than 30 inches (about 760 mm) of persistent rain from October to January (say) could cause flooding at most of the areas identified. It is not likely but it could happen!

Where are we now with the Local Flood Plan? After a recent meeting with Renate Malton – County Flood Resilience Officer on 16th May, where the chairman and I walked with Renate along all the watercourse areas, it was accepted by the Renate that we can draw up a 'Parish Emergency Plan' with a local flood plan treated as an annex to this rather than as a 'stand-alone' document.

This flood plan annex could be subject to an annual review. The Emergency Plan concept has been amalgamated on to the original Flood Resilience and Local Flood Plan because Wiltshire Council realise and accept that both they and the emergency services do not possess the ability to deal with the thousands of minor incidents arising as a result of widespread Power Cuts; poor or stormy weather; as well as flooding. In other words in some cases we will have to deal with some issues ourselves!

We are now in the process of drawing up and completing an Emergency Plan framework with a Flood Plan annexed to it.

It was the wish of people present at the Ansty Village Meeting that we put more details about how we identified potential flood areas in Ansty - including a map on to our village website.

This detailed information has to be examined in the context of only a very worst case scenario could lead to a flooding event in specific areas. It is unlikely to happen but we are required to plan 'just in case'. It does not mean any Ansty property is in any kind of imminent danger in so far as anyone can reasonably predict.

18.05.08v Report on May Day Celebrations: JB presented May Day Accounts. Takings were £1,293 and the profit after all expenditures was £51.77. The expenditures included two significant items: Two new flags for the Maypole and new costumes for the dancers. Also discussed re May Day the annual difficulty of road closure application. TM raised Tisbury's willingness to sell Ansty bespoke signage for £90 and suggested May Day Cmte (MDC) to pay for it. MDC to get back to Tisbury with a decision on this. Tisbury Parish Clerk and Warden very helpful re May Day but Tisbury warden will not be on offer to help Ansty next year. Next year Ansty needs to have its own warden the training of which will cost £175. TM: thanks to the MDC and everyone who helped with a successful May Day.

18.05.09v Best Kept Village Competition update: MW reported that BKVC assessments continue into mid-June then decision will be announced if we have made it to the first stage. So it is vital that everyone stays vigilant about litter etc and thanks to RW for his marvellous diagram and the website. Also how the BKVC is about all the activities that take place in Ansty, for instance, May Day.

18.05.10v Ansty Village Website: TM reports the revamp of the website thanks to RW. Road closures and weather are some of the useful items to be found. Any contribution suggestions welcomed.

18.05.11v Public Queries: i) RP explained she was the Ansty representative and that Sandhill Cottage in Swallowcliffe would be coming available. They are looking for a single person or couple of limited financial means who have a connection with Swallowcliffe, Ansty or Sutton Mandeville to take the accommodation. RP asked people to spread the word and any interested and qualifying candidates should contact her. ii) JB asking if any possibility of footpath to run from A30 alongside wood into High street. TM responds the banks are extremely steep so unlikely a path would work. iii) Also raised preservation of three fields ("the jewel in Ansty's crown") belonging to Clouds Estate and farmed by Trevor Marks. JB feels they warrant protection as an old fashioned natural meadow. **APC to consider**

18.05.12v Date of next village meeting: Wednesday 22nd May 2019

18.05.13v AOB: None

Meeting closed at 20.25

Signed by:

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