

ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ansty Parish Council meeting held in St James's Church, Ansty  
on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 6.30pm

**19.08.01 Apologies for Absence:** Barrie Shore, Rosie Paines, Wendy Dykes, Jonathan Ranger, Brian Hamshire

**19.08.02 Present:** Chair Cllr Tim Martin (TM), Wiltshire Cllr Jose Green (JG), Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Cllr Mathew Feltham (MF), Cllr Rob Wilkinson (RW), Parish Clerk Julie Ann Murphy (JAM), Judith Wilkinson (JW), Anne Martin (AM), Paul Greenhalgh (PG), Chris Smith (CS), George Smith (GS), Sarah Gwinner (SG), Caroline Plumtre (CP)

**19.08.03 Declarations of interest:** None

**19.08.04 Statements from the floor:** CP: i) Well done to APC for work on Best Kept Village competition; ii) Apologies to anyone who did not get an invite to the fundraising lunch and iii) Drains in Ansty Coombe lane are still bunged up with mud and can they be cleared soon? Cllr MF responds that the driver of lorry to clear drains was discouraged from going down the Coombe by an unknown person. Cllr TM said some drains had been done in High Street and by Maypole and will ask for the drain cleaning lorry to return.

**19.08.05 Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the PC meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 were signed and adopted as a true record.

**19.08.06 Matters arising from 22<sup>nd</sup> May Minutes:** Cllr TM: i) Masonry team to fix the curbs which is beyond the steward's remit – Cllr MF states we are still waiting for them to come. ii) Noticeboard relocation still to be decided upon. A further discussion took place. SG not keen to locate on her verge and difficulty viewing there with parked cars. Adjacent to the Commandery was a suggested alternative, but preferred near to Maypole. iii) Ansty pond update – in response to emails Charlie is still awaiting a suitable quote for de-silting the pond, but he will be clearing the channel by the road during August himself.

**19.08.07 Parish Councillor Vacancy:** Cllr TM: Procedure for election of a Councillor to replace Morwenna Brewer has been followed so a person can now be co-opted. If anyone is interested in sitting on the Parish Council please contact anyone on the Council or the Parish Clerk.

**19.08.08 Annual Governance and Accounting Return (AGAR) Conclusion:** Cllr TM: confirmed by JAM that exemption certificate completed and sent off and no queries have arisen from the public consultation. The 2018-19 AGAR procedure is now complete.

**19.08.09a News from Wiltshire Cllr Josie Green:**

Firstly, congratulations to everyone for Ansty winning the BKV competition in the small village category.

The new leader of Wiltshire Council is Philip Whitehead after Jane Scott stood down.

The My Wiltshire App will be launching soon after huge improvements.

Proposals to the changes to the waste service are going to happen and further news of that soon.

The Cranborne ANOB wish list of twenty five projects funded by the Lottery Award will be discussed at the Area Board meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

The improvements to visibility splays and main roads have progressed. They are now using a smaller vehicle on the narrower roads.

There is currently an Electoral Divisions consultation. Alvesdiston are unhappy with the proposed Local Government boundary changes and have written in numbers to complain.

There are grants available for new finger posts and kissing gates. A grant could be available for a new noticeboard for Ansty if requested.

I hope you have filled your grit bins for the winter ahead.

Road improvements in the area are progressing.

**19.08.09b. Electoral Divisions Consultation.** Cllr TM responds to the electoral division point: The consultation closed at the end of July and APC did respond to making a general comment that the decision does seem perverse, but not necessarily detrimental to Ansty. Essentially right now we are in the Fovant and Chalk Valley division which Josie covers. The proposed change is that the Tisbury division will go right down through here to Tollard Royal. So it goes much further south than it did before but West Tisbury would no longer be in it. So people living in West Tisbury would no longer be in the Tisbury division. They go into the Upper Nadder and Deverils division. Tisbury will essentially be split down the middle. For Ansty it does not make a big difference as we work with Tisbury on various issues, but it would perhaps give slightly more opportunity for us to give our input.

**19.08.10 Community Governance Review:** Cllr TM reports on the Community Governance Review which in brief allows us the possibility of make changes to our governance, and examples advised to us includes i) amending the name of the Parish or wards, ii) changing the total number of councillors in your parish iii) amendment or creation of wards iv) changes of the boundaries. If we are happy with the parish and boundaries and we do not want to carve it up or make it bigger then Cllr TM suggests we stay as we are.

CP suggested that Squalls lane residents, who come under Tisbury and not Ansty should be asked if they would prefer to come under Ansty. We have until October to put in an amendment suggestion. Councillors to consider.

**19.08.11 Polling District & Polling Place Review Consultation:** Cllr TM: Wiltshire Council has looked at all the Polling Stations in terms of suitability and accessibility and they are content with Ansty. All agreed that the existing polling station at Ansty PYO is suitable.



**Incomes & Expenditures since last meeting and anticipated:**

**Balance at 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 meeting: £6,296.44**

**Expenditure:**

- Clerk's salary (Jun,Jul,Aug) £ 216.00

Total expenditure £ 216.00

**Current balance £6,080.44**

**Anticipated Expenditures:**

- Clerk's salary (Sep,Oct,Nov) £ 216.00

- Payroll Services £ 33.50

- ICO £ 35.00

**19.08.13 Police Report:** Cllr TM: The July report shows nothing too dramatic. Effort is going into tackling rural crime working with the agricultural community. There was a spate of break-ins in Tisbury with four petty thefts. Nothing reported in Ansty.

**19.08.14 Planning Matters:** Cllr TM:

a) **Pennyfarthing Cottage:** The summer house has been approved and this concludes the planning matters at Pennyfarthing Cottage.

b) **90 Blind lane:** The Conservation Officer is satisfied with the remedial works to the sedam roof and eaves details and has asked the Enforcement Officer if it can now be signed off.

c) **Copse Side Farm:** Cllr TM states the landscaping has not been completed as yet by A30. Cllr RW reports it is to be finished off in September.

d) **Quarry Farm:** Cllr TM noted trees are now planted on the embankment, although the planners say they have no knowledge of this. He has asked the planners to confirm if that is all that is required to remedy the breach of planning. They are going to get back to him on this.

**19.08.15 Traffic Issues:** Nothing to report.

**19.05.16 Best Kept Village Competition:** Cllr RW firstly wants to thank everyone who helped to gain Ansty first prize in the first round in the small village category. We did concentrate on the local businesses in Ansty this time; Rob Beale's landscaping, APYO, and the Ridleys, and they all got maximum points. All the maintenance of gardens etc. throughout Ansty looked good all through the summer which is what you need to win.

APYO have been very kind in allowing the presentation of the awards on their premises. The plaque for the award will be unveiled although a location for this to be housed has yet to be decided. All villagers are invited to attend the ceremony. All the details are on the website. The date will be the 15<sup>th</sup> of September at 2.45-3.30pm. Tea and cake will be on offer in the company of some VIPs. Next year Ansty will go into a different category. The prize this year was £200.

**19.08.17 Parish Steward:** Cllr MF reports the Steward will come at the end of each month from now on. He will be around on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August. JW asks in the Coombe if it would be possible to get new reflector posts as they get broken by big lorries.

Cllr TM suggests that the straw accumulated on sections of the verge/kerb could be swept up by the Steward before they block the drains that have been cleared.

**19.08.18 Footpaths:** Cllr TM: reports that the Area Board has allocated £5,000 for footpath gates and have asked parishes to suggest where they could be installed. Wiltshire Council (Rights of Way Team) are keen for gates instead of stiles on Ansty's Footpath 8, the one that comes down through Trevor Marks field to the new bridge. This is ultimately for the landowners and not the Parish Council to decide. These would be kissing gates if agreed. AM points out having put the bridge in it is not very accessible for everyone because of the stiles which is a shame. Cllr RW advised that Trevor Marks and Clouds Estate were agreeable to gates on their land. CS and GS wish to retain the stile on their boundary.

**19.08.19 Date of next Meeting: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6.00pm**

**19.08.20 AOB:**

i) CS & GS were disappointed to note that they were reported to Wiltshire Council by someone for removing some small trees on their land. The trees in question were not in the Conservation Area and they took all the appropriate careful actions beforehand including contacting Cllr TM to clarify it was definitely not in the Conservation Area. No action by Wiltshire council was taken and they are sorry the person in question did not contact them beforehand to discuss and they could have clarified the situation. GS also pointed out that for fifteen years the area in question was a builders dumping ground which they have been clearing ever since they took over the land to get it back to how it should be.

ii) Inquiry about New Barn Farm. Cllr TM did contact the planners some time ago when preparatory environmental work was being carried out. Now the hoarding is up and it appears construction work is commencing, APC will seek an update which they will circulate. Planning was given for six dwellings and storage.

**Meeting closed at 7.23pm**

**Signed:**



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