

ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ansty Parish Council meeting held in St James's Church, Ansty
on 10th February 2020 at 6.30pm**

20.02.01 Apologies for Absence: Barrie Shore, Julie Pearson, Cllr Jose Green, Caroline Plumptre, Anne Martin, John Gooding, Wendy Dykes, Gail Norris, George and Chris Smith

20.02.02 Present: Chair Cllr Tim Martin (TM), Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Cllr Mathew Feltham (MF), Cllr Rob Wilkinson (RW), Parish Clerk Julie Ann Murphy (JAM), Judith Wilkinson (JW), Morwenna Brewer (MB), Louise Gooding (LG), Mark Norris (MN), Jim Price (JP), Peter Basch(PB), Jonathan Ranger (JR)

20.02.03 Declarations of Interest: None

20.02.04 Statements from the Floor: To be taken during the meeting.

20.02.05 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the PC meeting held on 18th November 2019 were signed and adopted as a true record.

20.02.06 Matters Arising From November 2019 Minutes: Cllr TM:

- a) Memory Plaque for Helen Foreshaw – Cllr MF has this all in hand.
- b) The sign on Footpath 12 in Ansty Coombe behind 100, gate left open and fencing cut. Cllr MF confirmed sign completed.
- c) Way marker on jockey field installed. Cllr MF confirmed.
- e) Defibrillator for APYO. (JW) still under consideration by APYO but realization it is not straightforward.

20.02.07 Parish Councillor Co-option and Clerk Vacancy: Louise Gooding co-opted on to Parish Council and to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the end of the meeting, to be witnessed by Parish Clerk. APC still unable to find a replacement for Parish Clerk and those present were asked to be on the lookout for anyone they could encourage to take on the position.

20.02.08 (a) Income & Expenditure Since the Last Meeting and Anticipated:

Balance at 18th November meeting: £6,029.44

Expenditure:

- Clerk's salary (Sep,Oct,Nov)	£ 216.00
- Payroll Services	£ 33.50
- BKV teas APYO	£ 123.48
- Strimmer spool	£ 27.50
- Wordpress Course (TM)	£ 10.00
- Payroll Services	£ 31.50

Total expenditure £ 441.98

Current balance £5,587.46 (as bank statement)

Anticipated Expenditures:

- Clerk's salary (Dec,Jan,Feb)	£ 216.00
- Wordpress Course (RW)	£ 10.00
- Website hosting & domain name	£ 48.95
- Notice board repair materials	£ 60.34

20.02.08 (b) Balance and Budget Review: Cllr TM: the figures are in line with budget. Agreed that £50 for memorial plaque to Helen Foreshaw will be put into budget and paid from reserves.

20.02.09 Jose Green Absent From Meeting. Cllr TM: Jose Green had broken her arm and could not attend the meeting, but had advised there was not a lot to report – Council Tax to be approved at full Council. 1.99% plus 2% social care levy.

20.02.10 Planning Matters: Cllr TM:

Applications and approvals since last meeting:

a) **69-70 High Street.** Work to trees in Conservation Area – No objections

b) **Frog Pond Farm Barn.** Change of conditions to allow holiday lets/ B&B. Cllr TM explains in original planning approval (2007) conditions 2 & 3 (ancillary accommodation to existing dwelling shall be used only for private and domestic purposes etc.) provided significant protection to the Coombe from independent and commercial development.

Following discussion, including from the floor, there was agreement and the Councillors resolved that it would not object to the holiday letting or B&B of the one bedroom accommodation, provided and on the basis of the existing conditions, this provision remained ancillary to the dwelling house, was not managed or run independently of the dwelling house and not sold, leased or otherwise disposed of as a separate unit.

MN gave firm assurances of this and that it would never be let in their absence and invited Councillors down to have a look. – No objections on these grounds.

c) **Frog Pond Farm – Introduction of roof light.** MN explains roof light position had been moved to look more attractive on advice of architect.

Following discussion the Councillors agreed a “No objection” response on the basis that it was a single rooflight, traditionally designed, conservation style and not a Velux type rooflight.

d) **Land off Shave Lane, beyond New Barn House.** Erection of agricultural barn for workshop and storage use.

Objections to this planning application from the floor and specific statements from JP and PB on grounds of i) Barn position and sighting, ii) it would be approx. 2m higher than hedge iii) barn too big for small plot of land iv) Not compatible with Planning Guidance which was incorrectly presented in the submission v) Planning Application incomprehensible/ factually incorrect. Support from the floor to these objections and no one in favour of this application.

The Councillors noted these comments from those present and acknowledged further objections received verbally and by email. None in favour. In addition to the points already raised the Councillors were also concerned as to how the barn might be used, since its size in relation to agricultural use for this plot seemed disproportionately large. The alternative workshop option on the application was felt to be wholly inappropriate, not just in relation to its proximity to the adjacent property, but also the precedent being set for commercial development along Shave Lane.

The Councillors resolved to submit an Objection in response to this application and a statement setting out the objections voiced at the meeting and prior to it.

e) **Copeside Farm – Cllr TM update –** Email update from Mark Williams Enforcement Officer at Wiltshire Council. After site visit it is agreed with Mr Beale and his agent that matters will be resolved by autumn 2020 when the work will be completed to comply with the conditions of the consent.

f) Land at Quarry Farm – Cllr TM update – Email update from Mark Williams Enforcement Officer at Wiltshire Council. Following site visit Mr Beale has agreed to submit further application for consent to carry out works to re-profile the land, and then carry out planting to comply with the Re-stock Notice issued by Forestry. A pre-app will be submitted to us first to ensure we are satisfied that the land will be restored to its previous condition/profile as close as possible. The PC will of course be consulted in due course, once the application is submitted and registered.

20.02.11 Brief updates: Cllr TM:

a) **Falling trees:** Councillors have had concerns about the increasing incidence of falling trees in Ansty. APC have raised this issue with some of the larger local landowners asking them to give it some consideration. Suggestion they consider having a risk assessment/ survey of their trees. Positive response from James Shead and discussed with Clouds Estate and Tony Green. TM said that we should all consider if we have trees that need attention.

b) **Fly tipping:** Two WCs dumped on High St cleared thanks to prompt action of villagers. Thanks to the use of Cllr JF's skip and Oliver Simm for dumping the two WCs into it.

c) **Work to Ansty Coombe drainage:** Clouds are not committing to carrying out work on clearing Frog Pond, despite meeting on site and emails being sent to them. The completion of these works is now a condition that Wiltshire Council has imposed before they will improve the discharge from the culvert below Kings Lane to the ditch on Meadow Cottage land. Councillors resolved that a Stage 1 drainage letter should be sent to Clouds, with RW amendment that Clouds be given one more opportunity to act before it is sent.

d) **New Septic tank regulations:** It is no longer permissible to discharge directly from your septic tank. Sewage must be further treated before discharge to water course or into ground. No action is being taken by APC to enforce this regulation, except to raise at this Parish Council meeting and to provide details on the Village website. Information received from Wiltshire Council suggests that non compliance with this regulation may affect the future sale of a property.

e) **Spring litter pick Saturday 28th March 10am – 11am.** A verge and hedge Spring Clean before the vegetation really gets going. Everyone welcome to join in. 10am at the Maypole –some tools provided.

f) **Wooden bollards by Commandery:** Wiltshire Council are only prepared to replace the oak bollards with black and white plastic ones, which they admit are not appropriate! As a consequence the adjoining property owners have agreed to finance and install 20 new oak bollards.

20.02.12 Police reports: Cllr TM: There is no longer a West Wiltshire police report. We are advised to refer to the police website. For November and December 2019, January still not available, local crime is the usual small scale burglary, theft, nuisance etc. Incidence as follows: Tisbury 10, Swallowcliffe 3, Sutton Mandeville 1.

20.02.13 Residents request for a reduction in A30 speed limit: Cllr TM: : The case has been put to the traffic engineer at Wiltshire Council, but to date no response. Next CATG meeting (Community Area Transport Group) 26th February 2020.

20.02.14 Best Kept Village: JP offers a storage solution so plans to buy a village gazebo back on the drawing board. Cllr JF to research.

20.02.15 Parish Steward News: Cllr MF: No firm dates for when the Parish Steward will return. When he does the APC would like to flag up all the potholes around Ansty. Cllr MF advises to let him know if any resident needs anything done that PS would be able to do.

20.02.16 Footpaths: Cllr TM: Currently no issues.

20.02.17 Website: Cllr RW: All up to date and no issues to report.

0.02.18 AOB: none

20.02.19 Date of Next Meetings:

Village and APC meeting: Wednesday 13th May 2020 @ 6.00pm

August PC meeting: Wednesday 19th August 2020 @ 6.30pm

Meeting closed 19.03

Signed:



16/12/20