

ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT(1)

**Minutes of the meeting held in St James's Church, Ansty
on Wednesday 16th December 2020 at 6.30pm**

20.12.01 Present: Chair: Cllr Tim Martin (TM), Cllr Mathew Feltham (MF), Cllr Rob Wilkinson (RW), Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Cllr Louise Gooding (LG), Parish Clerk: Julie Ann Murphy (JAM).

20.12.02 Also in attendance: Leslie Simm (LS), Anne Martin (AM), Anna Greenhalgh (AG), Jon Gooding (JG), Chris Smith (CS), George Smith (GS)

20.12.03 Apologies for absence: Wiltshire Cllr Josie Green, Barrie Shore, Wendy Dykes, Jonathan Ranger

20.12.04 Declaration of interest: None declared

20.12.05 Statements from the floor: To be addressed during the meeting.

20.12.06 Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2020 signed and adopted as a true record. Also minutes from Wednesday 27th May 2020 signed and adopted as a true record.

20.12.07 Matters arising from February & May minutes:

- (i) Pt 20.02.06 Helen Forshaw memorial plaque purchased and installed.
- (ii) Pt 20.02.04 Gazebo purchase put on hold due to Covid and May Day event being cancelled.

20.12.08 Financials

a)

Income & expenditure since the last meeting and anticipated

Balance at 10th February 2020: £5,587.46

Expenditure:

- Wordpress course (RW)	£ 10.00
- Notice Board (TM)	£ 109.30
- Clerk's salary (Dec,Jan,Feb)	£ 216.00
- Payroll Services	£ 50.00
- Helen Forshaw plaque	£ 33.14
- WALC Subs	£ 53.68
- Clerk's salary (Mar,Apr,May)	£ 216.00
- Insurance	£ 194.06
- Payroll Services	£ 50.00.
- ICO	£ 35.00
- Website hosting and Domain name	£ 59.88
- Clerk's salary (Jun,Jul,Aug)	£ 216.00
- Clerk's salary (Sep,Oct,Nov)	£ 216.00

Total expenditure £1,459.06

Plus Paid in Precept £2,150.00

Current balance £6278.40 (as bank statement)

Anticipated Expenditures:

- Clerk's salary (Dec,Jan,Feb) £ 216.00

b) Review Budget to date and Expenditure & b) 2021/22 Precept

Ansty PC - Setting 2021/2022 Budget

Item	2020/2021		2021-2022	
	Budget	Actual to date	Budget	Actual
Clerk salary	864	864	864	
Payroll services	100	100	100	
Wilts Assoc Local Councils	60	53.68	60	
Info Commissioner GDPR	50	35	40	
Insurance	210	194.06	210	
Clerk training	100		100	
Councillor training	100		100	
Website host & domain name	60	59.88	60	
Website management	50		50	
SID costs	150		150	
BKV prize purchase	100	£300 spend on gazebo postponed		
Litter pick/footpath maintenance	50		50	
Paint/refurbish finger post			150	
Total Spend	1,894		1,934	
Contingency	256	33.14	266	
Precept	2,150		2,200	

Ansty PC - Setting Precept 2021/2022

Year	Ansty PC Precept	Tax Base No	Band D pays £	Band D Increase £	Band D Increase %
2018/19	2,000	73.91	27.06		
2019/20	2,100	73.98	28.39	1.33	4.9
2020/21	2,150	78.50	27.39	-1.00	-3.5
2021/22	2,200	78.40	28.06	0.67	2.4

2021/22 budget and precept of £2,200 as set out above were agreed by the councillors and supported by all present.

20.12.09 Cllr Jose Green report:

Councillor Jose Green was unable to attend the meeting. Unfortunately an emailed report from Jose did not arrive in time for the meeting, but it has been included below, but does not form part of these minutes.

A report handed to the Chairman during the meeting was in fact the covering email sent by Jose Green and the following extract was relayed to the meeting.

“At the Cabinet meeting on the 29th October Think Broadband says Wiltshire has 96.06% fibre coverage at >24mbps and 95.43% at above >30 mbps. 94,000 premises have fibre due to Wiltshireonline, in addition 7k premises are to be fibre enabled after Phase 3 contract. This figure excludes commercial operators. Without WC investment these premises (40% of Wiltshire) would not have been upgraded to fibre as they were considered commercially non-viable.”

20.12.10 Planning

a) Applications and Decisions since last Meeting: Cllr TM:

1) **Frog Pond Farm Barn** – two approvals given, one a variation to allow for short term holiday lets and one for roof light installations.

2) **New Barn Farm** - two refused applications. Four bed dwelling house and conversion of storage to dwelling.

3) **Land behind New Barn House** - agricultural barn approved with conditions

4) **New Barn Lodge** - single story extension refused

5) **New Barn Farm** - additional accommodation taking out the arch was approved, and further landscaping scheme submitted and approved. Landscaping work still to be done. The gravel parking area at the end of Shave Lane was removed from the application drawings. Still a question over the storage units being completed and attached to the dwelling units.

b) Compliance of newly erected Agricultural Barn off Shave Lane - Cllr MF: raised concern over construction deviating from the approved plans and gave examples of the doors/openings and the cladding being non-compliant. Cllr TM: a note will be made of the deviations from the plans. It was noted that at the time of this meeting there had been no livestock on this plot since the barn had been constructed or since the Planning consent for the barn was granted.

c) Copseside Farm Compliance Update– not completed yet so update requested from planners.

d) Quarry Farm Remedial Works– trees chopped down without permission and now the trees are to be re-planted. The Parish Council submitted a “no objection” response to the re-planting and re-profiling application, but a strong objection was submitted by the AONB in terms of the proposal and the poor quality of the submission. The decision has been delayed and is still to be determined.

e) Horse shelters Update- These shelters are on Mr Beale’s land off Shave Lane. Wiltshire Council contacted re these by APC to ask if they required Planning Consent. Enforcement officer replied that the applicant was now taking pre-application advice with the planners. So, it can be expected that a planning application should emerge for these in the new year. Point raised by Cllr MF that there are other fields where there are horses and how agriculture and Equine usage come under very different rules.

Cllr TM: Pointed out that the reason for raising the issue was to ensure the proper procedures were being followed and that if consent was required, then this should be sought. At this stage no consideration is being given to the merits or otherwise of the structures, this will follow when the application is circulated for consultation.

f) Meadow Cottage Stable – Cllr JF: this is not a temporary structure it has drains etc. Mr & Mrs Stead have been in contact with WC, but not aware of outcome. APC to provide appropriate form to be filled in for Wiltshire planners.

g) Farm Shop Car Park – Cllr TM: to make contact with Farm Shop and enquire about the planning situation regarding the car park and new timber shed recently constructed at front of property.

20.12.11 Brief Updates: Cllr TM:

a) A30 speeds and hazards – poor response from traffic officer re APC concerns about speeds on the A30. All they suggested was more signage. Cllr JF raises the dangers of pulling out onto the A30 from Ansty.

b) **Completion of the works at Frog Pond** - works nearly completed. Drains are now improved, and kerbing put in. APC wrote to Kristin re the outstanding work needed on her land and after no response to two letters it has now gone to Wiltshire Council for them to pursue. Praise for Cllr RW for his persistence in getting this much needed work done and Mark Norris . Cllr RW reads out letter with quote from Dave Button, Wiltshire Engineer 'it has been a pleasure working with such an enthusiastic community'.

c) **Broadband applications** - only six households in Ansty, all near the Maypole, benefitted from the laying of fibre cable two and a half years ago. Openreach and Wessex approached asking if we could use the rural scheme to get more extensive broadband connectivity for Ansty. Wessex gave 79 addresses and 70% of them would need to sign up. Very out of date list. And they wanted £35,000 to do it. After emailing everyone 20 people replied with a positive response. Wessex would still charge £35,000 for this core of households. Villagers concerned about cost with Wessex and also being locked into their service unlike Openreach where choice of providers. Openreach proposed 68 addresses for connection at a cost of £69,000. A lot of these addresses are in Tisbury. Openreach agrees this proposal is inappropriate, but they are flooded with requests because of the rural scheme and have not got back to Cllr TM since. If everyone signed up we could raise £30,000 from the grant available.

d) **Website transfer complete** - Cllr RW has arranged the transfer of our website platform to Kualo after poor service from our previous platform. Cllr RW very happy with Kualo. JG praises Cllr RW for Ansty's brilliant website 'better than Birmingham or Edinburghs'.

e) **Meeting with our MP** - meeting cancelled as our broadband was not good enough for online meeting. New date yet to be advised. Issues suggested we should raise are: speeds on the A30, new planning rules; tactics by developers to build first then seek consent and then chip away at changes, aircraft noise from training flights (mixed opinions on these) and will Land Stewardship schemes suffer when we leave the EU? If there are any other issues please let councillors know.

f) **Police reports** – thefts in the surrounding areas from sheds etc. In Tisbury vans broken into for tools.

g) **Footpath maintenance** – Cllr RW: four men now on the FM team. Compliant with Covid rules. 84 manhours put into the maintenance of footpaths this year. Once we are all vaccinated, we can carry on with outstanding work needed. All the paths well used this year. Cllr JF: A lot of people coming down to use our walks. Our well-maintained footpaths encourage more use, a good thing and sometimes not so good.

h) **Wiltshire Council – What are our priorities?** – parish councils have been asked by WC to advise their priorities from a wide range of issues. APC open to suggestions on these and traffic speed/ safety & broadband have been mentioned by councillors. Cllr JF: social housing should be a priority. This is agreed with by JG and the need for housing for key workers and young people. We do not need big housing estates if social housing was spread around. Cllr JF: points out building opportunities lost where social housing could be built. Cllr TM noted that social housing needs connectivity and facilities and that's why Tisbury is suitable location. JG thought should be more dispersed. Cllr LG: what about our bus services is this something we should raise? Cllr TM: this needs to be followed up.

20.12.12

AOB:

1) JG: praise of Mr May keeping the Swallowcliffe pub open.

2) Cllr TM: Great British Clean-up date is at the end of May in 2021, which is late for our annual litter pick, as verge vegetation too established by then, so will probably go for an earlier date.

20.12.13

Date of next meeting - tba

Meeting closed at 1916

Signed by:

Cllr Jose Green report:

Needless to say Covid 19 has had a huge impact on how Wiltshire Council is operating at present. Many are home working but committees are still working well through Microsoft Teams and Zoom. Planning decisions are made with the public able to contribute to the decision process as usual. Full Council also works well with the voting protocol being very efficient. Last week a live stream was online for anyone wanting to hear the latest on the pandemic in Wiltshire.

The Leisure Centres are open again and most of the libraries are but still not in Tisbury whilst we are in Tier 2, the Household Recycling Centres have remained open, hopefully the bin collections will be reliably emptied but if staff need to self-isolate alternative staff need to step in at the last minute so there could be delays. 8,000 Wiltshire businesses (and rising) have been supported by discretionary grants and recently the Government sent a further £600k to help provide long term accommodation for rough sleepers.

There are currently 12,500 people across Wiltshire on unemployment payment with 2,400 under 24 yr olds, [and rising] we must do our utmost to reduce this number and we must all be aware of the mental health of all ages as these unprecedented weeks continue. Free school lunches and milk are still available for children. £168k came down from Government to support those in self-isolation. The most recent figures on this is that there have been 180 applications but only 40 were eligible.

WC is encouraging parents with a child of 2 years on or before 31st December to apply for 15 hours of free childcare for 38 weeks of the year. Childcare, known as Better2gether Funding for parents on income support, ie. for parents on UC or a child who has an education, health and care plan.

Wiltshire Council has responded to the Government's white paper on 'Planning for the Future', it was debated fully at Full Council, like many others there are concerns about maintaining democracy when planning applications are submitted. Government has also proposed to increase the housing numbers from 42 thousand to 56 thousand in Wiltshire until 2036, (this figure includes Swindon) although there are some 1 million houses across the UK that have permission but remain unbuilt, there should be some tougher pressure placed on those developers to commence building sooner rather than 'land banking' as some are inclined to do.

There is a consultation process out at present as there is a review of the Wiltshire Local Plan. Wiltshire has a shortfall of some 17k houses and there is a call for sites. All Authorities must show a 5-year supply plus buffer for new housing to make the document sound before it goes to an Inspector. The Plan also contains the Wiltshire Climate Strategy; obviously, this revolves around the environment, rural development and sustainability. Wiltshire Council aspires to achieve Carbon neutrality by 2030.

The SWW Area Board was on the 11th November where some priorities are beginning to be identified to enable Councillors to address over the next 3-5 years. These priorities very much influence what projects are supported by grant applications. I hope as many people as possible will respond to the emails that will be circulated to all PC's, businesses and organisations asking for their opinions.

The next Area Board is on the 13th January. There are 24 Support Groups in our Area and our sincere thanks go out to those volunteers who have given of their time during this exceptional situation. As it continues please contact me if you need any further information for help.
We are all in this together!