

ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Ansty Parish Council meeting held in St James's Church, Ansty
on 15th November 2021 at 6.30pm**

1st draft

15.11.01 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Juliette Foy, Judith Wilkinson, George Smith, Gail Norris, Tim Plumptre, Max Hobbs, Heather Lockley

Present: Cllr Tim Martin (TM), Wiltshire Cllr Nabil Najjar (Cllr NN), Cllr Louise Gooding (LG), Cllr Mark Norris (MN), Parish Clerk Julie Ann Murphy (JAM), Rob Wilkinson (RW), Morwenna Brewer (MB), Anne Martin (AM), Chris Smith (CS), Claire Ridley (CR), Mrs Ridley (-R), Jon Gooding (JG), Pam Hassan(PH), Alan Baldwin (AB), Caroline Plumptre (CP)

15.11.02 Declaration of Interest & Statements from the floor: - No initial statements. Statements made as matters arose.

15.11.03 Approval of minutes 24th August & matters arising: (Cllr TM):

a) Minutes approved and signed off as true record of meeting.

Matters arising

a) Awaiting resolution of flag flying issues before purchasing new flags. Hampshire Flag company currently advising.

b) Branches overhanging A30 – Steward informed (Cllr MN)

15.11.04 Financials: Financials; income & expenditure since the last meeting: (Cllr TM):

(A) Incomes and expenditures review and anticipated

Balance at 24th August 2021 £15,831.96

Expenditure:

- Insurance	£ 188.52
- Clerk's salary (Jun, Jul, Aug)	£ 216.00
- Payroll	£ 50.00
- Strimmer service	£ 70.80
- Kualo IT server	£ 59.88
- ICO	£ 35.00
Total expenditure	£ 620.20

Income:

- Bauer Consumer refund £ 38.00

Current balance £15,249.76 (as bank statement)

Anticipated payments before next meeting: Clerk's salary and payroll services.

(B) Review current balance and budget:

a) Expenditures in line with the 2021/22 budget. Current balance satisfactory. Amount in account high due to CIL monies.

(C) Agree budget and Precept 2022/2023

a) Proposed 2022/23 budget and precept figures issued prior to meeting for villagers to review. The proposed budget is similar to 2021/22 with inflationary increases where appropriate. The proposed precept is as last year at £2,200, ie no increase. Attendees supportive as proposed.

b) Councillors agreed the 2022/23 budget and precept of £2,200 as proposed. The final Tax Base figure is still to be confirmed.

21.11.05 Welcome Pack: (Cllr LG):

a) Draft 'Welcome' letter emailed to all residents alongside today's agenda. Intention that Welcome letter to be sent to all newcomers to the village.

b) (AM) questioned could the letter contain more information. (CP) asked could it be shorter and more emphasis on parking. (Cllr LG) felt rather than pick and choose which info is most relevant directing reader to website was more straightforward and information easier to update.

c) It was agreed that the further and more detailed information about maypole parking, library van, tree works consents in Conservation Area etc, would be available on the website and a link to this website page inserted in the letter.

d) Councillors agreed the draft letter for circulation and the subsequent addition of the website guidance.

21.11.06 Area Board issues and feedback:

Cllr NN updated the meeting on some current issues including:-

- 1) A focus on speeding in rural areas. Three SIDS granted to Fovant so allowing longer spells of the SID being in place in Ansty.
- 2) No large vehicle signage on roads in Sutton Mandeville and Swallowcliffe
- 3) Wessex Wifi connectivity in the Chalke Valley.
- 4) Policing and how residents want their policing Precept to be spent.
- 5) The importance of ANOB in the planning process.
- 6) Wiltshire Councillors refused a pay increase of 5% for now.

(Cllr TM): questioned where the diverted large vehicles would be diverted to and was concerned that this would be Ansty. This can only increase the number of vehicles driving through our village. Cllr NN felt these signs could be used in Ansty as well.

Cllr TM also raised the issue of the Area Board continuing to have their meetings solely online, when this was no longer allowed after the special Covid meeting relaxations had lapsed. This was a particular issue in places like Ansty which had limited broadband width making online meetings difficult and inaccessible for some. (Cllr NN) reported next one will be held at the Nadder Centre in December.

In Cllr JF's absence, Cllr TM noted the key points from the last Area Board minutes:-

The Warminster Community Policing Team (CPT), which includes us, had four priority areas:

- i) Speed enforcement
- ii) Inappropriate use of E Scooters
- iii) Rural Crime

iii) Catalytic Converters theft

Salisbury CPT has similar priorities.

Parishes were concerned about speeding vehicles through their villages and wanted more action by the police.

Grants were available for various amounts for things such as Young Peoples' event at Mill on Brue, Fovant Youth Club, Semley AV equipment, SIDs (three being purchased by Fovant), Mere Bowls club etc..

Cllr NN said grant applications took about six weeks.

21.11.07 Proposal to improve the hoisting and flying of the flags on the Maypole: (Cllr TM): We want to make accessing the flag safer. The issue of having the flag operated lower down the maypole is that the Mayday ribbons are likely to snag on a lower tying off point. We are talking to various flag specialists, but a wooden flag pole of this size is unusual, most are metal and much smaller. If anyone has ideas or could help with this please contact the Council.

21.11.08 Expenditure of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies: (Cllr TM):

Following suggestions and discussions at our June and August meetings on how we spend our CIL monies, the following expenditures were considered for final approval by councillors.

a) **A 20mph speed limit.** It was noted at the meeting that this proposal has wide support and it had been successful in neighbouring villages, with Fovant and Tisbury seeking extensions. CR and AB expressed concern that it might not be effective and might be ignored.

Councillors acknowledged that this measure would not solve the speeding issue, but based upon the experience of others and the implementation of these limits was now quite widespread, it should have a positive effect on reducing speed. Stage 1 is an application and feasibility study costing £2,500, typically £1,500 of this paid by the Area Board. The split of this cost is decided by the Area Board. The implementation is paid for by the parish council and expected in the region of £5,000. Councillors approved proceeding with the proposal to implement a 20mph limit in the village. An application will be made to WC/Area Board.

b) **Gazebo purchase.** Decision put on hold, pending outcome of 20mph costs.

21.11.09 Planning matters: (Cllr TM):

a) Decisions since last meeting:

i) **New Barn Lodge** extension – approved with conditions

b) Outstanding submissions:

i) **Horwood Farm Barn:** APC objected to change of use to commercial usage. APC and Cllr NN did not receive further planning notice on consultation extension. Councillors agreed that Cllr NN should call in this application.

c) Outstanding planning issues:

i) APYO has not submitted a planning application for car park one year on. Councillors agreed that Wiltshire Council should be informed.

ii) **Station Works, Tisbury:** Cllr TM explained APC position regarding traffic and access to Tisbury and how the outlying villages have teamed together for joint objection to planning application. Concedes objectors are up against a bullish developer.

(JG) and Cllr TM put questions to Cllr NN on why planning rules are not enforced. Cllr NN agrees on general principle and suggests a joint letter to WC Cabinet.

21.11.10 Traffic issues – SID

Fovant to leave our user group as they are purchasing three new SIDs. The current SID will be shared between Swallowcliffe and Ansty.

21.11.11 Best Kept Village and Harvest Gathering:

All agreed this was a very successful event.

21.11.11 Footpaths:

a) Annual report (RW)

Despite the continued difficulties with Covid the Ansty Footpath Maintenance Group continued to work as pairs keeping our footpaths accessible and open. We managed a total of 62.5 working hours of clearance and tidying between us through the season April to October – with TM and JG doing the honours on the more distant downland footpaths and on our eastern boundary; whilst Mark Norris and RW looked after all the woodland and meadow footpaths in the Ansty Coombe, Kings Lane zone.

New man Gray Ayrton joined at the end of the season – good news! My thanks especially to them and also to Rob Beale, Oliver Simm, Tony Green, George Smith, Mathew Feltham, Clive Jack of Squalls, Matt Fry of Totterdale and the Daltons of Horwood. All and more have played their part in ensuring our footpaths remain in a good state of maintenance and accessibility. Full report and pictures can be view on our website.

b) Reported issue of crossing field with ponies by A30 (Cllr MN):

Ponies found to be quite docile and problem may be with children where the ponies have been fed sweets in the past – hence why they may get excited! Councillors agreed, subject to agreement of owners, a polite sign will be put up stating not to feed the ponies and to exercise caution when taking dogs through this field.

c) Proposed footpath gate installation and alterations to allow puschair access (Cllr MN):

Trevor Marks concerned re security as he has had animals stolen before, so wants kissing gates installed to negate danger of gates being left open and animals straying out. This is a change of his requirements and so the pushchair access will need to be reconsidered.

d) Other footpath issues (Cllr MN):

On gate leading onto the board walk heading in from Frog Pond, Trevor Marks would like kissing gate for same reason. Trevor has no problem with stiles being replaced with gates as long as kissing gates. He is sorry for access restrictions but concerned about liabilities. Belted Galloways are something he wants in line with his conversationist vision but only a small number moved from field to field by rotation which would mean always two or three footpaths free of cattle. The provision of cattle in the fields would still need to comply with footpath safety regulations.

21.11.12 Parish Steward (Cllr MN): as stated the PS will deal with the branches on A30 and re recent floods we are keeping an eye on culverts.

21.11.13 Wessex Internet update (Cllr TM): Wessex are communicating with individuals, but are not circulating their updates to all those signed up for their scheme. We are aware that two villagers have objected to cables running under their land, requiring Wessex to find alternative routes, which we understand has been difficult.

Further advice from Wessex to one villager is that due to the wet ground conditions, a villager is not allowing access to their land until next Spring and so Wessex will not be implementing the works prior to that.

21.11.14 Village Website update: (RW): RW hoping that our village website continues to be of use and interest to our readers. Any suggestions for improvements or indeed inclusions such as photos, history aspect, articles etc. will always be considered. You can email RW or the Parish Clerk. Any contentious issues should be directed to the Parish Council via the Parish Clerk or Councillors which also gets airplay on our website. If there is anybody in the parish interested in learning how to administer and develop our website or just help me in some capacity with a view to eventually taking over the site as I slide into the twilight zone – I would welcome the opportunity to pass on what little I have learned since I took over in 2017.

21.11.16 Date of next meeting: Monday 21st February 2022 at 6.30pm

21.11.17 AOB: none

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Meeting ends 20.07