

**Minutes of the Ansty Parish Council meeting held in St James's Church, Ansty  
on 21st February 2022 at 6.30pm**

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**22.02.01 Apologies for Absence:** Hannah Hoare, George & Chris Smith, Gail Norris, Anna Greenhalgh, Paul Greenhalgh, Jon Gooding, Rob & Judith Wilkinson

**Present:** Cllr Tim Martin (TM), Wiltshire Cllr Nabil Najjar (Cllr NN), Cllr Louise Gooding (LG), Cllr Mark Norris (MN), Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Parish Clerk Julie Ann Murphy (JAM), Morwenna Brewer (MB), Anne Martin (AM), Claire Ridley (CR), Julie Ridley (JR), Heather Lockley (HL), Caroline Plumptre (CP), Mathew Feltham (MF)

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**22.02.02 Declaration of Interest & Statements from the floor:** - No declarations of interest. Statements made as matters arose.

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**22.02.03 Approval of minutes 15th November 2021 & matters arising:** (Cllr TM):

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

**Matters arising**

b) Welcome letter now devised and in use. We are also going to add helpful info to the website for newcomers.

All other matters covered by agenda

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**22.02.04 Financials: income & expenditure since the last meeting:** (Cllr TM):

(A) Incomes and expenditures review and anticipated

Balance at 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 £15,249.76

**Expenditure:**

- Clerk's salary (Nov, Dec, Jan)	£ 216.00
- Kualo Domain Renewal (R Wilks)	£ 10.79
- Total expenditure	£ 226.79

**Expected Expenditure**

- Clerk's salary (Feb, Mar, Apr)	£ 216.00
- Payroll	£ 50.00
- WALC subs	£ 51.41

**Current balance** £15,022.97 (as bank statement)

**(B) Review current balance and budget:** Expenditures in line with the 2021/22 budget. Current balance satisfactory. Amount in account high due to CIL monies.

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**22.02.05 Wiltshire Council update summary:** Cllr Nabil Najjar: £418 million budget agreed for 2022/23 at recent annual Wiltshire Council budget meeting.

All sixteen of NN's parishes suffer from the same issues; speeding & road safety, flood defence and need long term investment in road maintenance. All these issues now aggregated for Chalke Valley into one list of recommendations to present to the Wiltshire Council instead of trying to manage micro projects for each separate parish. This new group is the Chalke Valley Speed & Flood Working Group. Funding for Area boards will remain but some of that funding will be directed towards Community Area Transport Group (CATG), which in May will have the new name.

Cllr NN then took questions from the floor specifically:

(CP) asked was there an update re Station Works Tisbury planning application? Cllr NN responded that this was still going through the planning process and could still take some time before it reaches the planning committee.

Asked by (TM) about Cllr NN's reference to WC being in dialogue with the developer about the Station Works application, as the public consultation had closed. If any changes to the application now arise, will these be subject to public scrutiny? Cllr NN replied any changes would be published on the Wiltshire website and he would hope consultees would be notified and it would be open again to public consultation.

In relation to Cllr NN's reference to reorganizing Area Board/ CATG expenditure, TM said that procurement by individual parishes was often very inefficient, for instance every parish getting their own competitive quotes to submit to Area Board to paint finger posts. It had proved impossible for Ansty to get a quote to paint one post. NN agreed a better system was needed hence his setting up of the new group (see above).

(LG) asked about funding for the AONB. Cllr NN replied this funding would continue and was fully supported by him.

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**22.02.06 Area Board issues and feedback:** (Cllr JF) said that Cllr NN had covered the recent Area Board issues. The 20 mph issue (see point 21.02.09) is on the agenda for the next CATG meeting.

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**22.02.07 Proposals to improve the hoisting and flying of the flags on the maypole:** (Cllr TM) The plan is to carry out maintenance work on the weather vane and also to get the flag to fly at the top of the pole instead of currently about a metre below the top in an attempt to stop them snagging on the weather vane. The weather vane has been on the current pole for 28 years and has corroded. It requires maintenance in the form of wire brushing and painting. Also the sharp corners will be filed to reduce the risk of the flag snagging on it. A new halyard (rope) will be added which will hang lower and will be safer to use. An access platform will be hired and villager Geoff Feltham who was involved with the erection of this maypole, has offered to help carry out the repair work which will be done when the weather improves.

### **22.02.08 Planning matters: (Cllr LG):**

#### **a) Decisions since last meeting:**

i) Horwood Farm: changing barn use from agricultural to commercial use. Original application withdrawn and new application made under Class R which is permitted development rights. (TM) this seems to indicate consent will be given under the Class R rules. (LG) We have raised the question as to whether Class R rules are appropriate in an AONB?

#### **b) Outstanding submissions:**

- i) APYO construction of a car park – awaiting decision
- ii) Chapel Cottage: single storey extension - awaiting decision.
- iii) Maypole Cottage: replacing an oil tank with a ‘bundled’ (fireproof) tank. - APC decision at this meeting to submit a “no objection” to this application.

#### **c) Outstanding Planning issues:**

- i) (Cllr TM) to correspond with Cllr NN re facts concerning New Barn Farm compliance.

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### **22.02.09 Traffic issues:**

**a)** Cllr TM: the APC application to bring in a 20mph speed limit to Ansty will be considered at the next CATG meeting which will take place this week. Cost to APC will be £625 of the £2500 feasibility stage. It was clarified after a question from (MF) that the speed limit of 20mph would be sought for the whole of Ansty Coombe, Kings Lane and Blind Lane in addition to the current 30mph zone in the village. This was the preference at the previous meeting and confirmed again at this meeting. The second preference would be to apply it to just the existing 30mph zone.

**b)** Chalke Valley Speed & Flood Working Group: New group set up by Cllr NN comprising PCs in Chalke Valley as an action group on traffic speeds and flooding issues (see Cllr NN above). First online meeting has taken place. The villages traffic priorities were requested at this meeting and the following were submitted by Cllr TM:

- i) The implementation 20mph speed limit in Ansty.
- ii) Provision of speed enforcement. Without Community Speed Watch there seems to be no police support. It is difficult to have a speed watch team in a small and largely elderly community. We do have volunteers, but they can only do so much. We would like police speed enforcement and a small amount would be a deterrent and would go a long way.
- iii) Measures to reduce the hazards of turning out onto the A30 from High Street. This is a worry voiced by a number of villagers.

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### **22.02.10 Issues raised by villagers: (Cllr TM)**

**a) Yellow lines & parking permits:** this idea unanimously rejected by villagers and Councillors.

**b) Inadequate width of footpath bridge & board walk:** Cllr TM: these are standard designs provided by Wiltshire Council and used throughout the county. (CR) questions that they are not wide enough

for pushchairs. (TM) APC is seeking to make alterations to give greater pushchair access, but does not believe bridge replacement or extension is a feasible prospect.

**c) Noticeboard renewal:** APC aware it is leaking and needs replacing in due course, but a safer location to install a new one has yet to be identified.

**d) Extending road repairs Blind Lane:** This issue raised by a few residents, so emails sent to Atkins and David Button in Highways. No replies as yet.

**e) Parked vans in High St:** (Cllr JF) owners of Deer Cottage contacted and they agreed that their maintenance people can park inside their gates.

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**22.02.11 May Day celebrations & Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** (AM) Plans going ahead for May Day celebrations. As 1st May falls on a Sunday this year the event will be on Monday 2nd May starting at 4.30pm and ending 7.30pm. Everything is booked and in hand. Email sent out to the villagers for volunteers (about 35 needed) to man stalls etc. but very little response so another email to be sent requesting help. The stalls and bar provide funding for the celebration, so it is vital these are all up and running on the day. This year the Mitchells are allowing us to use their garden by the pond for picnics and for the performers to gather.

(CP) An email has been sent to villagers re the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee village celebration** with a proposed BBQ at Ansty Farm Shop with a view to keeping it as simple as possible.

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**22.02.12 Litter Picking: Agreed to go ahead.** Date to follow, traditionally this takes place in March.

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**22.02.13 Footpaths:** (Cllr MN) As raised in the last meeting, access for a pushchair adjacent to the bottom end of Sue Poulton's garden to have a free run through there up to the first stile, which would be replaced with a gate. This is partly being dealt with by making the existing gate enclosure slightly wider. The route is work in progress. In reply to (CR) question: (TM) previously Wiltshire Council have paid for the gate and we have provided the labour. Wiltshire Council have agreed in principle to these modifications. Discussions with the owner/tenant are ongoing as the proposals, together with the owner/tenant requirements, change and develop.

**Other footpath news:** more volunteers needed to work on the village footpaths. Not necessarily heavy strimmer work and you always work with someone else. Please contact the Parish Council if interested.

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**22.02.14 Parish Steward:** (Cllr MN) Please contact the Parish Council if for instance, you notice a blocked drain and likewise potholes. We can then pass this onto the Parish Steward. (CR) Maypole cottage mentioned for having a hedge too overgrown for machinery to get down the lane and to unblock drain. (TM) there has been correspondence on this between Wiltshire Council and owner to address the issue.

**22.02.15 Wessex Internet Update:** (Cllr TM) Once villagers had signed up with Wessex, APC has no role as it becomes a contract just between Wessex and the villager. Wessex say they cannot advise APC who has signed up due to GDPR restrictions.

On a personal basis, TM said he had been advised that Wessex intend to proceed with the installation once the ground is in a better condition and although our vouchers have expired, Wessex say they will arrange for them to be renewed. (MN) reads out an example of the sort of letters being sent out.

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**22.02.16 Village website & Village WhatsApp Group:** (Cllr TM) Rob Wilkinson our IT editor, publisher and specialist is moving away from Ansty this week. He will carry on maintaining the website for Ansty but he will need information re Ansty news and goings on directed to him. (HL) perhaps willing to do this on receipt of more information of what would be involved.

The idea of a village Whatsapp group is raised which would be outside of the APC (LG) feels there is already good communication between the website and the Parish Clerk's communications with villagers. (AM) thinks it could be used for a lot of sharing of useful information. (LG) someone would need to manage it. (MN) you have to clarify from the beginning the groups purpose. (TM) there is one for newcomers and the younger generation already up and running. Would one be useful for a wider group? Little immediate support for this at the meeting.

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**22.02.17 Date of next meeting:** Revised immediately after meeting to Monday 23rd May 2022.

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**22.02.18 AOB:**

Cllr TM. Rob & Jude Wilkinson move from Ansty to Porton at the end of this week. On behalf of the Parish Council and village, I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Rob and Jude for all they have contributed to the village during their 15 years in Ansty. They have made a huge contribution, not just helping with the regular events involving manning stalls, litter picking, erecting and dismantling SID etc, but managing and delivering significant success stories for the village, too many to mention all, but for example:

- Making all our footpaths passable – when Rob and Jude came to Ansty a number of the local paths were impassable, not only did Rob ensure they were all cleared and stiles repaired, he made sure they all remained clear.
- Getting a bridge installed on FP 8 from squalls.
- Master minding and delivering BKV success in successive years.
- Building our village website into what it is today, with no previous experience of websites.

We have a lot to thank Rob and Jude for and they will leave a significant void in our midst.

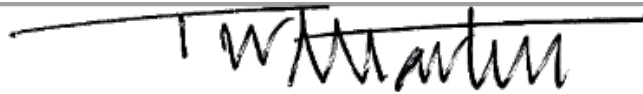
Understandably it doesn't make sense for Rob and Jude to be with us tonight with the risk of Covid upsetting their scheduled move at the end of this week. But it is important we formally record our sincere thanks to them and wish them every happiness in Porton, nearer to family. We have a little presentation, but that we shall save until after they have moved.

**BKV:** (Cllr TM) This year's Best Kept Village competition details just received Councillors, supported by villagers present agreed, we would not take part this year.

**Ansty Coombe:** (CP) Raised issue of the lorry stuck in the lane beyond the Hundred recently. The driver had travelled from Shaftesbury and said he did not see the unsuitable vehicle sign when turning in. No details of the vehicle were taken. Additional signage provision was discussed as an option, although it was also noted that since previous contact with Sat Nav company, few errors had been made. APC said they would be happy to consider signage options residents thought might still be needed.

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Meeting ends 19.49

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