

ANSTY PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Ansty Parish (Village) meeting held in St James's Church, Ansty
on Thursday 3rd June 2021 at 6.30pm**

21.06.01 Election of Chairman for the meeting: Cllr Tim Martin elected (TM).

21.06.02 Apologies for absence: Barrie Shore, Caroline & Tim Plumptre, Gail Norris, Les & Gill Powell

21.06.03 Present: Chair Cllr Tim Martin (TM), Wiltshire Cllr Nabil Najjar (Cllr NN), Cllr Juliette Foy (JF), Cllr Louise Gooding (LG), Cllr Mark Norris (MN), Parish Clerk Julie Ann Murphy (JAM), Lesley Simm (LS), Judith Wilkinson (JW), Rob Wilkinson (RW), Jon Gooding (JG), Wendy Dykes (WD), Jonathan Ranger (JR), Billy Scanlan (BS), Kate Scanlan (KS), Anne Martin (AM), Hannah Hoare (HH), George Smith (GS), Christine Smith (CS), Robert Baker (RB), Pam Hassan (PH), Alan Baldwin (AB), Fergus McClaren Webster (FW), Stephen Telling (ST), Claire Ridley (CR), Paul Greenhalgh (PG), Anna Greenhalgh (AG)

21.06.03 Approval of minutes of meeting held on 22nd May 2019 & matters arising:

Correction from Cllr TM accepted that the penultimate sentence in clause 19.05.11 (iii) should be deleted ie delete "He states that the access road appears to have had subsidence hence the major earth moving works in the field".

Minutes approved with this amendment by all present and signed as true record by Cllr TM.

Matters arising – It was decided at the subsequent PC meeting that there was not a better location available for the village notice board and so the decision was made to leave it where it is.

21.06.04 Reports and Updates:

a) Parish Council: Chairman's Annual Report Cllr TM:

A very different year to report upon. What struck me was how the community came together when Covid first struck in spring last year. We were fortunate, being a small village we didn't have to go door to door, like Tisbury and Fovant to find out who lived in their villages. With no shop within easy walking distance and with no public transport we already had a substantial support network in place to deal with normal times. So when Covid came we were well placed and could build on that head start.

So thank you to everyone that stepped up to provide additional support with shopping & prescriptions, to those that contacted and reached out to others during those slightly scary times. Thank you too to Ansty Farm Shop for setting up a system for villagers to have direct access to them for shopping orders.

We did have the SID for the initial Covid months, so I thought this would give us some interesting data on the reduction in traffic flows. Unfortunately the SID wipes all data after three months, so we were unable to capture the exceptionally low traffic flows we experienced. The SID is back soon.

We had two councilors stand down in May this year. Rob and Mathew. A big thank you to them for their big contributions over the last four years and a welcome to Mark Norris who has stepped up to join us. We would welcome a further volunteer to join us to make a full complement of five councillors. So please give that some thought.

Dealing with planning applications has taken up the time of parish councillors. There is particular pressure to develop in front of the Downs and around Shave Lane in particular. The feedback from villagers is strongly against this. But please continue to give us your feedback, it does need to be ongoing. We cannot bring forward your response to the previous scheme even if the next one is almost the same.

We have had some BKV wins, which is great and a bit more about this year's competition later.

As a village we managed to get enough households signed up with Wessex Internet for the installation of their service. It was a moving target, but we got there in the end. It is at the design stage now where they determine cable routes and seek permissions to take their cables across private land.

Financially the PC has accrued some funds over lockdown and have received some CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds, following the development at New Barn Farm. These are monies paid by the developer to Wiltshire Council towards providing more infrastructure in Wiltshire and in the community to take account of the additional houses. See below for further info.

b) Wiltshire Councillor – Nabil Najjar introduced by Cllr TM: welcome to our newly elected Wiltshire Councillor for Fovant and Chalk Valley. (Cllr NN): Thanks for turning out to vote. In her absence thanks also to Josie Green and her service over 26 years, very hard to find anyone with a bad word to say about Josie. The new leader of the Wiltshire Council is Richard Clewer former deputy leader. Now new focus on regeneration of our towns and our city Salisbury. Throughout my main focus will be on representing the people of Fovant and Chalk Valley. Please contact me if you have questions. (JG): poses question re planning process where there is not enough follow through enforcement being applied after planning permission is given. (Cllr NN): please email re any particular case and although we have to permit a certain amount of new development we rely on locally led scrutiny; where there is evidence planning regulations have not been followed, we can look into enforcement measures.

c) May Day 2021 – (AM): Obviously no May Day this year due to Covid. To maintain the tradition of May Queen, Alice Morgan was crowned and she walked around the village in her costume. Our May Day tradition has gone on for 300 years in Ansty, other than the last two years. Next year it will again take place. Sue Poulton raised over £70 this year from plant sales – plants that were grown in anticipation that this year's event might go ahead. These funds will go towards next year's May Day. There is a lot of expense with May Day so any funds raised are much appreciated.

d) Nadder Community Energy – Unfortunately Tim Plumptre was unable to attend this meeting and so this report will be given at the next Parish Council meeting.

e) Restoring traditional hay meadow in Ansty Coombe – (FW) & (ST): Fergus is a landowner of meadows in Ansty and Stephen is an Ecologist. A short talk is given on the proposal, currently being implemented, to restore a meadow in Ansty Coombe to a traditional hay meadow to protect and encourage the native wildflower species.

f) Best Kept Village 2021 update – (RW): Ansty entering for the Lawrence Kitchener award which we have won twice before, but not since 2005. It is not about being a chocolate box village but about its community, how the village is maintained and looked after and absolutely no litter. Everybody's efforts are vital if we are to win this year. Also a village tea party will be organised in September at APYO to celebrate and get together again.

g) How do we spend the CIL monies – Cllr TM: as stated earlier that we had received some money as a Community Infrastructure Levy payment to the Parish Council. It is for £7,774. There are rules as to how it can be spent, but within those rules, it is down to us how it is spent. There is a time limit of five years in which to spend it.

CIL Regulations state that our funds must be used *“to support the development of the local area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area. This gives Parish and Town Councils considerable freedom to address the impacts of developments on the area. Examples include: • Improvements to village hall • New / improved play areas • Provision of affordable housing • Preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan • Planning Application Fees for community proposals”*. Suggestions made to improve the i) flag mechanism on the Maypole ii) bring in 20mph speed limit and traffic calming measures (Cllr TM - already enough in PC funds to do this) iii) use it for something fun. Any other suggestions welcomed, please contact the PC.

21.06.05 Open Forum: - (LS) damage to village buildings by the massive farm vehicles passing through the village. (CR) Hedges around the village that are overgrown, some can damage your car. (Cllr NN) Area board meeting at the end of this month if you want me to highlight the 20mph limit. (Cllr TM) In response to an enquiry TM explains what is currently happening at Deer Cottage. (RB) raises the issue of Station Works in Tisbury and the impact it will have on Ansty - to be discussed in following PC meeting. (JG) pays tribute to the work of Mathew Feltham and Rob Wilkinson for their contribution to Ansty Village over the years.

21.06.06 Date of next Village meeting: TBA

21.06.07 Meeting Closure: Meeting closed 7.26pm

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