

# Minutes of the Ansty Parish Council meeting held at St. James's Church Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 at 6.30pm

## 22.08.01 Apologies for absence:

Wiltshire Councillor Nabil Najjar, George Smith, Caroline Plumptre, Tim Plumptre, Lesley Simm, Gail Norris.

## Present:

Clr. Tim Martin (Chairman), Councillors Juliette Foy, Louise Gooding and Mark Norris.

Also attending T. Culver-James (Clerk), John Gooding, Anne Martin, Chris Smith, Tom Rowley, Patricia Lowe.

## New Clerk Introduction

### 22.08.02

The Chairman introduced the new Clerk to the meeting.

## Declarations of Interest

### 22.08.03

No declarations of interest were made.

## Statements from the floor

### 22.08.04/05

The Chairman noted that the Parish Council is working to co-opt a fifth councillor to serve. He encouraged any interested resident to contact the Clerk. Other statements were made as matters arose.

## Approval of minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 & matters arising

### 22.08.06

The minutes of the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> May were approved as a true record without amendment. By omission they were not signed, but will be at the next meeting.

## Annual Governance & Accounting Return (AGAR)-Public Rights Conclusion

### 22.08.07

The Chairman noted that the period for the Exercise of Public Rights in respect of the AGAR had expired without incident.

## Financial report

### 22.08.08

The income and expenditure by the Council since the last meeting was reviewed. Attached to these minutes is the report presented to the meeting.

Budgetary projections are in accordance with plans. It was noted that the purchase of a laptop and associated software for the use of the Clerk would be funded by reserves.

Note was also made that budgetary and Precept discussions will need to be had at the next meeting.

### Wiltshire Councillor update

22.08.09

Wiltshire Councillor Najjar was unable to attend.

### Planning matters

22.08.10

Decisions since last meeting

It was noted that the following applications have been determined;

PL/2022/04138 Wisteria Cottage rear extension. Approved with conditions 19/08/2022.

PL/2021/10767 Ansty PYO change of use/gravel car park. Approved with conditions 30/08/2022.

PL/2022/03101 Barnfield Farm change of use agricultural grassed field to an agricultural water reservoir. Application withdrawn by applicant.

Outstanding Planning issues

New Barn Farm parking. Enforcement action has been requested, and TM will chase Wiltshire Councillor Najjar on progress on this matter.

22.08.11

The Chairman updated the meeting as to the progress of the 20mph application. This has been delayed, awaiting a decision on whether Atkins would carry out the survey or Wiltshire Council would do it themselves. Finally decision has been made and the work will be done by WC. The parish council has been liaising on survey locations which includes Ansty Combe, Blind Lane and Kings Lane. The funding of this is estimated at £1,500 to be funded by CIL receipts.

Various other issues with regard traffic speeds were noted, with the Clerk to examine the feasibility of establishing a Community Speed Watch group in the village. Consideration was given to the purchase of an additional SID.

### 22.08.12 Review of hedge and verge cutting

The Clerk understands that Wiltshire Council have faced challenges in maintaining the usual schedule of works with regards hedge and verge control. It was noted that care needs to be taken in respect of wildlife when undertaking such work. Individual hedges of which ownership is defined are the initial responsibility of the owner. Should problems be identified, then further action can be taken. Any contentious issue should be reported to the Clerk who can then raise the matter with Wiltshire Council.

Councillor MN is proceeding with the Platinum Jubilee tree planting initiative with the intention of coinciding with the forthcoming tree planting season.

## Parish Steward update

22.08.13

Councillor Norris updated the meeting with ongoing progress with the Parish Steward and the programme of gully and drain maintenance. He asked that villagers raise with him issue that need to be addressed by the steward.

## Footpaths

22.08.14

Councillor Norris noted that the footpath group consists of a core team of eight or nine members, and requested that he be advised of issues arising on an ongoing basis. The potential installation of kissing gates received a mixed response. It was noted that some stiles need attention and to consider their repair or replacement with gates.

Chris Smith said that there were 35 ponies in the old polo field with another 10 or so to come. They show no interest in walkers, but dogs can cause a response. She proposed to erect a cautionary sign.

## Village website

22.08.15

The Chairman requests that villagers continue feeding material, including pictures, to Rob Wilkinson. This is particularly important now that Rob has moved from the village.

## Date of next meeting

22.08.16

The next meeting is to be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## Any other business

22.08.17

The Chairman updated the meeting on the previously reported proposals to carry out some repairs to the maypole. This is expected to cost about £700 and a proposal for this was made by TM and seconded by MN. It was subsequently approved by the Council unanimously. This relates to the hire of machinery, modification of the weather vane, repainting and resealing. It was thought sensible to attend to these works prior to the purchase of any new flag(s), which it was proposed might be weighted down to prolong their life from potential damage. It was noted that it is suspected only limited remedial works to the Maypole have been undertaken since its erection over 25 years ago. w

The meeting closed at 7.42pm.

