

# Minutes of Ansty Parish Council

## Meeting held at St. James's Church

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm

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#### **13.02.01 Apologies for absence**

George and Chris Smith, Caroline Plumptre, Jon Gooding, Oliver Simm, Gail Norris.

#### **Present;**

Cllr. Tim Martin (Chairman), Councillors. Juliette Foy, Louise Gooding, Mark Norris, Heather Lockley.

Also attending: T. Culver-James (Clerk), Anne Martin (AM), Pam Baldwin (PB), Morwenna Brewer (MB), Lesley Simm (LS), Wiltshire Councillor N. Najjar (NN)(part).

#### **13.02.02 Declarations of Interest**

None made.

#### **13.02.03 Statements from the floor**

PB raised the issue of the gate being locked on the path through the field behind The Hundred, Ansty Coombe Lane. Cllr TM said the path through the field was not a public footpath, although frequently used by residents. Consequently this gate could legitimately be locked shut. The public footpath went up across the field and into the woods.

Reference was also made to the woody debris in the vicinity of Ansty Water.

#### **13.02.04 Approval of minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 meeting**

The minutes of this meeting were approved as a true record without amendment.

#### **13.02.05 Financial matters**

The income and expenditure report for the period 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 had been circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed at the meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes. Transactions are in accordance with budget 2022/23. The Clerk confirmed that the Precept application, as agreed at the 21<sup>st</sup> November meeting has been made in the sum of £2,450.

A subsequent decision at the meeting for a £250 contribution to Tisbury Parish Council was agreed from reserves. See below.

#### **13.02.06 Wiltshire Councillor Update**

Cllr. Najjar noted that Wiltshire Council were to approve their budget next week, with an overall total of £465m. He noted the various areas of expenditure and confirmed the Council Tax levy was to increase by 2.99%. He noted that Ansty was alone in his Ward in not applying for Area Board funding, and some discussion ensued as to how this might be addressed. Of note were the three areas in which funding criteria are decided; namely Elderly and Vulnerable, Youth provision and Capital investment, the last of which Parish Councils cannot themselves apply for, although there are mechanisms to overcome this. NN was questioned regarding the application of traffic data, and

some concern raised over the current approach of Wiltshire Highways on 20mph limits. Agreed to copy NN correspondence with the current Highways Engineer. Some discussion was had regarding Area Board funding for future Maypole restoration.

### **13.02.07 Planning matters**

#### **Decisions since last meeting**

- a. Meadow Cottage, extension - PL/2022/07945-Approved with conditions
- b. Land southeast of the Rookery, barn extension - PL/2022/09629-Approved with conditions

#### **Outstanding submissions**

- a. Horwood Farm, sludge lagoon, barn extension & silage pad - PL/2022/09604 - determination pending.
- b. 69-70 High Street, Ansty, erect retaining wall & steps (retrospective) and greenhouse – PL/2022/09598 – awaiting determination

#### **Outstanding Planning issues**

- a. Peartree Cottage PL/2022/02040 – awaiting determination
- b. Development at Station Works, Tisbury - PL/2021/09778 - before Planning Inspector February & March 2023

### **13.02.08 Request by Tisbury PC**

TM briefed the meeting on the progress of the Station Works application in Tisbury. The developer has appealed the application due to non-determination by Wiltshire Council (WC) and the appeal commences on 21 February 2023. Tisbury Parish Council (TPC) felt that the WC objections were too limited, particularly as it was not objecting to the principle of 86 dwellings and a care home. So TPC made a Rule 6 application whereby they become a full party at the appeal, enabling them to submit proofs of evidence and cross examine the other parties. Much of TPC's case has been undertaken on a voluntary basis, but they are having to pay for some expertise. TPC has asked surrounding parishes for any contributions they can afford and are also doing crowd funding. It was resolved (HL/MN-unanimous) to contribute £250 towards the legal fees incurred by Tisbury Parish Council in opposing the application.

### **13.02.09 Queen's Green Canopy Initiative**

Cllr. Norris thanked those who had participated, and asked that any further plantings be notified to him for plotting on the record. The national tree planting initiative finishes at the end of March. Clerk to circulate this to village contacts.

### **13.02.10 Ansty Litter Pick**

It was agreed we should have our annual village litter pick in March, before the verge vegetation starts to grow. Particular areas noted were the Coombe and the High Street to A30 junction. Date agreed 25<sup>th</sup> March, 10am at the Maypole. Clerk to circulate to village contacts.

### **13.02.11 May Day Preparations**

Anne Martin said that preparations for this year's May Day had commenced. Residents were made aware of the meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> February and it is hoped that more volunteers will come forward.

### **13.02.12 Traffic issues**

Following the traffic survey for the implementation of the 20mph limit, the Highways Engineer has determined that in his view no speeding problems exist in the village. This conclusion was reached on the manner in which data is interpreted. APC is not entirely satisfied with this, and following discussions at the meeting, will liaise with Cllr Najar.

### **13.02.13 Parish Steward**

Cllr. Norris reported that all stewards are having to prioritise pothole works at present. Issues to be raised include reinstatement of removed and missing bollards in High Street and Ansty Coombe, a blocked gully on the High Street toward the A30 junction and damage to the grass verge outside of the Commandery.

### **13.02.14 Footpaths**

Cllr. Norris reported that broadly matters were satisfactory. It was agreed that if the necessary agreements are forthcoming a pedestrian gate should be installed on the footpath ANST10 where it enters Turners Copse. This would then give stile free access into the woods. MN to seek necessary consents from owner/tenant.

Repairs are required to the sleeper walkway approach to Aileen's bridge. TM is in contact with Footpath's Officer at WC about this and has also passed on the complaint that a fence has been constructed across ANST4 off the road to Alvediston.

### **13.02.15 Village Website**

Note was made of some access issues getting on to the website. There has been a tendency to end up on a pdf page from the website, with no ability to navigate from there. Cllr. Lockley suggested it may be a hosting issue. It was agreed we should discuss with Rob Wilkinson.

### **13.02.16 Date of next meeting**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, including APM (Village meeting) and Parish Council AGM



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