

DRAFT Minutes of Ansty Parish Meeting

Held at St. James Church, Ansty on Monday 15th May 2023 at 6pm

1. Election of Chairman

Tim Martin was appointed as Chairman

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Heather Lockley, Morwenna Brewer and Tom Rowley.

3. Those present

Tim Martin, Mark Norris, Louise Gooding, Juliette Foy, Tim Culver-James, Anne Martin, Chris Smith, Lesley Simm, Rosemary Paines, Nabil Najjar

4. Approval of minutes of meeting held on 23 May 2022

Duly signed into the record. TM noted a couple of matters arising from the previous minutes. Issues regarding hedge cutting and road sweeping policy are still to be researched.

5. a. Parish Council (Cllr. T. Martin, Chair Ansty Parish Council)

TM provided the following summary from the Parish Council.

The success of the implementation of the Wessex Internet provision, finalised in September, was noted and the involvement of the PC noted. In November, Heather Lockley was co-opted onto the PC, which brought the number of serving parish councillors at the time to five. In December, the results of the traffic survey commissioned by the PC were received with disappointment by the PC. The PC has continued to press Wiltshire Council to assist in the introduction of a 20mph limit through Ansty. In March, prior to hedge/verge growth, the annual litter pick was attended by volunteers, resulting six bags of garbage being recovered. It was noted that the CIL monies held by the PC, and earmarked for implementation of the speed restriction needed to be used within a set time. On planning, the PC was a statutory consultee on 10 matters. On a wider planning note, the Station Works (Tisbury) planning appeal was due to report on the 24th of April, but has yet to do so. TM gave a grateful nod to the work of Rob Wilkinson for his invaluable help with the village website. Photographs continue to be welcomed, and more text notices regarding the village are encouraged.

b. Wiltshire Council (Cllr. N. Najjar, Fovant & Chalke Valley Ward)

NN informed the meeting that the budget for Wiltshire Council had been agreed in the sum of £467m, and drew reference to the straitened circumstances currently being faced. He highlighted the remaining opportunities for communities to apply for funding, however, noting various local projects in nearby parishes. Reference was made to the Station Works matter, and the concerns of the impact in the Nadder valley. He was closely questioned about the current impasse regarding the 20mph limit proposal, up to the point of criticism of Wiltshire Highways, but that they were subject to policy guidelines from central government. NN said he would liaise with the relevant Cabinet member, Councillors and highways officers on Ansty's 20mph application. The matter of housing targets, in relation to five year Unitary Authority plans was also keenly pursued.

c. May Day 2023 (Cllr. J. Foy, Ansty Parish Council)

A very good day with clement weather, enjoyed by all. Suggested that perhaps a note of thanks be sent to those in the village who assisted in the success of the day be sent out. Swallowcliffe Parish

Council have asked for a slight change in the road closure route through Swallowcliffe, and this will be considered by next year's organisers. Storage of equipment for the event was discussed, with Morwenna Brewer agreeing to provide premises. A statement of the financial results are attached. The meeting thanked Juliette for her considerable effort in overseeing the event.

d. Ansty Footpaths (Cllr. M. Norris)

Noted this time of year is when grasses and foliage control needs to be considered, albeit sensitively. Grateful thanks was expressed for the hard work of the volunteers who maintain the paths-more are always welcome! Councillor Norris said that he would provide the village website with a summary of achievements over the last year.

6. Open Forum

L. Gooding reiterated the suggestion of organising a petition with respect applying pressure to Highways to achieve the 20mph limit. T. Martin reflected not sure of the influence this would have; A. Martin suggested that it could do no harm. L. Simm queried the seeming variance with which neighbouring Civil Parishes are treated in this regard. T. Martin will continue to encourage N. Najjar to liaise with council members and officers at Wiltshire Highways.

It was suggested that a new village notice board be sited opposite Ansty House, towards Maypole House.

7. Any other business & closure

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 6.55pm.