

# Minutes of Ansty Parish Council Annual Meeting held at St. James's Church Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6.45pm

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## 15.05.01. Apologies for absence & Attendees

Apologies: Cllr. H. Lockley, M. Brewer, T. Rowley.

Present: Cllr. T. Martin (Chairman), Cllrs. M. Norris, L. Gooding, J. Foy.

Also attending: T. Culver-James (Clerk), A. Martin, C. Smith, L. Simm, R. Paines

## 15.05.02. Election of Chairman

T. Martin having expressed a wish not to be re-elected as Chairman, proposed the election of Cllr. Norris to be elected as Chair for the current civic year. This was seconded by Cllr. Gooding and approved by those present. Cllr. Norris will sign the declaration of acceptance at the next meeting of the council. Appreciation for the work of Cllr. Martin was enthusiastically expressed.

Cllr. Foy, having served Ansty Parish Council for ten years, indicated her desire to retire as councillor. Once again, her contribution to the council, and the village, was expressed.

It was noted that advertising for applicants for co-option to ensure the smooth running of the council should be undertaken.

## 15.05.03. Councillor roles

Cllr. Norris-to assume Chairmanship at the next meeting. Also Village Steward Liaison and footpaths.

Cllr. Gooding-Planning matters

Other councillor portfolios to be discussed at the next meeting.

## 15.05.04. Declarations of Interest

None made.

## 15.05.05. Statements from the floor

None made.

## 15.05.06. Approval of minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

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

## 15.05.07. Annual Governance & Accountability Return

The Internal Auditor's sign off was noted. The Certificate of Exemption, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements and Exercise of Public Rights period of 26 June to 11 August 2023 were all approved and signed off by councillors.

### 15.05.08. Financial Statements

The attached income and expenditure report for the period 13<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023, together with the anticipated expenditures were presented and signed off.

It was noted that the £250 contribution to Tisbury Parish Council's Station Works fund and £50 church rental for our November and February meetings still had to be paid. These payments already had approval.

Additionally, noted that the Clerk will check the time limit for the expenditure of CIL monies to be made on appropriate projects. It should be noted that this expenditure needs to be approved by the Unitary Authority.

### 15.05.09. Planning matters

Cllr. Gooding reported on the planning issues as follows:

#### a. Decisions since last meeting

PL/2023/00843 Pond Cottage, Ansty. Tree works. No objection

PL/2022/09598 69-70 High Street, Ansty. Erect retaining wall, steps (retrospective) and erect greenhouse. Approved with conditions. Approved with conditions.

APP/Y3940/D/22/3301718 Pear Tree Cottage, Ansty. Appeal allowed for three door garage.

#### b. Outstanding submissions

PL/2022/09604 Horwood Farm, Ansty. Construction of slurry lagoon, extension to existing barn to include adjacent silage pad. Awaiting decision. (Subsequently approved with conditions 06/06/2023)

#### c. Other Planning issues

Keepers Cottage-Shepherds hut. The Parish Council had been asked by villagers whether the provision of this shepherd's hut needed planning permission. Cllr. Gooding reported a conversation with the owner who had consulted Wiltshire Council and been advised planning consent was not necessary, providing the accommodation was and remained ancillary to the cottage. This was consistent with research by the parish council who noted that the hut would require planning consent if let to third parties.

Station Works, Tisbury. Planning Inspectorate decision still awaited.

### 15.05.10. Traffic issues

The ongoing discussions with Councillors and Wiltshire Highways are largely covered in the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (Village Meeting). Cllr. Martin, as noted in the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, will continue to exert pressure on the Wiltshire Ward Councillor to achieve a positive outcome with regard to the 20mph limit-

### 15.05.11. Parish Steward

It was reported that the pothole blitz has occupied the formerly Ringway (now Milestone) contractors to Wiltshire Council. The usual schedule of Parish Steward attendance will shortly resume-NOTE-this occurred shortly after the meeting at the end of May. Cllr. Norris reiterated that any concerns with drains, gullies or the like can be brought up with him or reported on the MyWilts App.

### 15.05.12. Footpaths

- a) As noted at the APM, it was thought worthwhile to post on footpath matters through the website, and to circulate matters arising to residents. The issue of the steepness of Maypole path makes steps impractical, but Alex Howson (Wiltshire Council) has been consulted and will-pay a site visit to see what can be done.
- b) FP04 to Alvediston has been obstructed by a fence, and Wiltshire Council has requested the landowner install a stile.
- c) The existing stile on FP10 is in disrepair, and the preference is for gate rather than a stile to be installed, to which the landowner has agreed.
- d) A query about an open footpath gate at Squalls Lane will be investigated.

### 15.05.13. Village website

Some discussion was held regarding the “click here” access on photographs. Appreciation was extended to R. Wilkinson for his considerable work with the website.

### 15.05.14. Issues arising from Annual Parish Meeting

None identified.

### 15.05.15. Date of next meeting

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 6.30pm.

### 15.05.16. Any other business

The matter of long grass at the junction of the High Street and the A30 causing visibility issues was raised. Cllr. Norris undertook to advise Wiltshire Council, but did say that anyone can report this sort of issue on the MyWilts app and given its importance was normally responded to quickly. (Post meeting note - The matter was reported by Cllr. Norris, and dealt with by Highways shortly after the meeting)

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