

# Ansty Parish Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held at St. James' Church on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 6.30pm.

## 21.08.01 Those present and apologies for absence

Present: Councillors M. Norris, L. Gooding, H. Lockley.

In attendance: T. Culver-James (Clerk), M. Brewer, R. Diment, C. Smith, J. Gooding, C. Plumptre, L. Simm.

Apologies: Cllr. T Martin, A. Martin, Wiltshire Councillor N. Najjar.

## 21.08.02 Declarations of Interest

None made.

## 21.08.03 Chairman's Introduction

The Chairman welcomed those present. Having been elected as Chairman at the previous meeting, he affirmed his acceptance of the role. The importance of co-option of a new councillor was noted. There is a likely candidate, and the change for the usual day of meeting to Thursday to aid this was met with no objection. He also led into the next agenda item, paying tribute to Juliette Foy.

## 21.08.04 Appreciation of Juliette Foy

All present noted with thanks and gratitude the contribution of Juliette to the Parish Council, May Day celebrations and the village in general.

## 21.08.05 Report from Wiltshire Councillor

Apologies were received from Cllr. Najjar who was unable to attend.

## 21.08.06 Approval of Minutes from the meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Having been agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting, these were approved and signed into the record.

## 21.08.07 Councillor portfolios for current civic year.

M. Norris-Area Board, LFHIG, tasking of Village Steward, footpaths

L. Gooding-Planning issues

H. Lockley-Website

## 21.08.08 Planning matters requiring Consideration/Resolution

PL/2023/06489 Pond Cottage, 80 Ansty SP3 5QD. Notification of proposed works to trees in the conservation area; felling of beech tree.

Councillors unanimously raised no objection to this application.

## 21.08.09 Financial matters requiring Consideration/Resolution

A report for the income and expenditure for the period 5<sup>th</sup> May to 9<sup>th</sup> August was presented. The time limit for disbursement of CIL monies to be confirmed. Also consideration of proper expenditure

of monies, reflecting that this could have an impact on the next precept application. Some ideas were raised in this respect at 21.08.16.

#### [21.08.10 Update on road safety matters](#)

Work on this long running matter continues and our focus remains on finding ways of making the High Street a safer place for all our Villagers.

#### [21.08.11 Parish Steward update](#)

Milestone contracting has improved. Overhanging tree at the A30 junction to be referred for attention.

#### [21.08.12 Footpaths and Rights of Way](#)

Our Footpath Volunteer Team to maintain the good condition of the footpaths generally although concern was expressed about the long grass this summer.

The project to upgrade FP2 between Ansty House and Maypole Cottage remains firmly on the agenda.

#### [21.08.13 May Day 2023 and 2024](#)

Rita Diment is kindly taking this task of Chairing the Ansty Mayday committee. A change of date and timings are to be considered to enhance attendance. Music provision was also discussed. Note was made to ensure insurance and road closure compliance. In particular, Swallowcliffe PC has suggested a tweak to the closure plan.

#### [21.08.14 Village Website](#)

The council is extremely grateful for the considerable work of R. Wilkinson, and understands his wish to step back. H. Lockley has agreed to assist in implementing this. The idea of an archive of local maps would be worthwhile. Also, the plea for material to inform and entertain to be submitted was reiterated.

#### [21.08.15 Defibrillator progress](#)

Discussion of a site focused on the Church area, noting the need for a power supply, and checks and maintenance required. Costs to be researched, particularly given the funding available from the PC.

#### [21.08.16 Matters arising for inclusion in next agenda](#)

Suggested that the parish council could examine the potential of acquiring the small parcel of land near the Maypole. Potential purchase of SID and signage to aid in enhancement of road safety. Also suggested was the provision of some form of public convenience in the village. Assistance from Wiltshire Area Board funding will be investigated.

#### [21.08.17](#)

To be confirmed, but possibly 16<sup>th</sup> November.

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