



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 20 MARCH 2023 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Andrew Marchant
David Oxley
Simon Bagnall
David House
Amanda Parker
Jan Pledger

Members of the Public: Lynn Whitbread

County / District Councillors: None

Police: None

Apologies: DC Boyland and PC L De Bruyn

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

- 48.1 Apologies** : received DC Boylan and PC De Bruyn.
- 48.2 Personal / Prejudicial Declarations** : None received.
- 48.3 Public Comments** : None received.
- 48.4 County / District Councillor Comments** : none received.
- 48.5 Public Comments** : Speeding – Lynn Whitbread Lincoln Hill, 30 starts too late, should be back to Flint Hall – getting worse. One / two particular vehicles that ignore the speed limit. AS a PC we got a petition 3-4 years ago to get speeding cameras before Covid. List of people to man them. Sent to local police. Went on a forum, excuses for not being able to park and record speeding. Chairman went to the last meeting and De Bruyn commissioner won't allow funds unless there are accidents. As a PC there is little we can do, push the police. Will mention a new fund introduced to make village life safer, will see if we can get some infrared cameras to show speed limits. Not sure if they will apply it to speed cameras. Only route we can take. Message from Karen, outside the 30mph zone and wants the limit extended. Criteria on density of housing to allow and classify it as a semi built up and doesn't qualify. Unlikely speed restrictions will be changed. Making motorists aware that they are speeding it may help and get the police to have presence in the village. Policing on a personal basis, reg of a car going fast, can't do anything about it. Down to the individual to report, has been reported. Police confirmed it was too dangerous to stand with a speeding gun in the village. Lynn confirmed it was dangerous to walk in the village. Chairman assured Lynn we are doing all we can to highlight the speeding issues. Has to be classified as a residential area to enable 30mph speed limits.
- Oxley, in or out of the village? School times. One local driver. 8.30-9am out of village. Again around 3.30pm. Lynn has written to the school.
- We need parishioners to individually report speeding to the police.
- Chairman wished there was more the PC could do.
- Cost of illuminating signs, research suggests that effect is only when they're moved.
£2,500 each.
- Speed Spy, add to lamppost – data protection problem. Just rereleased and shows car speeds and times but doesn't identify them. It is moveable. £150/week to hire £125 for installation and moving. Solar powered.
- Chairman asked for recommendations.
- School communicated to parents and asked them to reduce speeds through the village.
- Semi gates could be used, historically as a PC we shied away from signs and barriers.
- Will apply for the Shared Prosperity Fund would cover safety through our village for signage at various locations.
- Speed indicators at Lincoln Hill and Cheapside.
- Safety – church corner verge signs to stop parking on the blind corner at school pickup / drop off times.



Small rural village with no pavements. Police won't act unless there is an accident. Nowhere safe to monitor speeds by the police.

Rave – from Karen : called police and made a complaint. Participants dispersed on their own accord at 3pm. Police did call at the house and advised not to antagonize the position and wait until they dispersed. Anti social and trespassing – should have been moved on.

Mandy, Hugh – no on holiday. Spoke to Mike, confirmed he needs access – under license for access for farmland. Using Kemsley's track, he has right of way. Gate on road is Kemsley's. Used by Mike. He will make the gate more substantial to stop trespassers. Unlikely that they won't return to the same site.

Write to Hugh to reinforce the gateway to discourage people and thank Mike for his offer.

48.6 Police Report :

No crimes were reported for Anstey Village in March.
Few residential burglaries in other village, taking number plates.

48.7 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 January 2023

With two amendments; 47.4 £2 capped fare funding on the Herts Lynx travel and 47.11 flooded highway is being monitored. The chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2023.

48.8 Planning

48.8.1 **The Grange SG9 0DG** : Ref. 3/23/0236/HH S/S side and F/F side extn, installation of north facing glass balustrade – no objections raised by Parish Council.

48.8.2 **Plot 64** : Ref. No: 3/20/2139/FUL – Change of use of land to Gypsy/Traveller residential – Parish council objected – APPEAL LODGED 14/01/22.

48.8.3 To discuss any new applications or decision notices not listed above;
Granary Cottage SG9 0BY : Ref. 3/23/0486/LBC : removal of steps to north, construction of s/s garden room extension to south and 2-storey extn to the north. Subsequent application for listed building, no comments/objections. Comments due by 05 Apr-23.

48.9 Finance

48.9.1 To receive an update on finances together with the summary of funds available 2022/23.

48.9.2 The latest bank reconciliation was accepted.

48.9.3 Payments for Mar/Apr-23 were approved, one change to clerk's March salary (due to tax), £154.90.

48.10 **Phone Box Kiosk** : Communication has restarted to deal with the parish council's complaint that the kiosk repairs are not to the required standard following remedial works in 2021.

There is no response from Highways with regards to the culverts and drainage.

Historically there was a ditch along the road but has since been filled in.

48.11 Highways / Vegetation :

Hedge next to Andrew's place requested. And Tallulah it was cut. Hamilton's close to road.

One hole filled up at David's – Pothole outside the 2 cottages, one is shocking at the horses field between Yew Tree Cottage and opposite to gate to horses. Bollard still outside Grahams.

48.12 Flooding :

To note Cave Gate flooded during recent heavy rain and is being monitored. The flooded highway B1368 south of Silkmead Ind Estate is also being monitoring. A survey took place recently but unsure if that was highways or rivers. See further information from CC Jones in item 47.4.

Cave Gate the field is higher than the road, this runs down.

Silkmead has been bad during the wet weather. Needs cleaning out regularly.

Report gully at Silkmead – thanks for clearing, needs clearing again.

48.13 **Playing Field** : It was noted that the bench needs replacing – costs vary between £370-£570. AVS (Howe Fencing) and a number of local providers will be contacted in due course by Cllr Bagnall and the clerk.



Benches, £420-£430 including delivery. None found locally. E-mail one and go ahead and buy. Must be invoiced to PC for VAT reclaim. One to be replaced. Authorised to go ahead. Need 3 quotes. Similar design. Comes in kit form.

School septic tank comes into the ditch by the skateboard, if no flow in the river, it pools. Football goes in it. Spoken to Norman, will be monitored. Bad in the summer holidays. VH, Church Cottages and school. Emptied 4 times a year but may not have been. Norman monitoring. Certain chemical can be used. Suggestion to get the flow down the ditch – mount a pipe? Kids like running up and down the ditches. Who is responsible for the tank? Speak to the school.

Wood cut by the electric board, Chris Hart did tree work and went next day.

UK Power Networks to be contacted. In Playing Field, branches left after we had had tree work and chippings removed.

48.14 Salt Bin at Snow End : CC Jeff Jones has confirmed any application will need to be made in the autumn – only one application per division is allowed and he already has one for Puckeridge School.

48.15 Church : font is looking fantastic. Careful not to get too careful, light dust on the outside. It will wear down very easily.

48.16 School / Parking : The school have been asked if no parking signage can be put up between school and church. Little bit of puddling in the lower car park.

48.17 Speeding :

As above.

48.18 Village Hall :

Heaters are in. Competitive and good company installed, Daiken units installed by Acorn.

Film on Friday, one every month being shown. 17 February – this Friday Ticket to Paradise.

28 Apr, 19 May.

30 attendees.

Film and social club.

Exercise, only 2 running, table tennis and carpet bowls.

Yoga not running, tutor issues. Returning in April after Easter on Thursday mornings.

Annual fundraiser 1st April, quiz night. 7.30pm for 8pm start.

PC team?

Day after, 2nd April, hosting Ukrainians folk song and dance celebrations.

4pm at the VH.

48.19 Newsletter – going to print and being distributed. Digital will be out this weekend.

Next deadline 10th May.

48.20 Anstey Quarry : No update received.

Wait for court case to see what will happen to the land.

48.21 Defibrillator :

Fully functional, got an e-mail from the circuit run by EH Ambulance Service alert when a defibrillator is taken, got notification it had been taken. It was taken by a parishioner for a family member who was unwell. It was returned unused.

48.22 Correspondence Received : To receive details of correspondence for information.

48.23 Any other business

48.23.1 Cllr Boylan has confirmed that he will not be standing for election and thanked councillors for their support over the past 4 years.

48.24 Dates of Meeting : Next meeting to be held on Monday, 15th May : Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (councillors take office following election results), Annual Parish AGM and the Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.