



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 13TH JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM**

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

Members of the Public: Mark Parrott

County / District Councillors: DC Geoffrey Williamson

Police: None

Apologies: CC Jeff Jones and PCSO Glen Stanway.

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

59.1 Apologies received: CC Jeff Jones and PCSO Glen Stanway.

59.2 Personal / Prejudicial Declarations : None received/raised.

59.3 District Councillor Comments :

DC Williamson had no new items to report on but added:

The changes to the recycling process continues to progress for May-25.

DC Williamson will inquire as to what communications are planned to notify members of the public.

The reorganisation of Government did not have any local effect from the work being undertaken.

HCC are not displaying any interest of postponing elections, and these should go ahead as planned in May 2025.

CC Jeff Jones wished councillors and parishioners a happy New Year.

He reported that he was unable to attend as was reporting on an issue at Cottered Parish Council meeting this evening.

He noted correspondence to Highways regarding flooding at The Well, and Highways response that works were scheduled in for the next financial year. HCC have allocated a further £1m in the next budget specifically for flooding issues which may help with the work required at The Well. The new funding is allocated for flooding issues across Hertfordshire. CC Jones confirmed he will monitor the budget allocation. Councillors confirmed that a drain may be blocked or collapsed at the Well and flooding is reported to HCC. It was noted that no drainage is being cleared within the village.

59.4 Public Comments – No comments raised.

59.5 Police – Police report was due imminently.

59.6 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2024

The minutes were approved and the Chairman authorised to approve for the meeting held on 11th November 2024.

Amendment : DC Williamson was present at the meeting.

59.7 Planning

59.7.1 Fiddlers Lodge SG9 OBW : 3/24/2320/PASE – Installation of solar panels – for information only – will be agreed under permitted development. No comments raised on this application.

59.7.2 Puttocks End Farm SG9 ODD : 3/24/2259/HH – Construction of s/s link extn between house and existing outbuildings and covered porch area, conversion of outbuilding – no objections raised – awaiting decision.

59.7.3 High Trees SG9 OBE : 3/24/2194/HH – S/S detached garage and carport / garden store – awaiting decision.

59.7.4 8 Moatside SG9 ODD : 3/24/0155/HH – Appeal lodged 23/04/24.

59.7.5 8 Moatside SG9 ODD : 3/23/2214/HH – Appeal lodged 25/04/24.

59.7.6 New Applications – none noted.



59.8 Finance

59.8.1 Summary of funds for this financial year approved and accepted.

A further £195 is due to Sharpe Print in January – to be added to payments due Jan/Feb 2025.

59.9 Highways / Vegetation

All roads are showing some cracks following flooding and freezing temperatures.

Hedges/verges have been cut throughout the village since the last meeting.

No potholes required immediate attention.

59.10 Flooding

a) The Well was discussed in 59.3 above – reported as a blocked culvert.

b) Silkmead flooded during snowfall – there is an overgrown culvert.

c) Cave Gate still requires a gully dug but it is somewhat improved – if a gully cannot be arranged, permanent signage may be worthwhile. It has been reported some 20+ times and remains a concern when water is across the road.

59.11 Litter Picking

Villagers may not be aware that Anstey no longer have an employed litter picker and residents could be encouraged to pick up litter if out walking. A local litter-pick will be arranged for Saturday, 29th March at 10am.

59.12 Church – no news.

59.13 School / St George's End Parking – remains to be monitored.

59.14 Village Hall

Three classes continue; Yoga, Carpet Bowls and Table Tennis.

The First film of the year was shown last Friday. These will be monthly throughout the year apart from in August.

Two bookings have been organised; children's party in January and the General Elections in May.

Fundraising : Saturday, 22nd February – Music Event with supper, tickets are £12.50.

Saturday 29th March – Village Hall Quiz.

The Village Hall Committee hope both events are all well attended to enable a good social event for the village and raise funds for the Village Hall.

59.15 Newsletter – Deadline was last Friday for Feb-March edition. Any further items are now required urgently.

59.16 Anstey Quarry

It was noted that there continues to be fires with black smoke and additional vehicles being left onsite.

The new owners continue to work on the site, of which there is no planning permission for.

Clerk to re-request a copy of the original enforcement order.

59.17 Defibrillator

The monthly monitor check was carried out 13/1/25 and is fully functional.

A WhatsApp Group reminder was added to the latest Newsletter edition.

A suggestion to refresh the WhatsApp Group when the defibrillator was checked was received.

59.18 Any other Business

59.19 Future Items / Matters Carried Forward :

59.19.1 Laptop performance continues to be monitored – to be cleaned/checked by Oops! IT if needed.

59.19.2 Next Meeting : Next meeting to be held at the village hall on Monday, 10th March 2025.

Andrew Marchant sends apologies for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.