



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 13TH MAY 2024 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Andrew Marchant
David Oxley
Amanda Parker
Jan Pledger

Members of the Public: Mark Parrott
Ann Grimsdale
Kate Oxley
Gemma Fry
Robert Cadwallader
Rod Hart
Tony Pledger

County / District Councillors: DC Geoffrey Williamson

Police: None present, apologies received

Apologies: Simon Bagnall
David House
CC Jeff Jones
PC Leon De Bruyn

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

55.1 Appointment of Chairman for the ensuing year 2024-25.

Following a nomination (Cllr Oxley), seconder (Cllr Pledger and Parker) and unanimous voting, Andrew Marchant was appointed the Chairman for the ensuing year.

55.2 Appointment of Vice Chair for the ensuing year 2024-25.

Following a nomination (Cllr Pledger), seconder (Cllr Parker) and unanimous voting, David Oxley was appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

55.3 Apologies received: Councillors David House and Simon Bagnall, County Councillor Jeff Jones and PC Leon De Bruyn.

55.4 Personal / Prejudicial Declarations : None received.

55.5 County / District Councillor Comments :

CC Jeff Jones forwarded his apologies for the meeting and confirmed he was progressing the Quarry with Brian Owen.

DC Geoffrey Williamson reconfirmed new waste collection arrangements from May-25, a Government directive to collect food waste (for composting) separately from normal waste. Collections will move to a 3-3-3 basis; every third week collections will be: dry recycling (glass, tin, plastics), residential waste, separate card and paper. Garden waste will continue on a chargeable fortnightly basis with no change to the service. Additional food waste will be collected weekly. The food caddy will be smaller, but this could necessitate 5 separate bins.

55.6 Public Comments

No comments were raised following discussions at the AGM held earlier.

55.7 Police Report : no crimes were reported at Anstey.

There were no reported crimes at Anstey for April. Changes to local policing and responsibilities have arisen with no changes for Anstey who retain PC De Bruyn. Following an increase of burglary/attempted burglaries from outbuildings in surrounding areas, parishioners were reminded to ensure outbuildings are secured.

55.8 Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th March 2024

The minutes were approved and the chairman was then authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2024.



55.9 Planning

- 55.9.1 **Little Thatch SG9 OBL** : 3/24/0649/LBC : Replace existing windows to front east elevation – no comments raised. Awaiting decision.
- 55.9.2 **Elm Cottage SG9 OBN** : 3/24/0516/HH : Granted 08/05/24.
- 55.9.3 **Adj. Church Gate SG9 OBY** : 3/24/0174/FUL : Refused 29/04/24.
- 55.9.4 **Two Twitts SG9 OFD** : 3/24/0076/FUL : Approved 12/03/24.
- 55.9.5 **8 Moatside SG9 ODD** : 3/24/0155/HH : Appeal lodged 23/04/24.
- 55.9.6 **8 Moatside SG9 ODD** : 3/23/2214/HH : Appeal lodged 25/04/24.

55.10 Finance

53.1.1 The internal audit is complete and forms were authorised and signed:

- Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2023/24 Form 2
- Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2023/24
- Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

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

53.1.3 The bank reconciliation dated 13 May 2024 was approved and signed.

53.1.4 Payments for May and June 2024 were approved – authorised to be arranged by bank transfer when due.

55.11 **Phone Box** – quotations received were shared.

Clerk to request assistance from the County and District Councillors with regards to renovations at Little Hadham, Chipping and other local kiosks. It was agreed that following renovation quotations, Anstey would buy the kiosk.

55.12 Highways / Vegetation

No issues were raised although it was noted that vegetation was growing and should be monitored.

Two large potholes by Bell Cottages to be raised on the website portal.

55.13 Flooding

Improved drainage at Silkmead was noted.

Cave Gate still floods but the water disperses more quickly.

Flooding to be monitored and reported as it occurs.

55.14 Playing Field

A gap in the roadside hedge was noted.

Grass continues to be cut once a week, Shaun Webb has kindly strimmed the grass around the play equipment.

55.15 Church

Cleaning and tidying around the War Memorial has been completed.

An invitation was received for councillors to join a church service at 4pm on Saturday, 25th May, which families of the 398th Bomber Group will be attending. It was noted that the 398th window was installed at St George's 25 years ago – this will be marked / celebrated in Jun-25.

55.16 School / St George's End Parking

Occasional dangerous parking on the corner from the School/Church continues but there was some improvement. The PCC were thanked for putting cones out to deter parking at the most dangerous areas.

Car notices have been issued to a vehicle parked at the Well which is causing large vehicles to drive wide and cause damage to the verge / triangle.

An inspection and quotation of the village hall drive will be arranged with Joe Poulton.

55.17 Village Hall

The Village Hall report this month was given at the AGM, held earlier.

The next film will be 'Our Life' with Anthony Hopkins to be shown on Friday, 17th May-24.

55.18 Newsletter

The latest newsletter is being compiled this week; 12 pages in total (as agreed), including 16 paid advertisements.

55.19 Anstey Quarry

Activity at the Quarry is being progressed by the Chairman and County Enforcement, this was discussed at length at the AGM held earlier. It was clear from discussions that the site is being used for business purposes. Burning onsite was noted.

55.20 Defibrillator – this was checked w/c 06 May-24 and confirmed in good working order.

55.21 **Correspondence** – a list of correspondence received and sent was accepted.



55.21.1 The Village Hierarchy received from EH Planning should include Ansteys Playing Field – clerk to request inclusion.

55.21.2 It was noted that no photographs for the EH media request will be supplied.

55.22 Any other Business

55.23 Matters Carried Forward :

55.23.1 Laptop performance to be monitored.

55.23.2 BT Kiosk renovation quotations to be progressed.

55.23.3 Funds to be monitored to assist with the churchyard grass cutting additional costs.

55.23.4 Budget 2025-26 : consider increase of funding for churchyard grass cutting (+£230).

55.24 **Next Meeting** : Next meeting to be held at the village hall on Monday, 8th July – Andrew sends apologies.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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