



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 14TH JULY 2025 AT 7.30PM**

Present: Andrew Marchant
David Oxley
David House
Jan Pledger

Members of the Public: Ann Grimsdale
Mark Parrott

County / District Councillors: DC Geoffrey Williamson

Police: None Present

Apologies: Councillors Simon Bagnall and Amanda Parker, PCSO Glen Stanway

Officer present: Caroline Jones (Clerk)

62.1 Apologies received:

Apologies were received from Councillors Simon Bagnall and Amanda Parker, PCSO Glen Stanway.

62.2 Personal / Prejudicial Declarations : None received/raised.

62.3 District Councillor Comments :

Refuse Collection : Stickers have been issued for the purple bins, along with a leaflet explaining the changes. However, it remains unclear when the new system begins in three weeks' time, and at what point in the collection cycle residents will be—whether it will be blue/black or purple bin collection week.

Village Litter Bins : DC Williamson has been investigating the situation regarding the missing litter bins but has not received a definitive answer. Four bins were previously in place:

1. One bin was mistakenly removed and has now been replaced with a larger bin near the school.
2. Earlier this week, another bin was reinstated on the opposite side of the school.
3. The bin near The Well, which is frequently used by walkers, dog walkers, and cyclists, has not yet been replaced.

This leaves one bin short. Drew, the Officer responsible, is currently on leave and is expected to return tomorrow. The Council has offered to provide an additional bin for its own use, which would be emptied by the Parish Council.

Playing Field Bins : It was proposed that the bins inside the playing field be removed and signage installed at the entrances to indicate where bins are located.

62.4 Public Comments - None raised.

62.5 Police

There were no reported incidents reported in Anstey. While some neighbouring villages are included in the new policing area, we are unable to reference nearby crimes directly. However, it is worth noting that a significant burglary recently took place in Great Horstead. **Action:** Caroline Jones to ask Glen whether it would be possible to receive a more localised crime report that includes Anstey and its neighbouring villages.

62.6 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2025

The minutes were approved and the Chairman authorised to approve for the meeting held on 12th May 2025.

62.7 Planning

62.7.1 Bentley Cottage : 3/25/0839/HH – Demolition of outbuildings, extn./conversion of garage to form annexe and relocation of oil tank. This was a small variations on original application and change of householding to Listed- no comments raised.

62.7.2 Well Cottage SG9 OBN : 3/25/0345/HH and 3/25/0346/LBC – Demolition of outbuilding : APROVED 6/6/25.

62.7.3 High Trees SG9 OBE : 3/24/1206/HH : APPEAL LODGED 19/11/24.

62.7.4 8 Moatside SG9 ODD : 3/24/0155/HH : APPEAL LODGED 23/04/24.

62.7.5 8 Moatside SG9 ODD : 3/23/2214/HH : APPEAL LODGED 25/04/24.



62.8 Finance

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

62.8.2 Bank Reconciliation dated 13th July 2025 was accepted and approved.

62.8.3 Payments for July and August were accepted and approved. In addition a reimbursement to Andrew Marchant for the new benches, £672.30 was approved by Councillors.

62.8.4 Benefice Good Neighbours Scheme – insurance contribution of £100 was agreed.

62.9 Highways / Vegetation

No issues highlighted. A reminder for pothole reporting will be included in the Newsletter for parishioners.

62.10 Flooding

- a) The Well
- b) Silkmead
- c) Cave Gate

All areas have had no issues due to the dry weather.

62.11 Litter Bins / Litter Update

As above in 62.3.

62.12 Playing Field

Bins will be removed within the field and a sign on the skate ramp to highlight bins are now sited at the entrances.

62.13 Church

The service originally planned for the end of May to mark the 25th anniversary of the window installation has been postponed and will now take place next year. Veterans are expected to attend the anniversary event when it is rescheduled. A folk concert is scheduled for September, and it is hoped that more comfortable seating will be provided for attendees.

62.14 School / St George's End Parking – no concerns raised, remains to be monitored.

It was noted that the Chairman spoke to the owner of the car parked at Cheapside.

62.15 Village Hall

There are now four weekly classes running, including table tennis, carpet bowls, yoga, and the newly added Tai Chi. The projector, which has been in place since 2016, is due for replacement. It has supported nine film nights annually, as well as school classes, presentations, workshops, and church group activities. Unfortunately, the most recent film night had to be cancelled at short notice. The hall is also seeing increased use by the school, following the appointment of a new Head Teacher.

62.16 Newsletter

Latest edition is being progressed for printing next week to be circulated at the end of the month.

62.17 Anstey Quarry

No further updates received.

62.18 Defibrillator

The monthly monitor check was recently carried out and is fully functional and WhatsApp is updated.

62.19 Correspondence Received – shared with the Councillors, no comments.

62.20 Any other Business

62.20.1 A fire hydrant sign was damaged/missing opposite Little Thatch. Clerk to re-report with correct information.

62.20.2 Crossroad sign has fallen on B1368 at the Wydial / Quarry Road. Clerk reported; does not meet the criteria for repair, re-reported. To be followed up by the clerk.

60.22 Future Items /Matters Carried Forward :

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

60.23 Next Meeting : Next meeting to be held at the village hall on Monday, 8th September commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.