

ANSTY AND STAPLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council held online on 22nd June 2020 at 7:30pm.

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic the Government has introduced new regulations which allow Parish Councils to hold their meetings online. These are the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Members Present: Brad Williams, Bob Birthwright, Crispin Salimbeni, Dhana Mahendran, Jon Gilley, Nuala Hampshire, Simon Stokes.

Also present Liz Bennett (Clerk)

1. Chairman's introduction and guidance for online meetings.

Brad explained the background to the public works loan application and the reason for calling the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence.

None received.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

The Clerk explained that after taking advice from the MSDC solicitor she has granted dispensations to the Councillors who are members of the Ansty Village Centre Trust. They are Jon Gilley and Crispin Salimbeni. The dispensation was granted because the donation to the Ansty Village Centre is of such significance that it should be debated by Councillors representing the whole parish.

4. Public Session.

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

5. Draft budget for 2021-2022.

The draft budget for 2021-2022 as shown in the annotated version of the Assessment Request for Information received from the Public Works Loan Board was AGREED.

6. Assessment request for information from the Public Works Loan Board.

The Clerk had circulated the request for information paper including her annotated responses along with all the documents requested by the PWLB. The Parish Council unanimously AGREED all the paperwork. The Clerk was asked to emphasise that the Parish Council is separate from the Ansty Village Centre Trust who are responsible for building the new Village Centre. The Parish Council is simply donating to the project.

7. Re-drafted resolution.

The Clerk explained that the Parish Council has been asked to approve a re-drafted resolution to borrow £25k over 4 years to donate to the Ansty Village Centre. The original resolution was agreed at a meeting on 19th October 2019. It is only the detailed wording of the resolution that has changed, not the principle of borrowing £25k to give

to Ansty Village Centre.

It was unanimously RESOLVED to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £25k over the borrowing term of 4 years to donate to the building of Ansty Village Centre. The annual loan repayments will come to around £6538. It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments.

MEETING CLOSED.