

ANSTY AND STAPLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 16th April 2018 at 7pm in the Committee Room above Staplefield Village Hall.

Present: Brad Williams (Chairman), Bob Birthwright, Jon Gilley, James Steadman, Simon Stokes, Dhana Mahendran, Maria Fielding, Crispin Salimbeni.

1. **Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Andrew Keiller.

2. **Minutes of the previous annual meeting held on 10th April 2017.**

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman reported on Parish Council activities in the last year, including the follow matters:

- **Burgess Hill Northern Arc.** The Parish Council is working closely with MSDC and neighbouring parishes regarding the town centre redevelopment and the Northern Arc. In particular, we are trying to ensure that the traffic is encouraged to go west out to the A23 rather than north up through the villages.

Staplefield:

- **Operation Watershed.** The Parish Council has received grants from WSCC for £29652 to address the flooding on the land next to Brantridge Lane, near the cross roads in Staplefield. The first phase of this work is complete and the second phase should be commencing in the next few months. This is in addition to the £37070 we also secured from WSCC in 2013 to improve drainage on the land either side of The Victory.

- **Play park.** The safety matting under the round spinning "Supernova" has been replaced and we are investigating improving other surfaces in the park.

- **Grass Cutting.** New contractors have been appointed this year following the retirement of Brian Fletcher. We hope that they are able to continue the excellent service provided by Seed Services.

Ansty

- **Ansty Village Centre.** The PC continues to support this project with representation on both the Ansty Village Hall Trust and the Ansty Village Centre CIO. The Parish Council has secured a total of £623877 in s106 money for the project.

- **Pedestrian Safety.** The PC and WSCC Highways have devised a scheme to improve pedestrian safety in the village. The scheme has now been approved by WSCC and it is hoped will be implemented in the next financial year (2019-2020).

Road Safety/ Speeding.

- The Parish Council contacted the Police and Crime Commissioner to ask for

help in reducing speed in the villages - particularly in Brook Street and Ansty. A police officer has been assigned to the case and we are working with him.

Planning.

- The District Plan is now in place but MSDC are tasked with finding sites for an additional 2500 houses to add to those already shown in the District Plan and all the Neighbourhood Plans. They have conducted a call for sites and will be working with all the parishes to help determine where the housing should go. We are hopeful that having already accepted a significant amount of housing (54 in Ansty and 3 in Staplefield) as well as the strategic sites at the Northern Arc and Sandrocks, that the parish not be asked to take any more.

4. Questions.

None received.

MEETING CLOSED

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION.