

ANSTY AND STAPLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting of Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council held in the Committee Room above **Staplefield Village Hall on 11th March 2019** at 7:30pm.

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

Also present: Liz Bennett (Clerk), Pete Bradbury, one member of the public.

PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public spoke regarding the dangerous condition of the Cuckfield Road that leads from Ansty to Hurstpierpoint. The road surface is extremely uneven with lots of potholes and the edges of the road are crumbling away. A large section of the road is prone to quite serious flooding and there have been several accidents on the road. WSCC Highways department are aware of the problem but it has not been prioritised as they were apparently unaware of how bad the issues are. The speed that cars travel on the road add to the dangers.

1. Apologies for absence.

All members were present.

2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

Jon Gilley and Crispin Salimbeni declared that they are Parish Council nominated members of Ansty Village Centre CIO.

James Steadman and Simon Stokes declared that they are Parish Council nominated members of Ansty Village Hall Trust.

All other member interests are shown in their Register of Interests.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2019.

The minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

4. Planning decisions.

The following decisions were noted:

- a. DM/18/5097 Description: reserved matters application in relation to AP/16/0020 (DM/15/4140) for one self-build dwelling, garage and home office. For the matters of access, appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale. Location: Land West of Tanyard Lane, (At Grid Reference 527544 128319), Staplefield. Approved.
- b. DM/18/4495 Description: rendering and painting is proposed on ground floor external walls of house on west, south and east elevations. It is proposed the external southern and eastern elevation will be tile hung at first floor level. Location: Little Ashfold Farm, Cuckfield Road, Staplefield. Refused.
- c. DM/18/4500 Description: replacement of the existing front door porch canopy with a timber post and pitched roof porch. Location: Little Ashfold Farm, Cuckfield Road, Staplefield. Refused.
- d. DM/18/4498 Description: proposed erection of a staircase from the first-floor landing to the second-floor attic room. Location: Little Ashfold Farm, Cuckfield Road, Staplefield. Refused
- e. DM/19/0101 Description: erection of 2no. Detached dwellings with ancillary detached

garages following demolition of 2no. Residential structures. (re-submission of planning consent granted under ref. Dm/16/3162). Location: 1 Highfields, Brighton Road, Warninglid. Granted.

- f. DM/19/0636 Description: non-material amendment to application dm/16/5642 - the footprint at lower ground is proposed to extend to align with the upper floor over. The proposed change only occurs at the rear wall, therefore no changes externally visible. Location: Shards, Staplefield Road, Cuckfield. Refused.
- g. DM/19/0229 Description: proposed stable block with three stables and a tack room. Location: Midwyn House, Cherry Lane, Cuckfield. Granted.
- h. DM/19/0242 Description: demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of a 2-storey extension to rear and a single storey side extension. Location: Oakfield Cottage, Brantridge Lane, Balcombe. Granted.
- i. DM/18/2146 Variation of condition 2 of DM/18/0158 to submit drawings amending the garage design. Location: Cleavers Cottage South Cleavers Lane Cuckfield. Application withdrawn.

5. Planning applications.

- a. DM/19/0489 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: New single storey detached ancillary building to provide two car park spaces in open bay carport and storage for a tractor including workshop. Site Address: Apple Tree Cottage, Deaks Lane Ansty. No objection.
- b. DM/19/0568 Application Type: Lawful Development Certificate -Proposed Proposal: Remove roof and frames of existing conservatory and replace with new roof and frames with brickwork altered to accommodate new sliding doors. This is an application to establish whether the development is lawful. This will be a legal decision where the planning merits of the proposed use cannot be taken into account. Site Address: 17 Cedar Avenue Haywards Heath. Noted.
- c. DM/19/0560 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Replace all windows and doors with UPVC wood grain finish and weatherboarding with UPVC oak effect cladding. Site Address: Bungalow 3 Ditton Place Brantridge Lane Balcombe. No objection.
- d. DM/18/2889 Application Type: Full Application Proposal: Proposal to put five additional 2 bed park homes and extended site access road. Site Address: Woodside Park Nursery Lane Warninglid. The Parish Council object to this proposal because it was not allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan, is not in a sustainable location, is in AONB and is a new development not adjacent to a settlement boundary.
- e. DM/19/0809 Application Type: Full Application Proposal: Detached Barn. Site Address: Henmead Hall, Staplefield Road, Cuckfield. No objection.
- f. DM/19/0846 Application Type: Lawful Development Certificate -Existing Proposal: Existing Lawful Development Certificate to regulate the use of the converted barn as an independant dwelling house. This is an application to establish whether the development is lawful. This will be a legal decision where the planning merits of the existing use cannot be taken into account. Site Address: Lime Grove Barn, Cuckfield Road, Ansty. Noted.

6. Request for reduced speed limit on the Cuckfield Road, Ansty (road from Ansty to Hurstpierpoint).

Pete Bradbury asked to speak. He stated that the southern part of the road is in Hurstpierpoint which comes under WSCC Cllr Joy Dennis who has already raised the dangerous condition of the road at WSCC. The current speed limit is the national speed limit. Reducing the speed limit doesn't necessarily reduce the speed of cars and additional traffic calming measures may need to be considered. It might be possible to address the flooding through Operation Watershed

funding. Pete will obtain an update from Joy Dennis/ WSCC in time for the next meeting when the matter will be considered again.

7. Update on the crowdfunding project for the purchase of the mobile speed indicator device.

The Clerk reported that there are now 21 backers for the Mobile SID on the crowdfunding platform, with pledges totalling £2021. WSCC will be considering their grant at a meeting tomorrow evening. Bob Birthwright will attend the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. If the project should exceed the target fundraising amount of £3936 then an upgraded SID will be considered.

8. Update re traffic from Burgess Hill Northern Arc and appointment of a traffic consultant.

This item was carried forward from last month because more information was expected from Homes England, but this has not been received yet. It was agreed that Brad, as Parish Council Chairman will write to MSDC and WSCC to query the expectation that the traffic volume on the B2036 will reduce once the Northern Arc is in place. He will ask for a copy of the base data and what resulting mitigating measures will cause the traffic reduction. He will also explain that we are intending to do a joint parish study.

9. Financial report.

The financial report showing the schedule of payments for approval, the receipts in February and bank reconciliation was AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

10. Ansty Village Centre.

Brad, John Thorpe, from the Ansty Village Centre CIO, and the Clerk had a very positive meeting with an officer from MSDC today. MSDC continue to support the project and will be considering a grant and the lease Heads of Terms at the April cabinet meeting. In the meantime, they will write a letter of intent to support the project's Leader fund grant application. The project is continuing to pursue other sources of funding and the Parish Council's donation to the project will be on the agenda of the April Parish Council meeting.

11. Results of the tree survey and appointment of contractor to carry out recommended work.

County Tree Surgeons inspected 58 trees on land owned and managed by the Parish Council. 11 trees were identified as needing some work, mainly pollarding and removing dead wood. The Clerk asked four tree surgeons to quote for the work but so far only one, Trevor Symes, has quoted. If the others do not reply within one week then he will be given the work.

12. Staplefield pavilion

a. Update re pavilion electricity.

Bob Birthwright who has received some electrician training, made an informal inspection of the pavilion electricity. The pavilion has an RCD which worked, all sockets worked and are earthed, all appliances are earthed and the bonding between water taps and electricity are all fine. The supply that feeds the toilets has no RCD. It was AGREED that Bob will ask an electrician to install an RCD in the toilets and ask him to check and sign off the pavilion electrics.

b. Pavilion maintenance and offer from the Staplefield Association.

The Staplefield Association has offered to donate towards the pavilion maintenance. The Parish Council has a contractor poised to do the most urgent work. The Clerk was asked to find out what sort of budget the Staplefield Association has.

13. To receive update on fingerpost repairs and agree any action required.

An update has not been received.

14. Reports from meetings attended, not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

Brad, Dhana and the Clerk attended the Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils conference at MSDC. The presentation slides from the meeting have been circulated.

15. Reports from County and District Councils.

Pete Bradbury reported that all items have been covered during the main meeting.

16. Chairman's Correspondence.

The following correspondence was noted:

- emails and attachments explaining inspection routines by the Public Rights of Way team.
- SALC are meeting with the Chief Constable of Sussex Police and have asked if there any questions of a strategic nature.

17. Minor matters and items for the next agenda

- a. It was AGREED to move the May meeting from 7th May back to the original date of the 13th May 2019.

MEETING CLOSED

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION.

Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council Finances 11/3/2019

Payments for approval

	Ref	Description	Amount
Business Stream	119	Pavilion waste water	57.06
Castle Water	120	Pavilion water	12.10
EDF Energy	121	Pavilion electricity	19.00
TalkTalk	122	Phone	39.00
County Tree Surgeons	123	Tree survey	480.00
WSCC	124	Payroll admin	90.58
WSCC	125	February salaries	1999.02
Staplefield Village Hall	126	Room booking	10.00
Elizabeth Bennett	127	Clerk's expenses	39.49
Screwed and Glued	128	Drain cover replacement	65.00

NB: Voucher number 93 to the Information Commissioner was incorrectly reported as £40 at the January meeting. We receive a £5 discount for paying by direct debit and so the amount taken was £35. I have amended the cashbook to reflect this.

There were no receipts in February.

Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council: Bank Reconciliation

28th February 2018

Bank		Cashbook	
Current Account	12775.09	Balance forward	73516.51
Deposit Account	59894.66	Receipts	71533.93
	72669.75	less payments	-72637.69
Less unpaid transactions uncashed ch	-257		
	72412.75		72412.75

Signed by Chairman of Parish Council meeting 11/3/2019