

ANSTY AND STAPLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council held in Staplefield Village Hall on 11th July 2022 at 7:30pm.

Members present: Brad Williams (Chairman), Bob Birthwright, Nuala Hampshire, Dhana Mahendran, Crispin Salimbeni, Simon Stokes, Jon Gilley.

Also present: Liz Bennett (Clerk).

1. Public Session.

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Maria Fielding and James Steadman.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

Crispin declared a personal interest in items 7c and 7e. Brad Williams declared a personal interest in item 7f.

4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13th June 2022.

The minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

5. Planning decisions.

The following planning decisions were noted:

- a. DM/22/0531. Description: internal alterations, new wood burning stove installed with flue fed to external south elevation. Installation of 2 no. Conservation roof lights to rear roof slope (amended plans received 10/06.2022 and 14/06/2022) Location: Lime Grove Barn, Cuckfield Road, Ansty. Granted.
- b. DM/ 22/1727. Tanyard Cottage, Brook Street, Cuckfield. Application withdrawn.
- c. DM/22/1054 Proposal: use of land and buildings at the High Weald wine estate, Deaks lane, cuckfield for vineyard and winery tours by, and the associated sale of wine to, visiting members of the public, and no more than 2no winery tours per day (no more than 20 people per tour) over a maximum of 3 days a week between the hours of 10am to 5pm and to operate between 01 march to 24 December in any year. Location: Highweald Wine Estate, Deaks Lane, Cuckfield. MSDC determine that this is lawful.
- d. DM/22/1359. Description: English Oak (T24), Scots Pine (T38),(T47),(T49),(T83),(T88), and Grey Poplar (T55) - all fell to ground. Location: Eldridge Vale Caravan Park, 100 Valebridge Road, Burgess Hill. Granted.
- e. DM/22/1602. Description: blue cedar (t1) - reduce and reshape crown back to growth points by 2-3m from top and 1.5-2m from sides. Location: 15 Cedar Avenue, Haywards Heath. Granted.

6. Planning Applications.

- a. DM/22/0267 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Erection of a detached barn/garage to the south of the dwelling, the removal of an existing store and associated landscaping. (Revised plans received 14.06.2022. Revised

- description agreed 17.06.2022) Site Address: Legh Manor Farmhouse, Cuckfield Road, Ansty. No objection.
- b. DM/22/1990 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Replace front conservatory with new porch. Single storey side and rear extension. Replace existing garage with oak framed. Single storey side extension. Site Address: Merrywood, Staplefield Lane, Staplefield. No objection.
 - c. DM/22/1952 Application Type: Full Application Proposal: Erection of single storey, oak framed lodge building to be used as holiday let with new access track and parking. Site Address: Holmsted Farm, Staplefield Road, Cuckfield. Crispin Salimbeni declared a personal interest and did not take part in the discussion. The Parish Council object to the new building and driveway because it is in AONB and is separate from the existing industrial estate.
 - d. DM/21/3405 Application Type: Full Application Proposal: Refurbishment of groundsman's store, new cricket practice net enclosure. (revised plans) Site Address: Ansty Village Centre, Deaks Lane, Ansty. This item was not discussed because it was submitted by the Parish Council.
 - e. DM/22/2089 Application Type: Full Application Proposal and DM/22/2090 Application Type: Listed Building Consent. The construction of a single storey extension to the Nave on the rear North side for the provision of new WC facilities, servery and storage space. Site Address: St Marks Church, Brantridge Lane, Staplefield. Crispin Salimbeni declared a personal interest and did not take part in the discussion. No objection.
 - f. DM/22/2092 Application Type: Householder Application and DM/22/2093 Application Type: Listed Building Consent. Proposal: Single storey ground floor extension to rear, with sedum flat roof and rooflight. And new WC at entrance/boot room area. Site Address: Lodge Farmhouse Copyhold Lane Cuckfield. Brad declared a personal interest and did not take part in the discussion. No objection.
 - g. DM/22/1999 Application Type: Listed Building Consent Proposal: Damp proofing works to classroom and office space. Site Address: St Marks Primary School, Brantridge Lane, Staplefield. No objection.
 - h. DM/22/2061 Application Type: Lawful Development Certificate -Existing Proposal: Siting of a mobile home/caravan for purposes incidental/ancillary to the main dwelling, for use by a family members, in the curtilage of the existing dwelling. 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: Old Mill Cottage, Cuckfield Road, Ansty. Noted.
 - i. DM/22/2134 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Replacement of the existing conservatory. Site Address: Beacon Hall, Slough Green Lane, Warninglid. No objection.
 - j. DM/22/2141 Application Type: Full Application Proposal: Proposal to convert the Grade II listed outbuilding into residential accommodation as a single two bedroom dwelling. To rebuild the stable's lean-to element as a like for like massing replacement, with new openings, upgraded insulation and new weatherboarding. To amend the landscape to form a sunken private terrace. Site Address: Brook Farm Brook Street Cuckfield. A This item arrived shortly before

the meeting and there was not enough time for Councillors to look at the application. The Clerk will ask if comments can be submitted after the next Parish Council meeting, if not it was AGREED that the decision will be delegated to the Clerk, Nuala and Brad.

- k. DM/21/2024 Application Type: Full Application Proposal: Partial conversion of existing barn to annexe and ancillary use to main house. New dormers to south facing roof slope of main house, extension to existing dormer to rear roof slope and replacement porch to rear of property. (Ecology survey received 08.07.2022.) Site Address: Hammerpond Farm Staplefield Road Cuckfield. This item arrived shortly before the meeting and there was not enough time for Councillors to look at the application. The Clerk will ask if comments can be submitted after the next Parish Council meeting, if not it was AGREED that the decision will be delegated to the Clerk, Crispin and Brad.

7. Report from Stop Cuck-stye Action Group (SCAG) including update on the District Plan and agree action required.

SCAG have started to raise funds for the next phase of the campaign. A new website is being created. Fairfax, the developer for the Cuck-stye site, approached the Parish Council for a meeting, which Brad turned down. This was on the basis that the Parish Council does not normally meet with developers and MSDC announced at the Question Time event that they are seeking to proceed with a plan that does not include this site. The Parish Council endorsed this decision.

8. Monthly Finances.

The monthly financial statement including the schedule of payments, the receipts and bank reconciliation was AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk also circulated a budget report for the first three months of this financial year which was noted,

9. Community Governance Review and agree action required.

Following the first round of consultation the draft recommendations by MSDC are:

1. To reflect the range of responsibilities in this large rural area, the Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council should be comprised of 5 wards represented by 12 Councillors.
2. The Parish Council Ward names and Councillor numbers should be as follows:

Parish Ward	Electorate April 2022	2023 Parish Councillor No.
Ansty	773	5
Rocky Lane North	789	2
Rocky Lane South	108	1
Staplefield	375	3
Brook Street & Borde Hill	189	1
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These recommendations are in line with the Parish Council proposals and will be put

out for a second round of consultation. The Clerk will submit a response which welcomes these recommendations.

10. Deaks Lane traffic issues.

The Highways Manager has produced a drawing showing the proposed works along Deaks Lane, following the survey by him and the Clerk. This has been sent to a group of Deaks Lane residents for comment. The Clerk will then obtain quotes for the work so that the application for Operation Watershed grant funding can be made.

11. Request from Openreach to lay underground cables across Upper Common, Staplefield.

The request was AGREED and the consent document was signed by the Clerk.

12. Request for a defibrillator on the outside of Staplefield Pavilion.

One of the cricket teams suggested that a defibrillator could be placed outside the pavilion and were willing to raise the funds to purchase one. There are already two defibrillators in Staplefield, the closest of which is at the red phone box just the other side of the common. The Parish Council consider this to be sufficient provision but agreed that there are a lot of other improvements that could be made to the pavilion. The Parish Council normally meet with the cricket community in the autumn to discuss the cricket facilities and the cricket team will be invited to the next meeting.

13. Updates from MSDC and WSCC Councillor.

Pete Bradbury sent his apologies to the meeting.

14. Minor matters and items for the next agenda.

- a. **Dog bins.** The Clerk reported that Borde Hill Gardens have requested three dog bins. She approached MSDC regarding this and was told that they have a “no growth policy”, which means that new bins can only be installed if existing, less used ones are removed. She will take the matter up with Pete Bradbury.
- b. **October meeting date.** The October Parish Council meeting will be moved from 10th to the 17th October 2022.
- c. **Bus shelters at Rocky Lane.** The Parish Council has been let down by the original contractor who has now had the bus shelters for a year. The Clerk has already tried to find an alternative contractor and on the advice of Highways is now revisiting their list of approved contractors and hopes to have the bus shelters in place in the autumn.

MEETING CLOSED

DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION