

## ANSTY AND STAPLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### **The minutes of the online meeting of Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7:30pm**

**Members Present:** Brad Williams (Chairman), Simon Stokes, Dhana Mahendran, Crispin Salimbeni, Nuala Hampshire, Maria Fielding, Jon Gilley, Bob Birthwright, James Steadman.  
**Also present:** Liz Bennett (Clerk), Pete Bradbury (WSCC and MSDC Councillor)

#### **1. Chairman's introduction.**

The Chairman opened the meeting and outlined the guidance for online meetings.

#### **2. Public Session.**

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

#### **3. Apologies for absence.**

All members were present.

#### **4. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.**

Bob Birthwright declared a personal interest in agenda item 7d, planning application DM/20/4033. Brad Williams declared a personal interest in agenda item 7c, planning application DM/20/4622.

#### **5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

The minutes of the last Parish Council were AGREED.

#### **6. Planning decisions.**

The following decisions were noted:

- a. DM/20/3847 Description: outdoor pool and retention/conversion of part of original dwelling to leisure building with gym, equipment storage and home office (ancillary to main house). Location: Winscot, Deaks Lane, Cuckfield. Granted.
- b. DM/20/4141 Description: converting the existing integral single car garage into a habitable room and storage room. Location: 11 Old House Lane, Haywards Heath. Granted.
- c. DM/20/4398 Description: alterations to the side elevation on plot 247 of DM/18/3472. Location: Crest Nicholson Development Site South Of, Rocky Lane, Haywards Heath, West Sussex. Granted.
- d. DM/20/4161 Description: single storey and first floor rear extensions with associated internal alterations. New timber decked terrace. Location: 2 Gable Cottages, Cuckfield Road. Granted.

#### **7. Planning applications.**

- a. DM/20/3673. Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Construction of 2 storey side/rear extension, as re-submission of approved, unimplemented application DM/19/4361, with changes to the windows and doors including enlarged front dormer window. (Revised plans received and description

- amended 14.12.2020). Site Address: West View, Brook Street, Cuckfield. No objection.
- b. DM/20/4591 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Existing central ridge raised to create first floor accommodation. Proposed two storey front porch and single storey rear extension. Internal modifications and alterations. Site Address: Green Acres, Deaks Lane, Ansty. No objection.
  - c. DM/20/4622 Application Type: Trees in a Conservation Area Proposal: T1 Yew - Crown Lift to height of 5m. Site Address: Jasmine Cottage, Brantridge Lane, Staplefield. Noted.
  - d. DM/20/4033 Application Type: Full Application Proposal: (Amended Plans received 18/12/2020) Extension of existing driveway creating a new access to the highway, erection of associated gates and creation of footpath linking to public highway. Site Address: Five Acres, Cuckfield Lane, Warninglid. No objection.
  - e. DM/20/4590 Application Type: Full Application Proposal: Outline application for erection of two new detached dwellings with all matters reserved apart from access and layout Site Address: Chideok, Valebridge Road, Burgess Hill. The Parish Council object to this application because the site was not allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan or MSDC Development Plan and is in an area of countryside restraint.
  - f. DM/20/3763 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Two storey side extension. Amended plans received 21.12.2020 showing reduction in length of extension. Site Address: Moorfields Farm Cottage, Broxmead Lane, Cuckfield. No objection.
  - g. DM/19/3234 Application Type: Outline Application Proposal: Outline application for demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings. Proposed erection of ten, 3 and 4 bedroom dwellings with associated parking, turning areas and site servicing pullover, onto Isaacs Lane. All matters reserved apart from access. Amended proposal to include a site servicing pullover instead of 3m wide turn-in layby. 15.12.2020. Site Address: Little Abbotsford, Isaacs Lane, Burgess Hill. The Parish Council object to this application because the site was not allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan or MSDC Development Plan and is in an area of countryside restraint. If permission were to be granted the Parish Council request that s106 money is allocated to the renovation, draining and surfacing of the perimeter track around Ansty Recreation ground. The recreation ground, which is owned by MSDC, is used by a lot people for recreational purposes including dog walkers. They often head to the second field beyond the rec because the recreation ground is so waterlogged. Draining the perimeter track will allow people to walk to the second field without damaging the recreation ground as well as allowing access for service vehicles. S106 money could also be allocated to the upgrading of Staplefield Pavilion to facilitate use by the community as well as cricketers.
  - h. DM/20/4678 and DM/20/4681 Application Type: Householder Application and Listed Building Consent. Proposal: Single storey front and rear extensions. Removal of external stairs and wall at front. Alterations to fenestration and roof with internal changes. Site Address: Whitehouse Cottage, Staplefield Lane, Staplefield. No objection.
  - i. DM/20/4710 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Single storey rear/side extension. Address: Inholmes House Bolney Road, Ansty. No objection.

## **8. Monthly Financial Statement.**

The monthly statement including the schedule of payments for approval, the receipts and bank reconciliation was AGREED.

The purchase of 4 sets of 3 combination locks for use with the mobile SIDs was also authorised at a cost of £29.50 per set plus delivery.

## **9. Budget and precept for the next financial year.**

The Clerk presented the draft paper and options for the precept. The budget for the next financial year was AGREED. After some discussion it was AGREED that the precept will be increased to £87016. This means that the precept will rise by 5% per annum per average Band D household from £70.32 to £73.84. This will enable the Parish Council to invest further in the community including work at Staplefield Play Park and Staplefield Pavilion. A recorded vote was requested. Councillors voted as follows:

- To increase the precept by 2% per average Band D household per annum – Dhana Mahendran, Bob Birthwright.
- To increase the precept by 5% per average Band D household per annum – Brad Williams, Jon Gilley, Crispin Salimbeni, Maria Fielding, James Steadman, Nuala Hampshire.
- To increase the precept by 10% per average Band D household per annum – Simon Stokes.

## **10. Replacement of Staplefield bus shelter.**

This item will be carried forward to the next meeting whilst the funding is finalised.

## **11. Local Community Infrastructure s106 fund.**

The Clerk provided an update on the s106 expenditure. The three mobile SIDs are due to be delivered this week. The bus shelter license is expected this month and the Clerk can then apply for the funding and order the two bus shelters and a noticeboard for Rocky Lane.

## **12. Ansty Village Centre.**

A financial update from John Thorpe was circulated prior to the meeting which was noted. The planned visit to the site by Mims Davies MP and the Leader of Mid Sussex District Council was cancelled due to lockdown restrictions.

## **13. Replacement of Ansty Village Sign.**

It was AGREED that the village sign on the green will be replaced. The post is okay but the sign board needs to be replaced using the same design. Jon Gilley offered to obtain some quotes from sign writers.

## **14. Incorrect street name at the Bolney Road development, Ansty.**

The Parish Council suggested that the street names at the new Bolney Road development should be named after the Upton and Markwick families who lost family members during the first world war. MSDC conveyed the wrong name to the developer

and Markwick Close has become Marwick Close. MSDC are reluctant to correct their error. The Parish Council agreed that this is not acceptable as it is meant to be a tribute to a local family. The Clerk will write to MSDC and copy in Pete Bradbury who offered his support.

**15. Brand identities for the MSDC About the Place project.**

The Clerk was asked to query whether the proposed colours for the branding are disability compliant as they appear to quite dreary with little contrast.

**16. Updates from MSDC and WSCC Councillor.**

Pete Bradbury provided a report from both County and District Councils.

**17. Minor matters and items for the next agenda.**

There were no minor matters.

**MEETING CLOSED**

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION.**

**Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council Finances 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Payments for approval**

	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
VIP Weatherwriter	71	Weather proof clipboards for speedwatch	<b>79.02</b>
Castle Water	72	Pavilion water	<b>8.44</b>
Unity Trust	73	Quarterly service charge	<b>18.00</b>
EDF Energy	74	Pavilion electricity	<b>16.00</b>
Vodafone	75	Phone	<b>21.55</b>
Elizabeth Bennett	76	Clerk's Expenses	<b>26.99</b>
WSCC	77	Salaries	<b>2073.69</b>
Business Stream	78	Pavilion waste water	<b>17.48</b>
Westcotec	79	3x SIDs	<b>11820.00</b>
Westcotec	80	Replacement battery	<b>96.00</b>

**There were no receipts in December.**

**31st December 2020**

<b>Bank</b>		<b>Cashbook</b>	
Current Account	42128.77	Balance forward	56862.78
Deposit Account	15231.49	Receipts	113077.77
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		less payments	112580.29
	<b>57360.26</b>		<b>57360.26</b>

**Approved at PC meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**