

## ANSTY AND STAPLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### **The minutes of the meeting of Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council held in Ansty Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at 7:30pm.**

**Members present:** Brad Williams (Chairman), Bob Birthwright, Dhana Mahendran, Jon Gilley, James Steadman, Simon Stokes, Nuala Hampshire, Crispin Salimbeni, Maria Fielding.  
**Also present:** Liz Bennett (Clerk), one member of the public.

#### **1. Public Session.**

No statements were made.

#### **2. Apologies for absence.**

All members were present.

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

Jon Gilley and Crispin Salimbeni both declared an interest in agenda item 7e because they are trustees of the Ansty Village Centre. The Parish Council submitted the planning application at 7d and therefore cannot discuss the item.

#### **4. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

The minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

#### **5. District Plan Review.**

The MSDC Scrutiny Committee noted the summary of consultation responses to the Draft District Plan Review. The next consultation is expected in the Summer/ Autumn.

#### **6. Planning Decisions.**

The following decisions were noted:

- a. DM/23/0114. Description: erection of a two-storey side extension with living roof, balcony and glass balustrade location: 21 Cedar Avenue, Haywards Heath. Refused.
- b. DM/23/0624. Description: nonmaterial amendment to planning application DM/22/1611 - removal of veluxs in roof. Replace with one window in north wall measuring 1meter x 1.5meters. Location: Springfields, Deaks Lane, Cuckfield. Approved.

#### **7. Planning Applications.**

- a. AP/23/0026 Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/D3830/W/22/3307266 Land At: Land Parcel at Highfields Brighton Road Warninglid West Sussex Proposed Development: Proposal to have a twin unit caravan sited on a concrete base with fencing around the plot. The PC agreed to write to the Planning Inspector to reiterate their objections to the application.
- b. DM/23/0793 Application Type: Trees in a Conservation Area Proposal: 9 x Ash to be dismantled Site Address: 2 Gable Cottages, Cuckfield Road, Staplefield. Noted.
- c. DM/23/0747 Application Type: Removal/Variation of Condition Proposal: Planning application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act

1990 (as amended) seeking alterations to conditions 4 (approved plans) and 5 (approved parameter plans) of planning permission DM/21/3279 (itself a section 73 approval that permitted a variation of the conditions attached to planning permission DM/18/5114), to allow amendments to the planning application site boundary and the Access and Movement Parameter Plan (004) to clarify the approach to the Green Superhighway link over and in the vicinity of the western bridge on the Northern Arc Avenue. Site Address: Burgess Hill Northern Arc, Land N And NW Of Burgess Hill, Between Bedelands Nature Reserve In The East And, Goddard's Green Waste Water Treatment Works In The West. Noted.

- d. Ansty And Staplefield Reference: DM/23/0848 Application Type: Trees in a Conservation Area Proposal: T6 and T7 Red Oak - Ganoderma brackets at base of tree. Reduce crown by 4m laterally and 3m in height. T8 London Plane - Remove hanging limb in crown over access road. G9 Elm - Fell. Site Address: Staplefield Common, Handcross Road, Staplefield. The Parish Council submitted this application and so cannot discuss it.
- e. DM/23/0767 Application Type: Removal/Variation of Condition Proposal: Removal of Condition no. 6 relating to application DM/22/0813 - to allow retention of the existing tarmac car park. Site Address: Ansty Village Centre, Deaks Lane, Ansty. Jon Gilley and Crispin Salimbeni declared their interest and left the room for the duration of the discussion. No objection.

#### **8. Monthly Finances.**

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

#### **9. Policy re pre-application meetings with developers.**

The revised policy was AGREED.

#### **10. Response to the Draft Strategic Review from Southeast Water.**

Nuala attended the webinar and provided a brief report from it. The Strategic Review was noted.

#### **11. Request to use part of Staplefield Common in connection with a cycling event.**

British Cycling are planning a regional road race which finishes in Staplefield. They wish to involve the village and surrounding areas more and have asked to set up a small event on Staplefield Common opposite the Jolly Tanners. They would provide children's bike skills sessions and free bike checks. They also wish to provide refreshments with proceeds going to local charities. Alternatively, they have suggested that local groups might like to take this on themselves. Bob has spoken to the owner of the Jolly Tanners and has contacted the Landladies at The Victory. The Clerk was asked to email both pubs and the Fete Committee to see if any of them are interested in providing refreshments with proceeds going to a local charity. The pavilion can also be hired out for £32 so that they will have access to toilets. It was AGREED that the final decision will be delegated to the Clerk, Brad and Staplefield Councillors.

#### **12. Results of Staplefield tree survey and agree actions required.**

The tree quote was approved. The Clerk was asked to query the height of the trees

shown in the survey report.

**13. Parking issues in Staplefield.**

Bob Birthwright will investigate parking near the top end of the Common (pavilion end) and report back at the next meeting.

**14. Damaged cricket sight screen and speed sign.**

One of the cricket sight screens has been damaged and is being repaired by the Cricket Club. The Clerk was asked to report the damaged speed sign to Highways.

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

- a. **Parish Council name change will be added to the next agenda.**
- b. **Staplefield play park will be added to the next agenda.**
- c. **The Clerk was asked to report that the water running down Handcross Lane is still vey bad after rain.**
- d. **Cedar Avenue widening update will be added to the next agenda.**

**MEETING CLOSED**

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION.**