

Minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting 15th May 2025

1. Mark Norris was proposed to be elected Chairman by Cllr. L. Gooding, seconded by Cllr. P Greenhalgh and unanimously elected to the office of Chairman for the current civic year. All councillors elected on 1st May signed declarations of acceptance of office and were made aware of duties to lodge updated declarations of interest and election expenses returns to Wiltshire Council. Clerk to assist as required.
2. Present: Councillors M. Norris (Chairman), L. Gooding, P. Greenhalgh, T. Rowley, T.Culver-James (Clerk), N. Najjar (Wiltshire Councillor Fovant and Chalke Valley), 7 members of the public.
3. There were no declarations of interest made.
4. The Chairman reiterated comments of welcome to those present made at the Annual Parish Meeting and emphasized appreciation for the work done by former councillor Heather Lockley with regard to website and linked concerns. Reference also made to the importance of the May Day celebrations in the village.
5. Councillor Norris to continue as lead for Emergency Plan and Flood Warden and liaison with the Parish Steward. Councillor Gooding to continue as lead for planning applications and issues arising. Councillor Rowley to continue as lead for footpaths and rights of way. Councillor Greenhalgh to continue as lead for highways, and to take over as the Parish Council lead on matters concerning May Day. The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer will assist and advise in all these respects.
6. No co-options were made at the meeting.
7. The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 6th February were found correct and signed into the record as were the minutes of the extra-ordinary meeting held on 15th May 2025.
8. T. Culver-James was confirmed as Clerk and Proper Officer to the council.
9. Planning matters noted were tree works at Ansty Manor, Ansty House and Hillside Farm. All approved. An application in respect of Frog Pond Farm continues.
10. Banking facilities to be reviewed by the RFO. The Councils Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to be reviewed and approved at the next ordinary meeting, together with the asset register. Approval of annual subscriptions to WALC and SLCC confirmed. Jon Gooding approved to act as Internal Auditor for FY 2024/25. All to be actioned by Clerk/RFO. Proposed PG, seconded MN, unanimous.
11. The 20mph matter and safety in the High Street was discussed.
12. The Chairman indicated a "thumbs up" for work undertaken by the Parish Steward. Mention was made of land slippage in Ansty Combe Lane, MN to refer to Parish Steward for advice. Once again, it was noted that concerns can be reported via the MyWilts website.
13. The new website for the Parish Council, together with email addresses for Councillors and Clerk will be active shortly. Clerk to liaise with Heather Lockley to implement.
14. Councillor Rowley noted continued activity of volunteers which is appreciated by all. Some issues of signage, fencing and stiles noted with consideration to be made regarding expenditure of CIL monies and/or application to South West area board of LFHIG for projects.
15. May Day 2025 was noted as though quieter, still a well appreciated event in the calendar. Councillor Greenhalgh will act as the Parish Council interface going forward, the intention being that the council will act as the primary facilitator for the celebrations. The Proper Officer will ensure that governance of this is compliant with the necessary legal and financial requirements.
16. Issues regarding the storage of various items was discussed. Quotations for the purchase of a storage container to be sought by Cllr. Greenhalgh. Siting remains under inquiry.
17. To be reviewed-items as noted, in particular spending of CIL monies by April 2026, village storage, SID and speeding issues, implementation of PC website.
18. The next ordinary meeting of Ansty Parish Council to be held on Thursday 21st August 2025 at Ansty PYO at 6.30pm.