

ANSTY AND STAPLEFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council held by Zoom on 12th October 2020 at 7:30pm.

Members Present: Brad Williams (Chairman), Bob Birthwright, Crispin Salimbeni, Maria Fielding, Dhana Mahendran, Nuala Hampshire, Jon Gilley, James Steadman.

Also present: Liz Bennett (Clerk).

1. Chairman's introduction.

Brad opened the meeting and reminded everyone of the rules for a zoom meeting.

2. Public Session.

There were no members of the public present.

3. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Simon Stokes.

4. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

Maria declared a prejudicial interest in item 7g. because she is the next-door neighbour.

Crispin declared that he may have an interest in item 13. because some of the trees on Upper Common are near the entrance to a property that he owns.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th September 2020. .

The minutes of the last meetings were AGREED.

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6. Planning decisions.

The following decisions were noted:

- a. DM/19/3769 Description: outline planning application for 30 new dwellings, including 30% affordable housing with access via Isaac's Lane, the provision of public open space, associated infrastructure and landscaping (resubmission of application dm/18/3052). All matters reserved except for access. Location: Woodfield House, Isaacs Lane, Burgess Hill. Granted.
- b. DM/20/2622 Description: proposed internal alterations to create additional staircase, and reconfiguration of existing kitchen and sunroom to include creation of new boot room. Location: Barnsnake Farm, Broxmead Lane, Cuckfield. Granted.
- c. DM/20/2400 Description: replacement of rotten, unsafe, and non-original ground floor windows in non-historic rear of the building. Location: Northlands, Brook Street, Cuckfield. Granted.
- d. DM/20/2018 Description: change of use of agricultural building to 4 x commercial units; 1 x fitness studio (use class d2), 1 x car polishing workshop (use class b1) (retrospective) and 2 x flexible commercial use (use class b1/b8/d2). Including siting of associated external toilet block and provision of car parking with alterations to door, windows and external staircases. Location: Holmsted Farm, Staplefield Road, Cuckfield. Granted.

- e. DM/20/2572 Description: outline application for erection of two new detached dwellings with all matters reserved apart from access. Location: Chideok, Valebridge Road, Burgess Hill. Refused.

7. Planning applications.

- a. DM/20/3331 Application Type: Full Application Proposal: Construction of 6 dwellings together with access, parking and landscaping and replacement garage for Sunnyside. Site Address: Sunnyside, Bolney Road, Ansty. The Parish Council object to this application. There is no need for additional houses in Ansty and the site was not allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan. This proposal is backfilling some gardens which has not been done elsewhere on the road and the access on to the Bolney Road will be dangerous. Part of the application includes land at the neighbouring property, Brenfield, but the owner of Brenfield is not interested in selling land to the developer. If permission were to be granted, then the Parish Council would like the S106 money to go towards Ansty Village Centre enhancements.
- b. DM/20/3263 Application Type: Removal/Variation of Condition Proposal: Variation of Condition 1 relating to planning application DM/16/4496 to alter planning drawings to reflect the latest designed house types. Site Address: Rookery Farm Development Site, Rocky Lane. No objection.
- c. DM/20/3365 Application Type: Overhead Electricity Line Proposal: 1: LV Pole termination on pole 633012, 2: To install a new pad mount substation as described and shown on the attached plan, 3: to install new underground cable from the new substation to pole 633012. Site Address: Land At Cuckfield Road, Ansty. Noted.
- d. DM/20/2609 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of a 1.8m close boarded fence to the western boundary (within the curtilage of a listed building). Site Address: Lime Grove Barn, Cuckfield Road, Ansty. No objection.
- e. DM/20/2074 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Refurbishment of existing house internally and externally. Demolition of attached garage, utility and oil bund. Construction of two storey side extension and porch, and formation of a new detached garage. (AMENDED garage drawing to reduce to a double garage with hipped roof - Rev B and submission of Tree Report. 18.09.2020). Site Address: Cedars, Staplefield Place, Handcross Road, Staplefield. No objection.
- f. DM/20/3361 Application Type: Lawful Development Certificate -Proposed Proposal: Construction of a single storey garage/store/garden workshop building. 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: Valebridge, Valebridge Road, Burgess Hill. Noted.
- g. DM/20/3543 Application Type: Tree Surgery Proposal: T1 Yew tree - 2m crown reduction T4 Yew tree - 2m crown reduction. Site Address: Willow House, Handcross Road, Staplefield, Haywards Heath. Maria declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for this item. This application was noted.
- h. DM/20/2920 Application Type: Householder Application Proposal: Retrospective householder planning application for various outbuildings (Revised plans relating

to corrected red line boundary received 23.09.2020). Site Address: High Point, Brook Street, Cuckfield. The Parish Council object to this application. The new buildings are on agricultural land in an AONB, outside of the residential curtilage and they are visible from the golf course and footpaths. The buildings represent a substantial over development of the site.

- i. DM/20/2634 Application Type: Change of Use Application Proposal: Change of use to retain section of disused road from the old Hanlye Lane for vehicle parking for the occupants of the adjacent South Lodge property. Installation of vehicle gates. Site Address: Land South Of South Lodge, Borde Hill Lane. Noted.
- j. 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 revised (higher) floor levels and roof line. Site Address: West View, Brook Street, Cuckfield. This application came in late today. The clerk will ask for an extension so that it can be considered at the next Parish Council meeting. If this is not possible then the comments are delegated to Brad, Nuala and the Clerk.

8. Finances.

- a. **Financial statement.** The financial statement including the schedule of payments, the receipts and bank reconciliation was AGREED.
- b. **Budget.** The income and expenditure against budget was noted. The forecast shows that the reserves will be reduced by the year end and there are still several outstanding projects that need to be paid for.

9. Local Community Infrastructure s106 fund.

The Clerk has applied for the s106 money for the additional mobile SIDs. Once this is agreed by MSDC, the SIDs will be ordered and should be delivered in the New Year. MSDC have agreed that the new bus shelters and notice board at Rocky Lane would be suitable use of the s106 fund but disagree with some of the other proposals. The discussion re suitable projects is ongoing.

10. Requests for Radar Speed Guns for Speed Watch groups in Ansty and Brook Street.

The Ansty Speed Watch group have borrowed a speed gun from the police for 6 months but are likely to request that the Parish Council purchase one after that.

Brook Street speed watch group is very active and is currently working with Cuckfield speed watch to deter speeding in Brook Street, Whitemans Green and other nearby areas. Cuckfield Parish Council have offered to fund a third of a new speed gun and the Brook Street Society will fund the other two thirds. The money will be given as grants to Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council who will purchase and own the gun.

11. MSDC Consultation on Public Space Protection Orders.

MSDC are proposing to continue with the existing orders. It was noted that policing of the orders is the real issue with dog fouling still being a problem in many areas. The Clerk was asked to request that MSDC provide more dog bins.

12. Replacement of fence around Ansty Green.

The contractor has suggested moving the posts in by 300mm in the hope that they will be less likely to get knocked over. It was AGREED to proceed with the fence replacement at a cost of £375.

13. Results of the tree survey on Upper Common and agree work required.

The Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for all the tree work identified in the report with the most urgent work being costed separately, so that it can begin soon. The Clerk will apply for planning permission for this work and see if any grants are available. It was suggested that the quotes would be cheaper if local people are asked to take away the logs.

The Clerk will also add Upper Common to the Parish Council's insurance.

14. Ansty Village Centre.

Building work is progressing well and is still on schedule to finish in the Spring 2021.

15. To receive updates from MSDC and WSCC Councillor.

Pete Bradbury had some prior engagements but had hoped to get to our meeting in time to present his report. Unfortunately, this was not possible.

16. Minor matters and items for the next agenda.

- a. The "no cycling" signs on the footpaths around Ansty have been replaced with more laminated signs. More robust signs will be considered if these signs do not last.
- b. The Clerk was asked to report again that the barriers have fallen at the bridge on the right hand side, just past the village signs as you drive from Staplefield to Cuckfield.

Meeting Closed.

Draft minutes subject to confirmation.

Ansty and Staplefield Parish Council Finances 12th October 2020

Payments for approval

	Ref	Description	Amount
Unity Trust	48	Bank charges	18
EDF Energy	49	Pavilion electricity	16
Vodafone	50	Phone	21.55
WSCC	51	Payroll	102.49
Elizabeth Bennett	52	Expenses	108.16
County Tree Surgeons	53	Tree survey	930.00
WSCC	54	Salaries and on costs	2019.69
DP Mason	55	Pavilion	8135.25
Chubb	56	Fire extinguisher inspection at pavilion	278.66

Receipts in August

	Ref	Description	Amount
G.Crosta (Jolly Tanners)	N	cricket	270.90
Unity Trust	0	Interest	24.77
Unity Trust	P	Good will payment – for delayed interest	5
MSDC	Q	Precept	39297

Bank Reconciliation

30th September

Bank		Cashbook	
Current Account	66584.65	Balance forward	56862.78
Deposit Account	15231.49	Receipts	111610.28
		less payments	-85708.07
		less unbanked deposit	-722.9
		less unbanked deposit	-225.95
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Approved at Parish Council meeting 12th October 2020.