

## Madeley Town Council

Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of Madeley Town Council held on  
Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2015, at Jubilee House, High, Street Madeley,  
commencing at 7.00pm

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**PRESENT: Councillors: S Biles, AR England, G Green, K Guy, S Harrington, J Jones, A MacKenzie, S Parr, M Shaw, P Taylor, S Taylor, P Watling, S Yates**  
Deputy Town Clerk/Finance Officer

**14/90.**

**Apologies**

Councillor D Edwards	-	Dispensation		
Councillor AA England	-	Illness	-	Accepted
Councillor R Evans	-	Holiday	-	Accepted

**Absent:**

Councillor R Laing

(Apologies due to work commitment reported – not in accordance with adopted practice)

In the absence of the Chair of Council, the Vice-Chair of Council presided

**96.1 Anstice Memorial Institute**

The Clerk to the Council had prepared an update report for Councillors (Appendix D)

Councillors were pleased with the positivity and the progress that was at the heart of the report and commended the work of the volunteer Anstice Community Team and Officers with the support of local Councillors. In its representative role, Madeley Town Council was involved in bringing the property back to the community and was ensuring that it would work well for the community

The progress towards ownership has been led by committed and enthusiastic local people and it is they who will be involved in its re-development. Consultation and feedback will provide the basis for an Options Appraisal (subject to Heritage Lottery Fund Start-Up Grant)

The Communications and Marketing Group are developing a number of smaller projects – Anstice Memories will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 hosted at Jubilee House

Noted

It was suggested that the Anstice Community Team be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting

## APPENDIX D

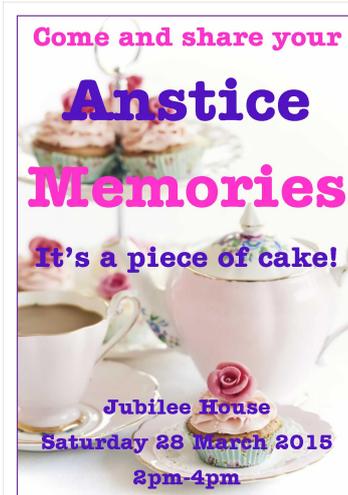
### Anstice Memorial Hall Update for Full Council 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015

The Clerk signed the contract of sale on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We are awaiting signatures from the other parties and then exchange and completion before we receive the keys. As soon we are able to confirm ownership there will be a public announcement, press statements and photo opportunities.

While we are awaiting completion of the sale, the Anstice Community Team continues to meet and is growing in confidence and commitment. They meet once a month with additional meetings for working groups, looking specifically at: -

Funding, Communications and Marketing and Legal Structures.

The funding group has organised Financial Regulations which have been adopted, and an application to Heritage Lottery Fund for a Start- up Grant has been submitted as a partnership between the Town Council and ACT. This is to pay for Community Consultation, Training and development for the group, an Options Appraisal and further development of the Business Plan. All this information is needed to demonstrate to future funders that the project is viable, has community support and will be properly managed. We will then be in a position to apply for the large sums that will be required to refurbish the building and to make the necessary alterations.



The Communications and marketing Group have a number of smaller projects that they are developing. They will organise the publicity when the announcement of the sale can be made. They have also organised an event at Jubilee House to share and collect photographs and memories of the Anstice.

There are plans to open the building for one day for guided tours. This will take place during the Food and Craft Fair at the end of May which will also be an opportunity to show some of the photos and play the recordings from the 'Memories' day

The Legal Structures group is going through the process of registering ACT as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, to be known as the Anstice Community Trust and 8 members of ACT have agreed to be Trustees. The legal structures group is also developing the constitution and various other policies. They are investigating the best management structure for running the Anstice which will include setting up a Trading Subsidiary and may include subleases and/or franchises.

Members of the ACT group are attending a 'BRICK' Workshop in Middleport, Stoke in March which is organised by the Princes Regeneration Trust. It looks to be a fascinating and relevant day in a very interesting venue it will also be very useful to make contact with other similar organisations and a valuable networking opportunity.

We are formalising the arrangement with the person who has been looking after the building on behalf of the liquidators for the last 12 months. He will be offered a short term lease (12 months) on the stewards flat and in return will be responsible for the security, keyholding and minor repairs in the Anstice. He is a qualified builder and will also undertake to repair the flat and bring it up to a habitable standard. Having somebody on site whilst the building is empty has kept the building secure; this arrangement also satisfies our insurers.

Once the building is in the ownership of the Town Council the immediate plans are to have a proper condition and asbestos survey. Nock Deighton have kindly offered this service at a reduced rate, and it will be funded through the Community Pride grant. Another early task will be to make a proper inventory. This will be organised by Keith Whitton and will be completed over a several weekends by the Anstice Community Team.

There are numerous conversations, contacts and other developments going on behind the scenes, the above is a summary of the main activities for member's information. We have been delighted by the level of support from many people and organisations. The challenge is to keep this momentum going through the inevitable ups and downs of the project, to have some early successes and to grow the volunteer base.

KAP

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015