

AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of Awbridge Parish Council
held in Awbridge Village Hall, Romsey Road SO51
OHG on Thursday, 29th August 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs Seymour (**KS**) (Vice Chair), Coggon, Adams-King (**NAK**), Sheppard (**AS**) TVBC Cllr Gordon Bailey
In attendance: 5 members of the public
Apologies: Cllrs Allen, Jackson, Legon, HCC Cllr Roy Perry
Clerk: Ian Milsom

STANDING ITEMS

Action

1. 38/19 Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest

KS chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chair, **GJ**. Further apologies as above. No declarations of interest were made.

2. 39/19 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

NAK provided a brief verbal update. Has spoken with TVBC Neighbour Development Officer (NDO). Will arrange September meeting with NDO and the volunteer who gathered initial community data to establish what needs to be done. Will then contact parishioners who expressed interest in helping to produce the NDP with a view to assigning tasks.

NAK

3. 40/19 Reports and presentations

NAK – Explained how a court case in Holland, which centred around an EU directive concerning the safeguarding of protected habitats from pollutants, has led to a requirement that all residential developments in a wide area surrounding the Solent must now be nitrate-neutral.

In practice this means that in order to approve planning for new residential development, the developer and the local planning authority must prove that there will be no nitrate pollution.

The eastern part of the Solent has ceased granting permissions. TVBC is in an unusual position. Unlike the eastern Solent area it has been given no pumping station nitrate limits. To address this, TVBC has had to set a higher pollution barrier. The approach taken by Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC), therefore, is to require developers to prove no additional nitrate pollution or planning permission will not be granted. This will not apply to extensions of domestic properties, or to commercial or farming

developments. Although the current focus is on known nitrate pollution, the EU directive applies to any pollutant .

NAK has written to the government about the lack of regulatory framework nitrate limits in Test Valley.

The immediate impact locally will be that no new developments will come forward. A possible solution, which will not be reached before the end of 2019, may involve developers being required to contribute more money towards facilities to deal with nitrates. A backlog of applications will then come forward.

NAK has been pursuing the issue of tree growth obscuring the flashing speed restriction signs in Romsey Road.

4. 41/19 **Public observations/questions on agenda items**

To suspend the business of the Council to allow members of the public to make observations or put questions to the Council about items on the agenda.

A resident raised two issues relating to the Stanbridge Earls development:

1. Rubbish accumulating at the entrance to the site.
MV advised that TVBC Planning Enforcement have spoken to the contractor about this and also the need to regularly sweep the roads.
2. Changes to the level of the playing field within the development.
MV advised that this issue will be addressed when the development is complete, when the contractor will be expected to return the field to its original condition

Mrs H asked about the filing cabinet. Double check with Grahame.

5. 42/19 **Minutes**

It was proposed by **KS**, seconded by **AS**, that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2019 be approved as an accurate record of the business conducted. **RESOLVED**

Information update on items from the meeting on 27th June 2019 not on the agenda: -

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Consultation
The clerk circulate hard copies of the results to date. These are also available on the council website, via a link, to members of the public.
- Replacement noticeboard at Awbridge School/TVBC The clerk advised that quotes for a replacement have been

obtained an application to TVBC Councillor Grant Programme has been made.

- Flagpole. This has been ordered and a quote received to install the mounting plate at the war memorial garden
- Change of Parish Council Bankers
The clerk advised that the transfer of banking to NatWest has now been completed.

David raised the question of the step at Hansard, which the June minutes indicated has been shelved. A brief discussion followed, which ranged across NAK explained it is not for us to decide what is safe. Discussion about landownership and willing sales of. If not more safe than what is there now, we shouldn't do it.

6. 43/19 Planning

To consider planning applications notified to the Council.
See Appendix 1.

Fred – church planning pre application submitted, he has kept us up to date. 2 items we need PC assistance and help with – planners want more involvement from community = Fred will arrange an event – then suggested PC become joint applicant with Church???? Come forward from community group, including the PC. NAK thinks it should not be PC but PCC (Church).

Open evening.

7. 44/19 Financial and Administrative

- Annual Governance and Accountability Return for The year ending 31 March 2019. The clerk advised that the external auditor had made enquiries as to the level of balances held by the council. The audit has now been concluded and the report is awaited.
- Insurance claim for bench at War Memorial. Quotations for a replacement bench and its installation have now been received and a decision is awaited from the council's insurers. David, cant we just replace it.
- To agree and sign bank reconciliation. This was agreed and signed by **KS** and the clerk. A copy forms an appendix to these minutes.
- The payments detailed at appendix 2. Were authorised/
- To authorise the purchase of a lockable filing cabinet for the storage of council papers and documents. It was proposed by , seconded by , that this purchase be authorised up to a limit of £200 Recycle whats in it.
- Parish Lengthsman – to authorise payment for work carried out in August 2019 and to receive tasks for worksheet.
Payment of the Lengthsman's August invoice by Stockbridge Parish Council was authorised.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. 45/19 Parking at Cowleas Cottages

To discuss the need for additional parking at this location.

This was discussed and NAK will investigate

NAK talked about postponed works at Cowleas waiting for fresh start date from HCC – replace verges to allow more parking = there is a grassed area. NAK will ask engineer to look at and advise what can be done from central CIL fund.

9. 46/19 Correspondence received

The clerk circulated hard copies of emails relating to the issues below and the information contained in each was duly noted.

- SLR battery information
- Test Valley Association of Parish Councils
- NALC Surveys
- Operation Resilience – Cowleas Cottages
- Draft Affordable Housing Strategy Consultation – within TVBC there is one that says if above a certain size - provide affordable housing or contribution money for = this is a scheduled review (roughly every 2 years. So pointless

Provide a proportion of a social housing and not in a cluster. Doesn't really affect us – ignore.

10. 47/19 Date of next meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting of full Council as 3rd October 2019 and to receive items for the agenda.

Last post moved no shifted box for last collectoin – does post office have to consult? NAK said they don't consult and don't take any notice of anyone. So no point in trying.

11. - Closure of meeting

9.01

Appendix 1**Planning Applications**

19/01943/FULLS Land Adjacent Dunbridge Lane Dunbridge Lane Awbridge Hampshire SO51 0GQ. Change of use of land to equestrian use and construction of manege

Manege is Big, purely for personal use? Restriction on commercial use. No proposed lighting. Silent on whether will be used for...etc,

Outcome of previous planning applications

19/00984/FULLS Awbridge Danes, Danes Road, Awbridge SO51 0GF. Erection of a detached pair of gatehouses, one three-bed and one two bed, for staff accommodation. REFUSE

19/01183/FULLS Hilltop Farm, Newton. Erection of side extension to provide additional living area and bedroom. REFUSE

19/01436/FULLS Glenhaven Danes Road Awbridge SO51 0HL. Erection of replacement dwelling. PERMISSION subject to conditions & notes

19/01563/FULLS Kents Oak Rest Home Kents Oak Awbridge SO51 0HH. Partial demolition and conversion of existing care home to detached house with attached car port and erection of two further detached residential units with attached/detached car ports. CURRENT

Appendix 2**Cheque payments for authorisation**

Cheque no.	Payee	Payment Amount	Reason
226/227	Came & Co.	£379.77	Annual insurance
228	S Nightingale	£76.88	SLR Contract July