

AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in Awbridge Village Hall, Romsey Road SO51 0HG on Thursday, 18th APRIL 2019

Present: Cllrs Daley (**CD**) (Vice Chair), Jackson (**GJ**), Legon (**PL**) Seymour (**KS**), Wheeler (**SW**).

In attendance: TVBC Cllr Nick Adams-King (**NAK**), Fred Tucker (**FT**), Church Warden, All Saints Church, Awbridge, Four members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Allen (Chair), HCC Cllr Roy Perry, TVBC Cllr Gordon Bailey

Clerk: Ian Milsom

Action

1. 01/19 **Welcome, apologies for absence and declarations of interest.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Allen (Chairman) and Hampshire County Councillor Roy Perry

Councillor Daley (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting in Councillor Allen's absence.

Councillor Wheeler declared an interest in planning application 19/00503/FULLS, Coles Farm Cottage, Awbridge Hill, Awbridge.

2. 02/19 **Reports and presentations**

NAK gave a verbal report. Nothing further to report on issues highlighted at the Annual Parish Assembly on 28 March 2019.

Planning. Advised that Test Valley Borough Council has voted to change the planning committee system. The Northern and Southern Planning Committees will now be replaced by a single tier Planning Committee, covering the whole of the Borough. This will be less confusing and will improve the transparency of decision-making. Training will be provided for members of the new Planning Committee as planning regulations and government guidance is continually changing. As previously, non-members will be able to speak to applications at the Planning Committee and put forward the viewpoint of their community.

The Clerk advised that there was an applicant for co-option to the Council. It was agreed that co-option be placed on the agenda for the Annual meeting of the Parish Council on 16 May 2019 and that the applicant be invited to attend.

Clerk

The clerk highlighted two issues raised at the Annual Parish Assembly:

- **Request for a step down from the footpath at Hansards**
The clerk will pass this to Hampshire County Council Highways for attention.

Clerk

- **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

Attendees at the Annual Parish assembly were given the opportunity to comment on suggestions for the use of CIL monies currently held by the Parish Council to improve the health and well-being of parishioners.

The opportunity to comment has been extended further via an online survey, details of which will appear in the May edition of Awbridge News. Details of the survey will also appear on the Parish Council website.

The clerk advised that Test Valley Borough Council has further CIL funding which Parish Councils in the Borough can bid against for facilities for their communities.

3. 03/19 Public observations/questions on agenda items

FT updated on the proposed development in Church Lane, comprising housing, extension of the graveyard at All Saints Church and the provision of parking at the Church.

4. 04/19 Minutes

It was proposed by **CD**, seconded by **SW** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2019 be accepted as an accurate record of the business conducted.

As an aside, **SW** clarified that the broadband provision in Stanbridge Lane reported in the February 2019 minutes will be an improvement on the existing broadband speed. However, it will not be superfast broadband as the properties concerned will be connected to the cabinet at Stanbridge Earls and not the one at Greatbridge in Romsey.

Information update on items from the meeting on 28th February 2019 not on the agenda.

- Replacement noticeboard at Awbridge School
A funding application will be submitted to the TVBC Councillor Grant Programme in the 2019/20 round, which opens on 3rd May 2019.

Clerk

- Flagpole
Due to an oversight, this issue was not raised at the Annual Parish Assembly on 28 March 2019. To be placed on the agenda for the June 2019 Parish Council meeting with a view to agreeing arrangements for consulting the public on the purchase of a flagpole and siting it at the village War Memorial.

Clerk

5. 05/19 Parish Council Bank Accounts

CD provided background to this item, explaining that Barclays Bank has been inflexible and unhelpful in the course of two unsuccessful

attempts to remove signatories from the Parish Council bank account and to add new signatories.

A change of bankers to NatWest was discussed, together with the option of online banking. **SW** asked about the security aspects of online banking and if this would be as secure as the current cheque-based system of payments where two signatures are required. **CD** advised that the dual authorisation of payments system can equally be applied to online banking.

It was proposed by **GJ**, seconded by **KS** that the Parish Council change bankers to NatWest. **RESOLVED**

It was agreed that the clerk will proceed with the process of opening an account with NatWest and report back at the next meeting of the Council.

Clerk

6. 06/19 Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)

CD provided a brief update. Despite efforts to recruit additional volunteers, none have come forward. Current areas of work will be completed at the end of summer, at which time it will be possible to move on to the next part of the process. The Council may perhaps wish to consider at that time engaging support from a specialist external agency.

NDP to remain a standing agenda item.

Clerk

7. 07/19 Planning

See Appendix 1 for details of planning applications considered and the responses agreed.

8. 08/19 Financial and Administrative

Out-turn figures. The clerk provided a copy of the out-turn figures to 31 March 2019. This forms Appendix 3 to these minutes.

CD agreed and signed bank reconciliation, which forms Appendix 4 to these minutes

Payments. Those detailed at Appendix 2 were authorised.

SLR Maintenance contract. The clerk confirmed that the required amendment has been made to the contract, which is due to commence on 1 July 2019. It was proposed by **GJ**, seconded by **KS** that the contract be let and signed by the clerk.

TVBC CIL Programme. To authorise the clerk to submit a funding application to the programme. Bring back to the June meeting of the Council.

Parish Lengthsman. **KS** confirmed that the new lengthsman is now in post and provided details of work completed and tasks scheduled to be done. **KS** is working on a maintenance schedule for public rights of way in the parish.

9. 09/19 To confirm:

The date of the next meeting of Council as the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 16th May 2019.

10. - Closure of meeting

TVBC Councillor Nick Adams-King advised that this meeting concluded the four-year term of the existing Parish Council, and that it is the final meeting for Councillor Daley and Councillor Wheeler who have decided to step down from their roles. Nick thanked Clive and Sue for all their hard work on behalf of the community of Awbridge and for their contributions to improving the well-being of parishioners.

Appendix 1**Planning Applications**

19/00503/FULLS 15.04.2019. Coles Farm Cottage, Awbridge Hill, Awbridge, Romsey Hampshire SO51 0HF. To extend the height of the chimney to include new chimney pot. The response from the Council will be 'No Objection'

19/00946/FULLS. Halfcote Danes Road Awbridge SO51 0HL. Attached mono-pitched single carport on Northern side of dwelling. The response from the Council will be 'No Objection'

19/00920/DDTPO Tallis, Church Lane Awbridge Romsey Hampshire SO51 0HN Reduce back to an appropriate growth point two dangerous split limbs on south side of large Oak tree (TPO.TVBC.0102 - G1). It was the decision of the Council that it would not submit a response in respect of this application, which it felt is more appropriately left to the professional judgement of TVBC's Horticultural Officer.

Appendix 2**Cheque payments for authorisation**

Cheque no.	Payee	Payment Amount	Reason
200216	I. Milsom	£1033.82	Salary, expenses and expenditure refunds for the period January – March 2019
200217	HMRC	£232.80	PAYE Jan-Mar 2019
200218	TVBC	£443.00	SLR Maintenance
200219	HALC	£303.00	Affiliation Fees