



**Minutes from the Meeting
held on Thursday 3rd February at 19:00
at The War Memorial Hall, Abbotts Ann.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan (Chairman)		√	
Councillor Howard (Vice Chairman)	√		
Councillor Jones	√		
Councillor Perkin		√	
Councillor Wallis		√	
Councillor Cole			√
Councillor Schneeberger	√		

Also, IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda Owen – Clerk, Councillor Maureen Flood - Test Valley Borough Councillor, Councillor David Drew – Hampshire County Council & four members of the public.

220201 To Receive Chairman’s Opening Remarks.

The Parish Council meeting was chaired by Councillor Howard due to apologies received from Councillor Jordan. Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting was being recorded by the Parish Council and might be recorded by members of the public.

220202 To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were **RECEIVED** and **NOTED** from Councillor Jordan, Councillor Wallis & Councillor Perkin.

220203 To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on this agenda.

There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to items on this agenda **RECEIVED**.

220204 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th January 2022.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 13th January were **APPROVED**.

220205 To receive updates already published and any further updates provided.

The reports submitted for the Parish Council meeting were **NOTED** and can be found as **APPENDIX A**.
Sportsfield - Councillor Howard asked that it be minuted that an update from the SFG on how they proposed to obtain grants required to enable access the one already received was overdue.

Councillor Flood provided a summary of her report. Business Support Grants are now live on TVBC website for the hospitality and leisure sector. Councillor Flood provided an update on behalf of Councillor Coole with regards to the Pan Parish forum.

Burial Ground Fence - Councillor Howard advised that he had spoken with Andy Pilley at Test Valley Borough Council with regards to the Clerk having no success in obtaining three quotes for the Burial Ground Fence. Mr Pilley had advised that AAPC should continue with a grant application, with supporting evidence showing that contractors had not been forthcoming with quotations.

Churchyard Footpaths - Mr Lucas had been attempting to encourage people to show interest in tendering for the refurbishment of the footpaths in the Churchyard. When he had responses from three contractors, he would provide the Clerk with the Tender documentation. Councillor Howard thanked Mr Lucas for his efforts.

Abbotts Ann Action (AAA) - formed in 1998, they had since assisted the Parish Council with regards to



planning matters. The new Local Plan contained topics which they felt were of importance to Abbotts Ann; including - parishes with facilities such as a Shop, church and pub being expected to take a bigger share of new housing and reviewing the need for Local Gap, AAA would be happy to assist the Parish Council with commenting on the new draft Plan. Councillor Howard noted that whilst councillors present would appreciate AAA's assistance the matter would need to be discussed with AAPC's Chairman.

Abbotts Ann Community Land Trust – Mr Barlow reminded those present. that AACLT had made a plan and proposed it to Test Valley Borough Council and kept TVBC up to date as the process progressed. However, when Pre application advise was sought the TVBC planning officers had brought up issues with the plan; including the possible need for a new Housing Needs Survey. Discussions with planning officers were ongoing. The difference of opinion between the AACLT And TVBC was noted. It was advised that the architect for AACLT spent a vast amount of time taking in to consideration the current housing styles and it was noticed that TVBC saw a different vision, a type of hamlet development. The AACLT stated that a development of 24 houses had to be built to make it viable. Pre application advise already received called for restrictive covenants on dwellings of local purchase, which could then be offered to open market if not successful. The AACLT felt that these restrictions would make the scheme un-viable; it was not acceptable to development partners. The finances had been carefully considered. A further problem was that building costs had increased. All of these matters required further discussion with TVBC at Senior level. A further report would follow in due course. Following a question from Councillor Jones, the AACLT felt that TVBC were not querying housing needs, but more the figures that were being put forward. The process had taken 5 / 6 years so far. Councillor Howard asked if other CLT's are experiencing similar difficulties. It was advised the only other CLT was Nether Wallop and they were not experiencing the same difficulties. The AACLT felt that TVBC had always been supportive of the proposal. Councillor Howard thanked the CLT for their work and Maureen for her support.

Councillor Drew advised he was supportive of CLT groups and advised he could offer support with regards to a grant if a further Housing Needs survey was required. Councillor Flood advised she would also enquire as to whether further funds would be available from TVBC should this survey be required again.

Councillor Drew reminded those present that Hampshire County Council 'Jubilee' grants would cease on 28th February. He also said "if you have not had to your vaccinations and booster, please do consider it, they will greatly reduce the severity of COVID should you catch it.". Councillor Howard asked with regards to the pothole mentioned at the previous meeting. Councillor Drew advised he follow up again. Councillor Howard reiterated that residents could report pot holes to Hampshire County Council themselves.

220206 To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance.

The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were **NOTED** with the bank balance as 31st January 2022 being £45,930.37. The bank reconciliation can be found as **APPENDIX B**.

220207 To approve the requests for payments for February.

The payments as listed in the table below were **APPROVED** for payment. Proposed by Councillor Howard seconded by Councillor Schneeberger. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

February Payment Requests

TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT
Staff	Salaries	February	£1,005.86



Amanda Owen	Staff Expenses	January	£25.30
War Memorial Hall	Hall Hire - 3rd February		£15.75
Larkstel	Grounds Maintenance January	Inv 0342	£645.00
Total			£1,691.91

220208 To consider the grant application for £54.00 for the printing of toad crossing signs under powers afforded under Highways Act 1980, s 130.

It was

RESOLVED

that under the powers afforded to the Parish Council under Highways Act 1980, s 130 to **APPROVE** a grant for £54.00 to Nicky Quinn for the purchase of Toad Warning signs.

Proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Schneeberger.

All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.

220209 To consider and agree action going forward with regard to "Trees on the Green" and "The Greening Campaign".

It was

RESOLVED

that Councillor Jones would put together a plan with regards to "Trees on the Green" to propose at the next Parish Council meeting, including a community event on the Green.

Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Schneeberger.

All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.

Councillor Flood advised that she and Councillor Coole had a grant fund available for community events and also passed on message from a resident who was extremely happy with the new benches.

It was

RESOLVED

after discussion that a starter pack with regards to "The Greening Campaign" would be purchased at a cost of £50.00. Councillor Schneeberger agreed to assist with the campaign.

Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Schneeberger.

All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.

Councillor Howard expressed his thanks to Councillor Jones for her work and contribution to the Green.

220210 To agree to the purchase of fire extinguishers for the Pavilion.

It was

AGREED

to purchase fire extinguishers at a cost of less than £300.00 following a recommendation from the working group.

Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Schneeberger.

All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.

220211 To consider the installation of two replacement benches at the Pavilion using S106 funds.

It was

AGREED

to purchase two benches for the Pavilion following receipt of S106 funds.

Proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Schneeberger.

All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.



- 220212 To agree to the interment of ashes of Mrs Barbara Evans as a non-resident with a family connection to the Parish.**
It was
AGREED
to allow the interment of Mrs Barbara Evans as non-resident with a family connection to the Parish.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.
All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.
- 220213 To agree the memorial application for Mrs Gwen Pollard on the Garden of Remembrance.**
It was
AGREED
to the memorial application for Mrs Gwen Pollard on the Garden of Remembrance.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.
All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.
- 220214 To consider reinstating the purchase of ERBS.**
It was provisionally
AGREED
to not reinstate the purchase of ERBs until absent Councillors had been consulted.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Schneeberger.
All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.
- 220215 To consider supporting the “20 is Plenty” campaign.**
It was
AGREED
to defer to the next agenda following advice from the Chairman.
- 220216 To consider the following planning application:**
220216.01 22/00044/AAQN
Application under Regulation 77 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 for approval under Regulation 75 to commence development of 20/00326/PDQN (Change of use of agricultural barn to a dwelling).
Rosecomb Farm, Cattle Lane, Abbotts Ann, Andover, Hampshire SP11 7DP.
The Parish council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.
All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
- 220216.02 22/00143/FULLN**
Two storey rear extension to provide enlarged kitchen and dining area on ground floor with bedroom four with ensuite to first floor. Oak framed front porch with tiled roof.
6 Manor Close, Abbotts Ann, SP11 7BJ.
The Parish council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.
All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.
- 220217 To agree the date of the AGM as Wednesday 27th April.**
It was agreed that the clerk would seek advice as to whether the AGM and Annual Parish Assembly can be held on the same day.
Afternote: The Good Councillors Guide, which gave guidance that they should not, was circulated by Cllr Howard to all councillors after the meeting.



220218 To agree the date of the next meeting as Thursday 3rd March 2022.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 3rd March 2022 at the Village Hall.
Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.
All members voted unanimously to **ACCEPT** this resolution.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:30.

APPENDIX A

Environment Update 27/01/22

Benches are now installed on the Green. Tapes have been removed and surfaces cleaned as Robbie had left some mud/cement handprints.

Trees on The Green

I have been approached by various parishioners, at different times, offering to fund the planting of some smaller trees on the Green. This could be self funded and could be done tastefully and sensitively with input from local residents and from the TVBC maintenance team. Also, there are national initiatives such as Plant Britain (Countryfile) and the Queen's Green Canopy "plant a tree for the Jubilee". These schemes offer free trees for Community projects and the Village School could be involved.

The Greening Campaign

As you may remember I attended a one hour on-line briefing on the Greening Campaign in November. The online session, led by Terena Plowright, founder of the Greening Campaign, and introduced by Cllr Warwick, provided attendees with an introduction to the Greening Campaign, including the areas of sustainability it covers and how Parish and Town Councils can get involved.

I would like to ask the Parish Council to agree if we can sign up for a starter pack at a cost of £50. Further information, provided by the Climate Change Team at HCC, is shown below.

Hampshire County Council are keen to expand the Greening Campaign following their successful bid for money from the Community Renewal Fund.

The Greening Campaign offers a blueprint for stimulating grassroots community engagement on climate change through a phased approach. Currently 21 communities across Hampshire are actively engaged in phase one, with several now ready to progress to phase two. With this funding, the Campaign will be able to extend its work to more communities - beginning with households choosing simple actions to save water and energy around the home and displaying their Greening Campaign poster on their window, creating a strong community base for further action. After this a community's Greening Campaign can move onto the next phase which focuses on retrofit, rewilding, or health and wellbeing.

With a short delivery phase as part of this fund HCC would like to identify and encourage further community groups to join phase one of the campaign.

Sports field update:

Lights and heaters due to be done on 31st Jan.

New tables and chairs will hopefully be purchased by FOTAAS.

The Sports Field Group is trying to find a cleaner for 1-2 hours per week.



Amanda is getting a quote for new fire extinguishers.

The electricity meter is being replaced by a smart meter next month.

One of benches outside the pavilion is broken and is probably beyond repair.

The footballers have been depositing much mud on the car park, the pavilion walls and the pavilion floor.

Jon Deacon from the Sports Field Group is looking into what grants may be available for the new pavilion project.

Chris Wallis (reporting from Spain)

Update from Hampshire County Council – February 2022

Further year's funding agreed to keep community transport services on the road

With the COVID-19 pandemic still having an impact on levels of all public and community transport use across the county, Hampshire County Council has agreed to maintain contract payments for community transport operators at 100% from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

The Executive Member for Highways Operations, agreed a recommendation to continue the policy, implemented during the early stage of the pandemic, of paying 100% contract payments to community transport operators. The move will assist those operators in the recovery and operation of their services, supporting them to maintain service levels whilst they experience lower than usual passenger numbers, and user confidence rebuilds during the coming financial year.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20220131CommTrspSupport22-23>

County councillor grants

A reminder that applications for county councillor grants for this financial year need to be submitted by 28 February. The 2022/23 county councillor grant window will open on 1 June. The link for applications is here:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

Apply now for grants to run food and activity clubs during the Easter holidays

Community and voluntary organisations able to deliver holiday activities and food schemes for children and young people are being urged to apply for grants for the Easter school break

The grants are provided through the [connect4communities programme](#), which is led by Hampshire County Council in collaboration with partners and funded by the Department for Education (DfE). Previous funding from both the DfE and the Department for Work and Pensions has provided around 77,512 spaces to children eligible for benefits-related free school meals during the 2021 school holidays.

The final date for applications is 20 February 2022

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/220128HAFEastergrants>

Hampshire proud to be first Highway Authority to trial low-carbon street furniture

Hampshire County Council is the first Highway Authority in the country to trial plant-based plastic bollards, in an effort to reduce its carbon footprint, improve safety and save money

The trial project aims to install plant-based bio polymer bollards, derived from sugar cane, which are lighter - so easier for Hampshire Highways operatives to install – and cheaper. The 'non-crete' bollards are low carbon because they are not made of concrete and they do not have the associated carbon costs in terms of manufacturing. A key constituent of concrete is cement, and the cement industry is responsible for around 7-8% of global carbon dioxide emissions.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/25012022Noncretbollards>

County Council to consult on Home to School Transport changes

Changes to Home to School Transport arrangements, being proposed by Hampshire County Council, will be the subject of a public consultation set to open on 31 January 2022



The eight-week online consultation will be open until 27 March 2022. An information pack and questionnaire will be available, from 31 January, on www.hants.gov.uk/consultations People will also be able to request easy read, or other alternative format versions.

Additionally, a number of information events will be held where children, young people, parents and other interested stakeholders will be able to ask any questions they may have about the proposals. Details about the events will be published also on the consultation webpage.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20220118HtSTConsultationDecision>

Cllr David Drew

Test Valley Central Division, HCC

Test Valley Borough Councillor Report -Maureen Flood – February 2022

TVBC Draft Local Plan

TVBC Full Council 26/01/22 approved for public consultation the draft Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18 Stage 1) The Test Valley Local Plan 2040 will provide a planning policy framework for the future of the Borough, and more specifically how we intend to deliver sustainable development, which is at the heart of the planning process. It will set out planning policies which will be used as the starting point for determining planning applications. On Adoption, it will replace the Revised Local Plan 2029.

Covid 19 – Business Support Grant Schemes

Test Valley Borough Council: Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grants.

The application form for the new government grant scheme to help the leisure and hospitality sector with the impact of Omicron is live on the Council's website.

www.testvalley.gov.uk/businessgrant

Businesses are encouraged to apply by 18 March 2022.

Southern Water

Southern Water information re ongoing work to reduce ingress groundwater levels into the sewers. Planned works planned to start 31st January are at Manor Farm, Abbots Ann. Southern Water agreed the scope with the landowner for the construction of a lay by so tankers can park avoiding congestion on the road.



APPENDIX B

Date: 01/02/2022

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Time: 10:00

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 01/02/2022
for Cashbook 1 - Lloyds Treasurers Account

User: AMANDA

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Lloyds Treasurers Account	31/01/2022		45,930.37
			<u>45,930.37</u>
<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			45,930.37
<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			45,930.37
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	45,930.37
		Difference is :-	0.00