

Minutes

Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council: Monday 11 March 2024

Held at Ampfield Village Hall, 7:00pm to 8:45pm

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

Chairman Bryan Nanson
Vice Chairman Chris Ling
Cllr Martin Hatley
Cllr Julian Jones
Cllr Jason Reeves
Cllr Graham Roads
Cllr Julie Trotter

Others

Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC)'s Councillor Sally Yalden
Kate Orange, Clerk/RFO

Apologies

4303. Apologies were received from Cllr Kate McCallum.

Previous Meeting

4304. The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 12 February 2024 were agreed, and a copy was signed by the Chairman.

Minutes of the Planning Committee

4305. The Council noted receipt of Minutes of the Planning Committee for 05 February 2024.
RESOLVED

Declarations of Interest in Business on the Agenda for the Meeting

4306. Cllr Martin Hatley declared that there could be a perceived personal interest in the consideration of comments for the draft Local Plan consultation because some of his land is adjacent to land under consideration for housing.
4307. No other Councillor had any interest to declare in any of the business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Borough Councillor's report

4308. Borough Councillor Sally Yalden reported:
- Two Planning Inspectorate appeal cases relating to the wider borough had been dismissed.
 - The consultation period for the draft Local Plan was now underway and there would be public presentations.
 - The closure of the Casbrook household waste and recycling centre was an option under consideration by Hampshire County Council as part of the Future Services Consultation.
 - Cllr Yalden had attended training on Tree Preservation Orders provided by Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC).
 - Cllr Yalden thanked those who had attended workshops on Thriving Communities, organised by TVBC. Feedback should be sent to Louisa Rice at TVBC.
 - Currently, TVBC were considering a number of good applications for funding from the Community Asset Fund (CAF Grants).
 - Unfortunately, a grant fund available for community energy schemes was not open to applications from parish councils.

- There would be a meeting on the Greening Campaign on 11 March, and another on 26th March at TVBC (Cllr Jason Reeves had also attended a meeting on the Greening Campaign).

Financial Matters

4309. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end of February 2024.*
RESOLVED

4310. *The Council received the calculation of working capital to the end of February 2024.*
RESOLVED

4311. *It was noted that the total of payments to be made during February, although correctly reported in the minutes as £9,138.59, was incorrectly noted as £8,898.59 in the report that had been circulated to Councillors prior to the February meeting.*
RESOLVED

4312. *It was agreed that the following payments should be made:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	Aaron24 - boiler service at pavilion	86.40
	J N Landscapes - clearance at burial ground	6679.20
	Staff costs	962.61
	Clerk, refund of expenses	45.85
	Total (including VAT)	£7,774.06
RESOLVED		

4313. *It was noted that the following payments had been made between Meetings:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
<i>Direct debits and direct transfers to 29 February</i>		
	Direct Trade Supplies - replacement light fittings, pavilion	285.77
	Paul Freeman Trees - Chapel Wood H&S work	2184.00
	Mobile wifi router	85.99
	TVBC grounds maintenance	344.66
	X2, parts for repair of telephone kiosk	715.38
	Calor service charge	17.99
	E.On	84.77
	Website	11.99
	Staff costs	68.04
	Total	£3,798.59

RESOLVED

4314. *It was noted that the Council had received the following income:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	Morleys Green ground rent Sept 2023	3375.00
	interest	105.23
	school use of recreation ground	25.00
	ANBCC licence	500.02
	Total (including VAT)	£4,005.25

RESOLVED

4315. *The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of February 2024.*
RESOLVED

4316. *It was proposed to adopt the Asset Register for audit purposes, dated 11 March 2024.*
RESOLVED

Comment for Test Valley Borough Council Draft Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18 Stage 2)

4317. *There was discussion on the Regulation 18 Stage 2 consultation for the TVBC Draft Local Plan 2040, and the following comments were agreed:*

- *At 'Land at King Edwards Park', we note that, the land is not at King Edwards Park, and it is not in Chandlers Ford. The correct description is land to the west of Ampfield Meadows retirement village, Baddesley Road, North Baddesley, SO52.*
- *In the parish of Ampfield, Ampfield Meadows and the nearby mobile home parks at Wheelhouse parks, King Edwards Park and St James' park could be included in the settlement boundary.*
- *For proposed housing allocations for Land South of Ganger Farm, East Romsey, we note that the one SINC and a portion of a second SINC have been included in the land proposed for housing, and they should be afforded the necessary protection. We note that consideration should be given to the need for accompanying improvements to infrastructure.*
- *On Settlement Boundary Policies, at Sleepy Hollow Business Park, we object to the inclusion of the Land north of A3090 from the Chase to Wingham Lane: there is no reason for changing this and it should be left as existing.*

RESOLVED

Defibrillator at Baddesley Road

4318. *It was proposed to accept, with thanks, the donation by Inspired Villages of a defibrillator, to be located at the entrance to Wheelhouse Park. This included a donation towards ongoing maintenance.*
RESOLVED

4319. *The Council accepted, with thanks, Cllr Martin Hatley's offer to monitor the defibrillator at Wheelhouse Park, and to provide the electrical supply for the cabinet.*
RESOLVED

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

4320. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported on matters at the recreation ground and pavilion:

- We were awaiting the electricity connection to container, as previously authorised;
- There would soon be a meeting with Ampfield and North Baddesley Cricket Club to discuss funding of youth cricket facilities using the S106 "refund".
- Cllr Ling noted that there were two spare exterior light fittings for future use. He had replaced the failed fittings.

Chapel Wood

4321. Cllr Graham Roads reported on Chapel Wood.
- Cllr Roads had met the surveyor from CBA Trees, as we had experienced difficulty finding some of the trees identified as needing work in the recent survey. They advised that the survey had included trees with trunk diameter over 250mm, and excluded the burial ground. The burial ground would therefore need to be surveyed separately this time. Some holly needed coppicing by the Friends of Chapel Wood so as to enable access for the survey.
 - A tree which had been of concern to Cllr Roads had been checked by CBA Trees and no work was required.
 - It was noted that the council had budgeted for some new planting at Chapel Wood.
 - The Friends of Chapel Wood had recently removed more unwanted rhododendrons near to the Church.

4322. *It was agreed to fell an unsafe tree with split trunk, and to remove a dead cherry tree, in the burial ground.*

RESOLVED

Burial Ground

4323. Cllr Graham Roads reported on the Burial Ground.
- Thanks was given to Cllr Ling, who with Cllr Roads, prepared the ground for the new hedge.
 - Unfortunately, heavy rain had halted the work.
 - Friends of Chapel Wood had added compost.
 - The remaining ground would be cultivated after the ground had dried; and planting would then begin.
 - Quotes for clearance of the builders rubbish would be obtained shortly, given drier ground.
 - Depending on ground conditions, the project may be complete in May or June.

Morleys Green

4324. It was noted that the council had not been contacted by the solicitors of Mr Michalik, concerning the ownership of the residential freehold.

Electric Vehicle Chargers

4325. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported that an approach had been made to the Council by a firm who install electric vehicle chargers. The Council considered the following points:
- Morleys Green was a possible location for installation of public electric vehicle charging points;
 - The charge-point operators fund all of the work, and they retain ownership of the charge-points. They arrange and manage all maintenance, servicing, insurance and other matters which may arise.
 - The landowner would receive an income;
 - Typically, contracts lasted for 15 years, giving the provider time to earn back the high investment cost;
 - Each charge-point would take up a parking space which would no longer be available for general parking.

4326. *It was proposed to not progress with installing any electric vehicle charge-points at Morleys Green / Village Hall, as there were no surplus parking spaces available to dedicate to exclusive use as charge-points.*

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Telephone Kiosk

4327. Cllr Julie Trotter reported that Romsey Men's Shed would collect the parts for the telephone kiosk later that week, so that they could begin the refurbishment.

Highways

4328. Vice Chairman Chris Ling reported that the flooding of Pound Lane had been resolved by Hampshire County Council with their recent work. There was still heavy run-off from surrounding land but it was being carried away by the drain.

Reports from Committees and Portfolio Holders

4329. Vice Chairman Chris Ling reported that the Speedwatch scheme was ready to start, as soon as insurance was in place. A test would take place off the public highways; the police would be notified, and then the volunteers could begin taking readings.
4330. Vice Chairman Chris Ling reported on the Lengthsman scheme:
- The Lengthsman would visit the following week: matters for the Lengthsman should be sent to Cllr Ling.
 - Colden Common Parish Council would cease administering the scheme at the end of the financial year as their Clerk was leaving. Because of the large amount of work involved in administering the scheme, we would not be interested in running in, and if no other Council from the 'cluster' stepped in to manage it, the scheme would probably fold.

Correspondence and Communications

4331. The publication of the Spring Newsletter, to be distributed to all dwellings in the parish before the Annual Parish Assembly, was discussed. Distribution would be by-hand, by Councillors. The content would include:
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| • Cover Photo – telephone kiosk or new woodland path | • School Closure |
| • Finance Report | • Village Hall |
| • Speed-watch | • Burial Ground Clearance |
| • New defibrillator at Ampfield Meadows off Baddesley Road | • Other woodland work and new path |
| • Recreation Ground news, inc s106 refund/Youth Cricket | • Resilience Planning |
| | • Councillors – Borough & County |
| | • Annual Assembly details and Agenda |
| | • Telephone Box |
4332. Cllr Roads noted that he was in touch with the Forestry Commission.
4333. Cllrs Nanson and Ling would attend the TVBC Southern Area Planning Committee, and Chairman Bryan Nanson would speak on behalf of the Council about the application at Ampfield Meadows.

Date of Next Meeting

4334. The next ordinary meeting would be held at Ampfield Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 08 April 2024.

Chairman

Date