



AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday,
7th December 2023 at 7.30pm in Awbridge Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Grahame Jackson
Cllr Peter Allen
Cllr Gordon Piper
Cllr Tony Byrne
Cllr Chris Wheeler

Cllr Nick Adams-King (TVBC)
Tracy Sansome (Clerk)
Three members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Kelly Seymour
Cllr Janet Whiteley

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Welcome

Cllr Jackson welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also thanked our outgoing clerk Ian Milsom and introduced the new clerk; Tracy Sansome.

2. Apologies

Were noted.

3. Declarations of Interest

None noted.

4. Reports and Correspondence

Cllr Nick Adams-King gave a verbal report:

- Potholes being completed in the area as ongoing work
- Reminds/advises public to report drains/ditches via HCC website
- Continues to support parish council with ASTER sewerage issues for residents

5. Public Observations/open period

A member of the public spoke about issues concerning the Stratland Development. It was noted that access to the church with the siting of a BT pole is causing damage to surrounding land/verges.

It was also mentioned that the residents will potentially work together to plant additional trees/other planting to enhance the area when the developers have finished the works.

A second member of the public spoke about ditches and drains being blocked because of recent heavy rainfall. There was some concern about the potential of ice causing issues.

Cllr P Allen added that he also was aware of blocked drains/ditches. Cllr Nick Adams-King reiterated the need to report via website to TVBC to ascertain if this is a highways issue or on private land.

6. Minutes

It was proposed that the draft minutes of the meeting on 2nd November 2023 be accepted as an accurate record of the business conducted. **RESOLVED.**

7. Matters Arising (from previous meeting of 2nd November)

None recorded.

STANDING ITEMS

8. Financial and Administrative

a) The bank reconciliation was agreed and signed by the Clerk/RFO and the Chairman Cllr. Jackson.

b) The proposed local Govt Pay agreement 2023/24 was accepted.

c) Payments detailed in Appendix 2 were approved and agreed.

9. Planning

23/02985/OBLS. Land West Of All Saints Church, Church Lane. Discharge Planning Obligation Clause 3 dated 25.2.22

Noted and agreed: **NO COMMENTS**

10. Lengthsman

Task (clear ditches in the Romsey Road) for the worksheet was agreed.

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11. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Piper gave a brief verbal update. Work is continuing towards completion of the plan. Surveys (to allow for comments and feedback) are due to be sent to residents in February. Submission to TVBC will follow.

12. Workplan

Acknowledged and agreed.

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

13. Matters to be discussed and items on notice (appendix 5)

MOTION- was proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Byrne to formally disagree with the sewerage charge for Aster residents citing financial pressure and hardship. Unanimous decision to pass this motion. Cllr Jackson

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and the clerk signed. Cllr Jackson to write letter to Aster to accompany this. The council agreed to support parishioners affected.

TRAFFIC CALMING – It was agreed that this needs further clarification. To be discussed at the January meeting of Parish Council.

14. Banking Arrangements

The outgoing clerk (I Milson) will be making the formal payment of invoices whilst the changeover to the new clerk (T Sansome) is underway. Cllr Jackson will continue to organise the new arrangements with the bank.

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15. Hampshire and D Day 6 June 2024

It was proposed by Cllr Piper and agreed that more time to facilitate ideas would be needed; to be carried forward to next meeting where a time will be allocated.

16. Meeting Dates

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be Thursday 25th January 2024. Clerk to set up dates for the year 2024.

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Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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