



**Minutes from the Meeting
held on Thursday 6th April 2023 at
19:00 at the War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Howard (Chairman)	✓		
Councillor Jones (Vice Chair)	✓		
Councillor Jordan	✓		
Councillor Wallis	✓		
Councillor Cole	✓		
Councillor Heather	✓		
Vacancy	-	-	-

Also, IN ATTENDANCE

Amanda Owen - Clerk, Test Valley Borough Council – Councillor Maureen Flood & County Councillor – Councillor David Drew & 2 members of the public.

230401	<p>To receive Chairman's opening remarks. Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting is recorded by the Parish Council and may be recorded by members of the public. Councillor Howard advised that the results of the uncontested election had been received.</p>
230402	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence. None.</p>
230403	<p>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.</p>
230404	<p>To approve the minutes of the full Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2023. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 2nd March 2023 were APPROVED as a correct record of the meeting.</p>
230405	<p>To receive updates to already published reports, any further updates & updates to the action plan. Reports can be found at APPENDIX A.</p> <p>Councillor Wallis provided an additional update with regards to the maintenance and repair of football pitches and noted that funding will be required for paint and materials. The goal mouth areas may require professional attention.</p> <p>Councillor Heather advised the following: Path cutting commencing after Easter. Tree issue on Path from little park farm to garden centre, Hampshire Countryside Ranger will organise trimming.</p> <p>Sewerage – Continuing to attend the Pan Parish Forum fortnightly meeting and provided detailed feedback of items discussed.</p> <p>Councillor Jones highlighted a typing error in her report and clarified the correct amount, which was reflected in her report.</p> <p>Councillor Howard provided an update with regards to the Coronation weekend event.</p> <p>Councillor Flood provided an overview of her report and thanked Councillors for their efforts over the past four years.</p>

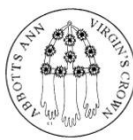


	<p>Councillor Drew provided an overview of his report.</p> <p>Councillor Howard thanked Councillor Flood and Councillor Drew for their support.</p>
230406	<p>To receive information needing to be distributed.</p> <p>The Clerk updated the meeting with regards to annual leave dates.</p> <p>Councillor Jordan offered to write an article with regards to photo ID, location and notifying of Parish Council vacancies.</p>
230407	<p>To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance.</p> <p>The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were NOTED with the bank balance as 31st March 2023 being £53,917.11. The bank reconciliation can be found as APPENDIX B.</p>
230408	<p>To agree the date of the General Meeting and full Council meeting as 16th or 22nd May 2023.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the date of the General Meeting and full Council meeting would be 22nd May 2023. Proposed by Jordan, seconded by Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
230409	<p>To approve the purchase and installation of a sign for the Abbotts Ann Community Orchard on the Green.</p> <p>It was AGREED to accept the quote from Test Valley Trophies & Engraving and the acceptance of Councillor Heather's offer of installation and wood without exceeding a total of £250.00 Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <p>Councillor Howard expressed his thanks to Councillor Jones for all her work and commitment to the Green. Councillor Wallis also noted that the Daffodils look lovely.</p>
230410	<p>To consider the grant application from Spotlight UK.</p> <p>It was AGREED to reject the application due to inconsistencies within the application. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
230411	<p>To consider the position paper on Equality & Diversity Policy.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Clerk complete research with regards to accessibility statement and report findings back to the May meeting. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
230412	<p>To consider the below planning application:</p>
230412.01	<p>23/00668/FULLN</p> <p>Replacement of 8 non-original windows in rear elevation.</p> <p>Ash Cottage, 37 Duck Street, Abbotts Ann, Andover</p> <p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>



230412.02	<p>23/00669/LBWN Replacement of 8 non-original windows in rear elevation. Ash Cottage, 37 Duck Street, Abbotts Ann, Andover. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
230412.03	<p>23/00653/FULLN Demolish and rebuild garden wall. Chalk House, Dunkirt Lane, Abbotts Ann, Andover. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jordan. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
230412.04	<p>23/00656/LBWN Demolish and rebuild garden wall. Chalk House, Dunkirt Lane, Abbotts Ann, Andover. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jordan. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
230412.05	<p>23/00709/FULLN Rear garden room extension. Cedar Tiles, Old Salisbury Road, Abbotts Ann, Andover. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jordan. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
230413	<p>Admission to meeting to pass a resolution in accordance with the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960 to exclude the public and press from the remainder of this meeting as publicity will be prejudicial to the confidential nature of the business.</p>
230413.01	<p>To note the hourly rate of the Clerk from 1st April 2023. The new hourly rate of the Clerk was noted.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:16.



APPENDIX A

Reports for April 2023 Meeting

Footpath and Sewage Portfolio Report for March 2023

Footpaths.

Have completed an inspection of the footpath signposts, most generally are okay, with except of a few where I have had to replace a number of sign fingers.

At present I am going around all the footpaths trimming the odd hedge or tree branch, as most surface grass does not need cutting at present.

My team have removed the bushes and rotten trees at the front of the church along the metal railing fence. Two tree trunks have been left as they have grown around the railing and will be removed when the fence is replaced.

Sewage updates.

I attend the fortnightly PPF meeting via Microsoft team to review the present situation concerning the sewers in our areas. The meeting was held by a Keith Herbert of Southern Water together with members of the other parishes.

At present the sewage systems in our catchment area are generally under control with the exception of Mullen Pond where the pumps are having difficulty in keeping up with the volume of water, hence why the tankers system is in operating in this area.

Southern Water are monitoring the ground water levels in a number areas, along with the water temperatures in 17 points between Fyfield and Anna Valley, from this information and they can predict where they are going to have a problem and put into action plan to overcome any spillages.

They are planning to carry out more pipe lining in the Thruxton, Kimpton and Fyfield areas this year.

A meeting has been arranged via Microsoft Team on the 30th March pm with Mr Simon Parker Southern Water Director of Asset Management who will give a presentation on future plans and challenges of the mains water system and Sewage treatment.

Councillor John Heather

Environment Portfolio Update 03/04/2023

The Community Orchard

It has been just over a year since the Abbotts Ann Community Orchard was planted and all the fruit trees are looking healthy with plenty of new buds. The fruit trees will be given a feed of new compost in the next few weeks.

Four quotes have been sought to provide a sign giving information about the orchard. The wording for the sign has already been circulated and approved. The latest closing balance of the EMR for the Community Orchard is £401.07. The specification document and summary of quotes will be circulated in advance for consideration at the next AAPC Meeting on Thursday 6th April.

I will soon be stepping down as a councillor but will continue to maintain the Community Orchard with the help of my husband.

AHJ

Sports and Recreation Update April 2023

Sports Field

The football season is almost over and we have no outstanding bookings for the football pitches.

The field has been rolled and mown this week. I have asked the Clerk to cancel the line repainting programme for the time being.



I am planning to ask the Sports Field Group for volunteers to help repaint the goal posts, repair the goalmouth areas and tidy up the bonfire area but I am not very hopeful of getting a positive response (the usual response for help is "too busy")

Pavilion

Nothing to report

Fundraising

No update

Cllr. Chris Wallis

County Council welcomes additional money from Government for pothole repairs

Hampshire County Council has welcomed additional funding for pothole repairs confirmed in the Government's Spring Budget on Wednesday 15 March. The Chancellor announced a further £200m for the national Pothole Fund to help local communities to tackle this issue with £5,954,400 confirmed for Hampshire.

Over the winter period, HCC have drafted in extra resources to repair more road defects following a dramatic and sustained increase in reported issues. In total over the last three months, we have repaired 16,748 potholes and other road defects.

The Government's extra funding announcement recognises the significant challenges facing highway authorities across the country and goes some way to help us to bridge the financial gap that we face in managing 5,000 miles of road in Hampshire.

In addition to the annual funding received from the Department for Transport for highway maintenance, the County Council invests an additional £10m each year into proactive structural maintenance through our established Operation Resilience programme, designed to make roads and footways more resilient to the impacts of weather extremes and heavy use, along with an additional £7m each year for day-to-day maintenance.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/17032023AdditionalFundingPotholes>

Community grants made from the Household Support Fund in Hampshire

A clothing bank in Andover, a community farm in the New Forest and a church near Fleet are among the latest recipients of community grants from Hampshire County Council's connect4communities programme, funded by the Government's Household Support Fund

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/supportforfamilies>

In total, we have approved grants of more than £750,000 in the last six months to local groups, schools and community pantries, who are able to reach those most in need and make a positive difference."

The connect4communities website also includes details of schools and community pantries which have received grants from the Household Support Fund, as well as holiday activity and food clubs for school children (funded by the Department for Education).

The County Council encourages any residents who may be struggling during these difficult times to reach out to their local community groups and charities for support.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230317hsfgrants>

Hampshire County Youth Band to celebrate 60 years of music on a high note

The Hampshire County Youth Band will be taking over The Anvil in Basingstoke for an exciting two-day line-up of performances on 15 and 16 April to celebrate six decades of musical performance and education in Hampshire

The Hampshire Youth Band is part of a network of 60 groups run by the County Council's Hampshire Music Service and brings together over 100 talented young musicians from across Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/16032023HampshireYouthBand60Anniversary>



Hampshire Youth Band

Spring into the Easter break with fun, food and friendship for Hampshire's vulnerable families

Hampshire County Council is funding holiday schemes for eligible children at 132 venues over the Easter break, as part of its Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme

Using the funding provided by the Department for Education, the County Council – with the support of national and local organisations – has commissioned a programme of activities and healthy meals during the school holidays, primarily for children who receive income-based free school meals during term time.

The upcoming Easter itinerary follows a successful Christmas programme, which provided holiday clubs across 125 sites with 5,637 children accessing 18,500 sessions.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230313-HAF-easter>

Keeping up momentum - County Council finances top the agenda in ministerial meeting

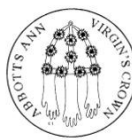
The severe financial crisis facing county councils nationally in the next few years has topped the agenda of a key meeting at Hampshire County Council with Minister for Local Government, Lee Rowley MP. At the meeting held on 16 March, Hampshire Leader, Councillor Rob Humby restated the mounting pressures facing upper tier authorities across the country and highlighted the unprecedented challenges faced by Hampshire County Council in future years – with a forecast budget shortfall of £132million by April 2025.

High praise for Hampshire's social workers following Ofsted visit

Hampshire County Council's child and family social workers are 'knowledgeable, confident and child-centred' and ensure that children have a 'meaningful voice' in decisions about their care. This is one of many positive findings highlighted by Ofsted, following a focused visit to Hampshire Children's Services. Local Authorities are required to undergo Ofsted inspections every three years, with a focused visit or Joint Targeted Area Inspection in the intervening two years. A visit was most recently undertaken to Hampshire Children's Services on 31 January and 1 February 2023, focusing specifically on children in care.

Cllr [David Drew](#)

[Test Valley Central Division, HCC](#)



APPENDIX B

Date: 03/04/2023

Abbotts Ann Parish Council

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Time: 09:09

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/03/2023
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	31/03/2023		53,917.11
			0.00
			<u>53,917.11</u>
<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			0.00
			<u>53,917.11</u>
<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			0.00
			<u>53,917.11</u>
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	53,917.11
		Difference is :-	0.00