MONXTON PARISH COUNCIL 26 JANUARY @ 7.30 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minute Ref	Agenda Item
001/26	Attendance & Apologies for Absence Attendees: Cllr Mike Cleugh – Chair, Cllr Hugh Corroon – Vice Chair, Cllr Cathy Barbone, Cllr Rupert Staines, Cllr Sussane Hasselmann (TVBC), Karen Nadin – Clerk/RFO Apologies: Cllr Chris Donnelly (HCC), Cllr Maureen Flood (TVBC), Michelle Penn (TVBC Community Engagement Officer)
002/26	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest reported.
003/26	Members of the Public There were no members of the public present.
004/26	Approval of Previous Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 27 October 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
005/26	Update on Actions from Previous Minutes • Financial Regs – these have now been updated accordingly and it was agreed to officially adopt the Regulations. • Village noticeboard – this has now been added to the Monxton PC asset register with a value of £1500. • Village Hall website – work on new website is ongoing. Clerk has added a village hall page to the PC website with basic information and link to booking pages for the time being. • Precept 2026/27 – Clerk advised TVBC of precept requirement on 13 January – rise of 10% to £9680 as agreed at October 2025 meeting. Payments will be made in April and September 2026. • Lengthsman Cost 2026/27 - Cllr Barbone advised small increase (approx. £80) from 2025/26 – 2026/27 rate will be £1653.75 excl VAT
006/26	District Councillor Report January update has been published on PC website and linked here ..\..\District & Borough Newsletters\Borough Councillor Report January 2026.pdf • Local Government Reorganisation – public consultation has now concluded and final decision is expected from national government by the end of March. • Hampshire elections will be going ahead this year. Mayoral elections delayed until 2028. • The Police & Crime Commissioner is meeting with local MP's to discuss the amalgamation of councils and the potential merging of police forces. Cllr Hasselmann will provide update to future meeting. • Local plan - discussions ongoing with regard to the finalisation of new housing locations. TVBC emphasising need to have sustainable applications. Draft 19 will be out for consultation early summer. Cllr Cleugh reported that he had received an invitation for a

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	councillor to join a Working Group that has been set up to discuss the implications of the local plan specifically in relation to infrastructure and transport if any councillor interested in volunteering to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
007/26	County Councillor Report Cllr Donnelly had sent apologies for the meeting. However, his latest update can be found on the PC website and linked here ..\..\District & Borough Newsletters\HCC announcements January 2026.pdf
008/26	TVBC Community Engagement Officer Report Michelle Penn had sent apologies for this meeting – nothing to report.
009/26	Village Hall Upate Cllr Cleugh provided village hall update:- • New noticeboard had been installed thanks to a donation from a local business • Bookings are good and finances are healthy enabling new storage and partitioning screens to be purchased • Coffee mornings are proving popular with donations raising over £1100 to date • Exterior window and solar panel cleaning will take place this month
010/26	Clerk's Update • Assertion 10 will be an additional part of the 2025/26 AGAR – this covers a council's ability to evidence proper practices around digital and data compliance. Clerk is currently working through NALC guidance to ensure all required policies and procedures are in place. • Councillor Vacancy – vacancy advertised on noticeboard and website – no expressions of interest to date.
011/26	Financial Update Current financial situation was noted and Cllr Barbone checked bank statements and signed the bank reconciliation. Balance in bank accounts totals £3996.83 as at 25 Jan 2026 Anticipated remaining expenditure for 2025/26 is £1156.69 Anticipated remaining income for 2026/26 is £104.99 Anticipated balance at end of 2025/26 is £2945 The following payments were approved:- • Sale Tre/Luke Rose Architects - £3360 - retrospective (reimbursed by v.hall) • Clerk's salary incl HMRC x 3 months (Feb/Mar/Apr) - £803.25 • Hugo Fox PC website hosting x 3 months (Feb/Mar/Apr) - £35.97 • Lloyds Bank a/c charges x 3 months (Feb/Mar/Apr) - £12.75 • KBL Lengthsman duties April - £283.50
012/26	Environment Update Cllr Hasselmann reported that TVBC are investigating the possibility of designating Test Valley's chalk streams and rivers as a National Landscape (aka Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)

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013/26	Sunnybank, Lengthsman & Footpaths Cllr Barbone reported that the paddock stile at the back of Manor Farm will require some attention in the near future and she will liaise with landowner as necessary.
014/26	Traffic Report Software for speed camera needs retrieving from previous councillor who held this portfolio. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange**
015/26	Planning Applications Received and Updates on Previous Applications since last meeting:- 26/00057/FULLN – Prospect Lodge, Broad Road – install windows 2nd storey – expiry date 13 Feb – no objections 25/02854/LBWN – Bec House, Amport Road – retrospective – refurbishment of garden outbuilding to pool house – no objections 25/02855/FULLN – Bec House, Amport Road – retrospective – removal of timber fence and rebuild flint boundary wall – no objections Updates on applications considered at previous meeting:- 25/02446/TREEN – Brookside, Andover Road – various trees reductions, reshape & re-pollard – no objections from MPC – TVBC decision no objections 25/02507/TREEN – The Chesters, Green Lane - Liquid Amber reduce height by 4m – no objections from MPC – TVBC decision no objections
016/26	Correspondence Received • Request received from Pillhill Brook Association to display a poster in the village hall highlighting the importance of the Pillhill Brook to the villages in flows through and requesting some content specific to Monxton to add to the poster. Councillors had no objection to the poster being displayed in the village hall. **ACTION – Cllr Corroon to provide text for inclusion on the poster prior to printing.** The PBA are requesting a donation towards the cost of liability insurance for its volunteers. This will be split across the 7 x parishes that the Pillhill Brook flows through – estimated cost of £8.50 per parish. Councillors all agreed to donate. **ACTION – Clerk to arrange with PBA.** • Email had been received from a parishioner expressing concern about the lack of maintenance being undertaken on some trees/hedges around the village which were starting to encroach on the public highway. **ACTION – Cllr Barbone to investigate.**
016/26	Future Meeting Dates Monday 18 May 2026 – AGM Monday 7 September 2026 Monday 7 December 2026 Monday 8 February 2027 All meetings will take place at Monxton & Amport Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

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