

Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council

This meeting was held at 7pm on Monday 12th October 2026 at Ampfield Village Hall.

Attending: Cllr Darren Cooper, Cllr Martin Hatley, Cllr Chris Ling (**Vice-Chair**), Cllr Bryan Nanson (**Chair**), Cllr Julian Jones, Cllr Jerry Richards, Cllr Graham Roads, Cllr Julie Trotter, Cllr Sally Yalden (**TVBC Borough & HCC County Councillor** arrived at 7:29pm) Karen Cramoysan (**Clerk**), 0 Members of the Public

4947 **Apologies:**

4948 **Declarations of Interest:**

4949 **Public Participation:** None.

4950 **Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 12th September 2026 - RESOLVED:** Minutes were formally received, agreed by all Councillors as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4951 **Matters arising from the Minutes:** Already covered by agenda and appear elsewhere.

4952 **a. Report from Sally Yalden (TVBC & HCC)** Cllr Yalden's report is attached to the end of these minutes.

b. Report from Committee and Portfolio Holders: Nothing to report.

4953 **Financial Matters**

a. Bank reconciliation – RESOLVED: The Council received the Bank Reconciliation to the end of September 2026.

Bank		Earmarked Reserves	
TSB Current A/c	£3,404.68	Recreation Ground	£20,950.00
TSB Business A/c	£90,903.74	General & Contingency Reserve	£17,000.00
Nationwide at 31/03/2026	£67,248.84	Election reserve	£4,000.00
Total cash	£161,557.26	Capital Replacement Reserve	£12,000.00
		PPE for Ampfield Neighbours reserve	£285.02
		Allotments: refundable deposits	£1,100.00
		Morleys Green Commuted Reserve	£43,777.82
less reserves	£129,187.84	Morleys Green Ground Rent	£30,075.00
Working Capital	£32,369.42	Total Earmarked Reserves	£129,187.84

b. To Authorise accounts for payment – Nothing to authorise

c. To Ratify Income & Expenditure from the Current Account to 30th September 2026.

Date	Supplier / Customer	Receipt	Payment	Balance
01/09/2026	Opening balance b/fwd			6856.41
02/09/2026	BDO LLP		504.00	6,352.41
02/09/2026	Amazon		37.28	6,315.13
03/09/2026	Printerland		79.00	6,236.13
07/09/2026	UK Debt Mgmt Office		3,016.65	3,219.48
15/09/2026	TVBC		407.28	2,812.20
15/09/2026	TVBC		192.77	2,619.43
16/09/2026	E.ON NEXT LTD		36.26	2,583.17
17/09/2026	Microsoft Ltd		28.98	2,554.19
17/09/2026	Lockerley Stone	159.00		2,713.19
21/09/2026	TVBC Precept 2 nd Instalment	24,579.96		27,293.15
22/09/2026	HugoFox Ltd		11.99	27,281.16
22/09/2026	Pavilion Hirer	120.00		27,401.16
28/09/2026	Hampshire County Council	349.00		27,750.16

28/09/2026	County Locksmiths	63.05	27,687.11
28/09/2026	J N Landscapes Ltd	1,846.20	25,840.91
28/09/2026	J N Landscapes Ltd	2,006.40	23,834.51
28/09/2026	Cllr Martin Hatley	1,440.00	22,394.51
28/09/2026	Wendage KLG Ltd	300.00	22,094.51
28/09/2026	TFR to Business A/c	18,000.00	4,094.51
29/09/2026	ID Mobile	8.00	4,086.51
29/09/2026	Allotment plot holder	60.00	4,146.51
29/09/2026	Allotment plot holder	60.00	4,206.51
29/09/2026	Allotment plot holder	60.00	4,266.51
29/09/2026	Allotment plot holder	60.00	4,326.51
29/09/2026	Clerk Salary	921.83	3,404.68

Business Account transactions to 30th September 2026.

Date	Supplier / Customer	Receipt	Payment	Balance
01/09/2026	Opening balance b/fwd			72811
10/09/2026	Bank Interest	92.74		72,903.74
28/09/2026	Tfr from Current Account	18,000.00		90,903.74

- d. Income and anticipated expenditure: RESOLVED:** Councillors were shown the current expenditure against budget. Cllrs Nanson and Ling updated Councillors about the Morleys Green commuted reserve funds and what the current spend was.

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Policy

- Resilience Plan: RESOLVED:** The Resilience workshop has been reconvened for Thursday 22nd October at 10am in the Village Hall, anyone who wants to attend is welcome.
- To Review & Agree Insurance Renewal Quote: RESOLVED:** The Insurance policy quote from Zurich was accepted by all Councillors on a 3-year long-term agreement at the price of £2,888.17. Clerk to speak to Zurich to ask if there are any clauses in the LTA if claims are made within the first year.
- To Review and Adopt Social Media Policy: RESOLVED** All Councillors approved and adopted the new Social Media policy.

*** Cllr Yalden left at 7:42pm ***

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Community & Environment

- Chapel Wood: RESOLVED:** Cllr Roads advised that the projects on their list for this year are moving along swiftly. As the water in the pond has been so low, it has been an ideal time to clear the pond from weeds and debris and they think they've located a natural spring which they've also cleared around. The tree surgeon has been contacted about the broken branch.

There are still 3 more signposts to install.

TVBC have accepted our Grant request to replace the bench dedicated to American Air Serviceman and the money is due into the bank any day now. Bench has been ordered. The Parish Council thanks Cllr Yalden for authorising this out of her Councillor Community Grant Fund.

- War Memorial:** Nothing to report.
Cllr Hatley asked for an item on the November agenda to look at who owns the land around the War Memorial.
- Burial Ground: RESOLVED:** Cllr Roads has asked JN Landscapes to look at the problem bracken in the crucifix and will ask them to also quote for the reseeding of the bracken area at the rear of the Burial Ground along with TVBC.

Cllr Nanson reported that the bench dedicated to ex Parish Council Chair, Joan Cornwell is coming to the end of its life and asked Councillors their views on if we replace this. After a lengthy discussion, it was **AGREED**: that Cllr Hatley would try to approach the benefactor of Joan Cornwell's estate to see if they would be interested in replacing the bench.

This also brought up the subject of other benches within the Parish and their condition as the Parish Council does not have the funds to replace these. Cllr Hatley carried out a bench audit recently as to the locations, and the Clerk will check these against the Asset Register. An item about this will be on the November agenda.

d. Highways

- i) **A3090 Crossing progress** – Nothing to report, still no contact from TVBC.
- ii) **Broken Bench on A3090 by Green Pond Lane - RESOLVED**: The HCC Councillor Grant has been accepted, money received into our bank account and bench has been ordered. The Parish Council thanks Cllr Sally Yalden for authorising this.
- iii) **Speedwatch**: Ian Case sent in some statistics on speeding vehicles from May to October. This was presented to Councillors. Item to go on Nov agenda.

e. Morleys Green

- i) **Freehold Matters – RESOLVED**: Correspondence is ongoing via our Solicitors.
- ii) **Community Orchard** – Cllr Trotter advised that she would chase JN Landscapes for a date when the new trees will be planted.
- iii) **Fencing - RESOLVED**: Cllr Nanson advised that Cllr Hatley has ordered 25 fence posts from Mole Valley and will collect them.
- iv) **Footpath wear – RESOLVED**: Cllr Hatley met with Mark Hughes from Highbridge Engineering to find a suitable solution and has been quoted for the pathway to be tarmacked. Councillors decided that this was expensive and didn't want tarmac and asked for the Clerk to contact Hiltingbury Garden Services for a quote for the area to be paved.

f. Allotment Plots

- i) **Renewals** – Clerk advised that there is currently one plot vacant, but there is someone on the waiting list. All but 2 people have paid their renewal invoice and Clerk will chase these.

g. Telephone Kiosk: Cllr Trotter advised that the black panel has now been fixed onto the back of the box. The box has been cleaned and swept. Next jobs will be for the crowns to be painted gold and a shelf put in. Cllr Trotter thanked Cllrs Ling and Richards for their hard work.

h. Village Hall– Cllr Hatley advised that the new projector has been purchased and installed into the main hall. The old projector is being used in the committee room. Nothing has progressed further regarding the Village Hall wish list due to Trevor Easterbrook still being ill.

j. Recreation Ground / Pavilion:

- i) **Solar Panels: RESOLVED**: Cllr Ling went through his presentation on how much power has been saved by having the solar panels. The second export payment has been requested but not yet received.
- ii) **Fire Alarm Servicing: RESOLVED**: Clerk hasn't managed to progress this any further since the last meeting. Item deferred to November.
- iii) **Playground inspection – works required - RESOLVED**: Cllr Ling advised that the stones around the perimeter of the Play Area have been cleared, the swing seat has been checked with a spirit level and is level. He has contacted Wicksteed regarding the self-closing gate mechanism and is waiting for a reply back from them. Some new bolt caps are required for the swings and Cllr Ling will sort this out.

- k. **Remembrance Sunday - RESOLVED:** Cllr Nanson advised that he will be attending the Church Service at 9:30am and then afterwards at the War Memorial at 11am. The Clerk has ordered the poppy wreath and this has been received. Cllr Hatley and Cllr Roads agreed to act as traffic marshalls for the service at the War Memorial. Cllr Roads advised that he would make sure that the flowerbeds were planted up in time for the service.

4956 **Correspondence and Communications – RESOLVED:** Clerk advised that she had received notification from a nearby resident that there had been trespassers spotted in the grounds of the former Ampfield Primary School on the evening of 9th October looking through the windows with torches. This has been happening more frequently since the Facebook post highlighted that the building was empty. This was reported to the Police at the time but the response received was that it was a Civil Matter and would not be acted upon. Cllr Nanson emailed his contact at the Diocese of Winchester on Monday 12th October and was waiting for an update from them.

4957 Next Meeting Dates: Planning Meeting – Monday 2nd November 2026 at 7:00pm.
Full Council Meeting - Monday 19th November 2026 at 7:00pm

Meeting closed at 8:57pm.

Chairman _____

Date _____

September 2026 Report from Cllr Sally Yalden (Ampfield) Test Valley Borough Councillor and Hampshire County Councillor

Planning Inspectorate appeal decisions: 3 to report: 2 dismissed and 1 withdrawn.

1. Land on the south side of Zion Road, Rosehill Business Units, Palestine. **Appeal withdrawn.**
2. Hillside Nurseries, Branches Lane (formerly land on the East Side of the Banks), The Banks, Lockerley. Enforcement appeal. **Appeal dismissed.**
3. Landfall Annexe, Chilworth. The development proposed is existing annexe to become separate dwelling. **Appeal dismissed.**

Enforcement cases: August: 12 open. 6 in Ampfield, 4 in Braishfield and 2 in Michelmersh & Timsbury part of the ward. 1 new added for Ampfield.

Councillor Community Grant – Stands at £1533.09 after recent award to Ampfield PC for a bench.

Local Government Reorganisation - There are no further updates to report on LGR at present – the simple answer is that nobody really knows what will happen next. Views remain divided between those who think it may not happen at all and those who believe it will eventually go ahead.

What we do know is that there could be a mayoral election next year, alongside the Borough Council elections. As things currently stand, there will be an election for the Ampfield and Braishfield ward of Test Valley Borough Council in May 2027.

Planning Policy – National Scheme of Delegation - From 31 October 2026, the Government is introducing a new National Scheme of Delegation across England, significantly reducing the number of planning applications that can be decided by elected Councillors. Most applications, including smaller developments of up to nine homes on sites under 0.5 hectares, will have to be determined by planning officers, regardless of local opposition. Councillors will also lose their existing right to call applications before a planning committee. Larger applications may still be considered by committee, but only where a nominated senior officer and the committee Chair or Vice-Chair agree that they warrant referral. I am deeply concerned that these changes will further weaken local democratic accountability and leave communities with even less influence over decisions affecting their villages. Test Valley Borough Council has also raised concerns with the Government about the impact on local democracy.

TVBC will consider the new arrangements for planning committees at its full council meeting on **14 October**, and I have written a question to be answered by the Planning Portfolio Holder in public about my concerns.

Planning Policy – extra meeting - I arranged a meeting with two members of the Planning Policy team who are now working on an updated Infrastructure Capacity Statement following my motion to Council last October. I have asked for this to be a live document so that it can be regularly updated as infrastructure pressures and capacity change.

We also discussed the role of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which was published in 2025. The team advised that an IDP can be a material consideration in planning decisions, although it remains a guidance document rather than carrying statutory weight.

Local Plan Update - Following the Government's withdrawal of Local Government Reorganisation for our area, TVBC has confirmed that this will not result in the previous draft Local Plan being restarted. The decision to move to the new national "Gateway" plan-making system was not solely due to LGR, but also reflected the significant increase in housing targets, the withdrawal of three proposed housing sites and the resulting inability to complete the old process by the Government's December 2026 deadline.

TVBC will therefore continue preparing a new Local Plan under the Gateway system, while retaining flexibility should the position on Local Government Reorganisation change again.

Whitenap Application - I was one of three Councillors on the Southern Area Planning Committee who voted against the Whitenap development for 920 homes, although the application was approved by the majority of the committee. The next stage will be a Reserved Matters application, which may or may not be returned to the Planning Committee. Under the new arrangements, this will depend on the relevant officer and Committee Chair agreeing that the application meets one of the required tests for referral to SAPC.

My reasons for voting against it included concerns over the reduction in affordable housing, the lack of certainty that the necessary infrastructure and proposed bridge will be delivered, and the loss of a veteran oak tree. I also had wider concerns about whether the development could be supported by the infrastructure available.

Planning Enforcement Training - The Planning Enforcement Team is facilitating three training/workshop events in October to enable Members to find out more about Enforcement does, why and the sorts of

obstacles they come across every day.

The events will all be the same so you do not need to attend each one, you can choose which date, and location will be most convenient for you.

I attended the one on the 8th of October in Romsey which was quite well attended. Thursday 15th October – 5.30pm – 7.30pm – Longstock Village Hall, Longstock Road Wednesday 21st October – 5.30pm – 7.30pm – Conference Room 1, Council Offices, Andover. Dreana Cohen should have emailed all Parish Councillors.

Test Valley Community Resilience Forum - The next Test Valley Community Resilience Forum will be held at Longstock Village Hall on Saturday 17 October, 10am–12.30pm (breakfast rolls from 9.45am). The session will cover lessons from this summer's wildfires, preparing communities for a predicted wet winter, and an update on TVBC's Community Resilience programme.

To attend, please RSVP to communityresilience@testvalley.gov.uk.

South of Romsey Town Centre regeneration - The next stage of the South of Romsey Town Centre regeneration is underway, with a tender launched to appoint a design team. The project includes proposals for a new community facility, bus station, public plaza, green space and decked car park.

The successful team is expected to start work in January 2027, with further public consultation taking place as the designs develop and before a planning application is submitted.

County Matters

County Councillor Grant Scheme - I've supported five schemes across the division so far and have £2887 remaining. I'm trying to allocate the funding proportionately across the different communities, which means there is currently around £160 available for the community of Ampfield, £1589 in North Baddesley, £195 in Braishfield and £933 in Valley Park.

Highways - The Portfolio Holder of Highways is due to visit the division on the morning of the 22nd of October. Although this report is technically for the month of September, here is an update following Full Council on the 1st of October. I have been raising concerns with Hampshire County Council about how the cumulative highways impact of new development is assessed, particularly where a number of developments may individually be considered acceptable but collectively place increasing pressure on the same roads and junctions. At last week's Full Council meeting, I asked how often Hampshire Highways had formally objected to residential planning applications over the last two financial years.

HCC confirmed that, as Local Highway Authority, it had been consulted by Test Valley Borough Council on 365 residential planning applications but had raised formal objections on highway grounds to only 12 (3.3%). Across Hampshire as a whole, HCC was consulted on 2,212 residential planning applications, including those in Test Valley, and raised formal highway objections to 51 (2.3%).

I also asked what threshold has to be reached before Highways formally object. I was told there is no fixed threshold and that each application is considered on its own merits against the Local Plan, National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other relevant planning policies and guidance. HCC must also consider whether an objection on highway grounds could be defended at a planning appeal without the authority being liable for costs.

The figures do not in themselves demonstrate that applications are being inadequately assessed, but they reinforce the question I have been pursuing about cumulative impact. An individual development may be considered acceptable in isolation, but a succession of developments using the same roads and junctions may have a very different combined effect.

I therefore asked the following supplementary question: "The new NPPF, at TR6, specifically requires consideration of reasonable future scenarios and cumulative impacts, including during construction. Has HCC changed the guidance it gives officers since TR6 came into force, and how can members see in a consultation response that those cumulative impacts have actually been assessed?"

In response, the Portfolio Holder acknowledged that concerns about the cumulative impact of development are shared more widely and confirmed that he, the Leader and Cllr Kirsty North had already arranged to meet officers in early November to look at the guidance and discuss the issue. I have been invited to be involved in those discussions.