

Minutes

Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council: Monday 08 March 2021

Held online, 7:00pm to 8:55pm

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

Chairman Bryan Nanson
Vice Chairman Graham Roads
Cllr Martin Hatley
Cllr Julian Jones
Cllr Chris Ling
Cllr Kate McCallum
Cllr Mujeeb Rahman
Cllr David Stevens
Cllr Julie Trotter

Others:

Clerk to the Council, Kate Orange

Apologies

3304. No apologies were received.

Previous Minutes

3305. The Council agreed the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 08 February 2021, and a copy was signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

3306. Any matters arising from previous Minutes were handled under the relevant agenda item.

Declarations of Interest

3307. No Member declared any pecuniary or other interest in any business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Minutes of Planning Committee

3308. The Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of 01 February 2021.

Financial Matters

3309. It was noted that Test Valley Borough Council had agreed 100% Small Business Relief on the rates for the pavilion and had refunded the rates paid in the last quarter of 2019-20. The figures would be in the accounts for March 2021.

3310. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end February 2021.*

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3311. It was agreed that the following payments should be made:

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
Belgarum Property Maintenance: 50% of charge for 2020-21 (Morleys Green)	199.89
Belgarum Property Maintenance: charge for 2021-22 (Morleys Green)	399.78
Externture: 2 x bus shelters	12,615.36
Aaron 24: pavilion boiler service	85.20
National Allotment Society	66.00
Employment costs	776.18
HMRC employment payments	13.14
Clerk: reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council	40.00
Total (including VAT)	£14,195.55

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3312. It was noted that the following payments, arising from prior resolutions of the Council, had been paid between Meetings:

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
Messenger	40.00
Wendage Pollution Control: servicing sewage treatment plant at pavilion	153.60
Direct debit: pension February payment	55.67
Total (including VAT)	£ 249.27

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3313. It was noted that the Council had received the following income:

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
Bank interest	15.86
Local Restrictions Support Grant (fixed rate, via TVBC)	476.43
Local Restrictions Support Grant (fixed rate, via TVBC)	2,001.00
Local Restrictions Support Grant (fixed rate, via TVBC)	4,000.00
ANBCC: rent	400.00
Total	£6,893.29

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3314. The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of February 2021.

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Noticeboards

3315. The Council received a report (dated 16 February 2021) from the Clerk detailing various options for noticeboards, including costs, from three different manufacturers.

3316. The Council noted that a new noticeboard for the Straight Mile would be needed to be paid for using reserves but Borough Councillor Martin Hatley would also be able to award a grant for some of the money.

3317. *It was proposed to purchase a 2-door/8 A4 sheet recycled plastic noticeboard from Greenbarnes Ltd, to include lettering and posts. The cost quoted (supply only) was £1,513.23 excluding VAT.*

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3318. *It was proposed to invite the grounds maintenance contractor for Morleys Green to quote for fitting the new noticeboard.*

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Recreation Ground and Pavilion

3319. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported on matters at the Recreation Ground and Pavilion.

- Cllr Hatley would seek advice on a suitable means of blocking the gap in the hedge through to the carpark of the White Horse.
- The new licence was with Ampfield and North Baddesley Cricket Club (ANBCC) for signing.
- ANBCC had applied to Test Valley Borough Council for a licence to sell alcohol at the pavilion. This was not problematic for Ampfield Parish Council or any hirer of the pavilion: the council would also be able to apply for a licence; and hirers would need to apply for their own events licence.
- It was noted that the Council no longer had need of the parking space at the White Horse.
- ANBCC would remove accumulated rubbish shortly.

3320. North Baddesley Football Club had enquired about the possibility of hiring the ground and pavilion for training and matches for youths. Training on Saturday mornings for 30 people, with evening matches on Sundays. There were some issues that needed to be investigated and considered, such as any impact on the cricket club, responsibilities, and cleaning of the pavilion afterwards.

3321. Cllr Ling had repaired the damaged base of a light fitting in the carpark.

3322. The council received a report from Cllr Ling on various options for bollards which could be installed to protect the carpark light fittings from impact damage. The preferred design was bolted down so that it could be easily replaced if damaged. Installation could be done in conjunction with drainage improvement, and a quotation was being sought.

3323. *It was agreed to install bollards to protect the carpark light fittings from impact damage. The cost would be up to £1,100 excluding VAT.*

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3324. *It was proposed to accept the quotation from Test Valley Borough Council dated 26 February 2021 in the sum of £2,906.92 for grounds maintenance at the recreation ground, burial ground, etc. for 2021-22.*

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3325. *It was proposed to purchase a Mitox 270LX strimmer for the cost of £249.00 including VAT.*

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3326. *It was proposed to obtain quotations for signs at the pavilion and bus shelters.*

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Chapel Wood

3327. Vice Chairman Graham Roads updated the Council on Chapel Woods.

- A working party would take place on 10 April 2021, when the “rule of six” would apply. The burial ground would be tidied and leaves cleared.
- Improvement on the community woodland area may encourage families to visit it: this included the provision of a dipping platform, and seats could be made by volunteers. It was noted that the pond was originally opened by David Bellamy.

- Climbers Way, appointed to undertake some tree work, were awaiting SSE who need to protect an electricity cable. Cllr Roads would request that Climbers Way carry out the remainder of the work prior to SSE’s visit.

3328. Vice Chairman Roads reported on the tenders received for the new dipping platform. Three tenders were received, and the lowest was from Aquascience.

3329. *It was proposed to accept the tender from Aquascience for a new dipping platform at the cost of £2,424.30 excluding VAT.*

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Highways

3330. The report on highways matters was given by Cllr Chris Ling:

- Two new bus shelters had been installed, one near to the Potters Heron and another opposite the White Horse pub.
- Chairman Bryan Nanson and Cllr Chris Ling would meet with members of Hampshire County Council’s highways team to discuss whether there is enough land to construct a pedestrian crossing point near to the junction of the A3090 with Green Pond Lane. Enough land may be available if the bus-layby is removed.
- Hampshire County Council has provided signs for some grass verges: these could be installed by the Lengthsman.

Forthcoming Meetings and Covid-19 restrictions

3331. The Council considered the timing of both the Annual Meeting of the Council, and the Annual Parish Assembly, which were scheduled to take place in May. Regulations and guidance which determine whether meetings must be virtual or in-person were taken into account; but it was noted that the guidance was under continual review and dates may need to be changed.

- The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would be on 10 May 2021.
- The Annual Parish Assembly was provisionally 17 May 2021. The publication of a newsletter before 7 May was prevented by pre-election rules.

Reports from portfolio holders

3332. Cllr Martin Hatley reported on the Village Hall.

- The management committee would move banks as the current bank had offered an incentive to close the account.
- ACHA were updating the walks booklet and this would be included on the ACHA website which was to be updated as part of the village hall’s new website project.

Borough Councillor’s Report

3333. Borough Councillor Martin Hatley reported on behalf of Test Valley Borough Council.

- The Test Valley Borough Council appointment of a new mayor would be postponed by a week due to the election.

Date of Next Meeting

3334. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 12 April 2021 at 7pm, online in accordance with current guidance from the National Association of Local Council and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Chairman

Date