

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council

This meeting was held at 7pm on Monday 14th September 2026 at Ampfield Village Hall.

Attending: Cllr Martin Hatley, Cllr Chris Ling (**Vice-Chair**), Cllr Bryan Nanson (**Chair**), Cllr Julie Trotter, Cllr Sally Yalden (**TVBC Borough & HCC County Councillor arrived at 7:53pm**)
Karen Cramoysan (**Clerk**), 2 Members of the Public

4935 Apologies: Cllr Julian Jones, Cllr Graham Roads.

4936 Declarations of Interest: New Co-opted Councillor, Cllr Cooper declared an interest in item 4943 (d) (ii) and did not take place in the discussion or decision.

4937 Public Participation: None.

4938 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13th July 2026 - RESOLVED: Minutes were formally received, agreed by all Councillors as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4939 Matters arising from the Minutes: Already covered by agenda and appear elsewhere.

4940 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.

4941 Financial Matters

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

Bank		Earmarked Reserves	
TSB Current A/c	£6,856.41	Recreation Ground	£20,950.00
TSB Business A/c	£72,811.00	General & Contingency Reserve	£17,000.00
Nationwide at 31/03/2026	£67,248.84	Election reserve	£4,000.00
Total cash	£146,916.25	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	£7,728.41	Total Earmarked Reserves	£129,187.84

b. To Authorise accounts for payment – Nothing to authorise

c. To Ratify Income & Expenditure from the Current Account 1st July to 31st August 2026.

Date	Supplier / Customer	Receipt	Payment	Balance
01/07/2026	Opening balance b/fwd			2325.4
01/07/2026	ANBCC Ampfield & North Cricket Club	550.50		2,875.90
01/07/2026	Play Inspection Co		115.80	2,760.10
06/07/2026	Speed Sign Management Ltd		331.19	2,428.91
15/07/2026	Test Valley Borough Council		407.28	2,021.63
15/07/2026	Test Valley Borough Council		192.77	1,828.86
15/07/2026	Total Refurbishment (Southern) L		270.00	1,558.86
15/07/2026	Hampshire County Council		1.20	1,557.66
15/07/2026	Cllr Martin Hatley		44.00	1,513.66
15/07/2026	Parker Bullen LLP		212.40	1,301.26
16/07/2026	Amazon		59.98	1,241.28
16/07/2026	Aaron 24		172.76	1,068.52

16/07/2026	Alexis Lane		10.00	1,058.52
16/07/2026	Alexis Lane		10.00	1,048.52
16/07/2026	Alexis Lane		10.00	1,038.52
20/07/2026	E.ON NEXT LTD		34.71	1,003.81
20/07/2026	Cllr Martin Hatley		113.39	890.42
20/07/2026	TFR	5,000.00		5,890.42
21/07/2026	Alexis Lane		30.00	5,860.42
21/07/2026	Keith Baker		30.00	5,830.42
22/07/2026	HugoFox Ltd		11.99	5,818.43
23/07/2026	HMRC		209.60	5,608.83
23/07/2026	HMRC		94.66	5,514.17
23/07/2026	HMRC		216.60	5,297.57
23/07/2026	HMRC		102.69	5,194.88
23/07/2026	HMRC		234.80	4,960.08
23/07/2026	HMRC		123.74	4,836.34
27/07/2026	ID Mobile		8.00	4,828.34
29/07/2026	CNC Window Cleaning Ltd		30.00	4,798.34
29/07/2026	CNC Window Cleaning Ltd		30.00	4,768.34
30/07/2026	Clerk		897.00	3,871.34
31/07/2026	Microsoft Ltd		141.12	3,730.22
04/08/2026	Hampshire County Council		175.08	3,555.14
05/08/2026	Parker Bullen LLP		566.40	2,988.74
11/08/2026	Nigel Guildler Ltd	455.00		3,443.74
13/08/2026	Ampfield Village Hall	188.00		3,631.74
13/08/2026	Cllr Chris Ling		34.19	3,597.55
13/08/2026	TFR	5,000.00		8,597.55
17/08/2026	Test Valley Borough Council		192.77	8,404.78
17/08/2026	Test Valley Borough Council		407.28	7,997.50
18/08/2026	E.ON NEXT LTD		34.09	7,963.41
18/08/2026	RJ Plumbing		80.00	7,883.41
22/08/2026	HugoFox Ltd		11.99	7,871.42
27/08/2026	ID Mobile		8.00	7,863.42
27/08/2026	Barbara Jerrome	225.00		8,088.42
27/08/2026	New Forest District Council		180.00	7,908.42
27/08/2026	Clerk		1,034.02	6,874.40
28/08/2026	Calor		17.99	6,856.41

Business Account transactions 1st July to 31st August 2026.

Date	Supplier / Customer	Receipt	Payment	Balance
01/07/2026	Opening balance b/fwd			71809.68
09/07/2026	VAT refund from HMRC	3,177.63		74,987.31
09/07/2026	VAT refund from HMRC	7,634.94		82,622.25
10/07/2026	Bank Interest	88.38		82,710.63
20/07/2026	Tfr to Current A/c		5,000.00	77,710.63
10/08/2026	Bank Interest	100.37		77,811.00
13/08/2026	Tfr to Current A/c		5,000.00	72,811.00

d. Income and anticipated expenditure: RESOLVED: Councillors were shown the current expenditure against budget.

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Policy

a. Councillor Co-option: RESOLVED: Two applicants, Darren Cooper and Jerry Richards applied and All Councillors **AGREED** for them both to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. They were both invited to join the rest of the meeting. The Co-option exercise is now over.

- b. **Resilience Plan: RESOLVED:** Cllr Nanson advised that the workshop scheduled for Monday 17th August at 10am did not go ahead and will be reconvened for another time.
- c. **To Note Clerk's Annual Leave w/c 21st September: RESOLVED:** Noted.
- d. **To Note the Clerk's Pay Increase of 3.3% backdated to April: RESOLVED:** Noted.
- e. **To Note the Conclusion of the AGAR: RESOLVED:** Noted by all Councillors.
- f. **To Formally Receive the Romsey Town Council Draft Neighbourhood Plan and decide if there were any comments to make: RESOLVED:** Noted by all Councillors – no comments to make.
- g. **To Review & Agree Insurance Renewal Quote: RESOLVED:** Insurance policy due for renewal on 16th October. Cllr Nanson advised that the Clerk had not received the renewal price from our current insurer and had also approached another insurance company for prices and was currently liaising with them. New Councillor Darren Cooper offered to obtain a price from the broker that he uses. Clerk will send him our renewal paperwork.

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Community & Environment

- a. **Chapel Wood: RESOLVED:** Cllr Roads sent his report to the Chair in advance of the meeting; The Friends held their AGM on 25th August; a long-term management plan has been confirmed and the programme for Working Parties for 2026-27 has been agreed. At the Working Party meeting on 5th September, as the water level was low in the pond, the Friends cleared out the tree debris and weeds from the pond. A branch has broken from the main stem of one of the trees but does not appear to be an immediate danger to the public or volunteers. Cllr Roads will ask our tree surgeon to remove the broken branch. The Parish Council **AGREED** for Councillors Roads to go ahead with getting the 4-yearly Health & Safety review of the trees done.

Cllr Yalden has agreed to the purchase of the replacement bench dedicated to the American Air Servicemen out of her TVBC Councillor Community Grant. Clerk and Cllr Hatley to progress this forward

- b. **War Memorial:** Nothing to report.
- c. **Burial Ground: RESOLVED:** Cllr Roads will ask our Grounds Maintenance contractor to look at reseeding the area where the bracken is growing. Cllr Trotter will organise the memorial for the Amelanchier tree dedicated to Geoff Wood.
 - i) To Ratify acceptance of request from resident to inter son's ashes into plot 123. **RESOLVED:** All Councillors **AGREED** that the ashes can be interred into the plot and the headstone engraved to reflect this.
 - ii) Conifers on plot 123. **RESOLVED:** These have now been removed by the burial plot owner.
- d. **Highways**
 - i) **A3090 Crossing progress** – Nothing to report.
 - ii) **Proposed Diversion of part of Footpath 16 - RESOLVED:** Councillors **supported** The applicant's proposal and agreed that the proposed route was better and would alleviate the problems experienced by the applicant.
 - iii) **Broken Bench on A3090 by Green Pond Lane - RESOLVED:** The broken bench was removed in July. Cllr Yalden has agreed that the funds for the replacement bench can come out of her HCC Councillor Grant. Clerk and Cllr Hatley to progress this forward.
- e. **Morleys Green**
 - i) **Freehold Matters – RESOLVED:** Correspondence is ongoing via our Solicitors.
 - ii) **Community Orchard –** Cllr Trotter advised that the new orchard trees will be planted in the autumn. She is awaiting a date when this will happen.

Cllr Nanson thanked Cllr Ling for his hard work during the summer keeping the new trees on Morleys Green watered.

Cllr Ling asked if the Clerk had heard anything more about the sewage plant repairs that were due this year. Clerk will email Belgarum Property Management asking for an update.

- iii) Fencing - **RESOLVED:** Cllr Nanson advised that 25 fence posts between the edge of Morleys Green and Hilliers are rotten. The Parish Council will replace these and Hilliers have offered to help with a post machine and driver when these are installed.
- iv) Footpath wear – **RESOLVED:** The footpath has worn in places and the gravel is very sparse exposing the plastic gravel grids. Cllr Hatley has met with Mark Hughes from Highbridge Engineering to find a suitable solution. In the meantime, it was **AGREED:** for Cllr Hatley to close off the footpath to the public in case this causes a hazard to the public. The item has been deferred to the October meeting.

*** Cllr Yalden arrived at 7:53pm ***

f. Allotments –

- i) Water Butts – Cllr Hatley purchased two new water butts and they are now insitu at the allotments. Cllr Hatley needs to be purchase 2 new down clips as they are missing.

g. Defibrillators: Nothing to report. This item can be removed from future agendas.

h. Telephone Kiosk: Cllr Trotter advised that there is a Working Party arranged for 1:30 on 28th September to finish off the inside of the box.

i. Village Hall– Cllr Hatley advised that nothing has progressed further regarding the Village Hall wish list due to Trevor Easterbrook being ill.

- i) Purchase of a new projector **RESOLVED:** Cllr Hatley has sourced a Optima UHZ67-W projector from Richer Sounds priced at £1249.00 which does everything we need it to do. Councillors **AGREED:** for Cllrs Hatley and Ling to progress this forward.

j. Recreation Ground / Pavilion:

- i) **To Confirm Play Area Inspection Company quote for inspection in 2027: RESOLVED:** Councillors **AGREED:** the quote for £99.50. Cllr Nanson also reminded Councillors that there were still some issues in the Recreation Ground that were highlighted in the annual inspection that still needed to be looked at.
- ii) **Solar Panels: RESOLVED:** Cllr Ling went through his presentation on how much power has been saved by having the solar panels and has requested the second payment from E.ON for power that we have exported to the grid.
- iii) **Fire Alarm Servicing: RESOLVED:** Still nothing received from Walker Fire. Cllr Cooper will give the Clerk the company details he uses at work to contact for a quote and Clerk will also contact the company that the Village Hall uses.

4944 Correspondence and Communications – RESOLVED: Cllr Nanson advised that Ian Case has contacted him regarding speeding motorcyclists being able to flip their number plates to avoid detection. This has been reported to the Police.

Cllr Ling reported graffiti on the bin to TVBC – this was cleared off very quickly by them. There is still some graffiti on the car park surface outside the Village Hall.

Clerk has received an email from Hampshire Search & Rescue thanking the Parish Council for allowing them to park their vehicles in the Pavilion car park over the weekend whilst they conducted enquiries regarding a missing Ampfield man who has now been found.

4945 Next Meeting Dates: Planning Meeting – Monday 5th October 2026 at 7:00pm.
Full Council Meeting - Monday 12th October 2026 at 7:00pm

4946 Planning Applications;

<u>26/01799/FULLS</u>	1 Ashwood Cottages, Green Lane, Ampfield Erect single storey double garage	No Objection
<u>26/01800/FULLS</u>	2 Ashwood Cottages, Green Lane, Ampfield Erect single storey double garage	No Objection
<u>26/01905/CLPS</u>	Larkspur, 23 Straight Mile, Ampfield Application for a certificate of lawfulness for proposed replacement pool heat pump	No Comment

Meeting closed at 8:46pm.

Chairman -----

Date -----

July/August 2026 Report from Cllr Sally Yalden Test Valley Borough Councillor and Hampshire County Councillor

Planning Inspectorate appeal decisions: 6 to report – 1 case allowed and 5 dismissed.

1. 93 Saddle Way, Andover. The development proposed is change of use of an existing dwellinghouse (Use Class C3) to a residential children's care home (Use Class C2) together with conversion of the integral garage to habitable accommodation. **Appeal dismissed.**
2. Larch Gables, Old Stockbridge Road. The development proposed is permission in principle for the erection of up to 3 self-build dwellings, demolition of existing outbuilding, creation of access onto Salisbury Road (A343), associated hard and soft landscaping and associated works. **Appeal dismissed.**
3. 35 Bishops Way, Andover. Appeal against a refusal to grant consent to fell a tree protected by a TPO. **Appeal dismissed.**
4. The Star and Garter, 2 High Street, Andover. The development proposed is construction of two detached coach houses with car port parking. **Appeal dismissed.**
5. Cyma House, Village St, Chilbolton. The development proposed is the erection of a dwelling house and ancillary garage and other associated works. **Appeal allowed.**
6. 19 Weyhill Gardens, Andover. Appeal against a refusal to grant consent to fell a tree protected by a TPO. **Appeal dismissed.**

Enforcement cases: **July:** 12 open alleged planning breaches in ACB. 6 in Ampfield, 5 in Braishfield and 1 in the part of Michelmersh C Timsbury in this ward. Of those there was one new entry in Ampfield. August: 14 open. 8 in Ampfield, 5 in Braishfield and 1 in Michelmersh C Timsbury part of the ward.

Councillor community grant - The grant is £1,765.75. I'm continuing to hold regular meetings with Louisa to see how we can distribute the grant between this and CAF grants. Before this report was written, the grant would have needed to have been spent before the end of the financial year, but I'm awaiting further news since last week's update on LGR.

Local Government Reorganisation - Before last week's news, I was one of seven county councillors on the cross-party Mid Hampshire member Joint committee group helping to oversee preparations for Local Government Reorganisation. Since last week's news, the meetings have been cancelled. We are still awaiting further updates from the MHCLG, and there are understandably a lot of rumours circulating about what the pause will mean. What we do now know is that elections to Test Valley Borough Council are planned to go ahead next year. I'll continue to keep you updated as we receive more clarity.

Braishfield Residents' Meeting - Over 130 people attended a meeting in July to discuss the next steps for the decision to build 60 houses in Braishfield. I gave a presentation and am including a [copy of my slides for reference](#). There is a wider question about the pace of development. TVBC's latest monitoring figures showed 1,711 homes with planning permission had yet to be built as at April 2025, including 843 in Southern Test Valley. The Borough Council has now changed direction on its Local Plan. Rather than progressing the existing plan towards Regulation 19 and examination, it will begin preparing a new-style Local Plan under the Government's new plan-making system. By comparison, neighbouring Winchester adopted its Local Plan in March and has already begun working on its next plan.

My continuing concern is the cumulative impact of development and whether sufficient consideration is being given to roads, schools, GP capacity, public transport and utilities. Individual applications may be considered separately, but residents understandably want to know how all of this development fits together and whether the necessary infrastructure will be provided alongside it.

Here is a link to Winchester City Council's approach about working with neighbouring councils. [The best way to protect the Winchester district: City council to ask Government and neighbouring councils to support a collaborative way forward for Local Plan development - Winchester City Council](#)

Planning Policy Update - I attended a Planning Policy briefing from TVBC last week covering the Government's latest planning changes and what they mean locally. In very simple terms, the new rules will mean fewer planning applications can be brought before Councillors at planning committee, with more decisions being made by officers. There are also significant changes to national planning policy and further pressure on Test Valley because of its low housing delivery figures. I was disappointed that the session didn't really address some of the wider concerns I have been raising about how we plan for growth and, in particular, whether the infrastructure is actually there to support it.

I did raise this directly, including my previous call for an Infrastructure Capacity Statement so that we have a

much clearer picture of pressures on roads, schools, health services and other infrastructure when considering future development. The Portfolio Holder acknowledged the point, which I welcomed. There is a lot more detail I want to understand, particularly around the Local Plan and how infrastructure will be assessed, so I will be asking for a separate meeting to discuss these issues further and will keep the Parish Council updated.

Speeding and motorbike noise on A3090 - I've been contacted by a number of residents about speeding on the A3090, as well as ongoing concerns about excessive noise from motorbikes. I'm now in touch with Sgt Beaumont at Romsey Police Station, who has agreed to look into the concerns and ask one of his team to see whether any further action can be taken.

County Matters

County Councillor Grant Scheme - A reminder that the County Councillor Grant Scheme is now open for applications. I've supported two schemes so far - two (and a half!) in Valley Park and one benefiting the entire division. Of my annual £5,000 budget, I currently have £3,736 remaining to allocate to applications. I'm aiming to distribute the funding proportionately based on the population of each area, which means the remaining allocation for Ampfield is approximately £520.

Final approvals are made by county officers to ensure accountability and compliance with the scheme criteria. If local groups have projects in mind, I would be very happy to discuss potential applications. There are various issues across the division.

- **Highways and Potholes**

At the full council on the 16th of July I questioned Cllr Steve Forster, Executive Member responsible for Highways, about the level of preventative road maintenance being carried out across the Baddesley Division.

The first question was:

- *The June 202c surface treatments programme identifies only one scheme for the whole of Baddesley division (Botley Road in North Baddesley) despite residents across the division continuing to report recurring potholes. Can the Member confirm whether further preventative schemes will be brought forward before winter 202c/27 and explain how sites are selected for inclusion in the programme?*

The second question was:

- *How many highways-related claims relating to pothole or road surface damage are currently outstanding and what is the average time currently being taken to determine such claims?*

I highlighted that the June surface-treatment programme identified only one scheme within the whole division, despite continuing reports from residents about recurring potholes and deteriorating road surfaces. I asked whether further preventative schemes would be brought forward before winter 2026/27 and how roads are selected for inclusion. Cllr Forster confirmed that surface treatment has recently been completed on the A27 Botley Road in North Baddesley, between the Chilworth Golf Club entrance and North Baddesley Infant School. However, **there are currently no further surface-treatment schemes planned for the Baddesley Division during this financial year.**

He explained that schemes are prioritised county-wide rather than allocated by electoral division. Decisions are based on annual road-condition surveys, previous reactive maintenance, road classification, engineers' assessments and the funding available. He also acknowledged that the County Council would like to undertake more preventative work but is constrained by the level of funding received from the Department for Transport.

I followed this with a supplementary question, pointing out that preventative maintenance is generally more cost-effective than repeatedly repairing defects and asking whether he was satisfied that Baddesley was receiving an appropriate share of preventative treatment.

In response, Cllr Forster reiterated that schemes are determined by road condition and engineers' assessments rather than by division and encouraged me to continue reporting areas of concern so that they can be inspected and prioritised where appropriate.

On a positive note, Cllr Forster has agreed to visit the division with me, which will provide an opportunity to

show him first-hand some of the roads causing the greatest concern. I would therefore welcome suggestions from Parish Councillors of particular roads or locations they feel should be included in the visit.

I supported a colleague's motion at the recent County Council Full Council meeting calling for a greater emphasis on preventative maintenance, fewer repeat repairs, longer-lasting repairs and better value for money for residents. The motion was passed, although it is still early in terms of what happens next. I remain concerned that while the motion is a positive step, we may struggle to see the meaningful change that is needed without a wider change in direction and approach to governance.