

## Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Ampfield on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015 commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT: Bryan Nanson (Chairman)  
Allan Clark, Peter Edwards, Julian Jones,  
Graham Roads, Margaret Rothwell and David Stevens

### 2250 Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Martin Hatley.

### 2251 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015, having been circulated previously, were confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### 2252 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

### 2253 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary, or code of conduct, interests.

### 2254 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

### 2255 Co-option to Council

The parishioner who had expressed interest in becoming a councillor had not yet made a formal approach. Council agreed to restart the campaign and publicise it again on notice boards and on the website. There would be no closing date and, if additional councillors were still needed later in the year, it would be included in a newsletter.

### 2256 Ampfield Recreation Ground

The first part of the sign publicising Ampfield and North Baddesley Cricket Club would be installed on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015. A planning application had been submitted

to Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) for the second part of the sign. The loose posts and the damaged arras rail had been repaired that day.

2257 Chapel Wood

Council confirmed the decision made prior to the meeting to agree to a parishioner's request for adjacent graves. Graham Roads advised that fresh estimates had been submitted by Council's tree contractor to deal with the Beech tree with crown damage and another Beech which had fallen across a path. Council agreed the quote which, at £420 exc VAT for both jobs, was about £100 less than the previous one. The Clerk would ask CH Tree Services to go ahead with the task.

2258 Financial Matters

2258.1 Accounts for payment

Graham Roads confirmed payment for Itchen Valley Trees. It was then proposed by Julian Jones, and seconded by Margaret Rothwell, that the following accounts be paid:

<b>Cheques to be signed at meeting</b>	<b>£ inc VAT</b>
Konica Minolta - copier hire	128.88
Cllr Clark - postcrete for Chapel Wood	23.90
D Matthews- June Salary	581.93
HM Revenue & Customs- June payments	152.48
Ace Liftaway - soil for Rec Ground	42.00
Itchen Valley Trees	<u>175.00</u>
	<u>1104.19</u>

**Payments made between meetings**

None

2258.2 Receipts, payments and anticipated expenditure

Receipts for May had been just over £200 the majority of which was the quarterly licence payment from the Cricket Club. The bank accounts stood at £52,610.92 of which £33,250 was in named reserves. As it was only 2 months into the financial year, and few payments had been made, less than 15% of the budget had been spent and much of that had been on the purchase of 2 defibrillators. The variance of £1404 against the purchase was due to the fact that only one machine had been budgeted for but it had been possible to buy an extra one due to local donations and the Borough Councillor's fund. These donations had been made at the end of the previous financial year. The notice advising all electors of their rights to

inspect the annual return and all related accounts, and the process by which they could do so, had been put up that day, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

#### 2258.3 Village Hall- progress with purchase of freehold

Matters continued to progress with the purchase of the freehold, albeit slowly. An independent valuation of the Hall had proved difficult to obtain, and there had been delays, but negotiations with the Women's Institute continued.

#### 2258.4 Purchase of updated Local Council Administration

The Local Council Administration book by Arnold-Baker was the definitive guide for local parishes about the laws, regulations and processes by which they were governed and through which they could act. Council did not have the current edition which had been out some time. It was agreed that the 9<sup>th</sup> edition should be purchased; this was likely to cost around £80.

#### 2259 Planning issues

Allan Clark reported that Council had been advised by TVBC of the possibility of a statutory nuisance being caused by overflow of effluent from the cesspit that served the Old Vicarage. This could result in enforcement action by TVBC and in legal processes. The cesspit was located on the Village Green area of Morleys Green which was to be leased to Ampfield Parish Council as part of the S106 agreement for the Morleys development. Concerns about this had been raised with the Perbury Group and they have been asked to provide a solution.

Discussions had taken place with a number of local residents following the planning inspector's decision to allow the appeal for a gypsy pitch to be placed on the paddock opposite the Potters Heron. Although disappointed with the outcome most parishioners were positive about the actions taken by the Parish Council. Allan Clark had written to Paul Jackson, Head of Planning & Building requesting that Ampfield Parish Council be involved in the negotiations about the conditions to be attached to the planning permission; the request had not been met. Allan Clark would, however, request additional screening to be provided. Council would continue to monitor the situation. Martin Hatley was arranging for Messrs. Clark, Nanson and Roads to meet with Caroline Nokes MP about this and wider issues surrounding gypsy & traveller sites.

Allan Clark had written to residents who had raised queries about the allocation of "affordable houses" on the Morleys development. The "affordable properties" of which there were 12 (8 for rent and 4 treated as shared equity) would be managed by Hyde Housing Group. The "affordable properties" must be ready for occupation after the 6<sup>th</sup> private exchange of contract and the remaining 8 properties after the 12<sup>th</sup> private exchange of contract. The intention was that all

“affordable properties” would be occupied by the time just over half of the estate was completed.

The application for Oakwood House, Ampfield Road would go before the Southern Area Planning Committee (SAPC) the following night, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Ampfield Parish Council Planning Committee had considered the application in February, and then again in May, and had recorded no objection. It was agreed that Allan Clark would write to SAPC to make it clear that Ampfield continued to have no objections to the application and giving reasons for their decisions.

2260 National Association of Local Councils (NALC) - affiliation

The Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) was seeking the views of Councils about the quality of the service provided by NALC and whether their affiliation to that organisation should continue. Council was unable to form a definite opinion at this stage, and would need further information, but it appreciated the provision of model documents, such as Finance Regulations and Standing orders, that NALC provided and welcomed the role they played in lobbying government on behalf of the sector. It was agreed that Bryan Nanson would write to HALC and make those points.

2261 Defibrillators

The defibrillator for the Village Hall has now been installed and was operational. The formal registration process with the Emergency Services needed to be finalised; Bryan Nanson would complete the necessary paperwork. Allan Clark would check progress with the Potters Heron.

2262 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Ampfield Parish Council would be held on Monday, 13th July 2015 at 7pm. Due to the refurbishments at the Village Hall being undertaken during the summer months it was thought unlikely that the Hall would be available for the July meeting. The Clerk would book the room at St Mark’s.

2263 Closure

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

**Chairman**.....

**Date**.....