

Minutes

Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council: Monday 11 April 2022

Held at Ampfield Village Hall, 7:00pm to 7:50pm

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

Vice Chairman Graham Roads (chairing)
Cllr Martin Hatley
Cllr Chris Ling
Cllr Kate McCallum
Cllr Julie Trotter

Others

Kate Orange, Clerk/RFO

Apologies

3649. Apologies were received from Chairman Bryan Nanson, Cllr Julian Jones, Cllr Mujeeb Rahman and Cllr David Stevens.

Previous Meeting

3650. The Council agreed the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 14 March 2022 and a copy was signed by the chair of the Meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes

3651. Any matters arising from previous Minutes were handled under the relevant agenda item.

Declarations of Interest

3652. No Member declared any pecuniary or other interest in any business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Minutes of Planning Committee

3653. The Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of 07/03/2022.

Arrangements for Spring Newsletter

3654. The spring newsletter was complete and ready for publication. There would be a final proof-read before it was sent to the printer by the Clerk. The Clerk would circulate the distribution list. The plan was to deliver newsletters to each household in the Parish by 1 May 2022.
3655. The Council thanked Cllr Kate McCallum for the work she had done in putting the newsletter together.

Financial Matters

3656. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end March 2022.*
RESOLVED
3657. *The Council received the calculation of working capital to the end of March 2022.*
RESOLVED

3658. *It was agreed that the following payments should be made:*

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
Water at ARG	41.64
AVH, Cleaning at pavilion and allotments 2021-22	776.40
AVH, hire	231.00
Aaron24 installation of two thermostats at pavilion	218.88
Staff Costs	973.61
Clerk: expenses incurred on behalf of council	48.03
Total (including VAT)	£2,289.56

RESOLVED

3659. *It was noted that the following payments had been made between Meetings:*

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
E.On electricity at pavilion	79.21
Calor standing charge	17.99
PWLB (ARG Loan)	3016.65
Staff Costs	68.55
Total (including VAT)	£3,182.40

RESOLVED

3660. *It was noted that the Council had received the following income:*

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
Interest - bank	13.13
Interest - Building society	33.84
Refundable deposit - pavilion	50.00
Total	£ 96.97

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3661. *The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of March 2021.*

RESOLVED

3662. *The Council received the Year End Summary of accounts 2021-22.*

RESOLVED

3663. *It was noted that the NJC Pay Scale had been revised with effect from 1 April 2021 and would be implemented in accordance with the Clerk's employment contract.*

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Annual Parish Assembly

3664. As previously resolved, the Annual Parish Assembly would take place on Monday 23rd May 2022. This would be noted on the head of the spring newsletter and publicised by Notices. The local PCSO could attend.

Recreation Ground

3665. Cllr Ling reported on the recreation ground:
- New timed thermostats had been fitted to the pavilion central heating, to save energy.
 - Grass mowing had commenced.
 - A repair to the outside tap was underway.
3666. Graffiti had been left on the storage containers on either 11 April or the night of 10 April. Cllr Ling was reviewing CCTV footage.

Chapel Wood

3667. Vice Chairman Graham Roads reported on Chapel Wood:
- The owners of the bench which had been installed without prior consent in Chapel Wood had agreed to remove it. They would contact the Council if they later decided to apply for permission to install the bench in a more suitable position.
 - The Friends of Chapel Wood working party on 9 April was reduced in number as many volunteers had COVID-19. They repaired the rear boundary fence and worked on clearance between the glade and woodland.
3668. *It was proposed to review the contents of the Friends of Chapel Wood medical box and PPE.*

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Freehold Purchase

3669. Cllr Ling gave a brief update on the freehold purchase of land at Morleys Green. The Clerk had not received a reply to a recent letter to the probable freehold purchaser and previous freeholders. Belgarum Property Management had received the ground rent from the leasehold properties and was holding it until it could be established who they should forward it to.

Correspondence and Communications

3670. Cllr Ling reported on the website traffic and the 20 most popular pages. This would be repeated periodically to show how the website was used by the public.
3671. It was noted that a Test Valley Borough Council had placed Tree Preservation Order 1243 on a tree on land at Pococks Roses and Little Croft, Jermyns Lane.
3672. Test Valley Borough Council reported that for the Community Governance review at Romsey Extra Parish Council/Romsey Town Council, it was now proposed to transfer part of Romsey Extra to Awbridge Parish.

Test Valley Borough Councillor's Report

3673. Cllr Martin Hatley reported, as Borough Councillor:
- Paul Jackson would retire as head of Planning on 15 April 2022. The acting head would be Jason Owen.
 - On 28 April 2022, 5pm to 9pm, Inspired Villages would be holding an exhibition on the new retirement village, Ampfield Meadows. Invitations would be sent to members of the Parish Council.

Date of Next Meeting

3674. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be the annual meeting, held on Monday 9 May 2022 at 7pm in Ampfield Village Hall.

Chairman

Date