

d. Proposed solar park at Saxley Farm. Mr. Tom Illsley of Solarcentury had written about plans to install a solar park on Saxley Farm, and the Clerk had circulated details in advance of any planning application. The Council was not inclined to discourage the proposal, but on the advice of Dr. John Moon the Clerk was instructed to write expressing concern about 1. The restoration to agricultural use on the eventual removal of the panels; 2. The possibility of continuing agricultural use, e.g. by grazing sheep between the panels and/or by sowing the land with some form of nectar mix for the benefit of bees and other insects; 3. Concerns about the visual impact being met, e.g. because of the length of time taken for any screening to grow, or about possible effects on the view from higher ground such as Danebury; 4. The need to take account of the views of the Army Air Corps at Middle Wallop. *Action*

Clerk

e. In connection with item b2 above, the Chairman summarised the lengthy, and often heated, correspondence, discussions and meetings arising from the concerns of parishioners of Monxton about flooding of their water meadows which they claimed to have resulted from unauthorised damming and diverting of the Pillhill Brook at Upper Mill House. It was now understood that the new owner of the house, Lord Tanlaw, had undertaken to replace the bridge with a single-span structure and to replace the “dam” with a V-weir. It was hoped that this would finally settle the matter, which had taken up a substantial amount of the Chairman’s and Clerk’s time.

13/88. Organisations.

a. County Councillor. The Chairman had spoken to Cllr. Gibson about the destructive hedge-cutting operation in Cattle Lane. It appeared that the highway engineers had required this in order to facilitate the movement of heavy machinery to be involved in re-surfacing part of the lane. It was not clear why it would only extend from the A343 to Mill Lane while hedges had been cut all the way to Monxton Road.

b. Borough Councillor. Cllr. G. Stallard summarised the progress of the Local Plan which was being revised to take account of the comments on the previous draft. This would be the subject of a further consultation. It was vital that the new Local Plan be completed in 2014.

Problems over the erection of sound-deadening fencing along the north side of the A303 had caused delays, but it was now hoped that the scheme, which would benefit residents of Burghclere Down, would be completed by Christmas.

Funding for projects under the Ward Councillors’ discretionary grants scheme was currently available, and the scheme had been extended to 2015.

It had been decided to appoint a part-time Town Centre Manager, to be funded by HCC, TVBC and Andover Town Council. This Council had been reluctant to contribute to the manager’s salary at its meeting of 4th April, but the Borough Council hoped that it would be prepared to consider requests to help with one-off projects.

In response to a query, Cllr. Stallard undertook to provide information about the basis on which town centre rents and rates were calculated and about the powers of the Borough Council to affect the levels. *Action Cllr Stallard*

c. Abbotts Ann Action. Mr. R. Lucas mentioned the publication on the TVBC website of comments on the draft Local Plan. With Cllr. G. Stallard, he expressed concern that recent decisions of the Planning Inspectorate at Harewood Farm and Picket Twenty seemed to indicate that Government policy had become far less protective of the open countryside than before. In connection with SHLAAs (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments) Mr. Lucas and Cllr Stallard reminded the Council that there were 11 such sites in Abbotts Ann, the major one being for 2,000 dwellings on Little Park, now to be known as “Little Bridge.”

Mr. Lucas mentioned that they were looking into the question whether professional representation might be required in conjunction with other parishes.

d. Abbots Ann Vision. Mr. Lucas reported that the opinion-gathering stage of discussion groups and other enquiries was almost complete, and had shown a high level of community spirit and appreciation of the character of the Parish; a number of issues causing concern for the future had also been highlighted. The next stages would be the collation of the results of the enquiries, leading in time to the preparation of a report to the Parish Council and/or to a public meeting and to work on action plans.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the whole community for the work of Mr. Lucas on behalf of the Parish and congratulated him on the well-deserved award of the Hibbert Cup for outstanding voluntary service to the village.

e. AAGA. Mrs. W. Davis reported on the continuing activities of AAGA, and distributed preliminary proofs of a promotional leaflet.

It was resolved to provide financial assistance towards the printing of the finalised leaflet.

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The date for the 2013 Apple Day was Sunday 20th October. The Chairman and Cllr. R. Bone assured the meeting that plans for the completion of the Apple Press by that date were under way.

f. Burghclere Down. Mrs. L. Stockings commented on the correspondence, circulated by the Clerk, with a resident of Burghclere Down, which highlighted the problems of communication and integration with the rest of the Parish. It was clear that the majority of residents were unaware of, or uninterested in, Parish affairs; it was more logical for the area to be incorporated into Andover Town. Cllr Stallard stated that there was no prospect of a boundary review before the 2015 elections. He also reminded the Council that Burghclere Down provided 37% of the Parish precept.

Dog-fouling problems continued. Cllr. Stallard pointed out that offenders could be reported, especially if incidents occurred on a regular basis.

There was a need for new chairs for the Community Centre, preferably of a similar design to those used in the War Memorial Hall. The Council agreed to consider contributing to the cost. Cllr Stallard undertook to advise on sourcing and funding.

Action Cllr Stallard

g. Fete Committee. The Vice-chairman reported that the Fete had been as successful as any preceding year. The Chairman expressed the appreciation of the Council of the contribution of the Committee and the many volunteers who had worked extremely hard to maintain the high standard of the Fete.

h. War Memorial Hall. Cllr. G. Stallard reported on the record-breaking sale of 2000 tickets for the raffle at the Fete. The new Village Directory was in preparation. Plans for the internal alterations to the Hall were on schedule, and a public presentation was planned for 13th November.

13/89. Finance.

a. **It was resolved** to approve the following payments:

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Cheque No	768	Gillett & Johnston	£256.80
“	769	Enham (July)	£220.04
“	770	Adminstration	£716.59
“	771	Enham (August)	£231.03
“	772	BDO LLP: Audit Fee	£240.00
“	773	Andover Garden Machinery	£163.82
“	774	B. Sims: Fuel	£ 24.00
“	775	T.C.Hook	£190.00

b. Audit. The Clerk reported that the Audit had been completed by BDO at a reduced cost. The auditor had enquired about the size of the funds in reserve, but was satisfied that these were held against future commitments in connection with the Recreation Ground, the War Memorial Hall and the Pavilion.

c. Budget. The Clerk reminded Councillors that, at the October meeting, he would be asking for their suggestions for items of expenditure to be included in the budget for the year 2014-15. *Action All*

d. Countryside Access. HCC had confirmed that funding would continue to be available for small projects connected with access to the countryside.

13/90. Correspondence.

a. Visitors to meetings. It was suggested that Mrs. Hall, Head Teacher of the Primary School, be invited to a meeting in the near future. *Action Clerk*

b. Traffic calming. Mr. Nightingale, TVBC Traffic Engineer had requested comments on the effectiveness of the build-outs by the Primary School. Cllr. S. Oram considered them to have made matters worse; the remainder of those present considered that they were beneficial in their immediate vicinity, but had not affected traffic further towards the centre of the village. The Chairman was strongly in favour of more build-outs. The Clerk would be in touch with Mr. Nightingale shortly. *Action Clerk*

c. The Chairman of Monxton Parish Council had asked whether we would wish to have a share in a Speed Warning Sign. Councillors were doubtful whether the amount of administrative and practical attention required would be justified, but instructed the Clerk to indicate interest and request further details. *Action Clerk*

d. WWI Commemoration. HCC was encouraging local communities to mark the anniversary of the outbreak of World War I in 2014 by means of ceremonies or other projects, and was offering some funding. The Clerk had replied to the effect that this Parish was intending to mark the occasion. Cllr. S. Oram had undertaken to liaise on plans with the Memorial Hall Committee and others. *Action Cllr. Oram*

13/91. Other Business.

a. Roads and Hedges. Following the events mentioned in 13/88a above, the Chairman was intending to arrange a meeting with Cllr Gibson and highway engineers to discuss the state of Cattle Lane and other enduring problems. *Action Chairman*

b. Manor Close Field. The Chairman had received, and passed to Mr. Allen of HCC, a letter from Mr. D. Wells confirming that the application for registration of the field as a Village Green would be withdrawn on completion of the lease.

Mr. Allen confirmed that HCC Legal Department was sending the draft lease to the Council's solicitors before the end of the current week.

It was agreed that plans be made for a ceremony to mark the acquisition of the field. Councillors were asked for suggestions for a celebration. *Action All*

c. St. Mary's Church. Cllr. Oram drew attention to the financial and other difficulties facing the PCC and congregation of the Parish Church, but it was understood that this Council had no powers to offer assistance.

d. RAF Andover. Cllr. Paffett drew attention to the lack of progress in provision of a monument commemorating the RAF base. Cllr. Stallard had information that Goodman, the developers, had set aside funds for art-work and undertook to make further enquiries. *Action Cllr Stallard*

13/92. Next Meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for 3rd October.

The Meeting closed at 9.12 p.m

Signed Date