

Minutes of the Ampport Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th January 2023, 7.30pm at East Cholderton Scout Hall.

Present: Cllr C Harris – Chairman, Cllr S Coke-Vice Chairman, Cllr A Montagu, Cllr Mrs T Hawkings-Byass, Cllr O Vincent, Cllr Mrs D Stephenson, & Cllr P Waller.

Also present

Heather Bourner – Parish Clerk
HCC Chris Donnelly
1 Members of the Public

1 Apologies:

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mrs S Baker, Cllr P Harvey & TVBC Mrs M Flood.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest. All Councillors confirmed there were no amendments required to register of interest forms.

3 Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

4 Minutes of previous meetings & matters arising

Resolved: The minutes of the meetings held on 14th November were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Coke seconded Cllr Hawkings-Byass. All in favour.

5 Specific reports

Principle & Process-Cllr Coke said the final point of the audit review to address was a review of assets. The Clerk agreed she would do this at the end of the financial year.

The Fen & Green- Cllr Harris said in early December a team had cut back a large rotting tree in the fen and tidied up the beech tree on the green that was damaged last year in Storm Eunice. This work has improved the appearance of the green and fen.

He also said the goal areas of the Village Green need to be resurfaced when the weather improves.

Play Area -Cllr Harvey was not present.

Footpaths- Cllr Montagu had nothing to report.

Communications & School Liaison – Cllr Baker was not present but had sent a report which had been circulated.

Projects-Cllr Harris reported the BT box is now in a very poor state of repair. Cllr Hawkings-Byass will make contact with BT to establish how these repairs can be implemented.

Neighbourhood Plan- Cllr Stephenson reported she had met with the consultant regarding the Neighbourhood Plan when she had reviewed Parish Online which provides a huge amount of information about the parish. She said it is possible to add information relating to items in the parish such as the location of dog waste bins or defibrillators. Maps created from this tool will be published as part of the planning process.

The consultant has arranged for a leaflet drop to take place in the parish. Those carrying out the work will also take photographs for use in the plan. Details will be advertised on social media to let residents know when this is happening.

Highways – Cllr Vincent has considered the Hampshire Highways speed awareness signs policy document and also reviewed plans from another Parish for ideas. He has identified a couple of potential sites in Ampport but needs more. Cllr Stephenson suggested a review of Parish Online would show where road traffic incidents have arisen in the past which could provide assistance in identifying sites.

Several reports regarding potholes have been highlighted to the Parish Council. Details of location with a photograph should be sent to Cllr Vincent who will report these on the HCC website.

Young Persons Matters- Cllr Vincent had nothing to report.

Resilience Plan-Cllr Waller confirmed draft five of the resilience plan had now been prepared. He believes this needs to be published in order that parishioners can comment. The possibility of combining a leaflet drop combined with the Neighbourhood Plan was discussed. Cllr Waller will discuss this with Cllr Stephenson.

6 Southern Water over pumping & water quality

Southern Water (SW) have now completed the Tubogel lining of private sewer pipes in Kimpton and will now move on to the Parish of Fyfield. Work to complete the relining of both public and private sewers in the area will continue and is expected to be complete by the end of 2023. Currently groundwater is now rising and various new methods of monitoring this have been installed which will provide clearer details of infiltration. However, it is clear, under current conditions, that tankers will need to be deployed. It is also possible that treated water will be pumped into the Pillhill Brook. Southern Water will continue to meet with the Parish Council PPF group on a regular basis.

7 Defibrillators in the parish

The Clerk reported she had been contacted by the new owners of Rosebourne who are keen to have a defibrillator at the site and would like to work with the Parish Council to achieve this.

Cllr Harris reported that he had spoken to the manager of the Hawk regarding the defibrillator based there. They have agreed to continue to monitor the machine however new pads and a battery are required which the Parish Council will pay for.

Cllr Baker was currently researching further defibrillators for the parish perhaps at the school and church. It was agreed the Clerk will discuss the way forward with Cllr Baker. The parish council agreed in principle to make a contribution toward the cost of a machine at Rosebourne provided it is available at all times for public use.

8 Feed back on projects

Cllr Harvey was not present but had email a reported on a successful bulb planting event. Bulbs were planted on the Village Green with help from children from Amport School and other villagers.

9 Amport House, revised planning application

Another Place advises that it has supplied a document to TVBC showing its planned use and monitoring of water, which is available on the planning portal. TVBC Cllr Flood has spoken to the planning officer who confirmed information from Natural England concerning the Nitrate Neutrality issue is still outstanding. It is hoped the application will go before the Northern Area Planning Committee soon, possibly in February.

10 Litter on A303 slip road

Cllr Harris reported Thruxton Parish Council recently approached Amport Parish Council for assistance in litter-picking on the west side slip road on and off the A303. A Thruxton resident picks up litter on the east side slip road, which is in Thruxton Parish. HCC highways are arranging for its contractor to pick up litter in this area shortly so the situation will be monitored.

11 Village Shop

Cllr Stephenson reported she had spoken to the chief executive of the Hawk Conservancy regarding the idea of setting up a small community shop at the site. This was a positive conversation and some further research will be carried out.

While on site Cllr Stephenson discussed further plans for the site which included upgrading the car park, building a new office block and possibly an indoor flying arena. Finally, she noted the café on site is open even when the bird attractions are closed and visitors can always access this without visiting the other attractions. It is a lovely warm space selling excellent food and drinks and locals are encouraged to use it.

12 Clerks report

The Clerk reported as follows-

New benches and a new notice board have all now arrived and been installed.

Notices regarding school admissions in 2023 had been posted to boards

Prices for the emptying of dog waste bins have increased by £17.82 per bin per year.

TVBC planning enforcement and Aster Housing are working together to ensure all rules are followed with regard to the removal of trees and installation of a driveway at 1 Mount Pleasant.

The S106 payment regarding the disabled swing has now been received.

Parish Council elections will take place in May 2023. Individuals will be responsible for completing nomination papers which have to be hand delivered although delivery can be by a third party. Full details will be provided by the Clerk shortly. The Clerk agreed to deliver papers on behalf of any current Councillors who wish to stand for election.

Anyone wishing to vote in person from May 23 will have to provide photographic ID. TVBC have produced a list of acceptable forms of ID but recognise there will be some who need a document specifically for this purpose. Details of how this can be obtained will be provided to Parish Councils to publish shortly.

15 Finance

The bank balance as 31/12/2022 was as follows:

Lloyds treasurers £14805.86

Lloyds deposit £15960.95

Payments

Resolved: that the following payments be approved,

H Bourner salary	£387.04
HMRC	£96.80
H Bourner exp.	£43.19
Kinex	£13.25
Noticeboard Company	£936.00

Retrospective

Branson Street Furniture	£728.40
Kinex	£12.79
Parish Online	£97.20
Green Flints	£889.05
Peter Harvey	£38.97
Business stream	£18.49
2 nd Andover Sea Scouts	£160.00

14 Borough & County Councillor Reports.

HCC Chris Donnelly highlighted the method of reporting potholes, details will be provided in his next report and the Clerk will highlight this on the website.

He highlighted a recent problem with theft of drain covers in the area. If anyone sees this the issue can be reported to HCC by following this link [Report a problem | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/report-a-problem)

Finally, he reported any item of soft furnishing with cushions now had to be disposed of separately, and a separate bin has been provided at Hampshire Waste sites

TVBC Maureen Flood was not present but has sent a report which can be seen at appendix 1.

15 Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

22/02747/TREEN- tree works, The Cottage on the Green-no objection

22/02732/FULL change of use to form residential accommodation, Briarwood, First Floor Flat, Amesbury Road- permission

22/02777/TREEN tree works, 2 Lindisfarne, Monxton Road-no objection

22/02809/TREEN pollard willow tree, Strangford, Monxton Road- no objection

21/03625/FULLN-single storey extension & replacement front door, Meadowside, Wiremead Lane-appeal

22/02376/FULLN- dormer windows and internal works, Sheppards Almshouse- permission

Resolved: that the planning advisory committee's approval on the following applications were endorsed:

22/03064/TPON-tree works Red Kite House, The Limes- no objections

22/03118/LBWN- repairs to walls Ampert Primary School-no objections

22/03143/LBWN-replacement window, Kingsley Cottage-no objections

16 Correspondence

Nothing not already discussed

17 New Items for next agenda

Presentation regarding improved signage in parish

18 Community News

Cllr Vincent confirmed plans to rebuild the Village Hall were progressing well. Some concerns raised by a parishioner will be forwarded to the chairman of Monxton Parish Council

20 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th February 2023, 7.30pm at 2nd Andover Sea Scout Hall, East Cholderton.

Appendix 1

Test Valley Borough Councillor - Maureen Flood - January 2023

TVBC – Cost of Living Support Hub

Test Valley Borough Council's Cost of Living Grant scheme increases to £100,000

The Cost-of-Living Grant scheme, set up by Test Valley Borough Council, has doubled its budget. Originally launched with £50,000, the local authority now has an additional £50,000 to distribute to groups, not -for-profit organisations and charities to help residents with the rising cost of living. Since being set up at the end of September, nearly £35,000 has been awarded to 29 organisations. The grants will allow organisations such as foodbanks, charities or parish councils. This style-scheme worked extremely well during Covid - and was designed to be flexible with minimal paperwork.

For more information about the Test Valley Borough Council **Cost of Living Grant** visit:

www.testvalley.gov.uk/costoflivinggrantscheme

New Andover Health Hub pilot for town centre NHS services

The former covid vaccination centre in the Chantry Centre has reopened its doors as the Andover Health Hub. The hub, based in the same Chantry Centre unit as the former Covid vaccination centre, will primarily be carrying out routine health checks on behalf of the five Andover GP practices. It will also enable residents to pop in for blood pressure checks in a bid to help prevent and diagnose conditions early

Residents are still able to get their covid vaccinations, The hub is also offering NHS health checks to anyone aged between 40 and 74 years old with no pre-existing conditions

The unit will be open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Patients will receive an invitation from their GP Practice to book an appointment. People can also pop in to the hub to check if they are eligible and book an appointment.

Please be aware that there are no GPs on site, nor it is designed to treat minor injuries or anyone needing A&E services

The Unit is part-funded using money TVBC has secured from the government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).