



## Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm in Awbridge Village Hall

#### Present:

Cllr Kelly Seymour (KS)  
Cllr Tony Byrne (TB)  
Cllr Gordon Piper (GP)  
Cllr Peter Allen (PA)  
Cllr Christopher Wheeler (CW)

#### Apologies:

Cllr Janet Whiteley (JW)  
Cllr Nick Adams-King  
Cllr Grahame Jackson (GJ)

#### In attendance:

Tracy Sansome (Clerk) and 17 members of the public

### PROCEDURAL ITEMS

#### 1. Welcome

Chairman Cllr Kelly Seymour welcomed all and thanked those for attending. She also reminded the meeting that any points raised by the public in respect of the planning application must be made in the open period and item 12 on the agenda is for the parish council to consider.

#### 2. Apologies

Were noted from GJ, JW and N A-K

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

None noted.

#### 4. Public Observations/questions on Agenda Items

Several questions were raised by members of the public with respect to the planning application cited in item 12. Concerns were the viability of a new pre-school, traffic issues with inadequate resources to mitigate current difficulties with road traffic. The sizes and prices of the potential new homes were regarded by some as unsuitable and not designed to help lower income families. Flood issues were also raised as a concern. Mr C Lees from Alfred Homes responded with some references to solutions for example, soakaways are built into plans, pre-school was supported by some people through an earlier consultation and traffic management has been considered.

#### 5. Clerk Report and Correspondence

Acknowledged

## 6. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> October and amended minutes from 11<sup>th</sup> September were signed by Cllr K Seymour as final and correct. Proposed by Cllr T Byrne and seconded by Cllr C Wheeler. **RESOLVED**

## 7. Governance

Dates for meetings through 2026 were discussed and agreed. The Annual Parish Assembly to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 **RESOLVED**

## 8. Financial and Administrative

8.1 Invoices were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr P Allen and seconded by Cllr C Wheeler. **RESOLVED**

8.2 Bank reconciliation to bank statements were agreed and signed by Cllr T Byrne.

## 9. Lengthsman

It was agreed that cleaning of the village road signs would be requested for January 2026. It was agreed that Cllr G Piper would contact Maine Garden Services about regular mowing of grass around the memorial. **RESOLVED**

## 10. Grant Allocations

10.1 Rev T Benson spoke to the meeting and thanked the parish council for the defib that was recently given to All Saints Church. He explained the position of the church within the community and how grants were being requested for various projects within the church including the maintenance and repairs as well as general improvements. The Parish Council responded by explaining that whilst our CIL monies can be used for projects which benefit the community – CIL funds cannot be used for general maintenance and restoration which must remain the responsibility of the church. The clerk agreed to email Grant Application forms to the church for future requests for consideration.

10.2 The PC confirmed that earmarked funds for the village hall can be allocated to both playground and new buildings as chosen by the village hall association.

## 11. Maintenance

11.1 AA Hughes have scheduled the maintenance of village noticeboards for April 2026.

11.2 After discussion – it was unanimously agreed to spend the last of the monies that ADVA collected to finish off the War Memorial with a new bench and silhouettes. Cllr G Piper to arrange. It was also suggested that a QR Code plaque be part of the works which would allow visitors to scan and look up the history of the War Memorial.

## 12. Planning

<b>APPLICATION NUMBER:</b>	25/02588/FULLS
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	Erection of 38 residential dwellings and Pre-School, with associated access, landscaping and parking
<b>SITE:</b>	Land North Of Romsey Road, Romsey Road, Awbridge, Romsey

The Parish Council discussed several varied concerns. They included:

Inappropriateness of Proposed Pre-school

Inadequate affordable and social housing

Traffic and Accessibility concerns

Over development of Awbridge Village

Biodiversity and Environment concerns

The council unanimously proposed to object to this application on the above grounds. The clerk to put together the objection plan for submission to TVBC. Proposed by Cllr P Allen and seconded by Cllr G Piper. **RESOLVED**

### **13. Speed Signs**

The clerk updated the meeting to advise that we are expecting the information from HCC to site the posts very shortly. We can then move to purchasing the equipment.

**Closure of Meeting 9pm**

**Date of next full council meeting is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Tracy Sansome**

**Clerk/RFO**

