

Minutes

Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council: Monday 14 November 2022

Held at Ampfield Village Hall, 7:00pm to 8:50pm

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

Chairman Bryan Nanson
Vice Chairman Graham Roads
Cllr Martin Hatley
Cllr Julian Jones
Cllr Chris Ling
Cllr Kate McCallum
Cllr Julie Trotter

Others

Kate Orange, Clerk/RFO

Apologies

3811. No Apologies were received.

Previous Meeting

3812. The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 10 October 2022 agreed and a copy was signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

3813. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported that the informal meeting with Inspired Villages, to discuss provision of public-access defibrillators in the south of the parish, was deferred to 17 November 2022 (Minute 3809). Any other matters arising from previous Minutes were handled under the relevant agenda item.

Declarations of Interest

3814. Cllr Julie Trotter declared a financial interest in Minutes 3838 and 3839 and did not take part in the discussion or voting on the matter.
3815. Except as recorded in Minute 3814, no Member declared any pecuniary or other interest in any business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Minutes of Planning Committee

3816. The Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of 24 September, 03 October, and 24 October 2022.

Financial Matters

3817. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end October 2022.*
RESOLVED
3818. *The Council received the calculation of working capital to the end of October 2022.*
RESOLVED

3819. *It was agreed that the following payments should be made:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	<i>Grounds maintenance: hedge cutting back sight line to sign, July 2022</i>	<i>194.40</i>
	<i>Window cleaning at pavilion</i>	<i>30.00</i>
	<i>Management of VAS sign Aug, Sept, Oct 2022</i>	<i>258.90</i>
	<i>Refund of expenses incurred by Clerk on behalf of Council, inc poppy wreath</i>	<i>57.83</i>
	<i>Staff costs</i>	<i>792.39</i>
	Total (including VAT)	£1,333.52
RESOLVED		

3820. *It was noted that the following payments had been made between Meetings:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	<i>TVBC grounds maintenance instalments</i>	<i>300.87</i>
	<i>Electricity</i>	<i>235.54</i>
	<i>Staff costs</i>	<i>57.78</i>
	Total (including VAT)	£ 594.19
RESOLVED		

3821. *It was noted that the Council had received the following income:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	<i>Interest</i>	<i>29.83</i>
	<i>Waitrose Ltd - grant for woodland improvement project</i>	<i>1000.00</i>
	<i>Allotment rent</i>	<i>180.00</i>
	Total	£1,209.83
RESOLVED		

3822. *The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of October 2022.*

RESOLVED

3823. *It was proposed to adopt the Precept Setting Policy dated 14 November 2022.*

RESOLVED

Recreation Ground

3824. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported that English Homes had agreed a minor change in the wording of their s106 agreement so that the funds could be used for nets for youth cricket at the recreation ground; but as yet, Test Valley Borough Council had not agreed to modify the agreement. The s106 wording was for "facilities for youth football (including nets)". Councillors would research whether dual purpose nets were available and suitable.

3825. *It was proposed to attempt to convince Test Valley Borough Council to change its stance and agree to modify the wording of the s106 agreement with English Homes for "facilities for youth football (including nets)" so that the money could be used for nets for youth cricket.*
RESOLVED

Telephone Kiosk

3826. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported on the telephone kiosk:
- The Council purchased the kiosk from BT in 2017 for £1 as a community asset.
 - Cllr Ling had found no power at any terminals of the fused connection unit in the telephone box, but the regional electricity company fusebox mentioned in the purchase contract had not been found.
 - The kiosk had not been maintained and was deteriorating: repairs were needed.
 - The position was not ideal either from an accessibility point of view or for maintenance. It was hidden from view behind a hedge and a waste bin on A3090. It was in heavy shade, which made it dark and damp. There was a step down from the footpath, which led to accumulation of leaves at the base of the kiosk.
- The Council considered the options for the future of the kiosk:
- Do nothing: leave the kiosk in situ, and accept its continuing decay.
 - Renovate in situ, taking up an offer made by a volunteer.
 - Move the kiosk to new position adjacent to the Village Hall, and renovate.
 - Use of the kiosk: there was no pressing need to decide what the kiosk would be used for.
- An estimate for the cost of moving would be sought.

3827. *It was proposed to agree in principle to relocate the kiosk to a prominent position outside the Village Hall, and to repair it.*
RESOLVED
3828. *It was proposed to leave the decision on the use for the telephone kiosk to a later date.*
RESOLVED

Chapel Wood

3829. Vice Chairman Graham Roads reported on Chapel Wood:
- The most recent working party of Friends of Chapel Wood had tidied the Burial Ground and mended some fencing. Some new fence posts were needed to replace rotted posts.
3830. The importance of the fence was that it marked the boundary of the land and it had been carefully marked out when the land was bought.
3831. *It was proposed to buy ten new fence posts for fitting by Friends of Chapel Wood.*
RESOLVED
3832. *The Council noted the receipt of a Waitrose Community Matters Local Grant of £1,000 for works in in Chapel Wood. This would be put towards the soft-landscaping in the forthcoming path project, and may also contribute towards one or two benches.*
RESOLVED
3833. Some details of the Chapel Wood path project were discussed. The Council needed to establish whether planning consent was required. It was noted that the Church were required to obtain planning permission for their labyrinth project: perhaps a joint application could be made.
3834. *It was noted that the order for repair of the fence between Chapel Wood and neighbouring land, where damaged by a falling tree, had been ordered.*
RESOLVED

Burial Ground

3835. *It was proposed, in accordance with the Code of Practice, not to give consent for a burial of an applicant (including ashes of their spouse, who predeceased them) who had moved away from the parish more than 35 years ago, and who had not maintained an ongoing connection with the Church or parish. The applicant's parents were buried in the churchyard.*

RESOLVED

Highways

3836. Cllr Chris Ling reported on highway matters:
- Cllr Ling had cleaned graffiti from the bus shelter on A3090 near to Pound Lane.
 - No further information had been received following the meeting with Hampshire County Council over the funding for Speedwatch.
3837. *It was proposed to purchase a panel of polycarbonate to replace the missing panel on the bus shelter on A3090 near to Pound Lane. The panel would be fitted by Cllrs Hatley and Ling.*

RESOLVED

Freehold at Morleys Green

3838. Cllr Chris Ling updated the Council on correspondence on the ownership of the freehold at Morleys Green between the Council and SCJ Solicitors on behalf of Land and Fields Ltd. The Council sought an indemnity for fees for legal advice from the party that first purchased the land, whose attempt to register the purchase with the Land Registry had failed and who was now seeking a transfer back to themselves. Councils must obtain the consent of the Secretary of State if disposing of land for "a consideration less than the best that can reasonably be obtained".
3839. *The Council endorsed its approach taken in correspondence with the parties involved in the sale and purchase of the freehold of land at Morleys Green, whereby the Council required an indemnity for its legal fees.*

RESOLVED

Test Valley Borough Council's Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Draft, November 2022

3840. On Test Valley Borough Council's Infrastructure and Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document Consultation Draft, November 2022, if Councillors had any comments they wished to make, they would send them to the Clerk by 2 December 2022.

Correspondence and Communications

3841. Cllr David Stevens had resigned. Electoral Services were running the process for filling the vacancy.
3842. On Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) enforcement, Chairman Bryan Nanson reported on current planning law contraventions that were apparent in the parish, and on the correspondence between himself and TVBC. Cllr Martin Hatley noted that the new Head of Planning, Simon Finch, was an expert in planning enforcement.

Date of Next Meeting

3843. The next ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 09 January 2022 at 7pm in Ampfield Village Hall.
3844. Due to an additional Bank Holiday because of the King's Coronation, the Annual Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council would be moved to 15 May 2023. The Annual Parish Assembly would be on 22 May 2023.

Chairman

Date