

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council, held online

Monday 08 June 2020, 7:00pm to 7:45pm

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 David Stevens
Cllr Julie Trotter

Others:

Clerk to the Council, Kate Orange
Mujeeb Rahman (until 7:15pm)

Apologies

3113. Candidate for co-option Lee Fairchild telephoned his apologies to the Clerk at 7:10pm: he had been unable to join the Meeting due to technical difficulties. There were no other apologies.
3114. Cllr Martin Hatley had experienced technical problems which had prevented him from joining the Annual Meeting held online on 11 May 2020.

Previous Minutes

3115. The Council agreed the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Monday 11 May 2020, and a copy was signed by the Chairman

Matters arising from the Minutes

3116. Any matters arising from previous Minutes were handled under the relevant agenda item.

Declarations of Interest

3117. No Member declared any personal or pecuniary interests in any business on the Agenda for the Meeting.

Minutes of Planning Committee

3118. The Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of 18 May 2020.

Co-option of a Councillor

3119. The Council had received applications from two candidates who wished to be considered for co-option onto the Council, following the retirement of Allan Clark: Lee Fairchild and Mujeeb Rahman.
3120. *The result of the poll of Councillors for the selection of a candidate for co-option was as follows: Mujeeb Rahman secured an absolute majority of the votes of Councillors present and voting. It was proposed to appoint Mujeeb Rahman to the Council.*

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Financial Matters

3121. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end May 2020.*

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3122. *It was agreed that the following payments should be made:*

<i>Cllr Stevens, refund for cost of Council's Microsoft 365 accounts</i>	<i>475.20</i>
<i>Redlington Services Ltd, test and reset of light sensors at pavilion</i>	<i>108.00</i>
<i>Colden Common Parish Council, Lengthsman contribution</i>	<i>56.00</i>
<i>Clerk's net salary, May</i>	<i>728.48</i>
<i>HMRC employment payments</i>	<i>3.70</i>
<i>Clerk: reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council</i>	<i>6.85</i>
<i>Total (including VAT)</i>	<i>£1,378.23</i>

RESOLVED

3123. *It was noted that the following payments, arising from prior resolutions of the Council, had been paid between Meetings:*

<i>Direct debit: Nest Pension, April payment</i>	<i>53.11</i>
<i>Direct debit: TV Licence for pavilion</i>	<i>157.50</i>
<i>Direct debit: E.ON electricity supply to Pavilion</i>	<i>41.00</i>
<i>Total (including VAT)</i>	<i>£ 251.61</i>

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3124. *It was noted that the Council has received the following income:*

Receipts 01 May to 31 May 2020

Bank interest *£70.53*

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3125. *The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of May 2020.*

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3126. *The Council approved "Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20" of the "Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 Part 3" (AGAR). It was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.*

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3127. *The Council approved "Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019/20" of the AGAR". It was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.*

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3128. *It was noted that the internal audit was in progress and would be available by the time of the next Meeting.*

Ampfield Recreation Ground: New Playground

3129. *Chairman Bryan Nanson reported that the installation of the new playground had commenced.*

Installation of equipment would be complete by 13 June 2020, and the rubber safety surface would be installed the following week provided that the weather was dry. A formal safety inspection would be undertaken shortly after completion.

Due to the Covid-19 epidemic, the playground would be closed to the public until further notice.

3130. *It was proposed to vary the contract for installation of new playground equipment to include a further section of ground adjacent to the pavilion (in order to remove a pinch-point between fences). Additional cost £520.00.*

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Ampfield Recreation Ground: New Car-park

3131. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported on the position with the installation of the new car-park. Slight easing of the Covid-19 lockdown meant that it was now possible for a site meeting to take place between Cllrs Nanson & Ling and the appointed contractor, in order to discuss various options.

Asset Register

3132. *It was proposed to write-off the existing playground equipment from the asset register, value £17,806.*

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Lengthsman Agreement 2020-21

3133. *It was proposed to sign the Agreement between the lead parish, Colden Common Parish Council, and the Council, for the Parish Lengthsman Scheme for 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.*

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Reports from Committees and Portfolio Holders

3134. Cllr Graham Roads would contact the contractor appointed to remove the standing poles in Chapel Wood, to enquire when the work would be done.
3135. Cllr Graham Roads noted that a local volunteer group, "Ampfield Neighbours", has been established to provide assistance during the Covid-19 epidemic. The group are part of Unity (the Test Valley Borough Council support group). Notices would be placed on the website of the Council and on noticeboards.
3136. Cllr Kate McCallum noted that the Council's Newsletter had been published on the Council's website and the local Messenger magazine had also been placed on the Council's website.
3137. Cllr Martin Hatley reported that the Village Hall Committee had been investigating various problems with the roof of the hall. Issues with an inadequate vapour barrier, a flat roof and rusting bolts on the steel roof would be resolved shortly. A non-lead flashing (of no scrap value) would be used.

Borough Councillor's Report

3138. Councillor Martin Hatley reported that his appointment as Mayor of Test Valley had been extended for a further year due to the Covid-19 epidemic: this has been the case for most mayoral appointments. He would be writing to thank the various charities and volunteers who have helped during the Covid-19 epidemic.

Roger Tetstall had retired from his post as Chief Executive of Test Valley Borough Council. Interviews for his replacement were in progress.

Cllr Hatley had received complaints that glass recycling bins were not being emptied. He noted that the bins were being emptied at the normal times, but the volume of glass being collected had increased 25% since the start of the Covid-19 lockdown.

Date of Next Meeting

3139. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 13 July 2020, online, starting at 7pm.

Chairman

Date