

AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of The Council held in the Main Hall, Awbridge Village Hall, Romsey Road, Awbridge SO51 0HG on Thursday, 17th August 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Allen (**PA**) (Chair), Daley (**CD**), Jackson (**GJ**), Legon (**PL**)
In attendance: 4 Members of the public, TVBC Cllr Nick Adams-King (**NAK**), PCSOs Dawn Biggs (**DB**) and Storm Perrott (**SP**)
Apologies: Cllrs Hawthorne (**AH**), Jones (**TJ**), Wheeler (**SW**), TVBC Cllr Gordon Bailey (**GB**) HCC Councillor Roy Perry (**RP**).
Clerk: Ian Milsom

Action

1.	17/080	Welcome and apologies for absence Apologies were accepted on behalf of Cllrs Hawthorne, Jones and Wheeler.	
2.	17/081	Declarations of interest No declarations were made.	
3.	17/082	Traffic Calming To discuss and agree the content of a comprehensive traffic calming plan, with supporting images as appropriate, for submission to Hampshire County Council. CD gave a PowerPoint presentation (view/download from the parish council website www.awbridgepc.org.uk) outlining the perceived traffic-related issues in Awbridge and detailing the criteria to be satisfied before relevant statutory authorities would act. Discussion of the ideas that have been suggested over the past 18 months to help with the traffic issues in the village were discussed, and set against the criteria statutory authorities consider before they will invest resources in traffic calming measures. The criteria used relates to the prevalence of death and injury from Road Traffic Accidents. Statistics reveal that there is no history of such incidents in and around Awbridge. CD suggested, therefore, that based on available evidence, the focus of the community's efforts should be on what is realistically achievable, suggesting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The "Flashing Lights 20mph" idea, on roads around the school, should be taken forward 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school be asked to put pressure on parents to abide by polite rules when dropping off or picking up their children from school • Request the help of a traffic warden to deal with the inappropriate parking of vehicles, especially when they block access to bus stops • Review the situation one year after implementation of these measures. <p>CD opened the discussion to Members and the public and the following suggestions and comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAK informed that the school had made attempts, including writing to persistent offenders, to dissuade parents from parking opposite the school car park entrance. Unfortunately, parents ignored these attempts. There are no powers to enforce compliance as there are no enforceable parking restrictions in place at this point. • Parents are parking at Cowleas Cottages to pick up and drop off children. • There should be a traffic speed camera on Saunders Lane/Lockerley Road, on Lockerley side. • Danes Road. There are cars parked nose-to-tail along a significant length of the road, making it difficult for through traffic to negotiate a clear passage. It was suggested that yellow lines could be used to create 'passing places' to ease negotiation and remove the need for through traffic to mount grass verges. • It was pointed out by a resident that vehicles were parking at bus stops in Romsey Road and Danes Road. SP advised that there are no legally enforceable restrictions to prevent this. • PA suggested a restrictive parking line from the school to the bus stop on Romsey Road. • Vehicles continue to speed on Romsey Road, even in face of current roadworks. • Parents opening road-side doors on Romsey Road to drop off children. An advisory school communication to parents 	
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		<p>advising them of the dangers of this practice was suggested.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic parking in and around the school at drop off and pick up times is not really a problem, and traffic calming measures may only serve to create one. • NAK will take away comments and suggestions and look at what can be done as part of his enforcement role with TVBC – police also might be able to help. Feels yellow lines on Danes Road, to enable passing places, is a good idea. Regarding application for traffic regulation orders, TVBC does on behalf of the County. If cost of proposed traffic calming measures is a problem, support may be available from TVBC Councillor Grant Programme. <p>CD summarised and it was agreed that a proposed set of actions would be brought to the September meeting for further consideration. Parishioners will be encouraged to attend and have their say on what is proposed.</p>	CD/ Clerk
4.	17/083	<p>Highways and Footpaths</p> <p>To receive information from Members and from the public concerning any issues with highways and footpaths.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A parishioner reported that a 'School Children' warning sign on Danes Road was obscured by overhanging tree growth from a private garden. It was agreed that property would be identified and that the parish council will write to the owner. ii. To hear the outcome of the referral of the footpaths at Cowleas Cottages, following the fall of a resident. <p>Has been reported to Highways, and subsequently chased. Response still awaited</p>	PA/ Clerk
5.	17/084	<p>Public observations/questions on agenda items</p> <p>No observations made, or questions asked.</p>	
6.	17/085	<p>Hampshire County Councillor, Test Valley Borough Councillor, PCSO and Clerk's reports</p> <p>PCSO SP provided a verbal police update covering past 44 days – quiet, apart from some minor vandalism.</p> <p>Any incidents of any kind, report to PCSO. If incident involves a vehicle, including speeding, provide car registration mark and description of driver if possible. Clerk to place this information in Awbridge News.</p>	Clerk

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		<p>PA provided PSCOs with information relating to a series of incidents involving a particular dog. It has been alleged that its owner is not complying with a previous order to have the dog muzzled and on a lead in public. SP will liaise with TVBC Dog Warden to ascertain any order breaches and if any further action can be taken.</p> <p>PL asked about the siting of static police speed cameras. SP informed that the criteria used for camera installation was not within her remit or area of expertise. However, suspected that the criteria used is like that adopted by Hampshire County Council when considering traffic calming measures – evidence of injury and death attributable to road traffic accidents.</p> <p>There followed a brief discussion regarding a community speed watch scheme. PA advised that the parish council had previously looked at this and had decided it was not a cost- effective deterrent. There were also indications that it would prove difficult to recruit the minimum number of volunteers (7/8) to operate the scheme.</p> <p>SP advised that community speed watch kit can be shared by several neighbouring parishes (e.g. Kings Sombourne, or Wellow if they adopt scheme), thereby reducing the cost.</p> <p>PA suggested a more effective site for the police camera vehicle – SP will pass this information on to traffic division.</p> <p>TVBC Nick Adams-King's (NAK).</p> <p>Planning. Stanbridge Earls – Permission granted, subject to many conditions.</p> <p>Developer tried for a circulatory access system for construction traffic which was not approved. Will be using main entrance for construction traffic, but no details for haul route on site.</p> <p>A lot of issues still to be addressed, including public access to facilities and light pollution.</p> <p>Concerns about the feasibility of the tree-planting plans, given size of buildings and roadways.</p> <p>It has been discovered that there is an electricity main running through the site entrance.</p> <p>Land at Danes Road. Developer wants to meet with NAK. PA asked about the value of the parish council doing its own survey to gauge public support for the proposal. NAK felt this was not a</p>	
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		<p>piece of work to do unless a pre-planning or full planning application was submitted.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Can help with Awbridge NDP. Briefly outlined early stages of process, which includes applying to Test Valley Borough Council to have Awbridge designated an NDP area. Explained support available from TVBC Planning Policy Team, including housing needs analysis.</p> <p>Roke Manor. Next liaison meeting is in Awbridge Village Hall in September, when the Ramblers Association will be in attendance. There is funding for countryside access improvements – the Test Way is being improved through Squab Wood – and details of the funding will be available at the meeting. Awbridge may be able to access this funding to improve footpaths locally. PA identified a section of the footpath at The Coombe as requiring improvement, and informed that he will be attending the liaison meeting.</p> <p>Southern Water. If no positive response by next week to request to compensate the village for disruption caused, NAK will be looking at press release in conjunction with RP.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>CD/ Clerk</p>
7.	17/086	<p>Minutes</p> <p><i>I.</i> To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2017.</p> <p>Proposed by CD, seconded by GJ that the minutes be adopted as an accurate record of the business conducted. Resolved.</p> <p><i>II.</i> Information update on items from the meeting on 6th July 2017 not on the agenda or in the work plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hampshire County Council response to speed limit reduction in Dunbridge Lane – this was covered under agenda item 3. above. • Police response to speed camera in Lockerley Road. This was covered under agenda item 6. above. • Re-seeding of verges: Cowleas Cottages. Covered under item 4. Above. • Painting of Telephone Box. This has been included in the Lengthsman's August worksheet. • Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) & Community Facilities. NDP team will be bringing a report to the September 2017 meeting. 	

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8.	17/087	<p>Danes Road Proposal To review current situation and to consider any action required by Council.</p> <p>It was agreed that in the absence of either a pre-planning application or a full planning application, no action is required now.</p>	
9.	17/088	<p>Action Plan 2017-18 To review plan and record progress</p> <p>New action plan noted. To be discussed and formally adopted at September meeting.</p>	Clerk
10.	17/089	<p>Financial and Administrative (<i>Standing Item</i>)</p> <p>1. Bank reconciliation Checked and countersigned by PA and appears as Appendix 1 to these minutes.</p> <p>Net bank balances as at 31 July 2017 £15,756.21</p> <p>2. Cheque payments To formally authorise cheque 200174 issue 27 July 2017 in favour of HALC for invoice 1850 £108 (Councillor training – Cllr Hawthorne). Proposed by GJ, seconded by CD. Resolved.</p> <p>3. To authorise expenditure on Councillor ID Cards Proposed by GJ, seconded by CD. Resolved.</p>	Clerk
11.	17/090	<p>Planning (<i>Standing Item</i>) To consider planning applications notified to the Council</p> <p>17/01956/VARS Banksia, Romsey Road To Vary Condition 15 (Approved plans) of application 16/03181/Fulls</p> <p>Following discussion, it was proposed by PA, seconded by PL that Council's response be to object for the following reasons:</p> <p>'Proposed changing of heights and chimney' with the addition of the following comments:</p> <p>'Concern raised over lack of info re landscaping Concern that site levels, particularly road levels are not in accordance with approved plans'.</p> <p>Resolved.</p>	

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12.	17/091	<p>Date of next ordinary meeting of Council and items for the agenda</p> <p>The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 28th September 2017, commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p> <p>A meeting of the Parish Council Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 7th September 2017. This will only go ahead if planning applications have been received for comment.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 21.15</p>	
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Appendix 1**AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL****BANK RECONCILIATION****At 31 July 2017**

Prepared by Ian Milsom (Clerk and responsible officer)

Approved by Council on 17 August 2017

Community Account balance per bank statement dated 19 July 2017 £10,059.57

Business Premium Account balance per bank statement dated 1 March 2017
£6,236.14**Total £16,295.71**Less unpresented cheques

200173 £431.50

200174 £108.00

-£539.50**- £ 539.50****Total £15,756.21**

Net bank balances as at 31 July 2017

£15,756.21Cash book balance as at 31 July 2017 **£15,756.21**

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