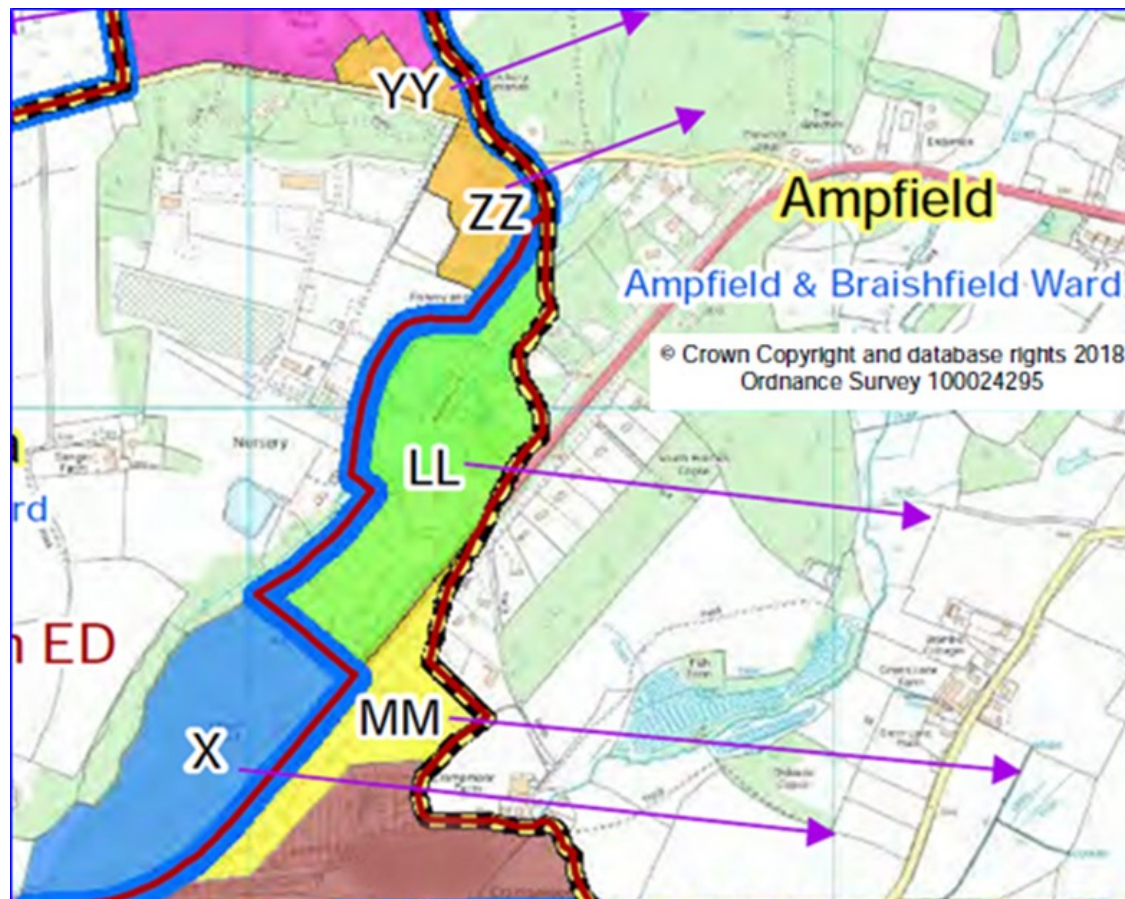


Parish Boundary Changes

As a result of the Community Governance Review recently carried out by Test Valley Borough Council, changes are to be made to our parish boundaries. They will take effect from 1 April 2019 and be used for parish council elections on 2 May 2019.

The parish boundary is to be extended to include areas currently within Romsey Extra Parish, as shown in the map below. These include:

- Properties on the Straight Mile north of A3090 from the existing boundary to Ganger Wood (LL)
- Properties on the Straight Mile South of A3090 from the existing boundary to Crampmoor Lane (MM)
- Ganger Wood (X)
- Properties at the end of Jermyns Lane – north and south of the lane (YY and ZZ)



This will result in about 30 additional properties and 74 electors joining the parish. Ampfield Parish Council applied for and supported this change and we are pleased to welcome these new members to our community.

Another outcome from the Governance Review is that the number of parish councillors will be set at 9 instead of the current number of 11. This is in line with other, similarly sized local parishes. In practice this is no change as the parish council has operated with 9 councillors for many years.

How do I get in touch with Ampfield Parish Council?

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Newsletter December 2018



**Ampfield Parish
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An update on what's going on in our parish

The War Memorial

On Sunday 11th November 2018, around 60 people gathered at the war memorial in the centre of the village to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the armistice that marked the end of the First World War. The Reverend Vanessa Lawrence took the very moving service, which was accompanied by the placing of wreaths and crosses of remembrance.

The Ampfield war memorial is adjacent to the very busy A3090 and, over the years, the dirt and grime

associated with the passing of a countless number of vehicles has taken its toll. Ampfield Parish Council is currently considering how best to introduce a process of cleaning and restoration with a view to helping to preserve the monument for another 100 years.



However, as is often the case with such an undertaking, it is very much worth noting that a poor regime of cleaning and restoration can do irrevocable harm to our memorial. Careful research is required and input will be sought from a number of specialist contractors. It is envisaged that the Council will be working, amongst others, with the War Memorial Trust and Civic Voice on this project. Your Parish Council hopes to be able to provide a further update on this subject at the annual Parish Assembly in 2019.

Knapp Lane School Parking

As we mentioned in the April newsletter, an increase in the number of parents parking to deliver/collect their children at the school has raised safety concerns and caused traffic issues in Knapp Lane. After liaison between the school, the Parish Council and Test Valley Borough Council (Highways) earlier in the year, a proposal for legally enforceable parking restrictions in the Lane was developed. These would apply at drop off and pick up times during weekdays in the school term.

Zig zag yellow lines were proposed outside the school and single yellow lines on both sides of Knapp Lane from the A3090 up to the Lane's junction with Chapel Hill. The 'no parking' enforcement would be for approximately 2 hours around 9 a.m. and again at 3 p.m. during school days only.

Test Valley Borough Council put the proposal out for informal consultation with local residents in May. As this did not receive significant adverse feedback, they then initiated the formal consultation process, which closed on 17th November. The results of this are currently being reviewed at Borough and County Council level. Assuming no major issues arise, the street markings, signage and restrictions should be applied in 2019.

Implementation of a ban on parking in Knapp Lane at these times will mean an increase in the number of parents parking elsewhere, to then walk/collect their children to/from the school. Earlier in the year the Parish Council agreed to make the parking spaces at the village green and village hall available to parents twice a day for temporary parent parking. These spaces are allocated for the use of village green and village hall users only, but Council decided to relax that rule in order to help the school alleviate the Knapp Lane congestion and safety problems.

This year the village green area has seen an increase in incidents of longer term and overnight parking. The Parish Council plan to install new signs by the parking bays to make clear that they are only available for village green and hall parking users.

Public Transport

HCC are facing a 25% (£1M) reduction in their budget for public transport. To assist in their planning for reductions, HCC carried out an on-line consultation during the summer. The purpose was to gather input from the public and other stakeholders on the priorities for transport services. Ampfield Parish Council participated in this survey. The funding reductions arrived at were made public in November.

We mentioned in our April newsletter that the 46 service (North Baddesley/Winchester) was threatened with closure. We are pleased to say that subsidy has been retained (albeit reduced with a loss of one bus each way per day).

The 66 service (Romsey/Winchester) has now come to the end of its previous Abbots Wood developer funded subsidy. It was announced in November that talks would be held between Hampshire County Council and Stagecoach to review the service levels currently in place. Previous feedback from Stagecoach has been positive regarding the commercial viability of the service and we are hopeful that any reductions in timetabling due to the loss of developer funding will be minimal. The results of this review will not be available until year end.

Ampfield Allotments

The allotments by the village green are now into their third year of operation and, after some initial back-breaking effort, good results are being achieved.

There are 16 plots at Morleys Green, available only to residents of the parish. There is currently a short waiting list, so if you would like to join then please notify Doreen Matthews the Parish Clerk at clerk@ampfield.org.uk

Ampfield Recreation Ground



The new pavilion was used by the cricket club throughout the 2018 season and was well received by home and visiting teams. Shower and catering facilities were a welcome change from the previous primitive arrangements.

We are grateful to the White Horse for providing sewerage facilities to the Ground for many years. A new, dedicated sewerage treatment plant for the pavilion was installed by the Parish Council just before the cricket season started.

The next stage in the project is to install a new car park. Lack of adequate parking is a constraint which inhibits usage of the facilities at the Ground. This is particularly important given the wide area covered by the parish, as the majority of parishioners are not within walking distance of the Ground.

The installation is dependent upon securing funding, obtained from grant applications. This is not a speedy process. At the time of writing we are awaiting the outcome of three grant applications and, if successful, it is intended that work will start in early 2019.

Ampfield Village Hall News

There are a lot of exciting projects in the pipeline for our Village Hall. We have just applied to the Community Asset Fund, (CAF), for a grant towards a new hall floor, cavity wall insulation in the remaining external walls, an efficiency upgrade to the main hall heating and a hand dryer upgrade.

If we are successful this work will be carried out in Spring 2019.

2019 Dates for your diaries

Friday 8th February 2019 - Quiz Night

Saturday 22nd June 2019 - A Barn Dance featuring the Pogles Wood Band

Village Design Statement for Ampfield

The draft Ampfield Village Design Statement has now been completed and sent to Test Valley Borough Council for adoption.

The full adoption process, which includes a public consultation, will be concluded early in the new year.

Ampfield Parish Council would like to thank all those who have helped prepare the document and assisted in this important work.