Full Council Meeting Minutes of Ampfield Parish Council
This meeting was held on Monday 9th February 2026 at Ampfield Village Hall at 7pm

Attending: Cllr Martin Hatley**,** Cllr Julian Jones, Cllr Chris Ling **(Vice-Chair),** Cllr Bryan Nanson (**Chair**), Cllr Julie Trotter, Cllr Sally Yalden (TVBC Borough Councillor), Karen Cramoysan (Clerk), 0 Members of Public

4851 Apologies: Cllr Graham Roads

4852 Declarations of Interest: None

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4853 Public Participation: None

4854 Minutes of the Full Council Meetings held on 12th & 19th January 2026 - RESOLVED: Minutes were formally received, agreed by all Councillors as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4855 Matters arising from the Minutes: None

4856 a. Report from Sally Yalden (TVBC) report attached to minutes.
b. Report from Committee and Portfolio Holders:

4857 Financial Matters
a. Bank reconciliation – **RESOLVED:** The Council received the Bank Reconciliation to the end of January 2026.

Bank			**Earmarked Reserves**	
TSB Current A/c	£2,484.17		Recreation Ground	£20,950.00
TSB Business A/c	£62,989.69		General & Contingency Reserve	£17,000.00
Nationwide at 31/05/2025	£66,162.42		Election reserve	£4,000.00
Total cash	**£131,636.28**		Capital Replacement Reserve	£12,000.00
			PPE for Ampfield Neighbours reserve	£285.02
			Allotments: refundable deposits	£1,100.00
			Morleys Green Commuted Reserve	£56,836.82
less reserves	£132,421.84		Morleys Green Ground Rent	£20,250.00
Working Capital	**-£785.56**		**Total Earmarked Reserves**	**£132,421.84**

b. To Authorise accounts for payment – Three invoices authorised by all Councillors for;

CNC Window Cleaning	Pavilion Windows	£ 30.00
Total Refurbishment (Southern) Ltd	Pavilion decorating	£1530.00
Cllr Martin Hatley	Decorating materials	£ 589.79

c. To Ratify income & Expenditure from Current Account since 1st January 2026.

Date	**Supplier / Customer**	**Receipt**	**Payment**	**Balance**
	Opening balance b/fwd			1,467.88
02/01/2026	ID Mobile		8.00	1,459.88
02/01/2026	ANBCC Cricket Club	550.50		2,010.38
05/01/2026	Alexis Lane		90.00	1,920.38
05/01/2026	Speed Sign Mgmt Ltd		319.07	1,601.31
05/01/2026	Amazon		13.53	1,587.78
06/01/2026	Ampfield Village Hall		18.75	1,569.03
06/01/2026	Ampfield Village Hall		37.50	1,531.53
13/01/2026	Craig Morris Countryside		150.00	1,381.53
15/01/2026	TVBC		347.27	1,034.26
15/01/2026	TVBC		189.36	844.90
15/01/2026	Lightatouch Ltd		521.25	323.65

20/01/2026	TFR from Bus A/c	5,000.00		5,323.65
20/01/2026	E.ON NEXT LTD		266.90	5,056.75
21/01/2026	TFR from Bus A/c	17,936.95		22,993.70
21/01/2026	K R Electrics		17,936.95	5,056.75
22/01/2026	HugoFox Ltd		11.99	5,044.76
22/01/2026	WEL Medical		279.65	4,765.11
22/01/2026	Alert Electrical		110.65	4,654.46
22/01/2026	Giff Gaff		30.00	4,624.46
23/01/2026	HMRC		912.78	3,711.68
28/01/2026	ID Mobile		8.00	3,703.68
29/01/2026	JSN Arnold		157.50	3,546.18
29/01/2026	JSN Arnold		157.50	3,388.68
29/01/2026	Ashurst & Colbury PC		26.75	3,361.93

Business Account transactions since 1st January 2026.

Date	Supplier / Customer	Receipt	Payment	Balance
	Opening balance b/fwd			85,819.08
10/01/2026	Bank Interest	107.56		85,926.64
20/01/2026	TFR to Current A/c		5,000.00	80,926.64
21/01/2026	TFR to Current A/c		17,936.95	62,989.69

d. Income and anticipated expenditure: RESOLVED: The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of December 2025.

e. TVBC Resilience Grant: RESOLVED: It was **AGREED** by all Councillors for the Clerk to apply for the grant to enable the purchase of a portable power station sited at the Village Hall.

All Councillors supported St Mark's grant application for works to the St Mark's Room for a new access and terrace with wheelchair friendly ramps and access track.

4858 Policy

Clerk CILCA: RESOLVED: All Councillors **APROVED** the 50/50 expenditure split with Ashurst & Colbury PC for the Clerk to undertake the CILCA qualification and agreed that the Clerk's study hours will be paid extra. The Chair signed the Learning Agreement to be sent to SLCC.

Clerk's upcoming Annual Leave: Clerk advised Members that she was on Annual Leave from 19th to 27th February returning to work on Monday 2nd March. There is a CILCA training meeting on Weds 25th February which the Clerk will attend whilst on Annual Leave.

Parish Council Mobile Phone - RESOLVED: Clerk advised that she had recently topped up the Giff Gaff mobile phone with £50 and the credit is already down to £19.00. As the mobile is now used more frequently, it was **AGREED** by all Members for the Clerk to investigate a mobile phone contract around £11.50 per month. Item deferred to the March meeting.

4859 Community & Environment

a. **Chapel Wood: RESOLVED:** Cllr Roads was unable to attend the meeting but sent his report in advance which was read out by the Chair. Cllr Roads advised that due to the ongoing rain most of the area is still very wet and has hindered progress. There is a working party this Saturday. The most pressing task is to refurbish and replace the footpath signposts where necessary and these will need to be chiselled out and signage arrows painted on them. The posts from New Forest fencing are £12 per post. Cllr Yalden still has some funds left in her Councillor Community Grant and it was **AGREED** that Cllr Nanson will make an application to cover the costs of the new fence posts and some Dragons Teeth to protect the lighting at the Recreation Ground.
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b. **War Memorial:** Cllr Roads advised that repairs to the damage verge have not yet happened but there are some volunteers willing to undertake this for the Parish Council.

c. **Burial Ground: RESOLVED:** Cllr Roads advised TVBC have quoted £94 to clear the bracken. Cllr Nanson has instructed TVBC to carry out the clearance works and now waiting for a date. JN Landscapes will then be asked to quote.

d. **Highways:**

i. **Damage to verge in Knapp Lane** – addressed above under War Memorial.

ii. **A3090 crossing** - Cllr Ling advised that he and Cllr Nanson met with TVBC officers to look at their proposal to install a crossing point. The cost is between £15-17k and will require Highways approval after going through a safety audit. If approved, it wouldn't happen immediately, due to other projects already in the pipeline. Cllrs Ling & Nanson have asked TVBC to check the road measurements which were produced by Highways. Ampfield Parish Council believe that these measurements are wrong. Once these measurements are confirmed, then it will establish if the Ampfield Parish Council proposal is feasible or not.

iii. **Hook Road Closure: RESOLVED:** Cllr Ling updated Members on his email exchanges with Southern Water regarding the problems encountered by residents in trying to leave and access their properties. The traffic lights along the single width length with a blind bend have now been removed. Cllr Ling and a resident have also contacted Alfred Homes regarding their contractors working on the new homes parking in the passing places along Hook Road causing difficulties to motorists. This was also reported to TVBC Planning Enforcement.

Cllr Trotter advised that Southern Water representatives were knocking resident's doors along Hook Road advising them about the next stage of works which will be happening soon. There will be a public drop in event about this at the Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd March, between 2-7pm.

e. **Morleys Green: HCC Free Trees - RESOLVED:** These were planted in January and have been watered in well.

Cllr Trotter advised that she and the Clerk will be meeting TVBC Community Rangers on Monday 16th February regarding the Community Grant for wildflowers and fruit trees.

Cllr Nanson asked for an update on the tree surveys at Morleys Green and the Recreation Ground. Clerk will contact 3 tree surgeons to arrange this.

f. **Allotments: To consider letting plots to non-residents: RESOLVED:** As we have had 2 vacant plots since October and no one on the waiting list, all Councillors **AGREED** in principle to this happening; however, the allotment rules will need to be amended first. Item deferred to the March meeting.

g. **Defibrillators: RESOLVED:** A new battery was fitted to the Pavilion unit at the end of January however it was noted that the pads will expire at the end of February. Clerk will order replacements.

h. **Telephone Kiosk: RESOLVED:** Cllr Trotter advised that the recent wet weather has caused the door to warp. Door will need to be removed and planed; hinges may also need to be routed and re-attached.

i. **Village Hall Roof repair/replacement** – **RESOLVED**: Cllr Hatley reported that TVBC have awarded 75% of the Community Delivery Fund grant (£22,175.00) The contract was awarded to Southern Roofing for £29,500 plus VAT and works are due to start on Monday 30th March. The Village Hall will be closed for 2 weeks whilst these works are carried out.

j. **Recreation Ground / Pavilion:**

i. **Solar Panels and Batteries project: RESOLVED:** Work started on 2nd February. The three phase distribution board and batteries will be sited inside the 'Officials Room' instead of being sited in the kitchen and outside.

ii. **Fire Extinguishers: RESOLVED** Walker Fire now hold the HCC contract. Clerk has contacted them for to take on the maintenance of the fire extinguishers,

emergency lighting and servicing of the fire alarm and is awaiting a date when this will happen. Clerk to set up a calendar item for 16/01/2029 so that we are aware when the contract is up for renewal.

iii. **Southern Water Inspection 22nd January: RESOLVED** Southern Water conducted a mandatory inspection of the Pavilion and noted two contraventions; a check valve needs to be fitted to the boiler and a flushing routine for the showers needs to be maintained. Cllr Hatley will contact a plumber regarding the boiler work.

Cllrs Ling & Nanson also advised the need for Dragons Teeth to be fitted at Recreation Ground Car Park as the solar lights have been damaged by people reversing into them. It was **AGREED** to install Dragons Teeth along the car park area at the Pavilion and at Morleys Green. Cllr Yalden agreed to these being funded from her Councillor Community Grant. Cllr Nanson will apply for this.

iv. **ANBCC Projects and Licence Extension: RESOLVED** The Parish Council **AGREED** to offer an extension to the current lease. The new end date will be April 2041.

Councillors also **AGREED** to the new project proposals received from the Cricket Club;

1. **Replacement of wooden picket fence with a white plastic version.**
2. **Replacing the grass outside the Pavilion with artificial grass.**
3. **Roll out Flicx cricket pitch for the second Colts pitch.**
4. **Green mesh ball fence for the rear of the grounds.**
5. **Storage container for the bottom of the ground.** The Parish Council will ask ANCBB to install this on behalf of the Council.
6. **Site Screens.**
7. **Roll on Roll off mobile cricket net.**

Clerk will write to confirm this to the Cricket Club.

v. **Pavilion Decorating: RESOLVED:** Total Refurbishment has made a good start to the pavilion decorating and the building is looking brighter. Minor repair issues to the building have also been carried out whilst on site. New cold lay tarmac was laid to address the pothole at the car park entrance.

k. **Community Speedwatch**: **RESOLVED:** The group have made good progress. Police liaison has been established and an additional speedwatch location has been identified.
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l. **Bus Shelter Grants from HCC - RESOLVED** Two quotes have been received and sent to HCC. Awaiting a third quote.

m. **Spring Newsletter - RESOLVED** Due to the work involved, having less Councillors this year and Councillors having other projects on, it was **AGREED** not to produce a newsletter this year. Instead, any articles of interest will be displayed on website and Facebook page.

The date for the **Annual Parish Meeting** was **AGREED** for Monday 18th May.

4860 **Correspondence and Communications –** None

4861 **Next Meeting Dates:** Planning Committee – Monday 16th February 2026 at 7pm
Full Council Meeting - Monday 9th March 2026 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8:54pm

Chairman ----------

Date ----------

January 2026 Report from
Cllr Sally Yalden Test Valley Borough Councillor

Planning Inspectorate appeal decisions: None to report.

Enforcement cases: There are currently **15** open alleged planning breaches in A&B.
8 in Ampfield and **7** in Braishfield.

Councillor community grant: The grant is currently £1468.83. There are several pending applications.

Planning Policy Session: A recent briefing was held on the Revised Regulation 18 consultation. The policy team is currently reviewing how best to meet the required housing numbers following confirmation that the site at Appleshaw, two parcels of land at Weyhill, and part of the proposed allocation at Stockbridge are no longer available.
Further technical work is underway, alongside updates to the supporting evidence base, to inform the preparation of the Regulation 19 (final draft) Local Plan consultation later this year.

Private Landlords Forum: Test Valley Borough Council is hosting a Private Landlords' Forum on Thursday 12 February, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm, at The Lights Theatre, Andover (SP10 1AH).
The forum will include a presentation from the National Residential Landlords Association (NRLA) on the Renters' Rights Act 2025, alongside guidance on the "Letting with Pets" initiative and a Q&A panel discussion.

The Renters' Rights Act 2025 represents the most significant reform of England's private rented sector in decades, redefining the rights and responsibilities of both landlords and tenants. The Act abolishes fixed-term assured and assured shorthold tenancies, ends Section 21 "no-fault" evictions, and introduces stronger protections to improve security and stability for renters.

Building energy efficiency support service available for community groups:
A free support service remains available to community groups and not-for-profit organisations to help make their buildings more energy efficient and, over time, reduce energy bills.
The service is being delivered by Arthian and includes: • an initial phone call or Teams meeting to understand the organisation's needs; • a site visit to assess the building; • a bespoke report setting out practical recommendations to improve energy efficiency; and • a follow-up discussion to review the findings, answer questions and agree next steps.

The service will be available until mid-March 2026. If you know of any community organisations that may benefit, please ask them to contact **climatechange@testvalley.gov.uk**.

Flooding in Braishfield : Although this is a County Council responsibility as it relates to Highways, I have been actively supporting residents near Kiln Lane who are experiencing ongoing flooding. Given the seriousness of the situation and the impact on those affected, I have escalated the matter to the Chief Executive and the Leader of the County Council to press for urgent action.

Potholes: As above, this is a county matter, but I remain very concerned about the condition of local roads and the increasing number of potholes. I have reported these again but would also encourage residents to continue reporting potholes directly, as this helps ensure they are logged, prioritised and repaired as quickly as possible.