

Minutes

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

Monday 08 February 2021, 7:00pm to 7:55pm

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

Chairman Bryan Nanson
Vice Chairman Graham Roads
Cllr Martin Hatley
Cllr Chris Ling
Cllr Kate McCallum
Cllr Mujeeb Rahman
Cllr David Stevens
Cllr Julie Trotter

Others:

Clerk to the Council, Kate Orange

Apologies

3280. Apologies were received from Cllr Julian Jones.

Previous Minutes

3281. The Council agreed the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 11 January 2021, and a copy was signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

3282. Any matters arising from previous Minutes were handled under the relevant agenda item.

Declarations of Interest

3283. No Member declared any pecuniary or other interest in any business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Minutes of Planning Committee

3284. The Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of 04 January 2021.

Financial Matters

3285. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end January 2021.*

RESOLVED

3286. *It was agreed that the following payments should be made:*

<i>Fair Account - interim audit</i>	<i>435.00</i>
<i>SLCC - practitioners conference (3 days training for Clerk)</i>	<i>90.00</i>
<i>Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance - materials and waste disposal for Lengthsman</i>	<i>54.00</i>
<i>Simon Nightingale - SLR maintenance</i>	<i>78.95</i>
<i>SLCC - Clerk's annual fee</i>	<i>144.00</i>
<i>Clerk's net salary, January</i>	<i>776.18</i>
<i>HMRC employment payments</i>	<i>13.14</i>
<i>Clerk: reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council</i>	<i>111.65</i>
<i>Total (including VAT)</i>	<i>£1,702.92</i>

RESOLVED

3287. *It was noted that the following payments, arising from prior resolutions of the Council, had been paid between Meetings:*

<i>E.On, electricity for pavilion</i>	<i>128.79</i>
<i>Pension contribution</i>	<i>56.76</i>
<i>Total (including VAT)</i>	<i>£ 185.55</i>

RESOLVED

3288. *It was noted that the Council had received the following income:*

<i>Bank interest</i>	<i>16.03</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>£ 16.03</i>

RESOLVED

3289. *The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of January 2021.*

RESOLVED

3290. *The Council received the report, dated 15 January 2021, on the interim internal audit for the period April 2020 to December 2020.*

RESOLVED

3291. *In accordance with the recommendation in the interim internal audit report, it was proposed that the Clerk should report to the Council on the options for cyber security insurance.*

RESOLVED

Noticeboards

3292. *The Council considered the condition of the eight noticeboards. The noticeboard on the Straight Mile had some decay and a broken post: further information was needed regarding options for replacement and how to fund the work.*

3293. *It was proposed that the Lengthsman should apply preservative to the timber noticeboards.*

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Messenger

3294. *It was proposed to advertise in the Messenger publication for the forthcoming year at a cost of £40.00*

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Allotments

3295. *It was proposed to join the Allotment Society at an annual cost of £55.00.*

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Recreation Ground and Pavilion

3296. Chairman Bryan Nanson updated the Council on matters at the Recreation Ground and Pavilion.

Following various projects, there remained a gap in the hedge between the Recreation Ground and the carpark of the White Horse pub. There was also a small amount of surplus soil, which could perhaps be used to help infill the gap.

Ampfield and North Baddesley Cricket Club had not yet signed the new license, or responded about it.

A light had been damaged in the carpark, and images were shown. A report had been made to the police, and we were awaiting instructions of how to submit the images to them.

3297. *The Council noted that it recognised the need to close the gap in the hedge between the Recreation Ground and the carpark of the White Horse pub.*

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Chapel Wood

3298. Vice Chairman Graham Roads updated the Council on Chapel Woods.

All working parties were suspended until the end of the Covid-19 lockdown; and Cllr Roads had informed volunteers by email.

Contractors had been appointed to carry out work to various trees for safety reasons. They were unable to start until SSE have advised and dealt with an overhead cable.

Tenders for construction of a new dipping platform would be returned on 05 March.

Highways

3299. Cllr Chris Ling updated the Council on highways matters.

- The lengthsman had repaired the bench on Green Pond Lane, and cleared some vegetation at the Recreation Ground carpark.
- Bus shelters would be installed during the forthcoming week, near to the Potters Heron and White Horse pub.
- The Council had requested of Hampshire County Council (HCC) that a crossing point be considered on the A3090 near to the Green Pond Lane. It would be possible to use land from the existing bus layby (since the policy is now to not install laybys for buses) and possibly some Parish Council land. A response was awaited from HCC.
- The Council's insurers were attempting to limit the Council's claim for the stolen speed sign to less than £500, on the basis that the sign was out in the open when stolen. The Council's insurance broker was arguing on behalf of the Council.

3300. *It was proposed that Councillors should respond as individuals to the Hampshire County Council consultation on the Hampshire Local Transport Plan.*

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Village Hall

3301. Cllr Martin Hatley reported on the Village Hall.

- The management committee had recently refurbished the hall, including redecoration of the kitchen and the garden room, and installation of a bar in the kitchenette. Seven internal doors had been replaced with fire-rated doors. The laminate floor covering in the hall had been trimmed at

the perimeter and skirting fitted, so that the floor was now properly bedded. Redundant stored items had been cleared from under the stage.

- The next scheduled hire would be for the elections of Hampshire County Council and the local Police and Crime Commissioner.

Borough Councillor's Report

3302. Borough Councillor Martin Hatley reported on behalf of Test Valley Borough Council.

- Cllr Martin Hatley, in his capacity as Borough Councillor, would chase the Test Valley Borough Council Finance department as to whether the Parish Council was entitled to rate relief for the pavilion.
- Grants were available via Test Valley Borough Council to support businesses affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Date of Next Meeting

3303. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 08 March 2021 at 7pm, online in accordance with current guidance from the National Association of Local Council and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

Chairman

Date