

**Minutes from the Meeting
held on Thursday 7th September at 19:00
at The War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan	√		
Councillor Howard	√		
Councillor Heather	√		
Councillor Wallis	√		
Vacancy	-	-	-
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Also, IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda Owen - Clerk, Test Valley Borough Council Councillor Flood, Borough Councillor Drew & two members of the public.

230901	<p>To receive Chairman's opening remarks. Councillor Jordan welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting is recorded by the Parish Council and may be recorded by members of the public.</p> <p>Councillor Jordan expressed his thanks to those who attended the Fete and thanked Councillors for their support on the stall.</p>
230902	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Councillor Hasselmann.</p>
230903	<p>To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to items on this agenda RECEIVED.</p>
230904	<p>To approve the minutes of the full council meeting held on Thursday 3rd August. The minutes of the full council meeting held on Thursday 3rd August were APPROVED as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
230905	<p>To receive updates already published and any further updates provided. Reports can be found at APPENDIX A.</p> <p>Councillor Howard addressed the meeting with regards to outstanding action points within regards to the Burial ground Fence.</p> <p>After discussion it was proposed to notify Philip Grob to go ahead with the BG fence works and apply for a grant as soon as it is open. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <p>Churchyard footpath – ongoing. Mr Lucas following up with contractors, he is hoping to provide an update within a week.</p> <p>Tree survey / maintenance – ongoing.</p> <p>Councillor Heather provided an overview of his report.</p> <p>Councillor Jordan provided an overview of his report.</p>

	<p>Mr Lucas addressed the meeting with regards to the Community Land Trust.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 years since Haygarth Ross informed of the financial situation and the negative response from planning causing them to withdraw. - The CLT has successfully resisted pressure from the landowners to choose a developer of his choosing. - After a year of negotiation agreement was made with the landowner on Oxford Advanced Living & Green Core. Since then, working with Oxford Advanced Living. - The option agreement is with the relevant lawyers. Simultaneously with that, working on a development agreement with Oxford Advanced Living, which is on its way to the Lawyers. - New developer enthusiastic about the 2021 / 2022 plan. - Proposals will be shown to residents on line for comments and an event will be held at the War Memorial Hall to allow discussion from residents. - Community benefit is an ongoing discussion with Planning Officers. - Upcoming meeting with consultant where a further update can be provided. <p>Three new candidates have joined the Community Land Trust, they will be joining at the next AGM on the 27th September at 19:00. One of whom is an expert on low carbon energy and lives within the Parish.</p> <p>Councillor Drew provided an overview of his report.</p> <p>Councillor Flood provided an overview of her report.</p>																																												
230906	<p>To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance.</p> <p>The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were NOTED with the bank balance at 31st August 2023 being £60,447.28. The bank reconciliation can be found as APPENDIX B.</p>																																												
230907	<p>To approve the requests for payments for September.</p> <p>The payments as listed in the tables below were APPROVED for payment. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 2023 Payment Requests</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="242 1283 1423 1720"> <thead> <tr> <th>TO</th> <th>FOR</th> <th>INVOICE NO</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>September</td> <td>£1,147.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>August</td> <td>£34.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Heather</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td></td> <td>£24.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Heather</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td></td> <td>£23.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Wallis</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td></td> <td>£67.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scandor</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance - August</td> <td>19458</td> <td>£852.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall</td> <td>Hall Hire 2023</td> <td>1520</td> <td>£215.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSE</td> <td>Electricity – Pavilion</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£178.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Defib World</td> <td>Defib Pads</td> <td>8317</td> <td>£117.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>£2,662.30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT	Staff	Salary	September	£1,147.51	Staff	Expenses	August	£34.03	Councillor Heather	Expenses		£24.50	Councillor Heather	Expenses		£23.85	Councillor Wallis	Expenses		£67.58	Scandor	Grounds Maintenance - August	19458	£852.67	Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall	Hall Hire 2023	1520	£215.25	SSE	Electricity – Pavilion	DD	£178.92	Defib World	Defib Pads	8317	£117.99	Total			£2,662.30
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230908	<p>To agree the Hugo Fox (website) package from 4th October 2023.</p> <p>It was AGREED to subscribe to the bronze package at a cost of £9.99 + vat per month. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																												
230909	<p>To consider the quote from Arboricultural Consultant, Amelia Williams.</p> <p>It was AGREED</p>																																												

	<p>to accept the quote from Arboricultural Consultant, Amelia Williams at a cost of £300.00. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
230910	<p>To consider the email from Hampshire Forest Partnership re tree planting. The scheme was noted and acknowledged as a worthwhile scheme but unfortunately, the Parish Council own no land where further trees can be planted.</p>
230911	<p>To agree next steps for the Burial Ground:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consecrated / unconsecrated - Number of plots - New land. <p>It was proposed to open an earmarked reserve for the purchase of new burial ground land, with a view to move funds over at the end of the financial year dependant on budget health. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather. This motion was passed on a vote of 3 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION.</p> <p>It was proposed that the Chairman contact the land owners opposite church path with regards to potential purchasing in the future. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
230912	<p>To consider a potential event for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day – 6th June 2024. It was decided to move this item to the October agenda to allow Councillors to consider further.</p>
230913	<p>To consider the following planning application:</p>
230913.01	<p>23/01925/FULLN Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling. Rosebank, Webbs Lane, Abbots Ann, Andover. It was proposed to OBJECT on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - out of character - breaks precedent for building line (height) - loss of privacy - inadequate parking as highlighted by highways report - no landscaping. <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather. This motion was passed on a vote of 3 FOR and 1 AGAINST.</p>
230913.02	<p>23/01851/FULLN Replace two first floor windows. The Old Post Office, 57 Duck Street, Abbots Ann, Andover. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
230913.03	<p>23/01852/LBWN Replace two first floor windows. The Old Post Office, 57 Duck Street, Abbots Ann, Andover. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
230913.04	<p>23/02010/FULLN Erection of barn, change of use from agricultural to mixed agricultural and equestrian use and creation of access (part retrospective). Land At Red Post Lane, Red Post Lane, Little Park, Abbots Ann.</p>

	<p>The Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application but would like to see provision for off-road parking.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
230913.05	<p>23/02020/FULLN</p> <p>Replace damaged windows with hard wood double glazed Hampshire Casements.</p> <p>Linden Cottage, 30 Church Lane Footpath, Abbots Ann, Andover.</p> <p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
230913.06	<p>23/02021/LBWN</p> <p>Replace damaged windows with hard wood double glazed Hampshire Casements.</p> <p>Linden Cottage, 30 Church Lane Footpath, Abbots Ann, Andover.</p> <p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
230913.07	<p>23/02124/TREEN</p> <p>T1 - Apple, T2 - Norway Maple - Re-pollard back to old pruning cuts, T3 - Tree of Heaven - Remove extended limb, T4 - Yew - Reduce overhang by 2.5 metres, T5 - Ash – Fell.</p> <p>Nether House/Upper Cottage, Monxton Road, Abbots Ann.</p> <p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
230913.08	<p>23/02102/FULLN</p> <p>Alterations to size and position of 2 windows and install 3 additional windows to South East elevation.</p> <p>Pitt House, Duck Street, Abbots Ann, Andover.</p> <p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Wallis.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
230913.09	<p>23/02182/FULLN</p> <p>Replace rear extension and porch, alterations and addition of windows.</p> <p>Pitt House, Duck Street, Abbots Ann, Andover.</p> <p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Wallis.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
230913.10	<p>23/02150/TREEN</p> <p>T1 - Maple - Crown reduction by 30%</p> <p>Request of ten year rolling consent to undertake the works every 2-3 years for a period of ten years.</p> <p>East Manor House, Church Road, Abbots Ann.</p> <p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Wallis.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
230914	<p>To agree the date of the next meeting as Thursday 5th October 2023.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 5th October 2023.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:24.

APPENDIX A

Chairman's Report - September 2023

Following the last Parish Council Meeting I held a meeting with TVBC to discuss a range of matters relating to the conservation area and the fact that Borough Council policy appears not to be changing to reflect the myriad of initiatives being driven by Central Government in the areas of Climate Change, Sustainability, and the need to reduce carbon footprints and transition towards Net Zero. I raised matters concerning properties in the conservation area and also the wider issue of listed buildings in relation to the installation and use of home-based vehicle charging points, including those who require on street parking and whether or not they will be allowed to fit Charging Points buried in pavements / roads (permission for this would be vested with HCC Highways). We also discussed a range of other climate change and sustainability matters to try and understand how residents in the conservation area or the owners of listed properties can be allowed to adopt modern technologies to support decarbonisation through such things as renewable energy sources (Solar panels or Solar PV, Ground and Air sourced heat pumps) and better insulation of properties (including the spectrum of products specifically designed for both listed properties and for use in conservation areas). The TVBC position is that, as with all matters relating to planning, the best advice is speak to them direct and early on in the process. I am not confident however that there is any desire to move with the times nor exploit the freedoms that are available in the National Planning Framework. I sense the issue may become problematic for owners of listed properties as the use of renewables becomes mandated, with the TVBC policy position appearing to be diametrically opposed to emergent Government policy. Cllrs will be aware of the stated intent to phase out gas boilers from 2025 onwards. Owners of listed properties or those in conservation areas who subsequently have to replace a gas boiler at the end of its serviceable life may well encounter difficulties in installing air or ground sourced heat pumps because of the array of external fixtures and fittings required. The same issues are also likely for those installing home vehicle charging points with no clear recognition from TVBC that change is inevitable and therefore planning considerations need to evolve. There is no immediate issue in Abbots Ann, very few people are seeking to install charging points or new heating systems in the immediate future, however it is inevitable that numbers will increase as gas boilers are phased out and the sale of new petrol and diesel cars ceases. It is to be hoped TVBC's policy in this space matures in time to cater for the changes that are already clearly signalled.

Cllrs are also aware we have identified a significant number of trees that require inspection and possible works or full removal. This is part of a project designed to improve the health and longevity of a number of trees around the village, whilst removing others that need to be replaced. We have made financial provision for both tree survey work and major tree works over the last few years, but the potential scale of the works required means we may well have to seek additional funding from TVBC to run the project. Should we be successful in funding the tree project we will also be looking to recycle some of the timber for resale, the remainder will probably go to local biomass plants. The proceeds of any sales will be split between AAPC (off-setting the cost of the tree works) and a donation to the War Memorial Hall to support their fundraising appeal to conduct much needed maintenance on the hall.

Finally, we are running a small stall at the Fete on 2nd Sep where we will be advertising the work undertaken by the Parish Council as well as canvassing for suggestions and any potential candidates to take up one of the 3 extant vacancies we have.

A P Jordan

Cllr

Chairman

Footpath and Sewage Portfolio report for August.

Footpaths

We have just completed our sixth round of footpath and hedge trimming, and I plan for another round late September.

The overhanging tree on the Webs/Drove path has now been cut down thanks to my request to Abbots Ann Estates.

The tree problem on the Bury Hill path is still outstanding and waiting Hampshire Right of Way dept.

Replaced the finger signpost on the start of Webs Lane.

We have cut back the hedge in the sport field car park on the request of Councillor Wallis.

Sewage updates

The quarterly PPF meeting took place at Langford Lakes was interesting which included a progress report from Southern Water concerning the work they are carrying out in our parishes. (Copy of the minutes of the meeting, and copy of Wessex Water presentation is available on request)

We also had a presentation from Wessex Water on reed bed filtration system which they have installed at Langford Lakes which has successfully been in operation for the last ten years. Southern Water are considering a similar system for our area.

Progress is moving at a pace on sealing the sewers against ground water in our parishes with a total to date of 141 private houses sewers to main sewer sealed in the Fyfield, Kimpton, Thruxton, Weyhill and East Cholderton areas with another 416 to be completed by October.

Work is in progress to seal the joints in the main sewers in the Thruxton and Monxton area, and all this work is achieving results to reduce the ground water leaks into the sewer, as the pumping station at Mullens pond is now not being overwhelmed and controlling the water flow and not requiring Tanker assistants. Therefore, there are No tankers operating in our parishes even though the ground water is still at winter levels at the present time.

Councillor John Heather.

Update from Hampshire County Council – September 2023

Schools and RAAC

Residents may be aware of the recent news story regarding schools in England due to close imminently as a result of their buildings containing unsafe concrete: [School buildings in England to shut over concrete safety fears - BBC News](#).

No Hampshire school is being closed. Cranbourne College in Basingstoke is the only site where RAAC has been identified among Hampshire County Council's maintained schools. Temporary works have already been undertaken to one section of the building to make sure it is safe and another area has been taken out of use since the beginning of the year, however, the school is expected to open as normal at the start of the autumn term.

Generating green energy at home – save on bills, protect the environment

The group-buying scheme, Solar Together 2023, is now open to Hampshire residents looking to buy high-quality installations, at the right price, from pre-vetted installers.

The scheme, offered by Hampshire County Council in partnership with independent experts iChoosr, means residents who invest now in solar panels or battery storage for their homes will not only benefit from reduced energy bills, but also boost local renewable energy generation – reducing carbon emissions in Hampshire and helping to build resilience to climate change.

Residents have until 27 October to register their interest online, for free and without obligation

– www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230829SolarTogether>

Every day matters - families urged to prioritise attendance in new school year

With the new school year fast approaching, Hampshire County Council is encouraging families to do all they can to support regular school attendance for their children.

While rates of school attendance are improving locally, there is still more to do to match the levels typically seen before the Covid-19 pandemic. Educational specialists advise that attending school every day, unless unwell, is best for children to ensure that the solid foundations for their future education and employment can be laid. It is also one of the best ways of protecting a child's mental and physical health.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/290823-school-attendance>

Recycle vapes at HWRCs to avoid fire risks urges County Council

Hampshire residents can now recycle vapes at any Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC), helping to avoid disposal in general waste, which is a fire risk, and reduce littering

Following the rise in vaping it is now estimated that around 1.3m single use vapes are thrown away each week, making it the fastest growing type of waste.

Following an increase in young people experimenting with vaping, Hampshire County Council has pledged continuing support for a series of education and enforcement measures to tackle the increasingly pressing issue of teen vaping. In total, 20.5% of children nationally have tried vaping, up from 15.8% in 2022 and 13.9% in 2020.

To help tackle the environmental impact of vapes, all our Household Waste Recycling Centres can now accept reusable, refillable and disposable vapes for recycling. Most large supermarkets and some shops also have special bins where batteries, including single use vapes, can be disposed of safely. Rogue batteries are the single biggest cause of fire in refuse trucks and waste sites, which poses an avoidable risk to staff and unnecessary cost burden on taxpayer-funded services. It can also mean a truckload of valuable recyclable material that were carefully sorted by residents going up in smoke.

Single-use vapes contain lithium-ion batteries which can catch fire if broken. This is an increasing problem across the country, and research by Material Focus, a non-profit organisation which runs the Recycle Your Electricals campaign, found that more than 700 fires in bin lorries and recycling centres nationally were caused by batteries that had been dumped into general waste. In Hampshire, the County Council estimates one fire a month on average in a waste truck or waste facility can be attributed to a battery, faulty electrical item or disposable BBQ.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/07082023RecyclevapesatHWRCs>

HCC launches consultation on future of care homes

On 4 September 2023 a consultation will commence on proposals that would see some £173million invested over the next five to six years to transform and expand the future of nursing and specialist care accommodation directly provided by Hampshire County Council for the county's growing older population. The consultation will run for 10 weeks, closing on 12 November 2023. From 4 September the consultation will be available at this link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/social-care-2023>

The County Council's seven remaining nursing and short term 'step-down from hospital' care homes will remain in operation. The changes would be phased over time and would help to increase the overall number of directly provided Local Authority beds to around 1,000 from the current position of just over 900 beds.

Annually, the County Council sources care home places for around 1,600 clients, more than three quarters of whom go into private care homes. The investment proposals would enable a similar ratio of care provision to be maintained.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/care-homes>

Cllr [David Drew](#)

[Test Valley Central Division, HCC](#)

Test Valley Borough Councillor Report September 2023

Maureen Flood

Supporting Thriving Communities – TVBC Initiative.

Anna, Harewood and Mid Test Wards

Over recent years there have been many positive examples across Test Valley of organisations such as parish councils, clubs, voluntary and community groups, TVBC and HCC working together to deliver on community priorities. Working together has resulted in a range of successful projects and initiatives that have improved the lives of our communities including unlocking a range of resources e.g. funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy, Community Asset Fund, community grants and Lottery Funds.

The first of three events/workshops was held in early August to build on this successful approach. Over 50 representatives our local community organisations met to explore how we can work together to do more to understand, prioritise and deliver our communities' priorities in the next few years. The second and third events will be held before the end of the year providing further opportunities to network.

Funding drop in sessions

Starting from 21st September, Unity will be offering all not-for-profit organisations in Test Valley the opportunity to attend a free 'virtual' funding drop-in session on the third Thursday of every month.

It is a great opportunity for any local organisations who may need funding support. Groups will be able to meet a member of the team to get advice and feedback on things like grant funding.

People can book an appointment by emailing info@unityonline.org.uk or calling 0330 4004 166.

The Queen Elizabeth Memorial Copse at Bury Hill Meadows

An official Naming Ceremony of the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Copse at Bury Hill, Red Rice Road, Upper Clatford will take place on **Friday 8 September**.

The Worshipful the Mayor of Test Valley Councillor Philip Lashbrook will plant a tree to commemorate the occasion

APPENDIX B

Date: 01/09/2023	Abbotts Ann Parish Council	Page 1
Time: 08:16	Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/08/2023 for Cashbook 1 - Lloyds Treasurers Account	User: AMANDA

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Lloyds Treasurers Account	31/08/2023		60,447.28
			<u>60,447.28</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
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			<u>0.00</u>
			60,447.28
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
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			60,447.28
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	60,447.28
		Difference is :-	0.00
