



Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on

Thursday 26th June at 7.30pm, Awbridge Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Kelly Seymour (KS)
Cllr Peter Allen (PA)
Cllr Grahame Jackson (GJ)
Cllr Gordon Piper (GP)
Cllr Christopher Wheeler CW)
Cllr Tony Byrne (TB)

Apologies:

Cllr J Whiteley

In attendance:

Tracy Sansome (Clerk)
Cllr Nick Adams- King (Leader of HCC)
Anthony Chapman (TVBC)
6 members of public

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Welcome

Chairman Cllr Kelly Seymour welcomed all to the meeting and reminded our visitors that the open period is an opportunity to raise matters on the agenda.

2. Apologies

Received from Cllr J Whiteley.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were noted.

4. Report from Cllr Nick Adams-King and Anthony Chapman (TVBC Grants)

Cllr Adams-King made a short report to explain the increased housing targets does not mean that every planning application will be passed for development. There is a public consultation due (July 2025) where Parish Councils and members of the public can express their wishes. The emerging Neighbour Plan will be taken into account.

Aster works have been completed. Going forward it has been agreed that any new replacement sewerage plants will not be charged to residents. Charges currently are being reviewed and a fairer system under agreement.

At HCC level, positive savings are being made within the Education and NHS provision services.

Cllr P Allen asked if any news is available concerning Southern Water and lack of pressure in the village. It was agreed that the clerk will investigate any information received so far and Cllr Nick Adams-King has agreed to look into this further on our behalf.

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Anthony Chapman spoke for 5 minutes to explain that some grants are being made available this financial year and he is open to help the PC apply for any suitable projects. There is no guarantee how the grants will work after Devolution and amalgamation of areas but for now – there are some opportunities. It was suggested that the recent enquiry by a member of public who works on maintaining the wildlife area may possibly be suitable for a grant, however, they would need to make contact with Anthony. Cllr Tony Byrne offered to speak to the member of public and the clerk will then forward their details to Anthony Chapman.

TB

5. **Public Observations/open period**

A member of the public has raised the issue of drainage on their land potentially caused by farm vehicles passing and churning up the verges. It was suggested that the first call for action in this instance is to report to Highways using the Portal on the HCC website.

6. **Clerk Report and Correspondence**

Acknowledged. Cllr G Piper suggested that when reviewing the updated Asset Register – we include an extra column for insurance values going forward. Clerk to action. **RESOLVED**

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7. **Minutes**

The minutes of the last Parish meeting on 15th May 2025 were accepted as an accurate record of business conducted. Signed by Cllr K Seymour. **RESOLVED**

8. **Matters Arising from the last meeting.**

None recorded

STANDING ITEMS

9. **Planning**

9.1

APPLICATION NUMBER: 25/01026/FULLS

PROPOSAL:

Demolish garden garage and replace with summer house and perimeter boundary fencing

SITE:

Berriedael, Church Lane, Awbridge, Romsey

It was agreed that **NO OBJECTION** be recorded. **RESOLVED**

9.2

APPLICATION NUMBER
PROPOSAL:

25/01053/FULLS

Erection of 5 detached dwellings and detached garages with access via Danes Road, and installation of sewage treatment plants

SITE:

Land On East Side Of Danes Road, Danes Road, Awbridge, Hampshire

It was agreed to **OBJECT** based on new housing should be modest in size and more suitable for young families. Emerging NDP highlights concern over road safety and parking issues. No contextual study to inform design of site. New development should not obstruct views to wider countryside. Full objection response to be sent to TVBC. **RESOLVED**

9.3

APPLICATION NUMBER
PROPOSAL:

25/01151/TPOS

T1 - Oak - Reduce southern lateral branch by up to 2m from branch tips, rebalance, remove all major deadwood greater than 25mm in diameter, create 2m clearance from adjacent BT wire, T2 - Oak - Remove all major deadwood greater than 25mm in diameter, lean BT Wire by up to 2m

LOCATION:

Cranton House, Church Lane, Awbridge.

It was agreed to record **NO OBJECTION RESOLVED**

9.4

APPLICATION NO:
PROPOSAL:

25/01139/TPOS

T1- Oak - Reduce lateral branches removing around 3m from largest branch (b1) and up to 1.5m from remaining smaller branches

LOCATION:

Oak Trees House, Kents Oak, Awbridge,

No objection in principle. It was agreed to comment in response that this decision should be left to Tree Officer to decide on Safety grounds. **RESOLVED**

9.5

APPLICATION NO:
PROPOSAL:
LOCATION:

25/01140/TPOS

T1 - Beech - Fell to 3m

Coombe Cottage, Saunders Lane, Awbridge,

No objection in principle. It was agreed to comment in response that this decision should be left to Tree Officer to decide on Safety grounds. **RESOLVED**

9.6

APPLICATION NUMBER:
PROPOSAL:
SITE:

25/01270/FULLS

Extension to existing patio area and link path (retrospective)

Unit H06, Block G, Stanbridge Earls Estate, Stanbridge Lane

No objection in principle however a comment will be submitted to observe that retrospective planning applications at this site is poor and should not set a precedence over planning procedures that should be followed. **RESOLVED**

10.

GOVERNANCE

10.1 Grant Application Policy – The updated and amended policy was agreed **RESOLVED**

10.2 Annual Governance and Accountability return 2025 (AGAR)

- a) Section 1 of AGAR (Annual Governance Statement 2024/25) was agreed and signed by Chairman.
- b) Section 2 of AGAR (Accounting Statements) agreed and signed by Chairman.
- c) Internal Audit Report was received and accepted.
- d) Dates of Public Rights Notice were agreed. Sunday 29th June – Friday 8th August
- e) Conflict of Interests with External Auditor BDO – none recorded.

RESOLVED

11. Financial and Administrative

- 11.1 Invoices listed and received were agreed for payment. **RESOLVED**
- 11.2 Bank reconciliation to bank statement was agreed and signed by Cllr K Seymour
RESOLVED

11.3 Grant Applications were considered.

All Saints Church

Application for £1130 (dedicated loop System) was agreed.

Application for £3500 (Streaming equipment and installation) was agreed.

Application for £280 (Installation of Defib unit) has already been agreed and paid.

Application for £12000 (Church restoration) deferred.

ADVA Village Hall

Application (£60k) for assistance with funding for Village Hall improvements.

It was agreed to allocate £35000 of CIL monies to cover cost of new playground. Proposed by Cllr K Seymour and seconded by Cllr C Wheeler. The PC will release funds when appropriate other funding has been achieved.

12. Lengthsman

It was acknowledged that we have £532.75 left in our allocation of funds. Cllr K Seymour to update the jobs list (grass cutting) and send to the Co-ordinator. Any further work required will need to be paid for by ourselves.

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

- 13. **Speedsigns** – It was agreed that the recommendations from S Nightingale are appropriate and welcomed. Locations of potential new sites agreed subject to surveys and agreement from Highways. Clerk to action the work to be started and an order submitted for the equipment as per quotation from WESTCOTEC. Total of work to be carried out approximately £14000. **RESOLVED**
- 14. **Defibs** – All defibs in place and working. Clerk shared on FB a map of locations.
- 15. **NDP** – Cllr G Piper updated the meeting. The final part of the NDP is nearly ready but may cost a small amount to finish. As there are no more grants available for NDPs it was agreed that this will be paid from CIL funds the PC hold. **RESOLVED**
- 16. **War Memorial** – Cllr G Piper will resend suggestions for using up the final funds we have from ADVA to enhance and improvement War Memorial site.

Closure of Meeting 9.20pm

Next meeting of the full council Thursday 31st July 2025

Tracy Sansome Clerk