Full Council Meeting Minutes of Ampfield Parish Council
This meeting was held at 7pm on Monday 13th April 2026 at Ampfield Village Hall.

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

4883 **Apologies: Cllr Martin Hatley,**

4884 **Declarations of Interest:** None

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4885 **Public Participation:** None

4886 **Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting held on 30th March 2026 - RESOLVED:** Minutes were formally received, agreed by all Councillors as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4887 **Matters arising from the Minutes:** None

4888 **a. Report from Sally Yalden (TVBC)** report attached to minutes.
b. Report from Committee and Portfolio Holders: None

4889 **Financial Matters**
a. Bank reconciliation – **RESOLVED:** The Council received the Bank Reconciliation to the end of March 2026.

Bank			**Earmarked Reserves**	
TSB Current A/c	£3,145.12		Recreation Ground	£20,950.00
TSB Business A/c	£48,410.02		General & Contingency Reserve	£17,000.00
Nationwide at 31/05/2025	£67,248.84		Election reserve	£4,000.00
Total cash	**£118,803.98**		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	**-£13,617.86**		**Total Earmarked Reserves**	**£132,421.84**

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

Speed Sign Mgmt Ltd	Management of VAS sign Jan, Feb, March	£319.07
J N Landscapes Ltd	Potting up bare fruit trees from TVBC	£199.20
J N Landscapes Ltd	Installation of Dragons Teeth Morleys Green	£129.60
Cllr Martin Hatley	Paint for Rec Grd office container	£220.00
HALC	Affiliation Fees & NALC Levy 26-27	£643.00

c. To Ratify Income & Expenditure from the Current Account since 1st March 2026.

Date	**Supplier / Customer**	**Receipt**	**Payment**	**Balance**
	Opening balance b/fwd			3,300.34
02/03/2026	Calor		17.99	3,282.35
09/03/2026	TVBC	333.00		3,615.35
09/03/2026	TVBC	1,000.00		4,615.35
09/03/2026	UK Debt Mgmt Office Loan		3,016.65	1,598.70
10/03/2026	Ampfield Village Hall		26.25	1,572.45
10/03/2026	Ampfield Village Hall		18.75	1,553.70
10/03/2026	Ashurst & Colbury PC		447.50	1,106.20
10/03/2026	Cllr Graham Roads		348.00	758.20

10/03/2026	Cllr Graham Roads		118.80	639.40
10/03/2026	Cllr Martin Hatley		58.21	581.19
10/03/2026	Total Refurbishment		90.00	491.19
10/03/2026	Total Refurbishment		360.00	131.19
10/03/2026	Belgarum Property Mgmt		399.78	-268.59
10/03/2026	RJ Plumbing		65.00	-333.59
10/03/2026	TFR	5,000.00		4,666.41
11/03/2026	Cllr Martin Hatley		29.61	4,636.80
11/03/2026	K R Electrics		17,136.95	-12,500.15
11/03/2026	TFR	17,136.95		4,636.80
13/03/2026	Aferiy		1,172.00	3,464.80
13/03/2026	Aremco		96.23	3,368.57
13/03/2026	Business Stream		438.33	2,930.24
16/03/2026	TVBC		189.36	2,740.88
16/03/2026	TVBC		347.22	2,393.66
16/03/2026	Cllr Martin Hatley		28.70	2,364.96
16/03/2026	County Locksmiths		39.95	2,325.01
17/03/2026	David Lynch	100.00		2,425.01
18/03/2026	Aster Housing Group	90.00		2,515.01
23/03/2026	TVBC	9,000.00		11,515.01
23/03/2026	HugoFox Ltd		11.99	11,503.02
23/03/2026	TVBC		9,000.00	2,503.02
24/03/2026	E.ON NEXT LTD		206.89	2,296.13
26/03/2026	Belgarum Property Mgmt	3,375.00		5,671.13
26/03/2026	Alexis Lane		160.00	5,511.13
26/03/2026	Alexis Lane		60.00	5,451.13
26/03/2026	Mark White		75.00	5,376.13
26/03/2026	Wendage KLG Ltd		244.80	5,131.33
26/03/2026	Total Refurbishment		832.90	4,298.43
27/03/2026	ID Mobile		8.00	4,290.43
27/03/2026	Ampfield Village Hall		45.00	4,245.43
27/03/2026	Ampfield Village Hall		18.75	4,226.68
30/03/2026	Aster Housing Group		50.00	4,176.68
30/03/2026	Clerk		904.40	3,272.28
31/03/2026	Alexis Lane		40.00	3,232.28
31/03/2026	Cllr Martin Hatley		59.12	3,173.16
31/03/2026	Hampshire County Council		28.04	3,145.12

Business Account transactions since 1st March 2026.

Date	Supplier / Customer	Receipt	Payment	Balance
	Opening balance b/fwd			58,079.49
10/03/2026	Bank Interest	66.38		58,145.87
10/03/2026	Tfr to Current Account		5,000.00	53,145.87
11/03/2026	Tfr to Current Account		17,136.95	36,008.92
20/03/2026	HMRC Vat Repayment	3,401.10		39,410.02
23/03/2026	Tfr from Current Account	9,000.00		48,410.02

d. Income and anticipated expenditure: **RESOLVED:** The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of March 2026.

4890 Policy

To Receive and Review Test Valley Borough Council's Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO's) regarding Anti-Social Behaviours and Dogs: **RESOLVED:** All Councillors received and accepted the PSPO's and there were no comments to be made on the consultation.

Resilience Plan: RESOLVED: Cllr Nanson advised George Bloss at TVBC had offered his help in updating the Parish Resilience Plan; identifying community assets that could be used and finding ways how the Parish Council could help if an emergency arose. All Councillors **AGREED:** to the offer of help and Cllr Nanson will liaise with George Bloss to arrange this.

Parish Assembly Preparations: RESOLVED: This will be held on Monday 18th May 2026.

4891 Community & Environment

a. Chapel Wood: RESOLVED: Cllr Roads advised that Romsey Mens Shed has been working hard on routing the arrows for the signposts. They have already completed 5 signposts and Cllr Roads will swap these over for another 5 posts at the end of the week. A £50 donation to the Mens Shed for the work carried out was **AGREED** by all Councillors.

The Friends have cleared most of the weed at the pond, but another session is required. They have also been helping with vegetation clearance at the Church.
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b. War Memorial: Grass cutting is due to start shortly.

c. Burial Ground: RESOLVED: The Bracken at the rear of the Burial Ground has been cleared by TVBC Grounds Maintenance team. This area still needs grass seed otherwise the bracken will return.

Cllr Trotter has cleared leaves and debris from the Burial Ground and has also planted some primroses.

d. Highways:

i. A3090 crossing – Nothing to report.

ii. Hook Road Closure: RESOLVED: Due to nothing happening on the site, the permit extension was refused by HCC The road has now been opened however, Southern Water will have to return to site at some point to complete the works

e. Morleys Green:

i) Community Orchard & Wildflowers: Cllr Trotter advised that the trees delivered to JN Landscapes have been potted up as they were bare rooted. This will give the trees chance to mature before being planted in the late summer/early autumn. JN Landscapes will liaise with Cllr Trotter on a date for planting along with the wildflowers.
Cllr Trotter has also received an email from a resident asking if the grass in front of the houses could be sown as a wildflower meadow, or if not, to be left unmowed during 'No Mow May'. Councillors discussed both options at length and it was **RESOLVED:** that the original area identified by the TVBC Rangers for the Wildflower Meadow would go ahead as it was hoped to persuade the wildflowers to grow up the bund. The issue with having a wildflower meadow in front of the houses would be that it would be more costly in the long run having to establish this and may be deemed unsightly by other residents.

ii) Tree Surveys: RESOLVED: Mark Bursey Tree Officer from NFDC will survey the trees tomorrow (14th April) and send the Clerk his report thereafter.

f. Allotments: RESOLVED: All plots have now been let to residents. The non-resident who was offered plot 10 did not respond to emails. During this time, a resident had contacted the Clerk asking if there were any plots available and has now taken on the plot.

g. Defibrillators: RESOLVED: New pads are required for the defib at Wheelhouse Park. Cllr Nanson will speak to the Potters Heron Hotel to discuss defib requirements there as the original unit has now been decommissioned.

h. Telephone Kiosk: RESOLVED: The door has now been repaired.

i. Village Hall Roof repair/replacement – **RESOLVED**: Works started at the end of March and have progressed nicely. The contractor is due to finish on Wednesday evening.

j. Recreation Ground / Pavilion:

i. Solar Panels and Batteries project: RESOLVED: Cllr Ling gave a detailed update to Councillors showing the solar generated, Pavilion usage, imported kWh, electricity savings, Calor gas saved and exported kWh. Clerk is still trying to sort out what income we have generated through exporting the energy, but E.on are slow in responding to emails.

ii. Fire Extinguishers: RESOLVED: Walker Fire booked in at 8am on Monday 20th April.

iii. ANBCC Projects: RESOLVED: Cllr Nanson advised that the new container will be delivered tomorrow (Tuesday 14th April). Clerk has invoiced ANBCC for the container and is awaiting payment.

iv. Dragons Teeth: **RESOLVED:** Have been installed.

k. Community Speedwatch: **RESOLVED:** The Camera was returned to Westcotec for a software update in March. This is now ready to be returned to the Parish Council.
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l. Bus Shelter Grants from HCC - RESOLVED Hampshire County Council has confirmed that our grant application was successful. The work will be carried out shortly.

4892 **Correspondence and Communications –** Clerk advised that residents had contacted her Regarding horse manure on paths and dog waste on footpaths. Clerk has responded to the residents concerned.

4893 **Next Meeting Dates:**

Planning Meeting – Monday 20th April 2026 at 7pm
Full Council Meeting - Monday 13th April 2026 at 7pm
Annual Parish Assembly – Monday 18th May at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm

Chairman ----------

Date ----------

March 2026 Report from Cllr Sally Yalden -Test Valley Borough Councillor

Planning Inspectorate appeal decisions: Belle Vue Road, Andover. The development proposed is for a ground floor rear and 2 storey rear extensions, new roofs, new window. **Appeal dismissed.**

Enforcement cases: Currently **18** open alleged planning breaches in A&B. **12** in Ampfield, **5** in Braishfield and **1** in the part of Timsbury in this ward. Of those there was one new entry in March (in Braishfield).

Councillor community grant: Grant is £2,065.75 and will need to be spent in the next financial year as with LGR, there will be no carry over.

TPOs – Land Rear of Lionwood in Braishfield I've been supporting residents in seeking TPOs on land around their properties. I was very pleased this was dealt with quickly and efficiently by TVBC's Arboriculture team.

Response to Government Consultation on reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system Following the Government's recent consultation on further reforms to national planning policy including proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the Council has now submitted its formal response to MHCLG on behalf of the Planning Portfolio Holder.
The Council's response raises strong concerns about the impact of recent and proposed national planning policy changes, particularly the significant increase in housing targets and the knock-on effect on local plan-making. It highlights that these changes have reduced the Council's five-year housing land supply and are already leading to more speculative development and appeals, undermining a plan-led approach.
While the Council broadly supports some structural changes to the NPPF such as separating plan-making and decision-making policies, it stresses that the system is becoming more complex and risks weakening the weight of local and neighbourhood plans in decision-making.
A key theme throughout is that planning reform alone will not deliver the homes needed. The Council emphasises the role of developers, noting that build-out rates, labour availability and market factors all affect delivery, and that Government should do more to hold developers to account. 2

Overall, the response strongly defends a plan-led system, warns against unintended consequences of national changes, and calls for clearer, more practical policy that supports sustainable development and local decision-making.

The response letter is available here. although I have summarised it as reported.

Biodiversity Monitoring Report - A Biodiversity Monitoring Report has been published on TVBC's website. This report has been prepared in line with requirements of the Environment Act 2021, which stipulate that a report needs to be published by the end of March that covers the action we have taken over the last three years to comply with the biodiversity duty (being the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity through the exercise of functions) and how we plan to comply with the duty over the next five years. There are also requirements in relation to reporting on the delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain.
This report sets out what the Council has done over the last three years to protect and enhance biodiversity, following new legal duties.
There's been good progress, including new nature reserves, more wildflower meadows, tree planting, and improved management of council land. A lot of this work has been supported by strong partnerships and volunteers.
Biodiversity is also increasingly built into planning, with requirements like Biodiversity Net Gain helping to improve habitats through development.
Looking ahead, the work will continue, although there's some uncertainty with local government reorganisation, but the legal duty to protect biodiversity remains.

Local Government Reorganisation - The announcement means Test Valley is set to join Winchester, New Forest and East Hampshire to create a new Mid-Hampshire unitary council, but its communities in Chilworth, Nursling, Rownhams and Valley Park will join South West Hampshire.

The new unitary authority will replace the existing borough, district and city councils, and Hampshire County Council, to create a single layer of councils responsible for all services in their area.
There are also boundary changes affecting New Forest, Winchester and East Hampshire.
Councils will now work together to build the new unitaries and prepare for the shadow council elections in May 2027 – i.e. there will be a major election in 2027 to set up the new councils, and then normal elections (every 4 years) after that once everything is up and running.
The shadow authorities are temporary councils that will plan and prepare the new unitary council before it officially starts work on 1 April 2028.