



Parish Council

**Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on
Tuesday 24th March 2026 at 7.30pm in Awbridge Village Hall**

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr J Whiteley (Holiday)

In attendance:

Tracy Sansome (Clerk), Cllr Nick Adams-King (HCC)

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Welcome

Chairman Cllr Kelly Seymour thanked those for attending.

2. Apologies

Apologies were accepted from, Cllr J Whiteley (Holiday)

3. Declarations of Interest

None recorded.

4. Public Observations/questions on Agenda Items

None recorded.

Report from Councillor Nick Adams-King to the Parish Council

Cllr Nick Adams-King gave a short report to share that:

- HCC are currently trying to resolve issues with Southern Water works. Contractors have been requested to finish as per permits.
- The new council configuration decisions are due in the next few days. The final outcomes will be published nationally.
- The planning department are very busy with applications and speculative developments applications but are giving them all due diligence and careful consideration.

- Roke Manor Liaison Panel took place which discussed dealing with water and taking it away from the site.
- Tuesday 31st March will see representative from Highways do a walkabout with members of the PC to ascertain suitable sites for the prospective new speed indicator signs.

5. Clerk Report and Correspondence

Acknowledged

It was agreed that the clerk will check with highways that the path that has been cut through from a residence in Cowleas to Romsey road will not present any future issues.

The clerk shared pre-renewal questionnaire. It was agreed that the clerk clarify what is meant by 'day one basis' – before return of document.

6. Minutes

The minutes from the meeting of 19th February 2026 were agreed. These were signed by Cllr K.Seymour as final and correct. Proposed by Cllr T Byrne and seconded by Cllr G Piper. **RESOLVED**

7. Governance

7.1 Declarations of Interest

It was agreed that they are all up to date and require no changes. **RESOLVED**

8. Financial and Administrative

8.1 Invoices were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr C Wheeler and seconded by Cllr G. Piper **RESOLVED**

8.2 Bank reconciliation to bank statements were agreed and signed by Cllr T Byrne.

8.3 A new Expenses Claim form was accepted and will be used to itemise any future miscellaneous expenditure.

9. Lengthsman

It was agreed that Cllr K Seymour would liaise with the co-ordinator and request that the signs around the village will be cleaned.

10. Grant Allocations

The Parish Council is still awaiting invoices from the Village Hall in order to transfer the first of grant payments. The work has started and therefore we expect to see invoices soon.

11. Maintenance

The bus shelter is in need of repair. It was agreed that the Clerk to investigate and arrange some quotes for the work. Cllr P Allen suggested a possible contractor for this.

12. Planning

12.1 APPLICATION NO: 26/00519/TPOS

PROPOSAL: T1 - Oak - Cut back lower limb by up to 3m, cut back 1m away from cables to give adequate clearance

LOCATION: Hazel Grove, Saunders Lane, Awbridge, AWBRIDGE

It was agreed to **NO Comment RESOLVED**

12.2 APPLICATION NUMBER: 26/00428/FULLS

PROPOSAL: Erection of light industrial building under Class E g) iii and alternative to building approved under planning permission TVS.02405/8.

SITE: The Barn, Lone Barn Farm, Stanbridge Lane, Awbridge

It was agreed that no objection be recorded but comments to be made suggesting that the original planning should make clear the confusion around access to the site. The view of the PC is that it does not have multiple accesses but the planning drawing does not make this clear. RESOLVED.

13. Assembly 21st May

Some speakers have been confirmed. Cllr Nick Adams-King, Anthony Chapman (Test Valley), representative from ADVA. Clerk to chase up request for local police representative.

It was agreed that the PC will provide refreshments. Clerk to organise advertising poster for this.

Closure of Meeting : 8:45 pm

Date of next full council meeting is 7th May 2026

**Tracy Sansome
Clerk/RFO**

Signed Chairman **Date**

