

**Minutes of the Amport Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022,
7.30pm at
East Cholderton Scout Hall.**

Present: Cllr C Harris – Chairman, Cllr S Coke - Vice Chairman, Cllr Mrs S Baker, Cllr Mrs S Richardson, Cllr A Montagu, Cllr Mrs T Hawkings-Byass & Cllr O Vincent.

Also present

Mr T Hartigan (non-voting member)
Heather Bourner – Parish Clerk
TVBC Mrs M Flood
TVBC D Coole
Caroline Unwin -Village correspondent
Peter Waller
0 Members of the Public

1 Apologies:

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mrs D Stephenson.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Public Participation

There were no members of public present.

4 Co-option of new Parish Councillor

Peter Waller had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. He has lived in Amport for 10 years and has spent some years working as a volunteer with Andover Mind. Cllr Harris proposed he be co-opted to the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr Coke. All agreed. The Clerk will arrange for all documentation to be completed.

5 Minutes of previous meetings & matters arising

Resolved: The minutes of the meetings held on 14th March were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Baker seconded Cllr Coke. All in favour.

6 Specific reports

Principle & Process-Cllr Coke said he had reviewed the end of year finance with the Clerk along with accounts to the year ended 31st March 2022. These had been circulated to all. The Clerk confirmed these would be audited by the internal auditor on 9th June. As income & expenditure were below £25,000 an exemption declaration can be made to audit which must be submitted by 1st July 2022. Cllr Coke proposed the accounts be agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Harris. All agreed

The Fen & Green- Cllr Harris reported the fallen tree has been removed and a quote for £300 to grind the stump has been received. He proposed this be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Baker. All agreed. Once the work is complete a replacement tree will be planted.

A tree for the Queens Jubilee will also be planted and a commemorative plaque unveiled at the Jubilee Celebrations in June.

Cllr Harris confirmed the bench in the Fen is broken. Cllr Richardson will establish a price to replace this. Cllr Baker proposed this become a Jubilee bench with a plaque. Tim Hartigan will approach a contractor to establish if the old bench can be repaired.

An early morning bird walk will take place on Thursday 28th April led by Maggie Shelton of the Hants & IOW Wildlife Trust.

Play Area -Cllr Richardson said she has obtained one quote to replace the damaged play equipment. A second will be provided shortly. It was agreed that all damaged equipment will be replaced and the swing for

disabled children will be fitted. As soon as two quotes are received these will be circulated electronically and an agreement to which is to accepted reached. The Clerk will also submit these to the insurance company.

The Clerk confirmed she had asked for the ROSPA play equipment check to be delayed until the damaged equipment is replaced, however If the check is carried out in May or June the cost is reduced. In the previous year this cost was £99.00, delaying the review will mean a charge of £240.00. It was agreed the Clerk would arrange the review to take place now and Cllr Richardson will meet the assessor on site to explain what will be replaced.

Footpaths- Cllr T Hawkings Byass will provide all necessary details of the contractor who cuts paths on behalf of the PC and details of those responsible for other footpaths to Cllr Montagu and Tim Hartigan. Cllr Montagu confirmed he is in discussion with Quarley Parish Council about the upkeep of a shared footpath.

Communications - Cllr Baker reported she has received four Councillor profiles to post on the website. She asked all other Councillors to provide their profiles by 22 April.

She said she had been researching resilience plans and hoped to attend a training session soon.

School Liaison – Cllr Baker confirmed she continues to liaise with the school.

Projects- Cllr Hawkings-Byass had nothing to report currently. Some possible new projects were suggested as: - clearing the millstream in the Fen, how to spend the community benefit expected from the solar farm build, increase parking by filling in the culvert at the village green and erecting signs asking motorists to slow down at village entrances.

Neighbourhood Plan- Cllr Stephenson was absent however the Clerk reported TVBC have provided all the necessary information to apply for a grant to pay a consultant. Cllr Stephenson and The Clerk will make an application shortly.

Highways – Cllr Vincent said he had been considering how vehicles can be encouraged to slow down in the village. Areas of concern were near the school, by the The Hawk public house and near to the new hotel. It was agreed researching the installation of signs asking vehicles to slow down should be the starting point. It was also agreed sites for speed watch signs should be considered. The Clerk will circulate the HCC policy to all Councillors.

Young Persons Matters- Cllr Vincent had nothing to report.

7 Southern Water over pumping & water quality

Cllr Harris confirmed a meeting of the PPF had taken place via Zoom on 4th April. The appointment of Janet Wright as secretary was ratified. The meeting with Southern Water planned for 11th April has been postponed and will not now take place until 17th May. Southern Water intend to hold a public meeting to discuss its programme of repairs to laterals but not until later in the year. The PPF will write to Southern Water to press for outstanding work to be completed.

8 Solar Farm Plans

Cllr Montagu confirmed work to complete legal documents regarding the community benefit payment is complete. The document has been sent to the legal team at HALC to check before it is signed. There is a possible delay regarding connection to the national grid which may see the build delayed, assuming planning permission is granted.

9 Avenue of Trees

Tim Hartigan confirmed planting of 83 trees as an avenue alongside the path from the Water Tower down to the house at Haydown Farm is complete. Fundraising for the project continues, anyone wishing to contribute should go to www.haydown-link.co.uk

10 Internet Outage

Cllr Baker said once service had resumed individuals had negotiated with their service provider for compensation averaging £8 per day without service. Businesses were able to negotiate further compensation. Anyone who requires help can obtain advice from Cllr Baker but individuals have to make their own claims.

11 Clerks report

The Clerk reminded all Councillors of the training session arranged for Tuesday 12th April at Thrupton Memorial Hall from 10.00am to 2.30pm.

Some details have been sent to the insurance company to make a claim for costs relating to the damaged play area.

End of year finance documents and accounts to 31 March 2022 have been completed.

Finally, the Clerk confirmed she had drawn up a draft document to assist with forming a data base to assist with a resilience plan and the Neighbourhood Plan.

13 Finance

The bank balance as 31/03/2022 was as follows:

Lloyds treasurers £12534.26

Lloyds deposit £12221.56

Payments

Resolved: that the following payments be approved,

H Bourner salary	£374.56
HMRC	£93.60
H Bourner exp.	£34.18
Ray Welch	£106.00
Business Stream	£13.41
Charlie Darbyshire	£600.00
TVBC dog bins	£493.03

Retrospective

Charlie Darbyshire £250.00

Barcham Trees £416.18

Kinex (electricity DD) £9.02

14 Borough & County Councillor Reports.

TVBC M Flood reported several events will be taking place in Andover, a mobile farm will be visiting Riverside Park on Easter Saturday, an easter egg trail around the town centre, a French market will be visiting in May, there will be a gardening fair later in the spring and finally, she highlighted a Jubilee card making competition for children in Andover and surrounding Villages.

She reported that TVBC had some recent success prosecuting fly tippers including one where a custodial sentence was delivered.

TVBC Coole highlighted details of the program to help refugees from Ukrainian which is being led by HCC with lots of information available on their website. He highlighted a tea dance to be held at St Marys Church in Andover on Thursday 2nd June. This is open to all but places must be booked, sign up online at bit.ly/vintage dance or by calling 07719994538.

15 Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

22/00176/TREEN- tree works -Robins, Monxton Road- permission

22/00085/FULLN- turn outbuilding into home office and hobby room, Dove House, Dauntsey lane- permission

Resolved: that the planning advisory committee's approval on the following applications were endorsed:

22/00700/AGNN- application to determine if approval is required to build reservoir at Fox Farm- request for full planning submitted

22/0692/FULLN-erection of two carriage houses and driveway, Downfield, Wiremead Lane, East Cholderton- no objections

Update on Amport House

Tim Hartigan reported he had recently spoken to the owners of Amport House. They have accepted guest traffic should go via the main road, not Furzedown Lane and that the kids club should be built near the swim club. These changes will be incorporated into the planning application. It is hoped that final approval for planning will come in late summer 2022. Construction work will follow with a possible opening early in 2024

16 Correspondence

The Clerk highlighted brochures received regarding traffic speed awareness cameras and street furniture.

17 Any other business –

Cllr Harris confirmed tenders for the rebuild of Monxton & Amport Village Hall are now being considered.

Cllr Richardson reported on the proposed Jubilee celebrations. On Sunday 5th June there will be an event on Amport Village Green for all villagers in Amport & Monxton. There will be afternoon tea with music when fancy dress is encouraged. There will also be a tree planting ceremony and competitions for children. All children will receive a gift. Further advertisements will be posted nearer the time.

Cllr Baker reported on a very successful quiz night to raise funds to create a garden in the churchyard and other funds for the PCC with over 94 people attending. Profits from ticket sales are going towards the Church Restoration fund but profits from food and drink sales plus the raffle will go to DEC and to the Hawk Conservancy as a local charity.

Finally, Cllr Harris said the PC will hold its AGM and the Parish meeting on 16th May, beginning at 7.30 pm. The Clerk will advertise the meeting. Cllr Harris will ask Hants & IOW Wildlife Trust to attend as guest speakers.

18 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th May 2022, 7.30pm at 2nd Andover Sea Scout Hall, East Cholderton.