

Minutes

Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council: Monday 13 June 2022

Held at Ampfield Village Hall, 7:00pm to 8:20pm

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

Chairman Bryan Nanson (chairing)
Vice Chairman Graham Roads
Cllr Martin Hatley
Cllr Chris Ling
Cllr Julie Trotter

Others

Kate Orange, Clerk/RFO

Apologies

3708. Apologies were received from Cllr Kate McCallum and Cllr David Stevens.

Previous Meeting

3709. The Council agreed the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 09 May 2022 and a copy was signed by the chair of the Meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes

3710. Any matters arising from previous Minutes were handled under the relevant agenda item.

Declarations of Interest

3711. No Member declared any pecuniary or other interest in any business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Minutes of Planning Committee

3712. The Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of 05 May 2022.

Financial Matters

3713. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end May 2022.*

RESOLVED

3714. *The Council received the calculation of working capital to the end of May 2022.*

RESOLVED

3715. *It was agreed that the following payments should be made:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	Cancel cheque to Village Hall (lost by Village Hall)	-1,007.40
	Reissue cheque to Village Hall	1,007.40
	Staff Costs	794.27
	Clerk: expenses incurred on behalf of council	6.80
	Total (including VAT)	£ 801.07
RESOLVED		

3716. *It was noted that the following payments had been made between Meetings:*

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
Electricity	60.33
Gas service charge	17.99
TVBC grounds maintenance (installment)	300.87
TV Licence	159.00
CCTV hard drive upgrade	148.99
Staff Costs	57.78
Total (including VAT)	£3,182.40

RESOLVED

3717. *It was noted that the Council had received the following income:*

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
Interest - bank	16.51
Pavilion hire	40.00
Burial fees	128.00
ANBCC	500.00
Total	£ 96.97

RESOLVED

3718. *The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of May 2022.*

RESOLVED

Recreation Ground

3719. Cllr Nanson reported on the recreation ground:

- The detailed annual inspection of the playground had taken place. There were some minor points to action, such as removal of weeds.
- The Clerk would purchase a light to replace the failed unit.

3720. *It was proposed to purchase a carpet shampooing machine for the pavilion.*

RESOLVED

Chapel Wood

3721. Vice Chairman Graham Roads reported on Chapel Wood:

- Due to volunteer absences, the working party had been postponed.

3722. *It was proposed to lay down the Greening Campaign due to lack of volunteers and interest from the community. This could be reviewed should any volunteers come forward.*

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Highways

3723. Cllr Hatley would request a meeting with Cllr Nick Adams-King, the Hampshire County Council (HCC) portfolio holder for Potholes & Small Works, to discuss the following points:

- The crossing point that the Parish Council had requested for the A3090 (proposed to be funded with s106 money from Morleys Green).

- Approval was given several years ago for reflective bollards at the junction of Chapel Hill with A3090. The work had never been done.
- There is not a straightforward pathway for parish councils to send general queries to the Highways Department. The public web-form was effective for reporting of specific issues such as potholes but was not suitable for more general issues.

3724. Currently visibility at some road junctions was reduced due to vegetation growth. As the need arose, Councillors would report directly to HCC and copy the information to Cllr Chris Ling, in case the Lengthsman could do any of the pruning that HCC had not been able to do.
3725. Cllr Ling would report the roots which were a trip hazard on Wingham Lane.
3726. There was a discussion about the footway through the village of Ampfield along A3090. The width was reduced in places due to encroachment of vegetation.

Matters Arising from Annual Parish Assembly

3727. Cllr Chris Ling gave an overview of Speedwatch, and some details were discussed:
- The idea of a Speedwatch scheme in the parish was supported by the electors at the Annual Parish Assembly.
 - Hampshire Constabulary were now allowing the creation of new schemes.
 - Speedwatch is a mechanism for public education: people would not be prosecuted if caught speeding by a Speedwatch team. The police would write to the culprit; a second letter would be sent if they were caught again; on the third occasion the police would visit them.
 - Three volunteers were needed for each session, to record speed, registration number, make, model and colour of vehicles and forward the information to the police. The Parish Council would like at least two teams of three people.
 - Locations would be approved by the Police. The SID sites were likely to be suitable.
 - The cost would be approximately £2,000 excluding VAT, to include high-vis jackets, signs, clickers, and the speed recording equipment.
 - Cllr Ling would visit the scheme in operation in Kings Somborne.
 - The Council would request funding from S106 traffic calming payments and seek support from HCC Cllr Alan Dowden
 - There was discussion about whether a few councils could group together, but it the relatively low cost of the scheme, the difficulty of managing this, and the specific purpose of the funding from Morleys Green (for highways work in the vicinity of Morleys Green) probably precluded this.
 - Some volunteers had been identified but more were needed.
3728. *It was proposed that the Council would proceed with setting up and running a Speedwatch scheme. This was subject to availability of funding and finding sufficient volunteers.*

RESOLVED

3729. At the annual assembly, the Council had agreed to review the "Ampfield A3090 Speed Limit Policy Proposal, adopted 14 November 2016" to include the wish for a 40mph speed limit on Hook Road to the junction with A3090. In fact the existing document already included this so no revision was required.
3730. Action on alleged unregulated industrial activity taking place in the parish: the Council would inform the Environment Agency of the concerns.

Reports from Committees and Portfolio Holders

3731. Cllr Hatley reported in his capacity as a member of Ampfield Village Hall management committee that the lease had been signed. It was requested that Cllr Ling check to see that it had been done correctly. It would then be sent to the Land Registry to be registered.
3732. *Cllr Hatley proposed thanks to Cllr Julie Trotter for the successful events that she organised for marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.*

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3733. Cllr Trotter reported on the events for the Jubilee. There had been some attendance from local people who had not participated in parish events previously. Cllr Trotter acknowledged the help given by Cllr Hatley and Trevor Easterbrook.
3734. Cllr Ling reported on website use in April and May. After the homepage, the events page had been visited most often; St Marks was next.

Correspondence and Communications

3735. Cllr Hatley would write to Chris Penny who had reported the death of Martin Vear. Martin Vear had purchased the Chapel Wood memorial to the American airmen.

Test Valley Borough Councillor's Report

3736. Cllr Martin Hatley reported, as Borough Councillor:
- Cllr Alan Dowden had been appointed Mayor of Test Valley. Cllr Hatley was acting as Mrs Dowden's escort for mayoral duties while Cllr Dowden was temporarily indisposed.

Date of Next Meeting

3737. The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 11 July 2022 at 7pm in Ampfield Village Hall. The Planning Committee would meet on 20 June 2022.

Chairman

Date