

## Minutes

### Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council: Monday 08 April 2024

Held at Ampfield Village Hall, 7:00pm to 8:40pm

#### Present

##### *Members of Ampfield Parish Council:*

Chairman Bryan Nanson  
Vice Chairman Chris Ling  
Cllr Martin Hatley  
Cllr Kate McCallum  
Cllr Jason Reeves  
Cllr Graham Roads  
Cllr Julie Trotter

##### *Others*

Kate Orange, Clerk/RFO

#### Apologies

4335. Apologies were received from Cllr Julian Jones and Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC)'s Councillor Sally Yalden.

#### Previous Meeting

4336. The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 11 March 2024 were agreed, and a copy was signed by the Chairman.

#### Declarations of Interest in Business on the Agenda for the Meeting

4337. No Councillor had any interest to declare in any of the business on the agenda for the Meeting.

#### Borough Councillor's report

4338. The report from Borough Councillor Sally Yalden is attached to these Minutes.

#### Financial Matters

4339. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end of March 2024.*  
RESOLVED
4340. In relation to the working capital available, Chairman Bryan Nanson noted that further income would be received in the form of a refund of some VAT, and we would transfer the 2023-24 expenditure made at Morleys Green from the commuted fund to the bank account.
4341. *The Council received the calculation of working capital to the end of March 2024.*  
RESOLVED

4342. It was agreed that the following payments should be made:

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	Morleys Green service charge - drainage etc	399.78
	Highbridge Engineering - trench etc for connection to container	2952.00
	SUBJECT TO INVOICE: ELECTRICAL CONNECTION TO CONTAINER	870.00
	Return of deposit: pavilion hire	50.00
	Staff costs	962.61
	Clerk, refund of expenses	29.30
	<b>Total (including VAT)</b>	<b>£5,263.69</b>

RESOLVED

4343. It was noted that the following payments had been made between Meetings:

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	<i>Direct debits and direct transfers to 31 March</i>	
	Wendage - service of sewage plant	246.60
	JN Landscapes grounds maintenance contract	1182.60
	PWL B - recreation ground loan repayment	3016.65
	TVBC grounds maintenance	344.61
	X2, parts for repair of telephone kiosk	107.54
	Wel Medical parts for AEDs	469.08
	E.On	105.55
	Website	11.99
	Mobile wifi data	8.00
	Staff costs	68.04
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,560.66</b>

RESOLVED

4344. It was noted that the Council had received the following income:

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	TVBC Councillor Grant	397.33
	Interest ( <u>excluding</u> annual interest on savings)	83.15
	Burial fee	348.00
	ANBCC licence	500.02
	<b>Total (including VAT)</b>	<b>£4,005.25</b>

RESOLVED

4345. The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of March 2024.

RESOLVED

**Recreation Ground and Pavilion**

4346. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported on matters at the recreation ground and pavilion:
- The electrical connection to container would be completed shortly.
  - Cllrs Nanson and Ling had met with Ampfield and North Baddesley Cricket Club (ANBCC). ANBCC's applications for CIL and CAF funds were progressing.
4347. *It was proposed to authorise the payment of £12,519 to ANBCC towards youth cricket and other facilities.*  
RESOLVED
4348. *It was noted that the charge for business rates at the pavilion was £0 for the coming year.*  
RESOLVED

**Chapel Wood**

4349. Cllr Graham Roads reported on Chapel Wood.
- A bonfire of arisings would take place at the next Friends of Chapel Wood working party, subject to there being enough volunteers.
  - Cllr Roads was meeting with the donor of a bench, Richard Clifton, to find an appropriate location.

**Burial Ground**

4350. Cllr Graham Roads reported on the Burial Ground.
- This week the split tree and two others would be removed and their roots grubbed out.
  - Cllr Roads met with a contractor who would quote for removal of rubbish, uncovered from the undergrowth. Once the rubbish was gone, J N Landscapes could complete the clearance and landscaping.
  - We awaited improvement in ground conditions before the cruciform hedge could be replanted.
  - JN Landscapes would quote for providing posts and netting to protect the hedge once planted.
  - The survey of the trees in the burial ground would take place soon.
4351. Cllr Hatley noted that there was a dead oak in the burial ground/church carpark; which we understood was being dealt with by the Church.
4352. *It was proposed to appoint CBA Trees to undertake a Tree Condition/Hazard Survey at the Burial Ground for £580 excluding VAT.*  
RESOLVED
4353. *It was proposed to permit the burial of Ben Owen Browning in Chapel Wood.*  
RESOLVED

**Morleys Green**

4354. In the ongoing matter of the ownership of the residential freehold, it was noted that the Council awaited contact from the solicitors of Mr Michalik.

**Telephone Kiosk**

4355. Cllr Julie Trotter reported that Romsey Men's Shed had the parts that they needed for the refurbishment of the former telephone kiosk. Cllr Trotter had visited the Men's Shed to see the work and confirmed that they were doing a good work. Cllr Trotter thanked Cllr Ling for his technical advice, and the Clerk for ordering the parts.
4356. *It was agreed to order a new door handle and coloured glazing sealant for the telephone kiosk, at £36 excluding VAT.*  
RESOLVED

**Highways**

4357. Vice Chairman Chris Ling reported that the website <https://one.network> shows road closures in the parish from Thursday 11 April to Monday 15 April, and signs which had been erected were not consistent with the Closure Notice agreed with Hampshire County Council. Also Highwood Lane would be closed for works soon.
4358. Cllr Hatley had reported an uncollected sign to Hampshire County Highways on more than one occasion and he would now report it to County Councillor Alan Dowden.

**Newsletter Progress and Parish Assembly Arrangements**

4359. Cllr Jason Reeves reported that he had received all articles from councillors, and was preparing the newsletter. Councillors would forward high resolution versions of their photographs.
4360. Cllr Reeves would obtain four quotations for printing of the spring newsletter, including one from St Mark's. The printer would be appointed by the Chairman and Clerk in accordance with the financial regulations.
4361. For the Annual Parish Assembly, the agenda would be issued and a presentation prepared. Local groups had been invited to contact the Clerk if they wished to be included on the agenda. The Borough and County Councillors would be invited to attend.

**Planning Matters**

**Ampfield Meadows**

4362. Chairman Bryan Nanson and Vice Chairman Chris Ling attended a recent TVBC Southern Area Planning Committee meeting where TVBC determined the planning application at Ampfield Meadows. The meeting had been unsatisfactory in some ways, for example, the speakers had not been given their full allotted 3 minutes for speaking; and there appeared to be some inaccuracies in the way technical matters of process had been reported by TVBC officers to the committee. Residents of Flexford Close were also present. The cornerstone of residents' complaints was that nothing had ever been done by the planning department to address the raised ground level, which was at the root of all of the difficulties with height of proposed buildings adjacent to Flexford Close. The officer noted that 'this could be dealt with elsewhere'; and the report had been written before the end of the period for public consultation.

**Comment on Planning Application 23/00964/OUTS Kings Chase South, Land South Of Ganger Farm Ganger Farm Lane Romsey (revision)**

4363. Application 23/00964/OUTS was considered. Cllr Ling noted that Borough Councillor Sally Yalden had met with local residents who were unhappy because of the main access being proposed through an existing 3m wide road. The site was included for housing use in the draft Local Plan for 2040, but not in the current plan. The cycle access to Winchester Road was through a SINC site, and the need to protect the SINC site meant that construction of a road was not appropriate.
4364. *It was proposed to re-state the objection to 23/00964/OUTS Kings Chase South, Land South Of Ganger Farm Ganger Farm Lane Romsey, made to the previous version of the application.*  
RESOLVED

**Reports from Committees and Portfolio Holders**

4365. Vice Chairman Chris Ling reported that the Lengthsman scheme was under threat following the departure of the Clerk of Colden Common Parish Council, who had been administering the scheme for our 'cluster' of parish councils.

4366. Vice Chairman Chris Ling noted that some emails had failed to send. We had received error messages and Cllr Ling was investigating.

**Correspondence and Communications**

4367. The Forestry Commission had confirmed to Cllr Graham Roads that they would be content to approve a permissive path from Ampfield Wood to Jermyns Lane (near to the service road for the Straight Mile). This was important since walkers had started to park on the service road for the Straight Mile in order to access Ampfield Wood. Cllr Roads noted that we also wanted the Forestry Commission to grant permissive access from the Church through to Jermyns Lane, through Ampfield Wood; which Cllr Roads was pursuing with the Commission.
4368. Cllr Roads attended a public conference on the Oak Processionary Moth held with the Forestry Commission. He would send notes to the Clerk. Key points included avoiding mowing under oak trees, and not siting benches under them.

**Date of Next Meeting**

4369. The next ordinary meeting would be held at Ampfield Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 13 May 2024. The Annual Parish Assembly was on 20 May 2024 at 7:30pm.

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Date .....

## March 2024 Report (APC) from Cllr Sally Yalden Test Valley Borough Councillor

**Planning Inspectorate appeal decisions.** This month has seen two cases. One case was dismissed: [Hadrian Way, Chilworth](#). The proposal was for the construction of a detached house on a parcel of land. The main issue was the effect of the proposed development on the character of the surrounding area.

The other case was allowed: [The Vine House, Rookery Lane, Broughton](#). The appeal was made by the hedge owner, against a Remedial Notice (RN) issued by Test Valley Borough Council.

**Residents' Meeting – King's Chase.** I organised and facilitated a meeting for concerned residents of King's Chase about the proposal for development of Land South of Ganger farm. The meeting was well attended with some active and knowledgeable residents. A copy of my slides is available by clicking [here](#).

**Training session – Oak Procession Moth.** Graham Roads and I attended a training session organised by the arboriculture team of TVBC and led by the Forestry Commission. The session was well attended and an opportunity to network. As councillors will know, the Oak Procession Moth is an ongoing concern in Ampfield. The oak processionary moth strips oak trees of their leaves, leaving them vulnerable, but also can pose a health risk to humans.

**Draft Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18 Stage 2) Public Consultation.** The consultation ends/ended on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. The next steps are officers will collate the responses so that related comments are together. They will then examine them and make observations. Officers may also make recommendations. It is hoped that each topic and related comments will be gone through JOINTLY by officers AND councillors and a revised version of the Draft Local Plan 2040 produced.

This may well take several meetings over a number of months. The objective would be to produce a jointly agreed revised version to publish at the end of this year as the Reg 19 version. This version would again be subject to public consultation before being finalised for submission to the Planning Inspectorate. The Inspectorate would institute an Examination in Public under a Planning Inspector which would probably last two weeks reviewing the public comments and any representations made in person. This process is quite formal and could involve planning lawyers. Thereafter, the Inspector would write her/his report and, provided the comments were of a minor nature, the council would decide whether to incorporate the comments or not before producing a final version to be put to the council for adoption in 2026. If the comments were major, the officers may need to do substantial rework or even start again. Unless, of course, the government changes the ground rules...!

**Visit to Romsey Police Station.** A group of councillors had the opportunity to visit Romsey Police Station to meet some of the team and to discuss some current concerns. I also briefly met with the sergeant for (our) the rural district. He reported that he covers a very wide area and that there is still a shortage of PCSOs. A reminder that anyone can explore reported crimes online from the local crime map available from [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).

**Littering in Braishfield.** As a community litter picker, I'm one of several people who regularly pick up litter in and around the village. There is a recurring problem on the verge of Braishfield Road (opposite Braishfield House/Stable Cottage) with someone regularly littering Strongbow cans (shown below)!

I've written to Emma Wykes who is a Senior Environmental Services Officer at TVBC to ask if parish councils could borrow a covert camera as the litter is being dumped in the same location on a regular basis. Emma's reply was the cameras would not be suitable for this type of offence, but they will come back to me with some other suggestions on how TVBC may be able to help. I will keep the council updated.



**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Test Valley Borough Council!** On 1 April, the Council will reach its 50-year milestone.

### **Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Election Pre-Election Period.**

Councillors are reminded that notice of the Police and Crime Commissioner election, which will take place on 2 May 2024, will be published on 21 March 2024, meaning that the formal pre-election period will run between these dates.

During this time, there are restrictions which would appear to be designed to support a political party. Any further questions should be sent to Karen Dunn or Emma Silverton at TVBC.

**Planning Enforcement Training.** There was a recent training session for Borough Councillors, but a copy of the slides from the session is available by [clicking here](#) if parish councillors might be interested.

Best wishes.

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