

Minutes

Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council: Monday 11 November 2024

Held at Ampfield Village Hall, 7:00pm to 8:15pm

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

Chairman Bryan Nanson
Vice Chairman Chris Ling
Cllr Martin Hatley
Cllr Graham Roads
Cllr Julie Trotter (also minute taker)

Others

Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC)'s Councillor Sally Yalden

Apologies

4563 Apologies were received from Cllr Julian Jones and Cllr Jason Reeves.

Previous Meeting

4564 The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 14 October 2024 were agreed.

Minutes of Planning Committee

4565 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Monday 16 September 2024 was received.

Matters arising from the Minutes

4566 None.

Declarations of Interest in the business for the Meeting

4567 No Councillor had any interest to declare in any of the business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Test Valley Borough Council - Sally Yalden to report

4568 The report from Borough Councillor Sally Yalden was noted and is attached to these Minutes. Councillor Sally Yalden requested that APC inform Braishfield Parish Council of our comments on the Bentry site planning application to be considered at the APC Planning Committee meeting on 2 December 2024.

Public Participation - if necessary, the Council will adjourn for a maximum period of 20 minutes

4569 None.

Financial Matters

4570 **a. Bank reconciliation** - The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end of October 2024.

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The Council received the calculation of working capital to the end of October 2024.

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4571 **b. Accounts for payment** - It was agreed that the following payments should be made:

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cllr. Chris Ling: Refund of expenses: UPS	£ 90.82
Simon Nightingale VAS management	£ 307.98
Total Refurbishment: painting of the telephone kiosk	£1,440.00
Cllr. Hatley: Post Box at Village Hall for APC	£ 86.60
Staff costs: locum	£ 375.89
Cllr. Hatley: Paint for telephone kiosk	£ 23.80
Total (including VAT)	£2,325.09

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

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
TVBC Grounds maintenance	£ 334.91
E.On	£ 156.16
Website	£ 11.99
Mobile wifi data	£ 8.00
Total (including VAT)	£ 511.06
Total payments	£2,836.05

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4572 **c. Income and anticipated expenditure**

It was noted that the Council had received the following income during October 2024:

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Interest	£ 122.95
ANBCC Rent	£ 541.87
Morleys Green Ground Rent	£3,375.00
Pavilion Hire (car park)	£ 30.00
Allotment deposit	£ 75.00
Allotment rents	£ 70.00
Total (including VAT)	£4,214.82

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

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Recruitment of Clerk/RFO

4573 The advertisement for a Clerk/RFO is to be redrafted and published in the New Year. Cllr. Graham Roads suggested that the advertisement be placed in the December issue of the Messenger as this goes to every house in Ampfield. Borough Councillor Sally Yalden suggested advertising in the Romsey Employment forum on Facebook.

Pollinator Pledge — update

4574 No update.

Recreation Ground / Pavilion

4575 a. Update

No update.

4576 b. ANBCC projects

ANBCC have requested a payment of £7,579.60 be made to pay their contractor for the nets and wicket at the Recreation Ground. This will be done on receipt of CIL & CAF documentation, as previously approved. APC currently hold £12,519 from an ex-S106 payment, for such activities.

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4577 c. Path project

The REPF grant application was successful. Grant funding of £3,158, representing 75% of the quoted price of £4,211 has been approved. APC has agreed to fund the balance from ARG reserves. A S.106 grant application for £962 has also been made. The contractor has advised us of a date of Friday 31 January 2025 to start work.

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4578 d. PV Grant application

APC expect to receive the outcome of our grant application this week.

Chapel Wood

4579 a. Update

Planting the area of path and steps is due to go ahead with bluebells, snowdrops and wood anemones. Cllr. Roads is arranging for the planting of shrubs including sloe, wild roses and hazels which will be purchased from the Woodland Trust.

4580 b. Purchase of bulbs

Cllr. Roads has purchased the bulbs and is to supply a VAT invoice if and when that is available. This is being funded from the grant kindly received from Waitrose.

Burial Ground - update

4581 JN Landscapes should have sown grass seed, but the ground is too wet. This is now planned for January 2025. It will be difficult to plant the yew hedge plants with only a few days available

for volunteer help. JN landscapes have quoted £430 plus VAT to plant the yew hedge plants. As they have already put in the stakes and wire for the hedge, it was decided to have them also do the planting. Cllr. Roads is to purchase 195 40 to 60cm bare root yew plants from Hilliers Brenty unit at a cost of £386.10 plus VAT to be delivered in January.

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Morleys Green - Update

4582 No update.

Allotments - Update

4583 Fourteen allotment users have renewed. One new user has joined. One user has been notified that their hire has been terminated due to non-payment (Plot 5). The deposit is being withheld in case costs are incurred in preparing the allotment for a new user.

Telephone Kiosk - Update

4584 The telephone kiosk has been stripped and painted by Mike Hansford to a very high standard. Chairman Bryan Nanson will write a letter of thanks to him. Thanks to Cllr. Martin Hatley for supporting this work. Cllr. Julian Jones is currently refurbishing the windows.

The following refurbishment items will be needed:

Product Description	Quantity	Item Price
K6 DOOR CLOSER	1	£ 91.00
K6 SMALL POLY WINDOW	1	£ 4.77
Shipping *		£ 10.00

Total - excluding VAT		£105.77

Other items may be needed as the windows and “Telephone” signs are replaced in the kiosk.

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Highways - Update

4585 No update.

Reports from Committees and Portfolio Holders

4586 None.

Correspondence and Communications

4587 A letter is to be sent to Church Warden Phil Budden to thank him and other members of the church for the Remembrance Sunday service.

4588 The shrubs around the War Memorial are overgrown. They are all to be cut back and replaced in the New Year if required.

4589 Chris Penny has been in contact with Cllr. Graham Roads to try and locate a photograph of the original ceremony to honour the American airman in Chapel Wood.

4590 Southern Water are to host a community drop in event on the water transfer pipeline at

Compton and Shawford Parish Hall, Pearson Lane, Shawford, Otterbourne SO21 2AA on Thursday 28 November 20 from 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

4591 The War Memorial looked good at the Remembrance Sunday service thanks to the efforts of Sue and Graham Roads. A request to consider purchasing a couple of larger Tommy soldiers to be placed on either side of the war memorial is to be considered at the January 2025 Council meeting.

Next Meetings

4592 The next ordinary Meeting will be held at Ampfield Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 13 January 2025.

The next Planning Committee Meeting will be held at Ampfield Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 2 December 2024.

An informal Budget meeting will be held at Ampfield Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 16 December 2024.

Chairman -----

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October 2024 Report from Cllr Sally Yalden Test Valley Borough Councillor

Planning Inspectorate appeal decisions. No appeal decisions to report this month.

Councillor community grant

This financial year's grant is still **£1,168.51**. A reminder that the grant has been set up to allow for some funds to provide support for community led projects within the ward. However, I understand that the grant process is something that will be looked at again in the future. I'm always happy to be approached about projects from the Parish Council, but the priority with the grant is to be able to support other non-statutory groups within your ward that work in the community who have less access to funds in general.

Casbrook Recycling Centre

As you will know, HCC has decided to spare the tip for now. I wanted to thank everyone who campaigned to stop the closure. The news is very welcome, but we have to remain vigilant because of the ongoing cuts and financial crisis at Hampshire County Council.

Full Council meeting October. Council motion 1 – Winter Fuel Allowance

A motion was debated and resolved by the Council at its meeting on 16 October. I was pleased to be able to add an amendment to the one on the Winter Fuel Allowance which will include targeted letters to those who may be eligible. Council recommended urging a review of the decision, particularly of those who are just above the threshold for Pension Credit to protect pensions from fuel poverty.

From data I obtained from official Government figures in England and Wales for the period 2022/23, in Test Valley, the number of pensioners affected by the change in eligibility criteria is 24,651. That means 93.7% of pensioners currently eligible for winter fuel payments will no longer be able to claim it from this winter onwards.

Age UK has a petition if anyone would like to sign it. [Save the Winter Fuel Payment | Age UK](#)

Full Council meeting October. Council motion 2 – Revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The NPPF sets out the Government's economic, environmental and social planning policies for England. A motion was proposed and seconded by my colleagues Cllrs Mark Cooper and John Parker. It was debated and supported cross-party. The motion was about the impact of TVBC having to halt our draft Borough Local Plan at the Regulation 18 stage 2 as a consequence of being required to move from providing 524 dwellings per year in the next plan period to 921 dwellings per year. This would mean that our housing land supply would fall from over six years to less than three years resulting in developers making speculative planning applications on the land they either own or on which they have options. The location of those applications will thus be decided by the developers and not the local planning authority leading to piecemeal and ad hoc developments.

My colleagues and I believe strongly in a plan led system to provide housing, employment land and appropriate infrastructure rather than a developer led system. We are concerned by the implications contained within the revised NPPF, in particular the inadequate transitional arrangements, and which will lead instead to a speculative development system which we have seen for local sites.

Draft New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreational Mitigation Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Public consultation will begin on the above draft SPD on Friday 18 October for four weeks, ending at midday on 15 November 2024. A copy of the draft SPD will be available on the council's website, a link to it will be emailed round to you next week. Copies will also be available for reference at the council's offices in Andover and Romsey, as well as Andover, Romsey, North Baddesley, Chandler's Ford and Lordshill libraries.

The draft SPD provides advice on how the need for mitigation in relation to recreational impacts on the New Forest international nature conservation designations is to be implemented. This is linked to Policy E5 of the adopted Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan 2016

Following the consultation, and having regard to representations received, the council will consider whether to adopt the document as a Supplementary Planning Document. If the draft SPD is adopted, it would supersede the New Forest SPA Mitigation – Interim Framework (2014).

For more information, please contact Karen Eastley.

Annual leaf clearance

The council's programmed annual leaf clearance will start at the end of October and will take around 8 weeks to complete. TVBC will be targeting areas that regularly accumulate a lot of leaves and will be responding to ad-hoc requests to clear debris too. I've contacted Pete Legg and Ben Hamilton.