

Minutes

Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council: Monday 10 June 2024

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

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

Chairman Bryan Nanson
Vice Chairman Chris Ling
Cllr Jason Reeves
Cllr Graham Roads
Cllr Julie Trotter

Others

Kate Orange, Clerk/RFO

Apologies

4418. Apologies were received from Cllr Martin Hatley, Cllr Julian Jones, Cllr Kate McCallum and Test Valley Borough Councillor Sally Yalden.

Previous Meeting

4419. The Minutes of the Meeting (Annual) of Monday 13 May 2024 were agreed, and a copy was signed by the Chairman.

Declarations of Interest in Business on the Agenda for the Meeting

4420. Members present at the meeting, who had not already done so at the previous meeting, confirmed that they had reviewed their Register of Pecuniary interest forms. There were no amendments to make.
4421. No Councillor had any interest to declare in any of the business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Borough Councillor's report

4422. The report from Borough Councillor Sally Yalden is attached to these Minutes.

Financial Matters

4423. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end of May 2024.*
RESOLVED
4424. Chairman Bryan Nanson noted that the transfer of funds due from the account holding the Morleys Green commuted reserve had been instigated.
4425. *The Council received the calculation of working capital to the end of May 2024.*
RESOLVED
4426. *It was agreed that the following payments should be made:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	CBA Tree survey, Burial Ground	696.00
	Cllr Roads refund of expenses - Chapel Wood maintenance	287.77
	Staff costs	962.61
	Clerk, refund of expenses	27.80
	Total (including VAT)	£1,974.18

RESOLVED

4427. *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 May</i>		
	<i>Paul Freeman Trees - felling</i>	576.00
	<i>TV License - pavilion</i>	169.50
	<i>Email licenses</i>	522.72
	<i>TVBC grounds maintenance</i>	334.91
	<i>E.On</i>	120.93
	<i>Website</i>	11.99
	<i>Mobile wifi data</i>	8.00
	<i>Staff costs</i>	68.04
	Total	£1,812.09

RESOLVED

4428. *It was noted that the Council had received the following income:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
		100.00
	<i>Allotment</i>	93.44
	<i>Interest</i>	425.00
	<i>Burial fee</i>	
	Total (including VAT)	£ 618.44

RESOLVED

4429. *The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of May 2024.*

RESOLVED

4430. *The Council approved the Annual Governance Statement, Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24.*

RESOLVED

4431. *The Council approved the Accounting Statements, Section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2023/24.*

RESOLVED

4432. *The Council completed the form 'Conflict of Interest with BDO LLP'. There were no conflicts of interest.*

RESOLVED

Pollinator Pledge

4433. Cllr Jason Reeves introduced the Pollinator Pledge scheme, which could include encouraging wildflower meadow on any of the parish council’s land, encouraging nature-friendly gardening and other measures to improve conditions for pollinators and other wildlife.
4434. The bank at Morleys Green was a possible Council-owned site for improving planting in line with the Pollinator Pledge.
4435. There were already plans in place to re-plant native wildflowers/understorey plants at Chapel Wood, and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust were assisting with drawing up the planting list.
4436. *It was proposed that Cllr Jason Reeves should represent Ampfield Parish Council at the Pollinator Pledge group and present some ideas to the Council for consideration.*
RESOLVED

Recreation Ground and Pavilion

4437. Chairman Bryan Nanson briefed the Council and there was discussion on two issues raised by the White Horse – their water leak, and ANBCC having placed part of their ball-fence outside the parish council’s boundary (which they would rectify).

Chapel Wood

4438. Cllr Graham Roads reported on Chapel Wood.
- One of the dipping-pond benches had been thrown into the pond and would be removed on the next occasion that a volunteer went into the pond for maintenance.
 - The bin at Chapel Hill had come off its stand and needed to be adjusted. This was a matter for TVBC.
 - The working party of Friends of Chapel Wood had more clearance and tidying planned.

Burial Ground

4439. Cllr Graham Roads reported on the Burial Ground.
- CBA Trees had completed the Health and Safety inspection of trees in the Burial Ground. No work was required arising from the inspection.
 - Cllr Hatley was thanked for providing equipment and enabling the removal of rubble from the margins of the burial ground.
 - The burial ground was ready for levelling and Cllr Roads would contact JN Landscapes for a quotation.
 - The Clerk would review the situation with the quotation for protective fencing of the (as yet, unplanted) cruciform hedge. If necessary it would be presented to the council for consideration at the meeting in July.

Lengthsman

4440. Vice Chairman Chris Ling reported on the Lengthsman contract.
- For five or more years the contract had been between HCC and Colden Common Parish Council, with supplementary agreements between Colden Common and 13 parish councils in the 'cluster'. Colden Common had declined to continue, and the administration was taken on by Hursley Parish Council. The paperwork and schedule had now been issued and the first visit of the Lengthsman would be on 23 June.
 - The options had been for 3 visits per year at reduced hours, but with no additional charges, or four visits with a total of 48 man-hours, costing the parish council £448 on top of the £1000 contribution from HCC. We had opted for the latter.
 - The contract had been signed, as agreed at the previous meeting.
 - Work for the Lengthsman this month would include pruning and clearance of the path from Chapel Wood to the Church, cutting back vegetation at the entrance to the recreation ground, and clearing ditches on Knapp Lane.
 - Related projects, but not for the Lengthsman, included clearance of vegetation from the footpath between Potters Heron and the Church; and cutting the hedge on the roadside of Morleys Green.

Morleys Green

4441. Vice Chairman Chris Ling updated the Council on the freehold matter. We had not received a response from the solicitors acting for Mr Michalik.

Telephone Kiosk

4442. Vice Chairman Chris Ling and Cllr Julie Trotter reported on the repairs to the former telephone kiosk.
- The door had been returned by Romsey Men's Shed in excellent condition.
 - Cllr Ling estimated that the cost of materials for stripping paint from the kiosk would be £150.
4443. *It was proposed to donate £300 to Romsey Men's Shed as a contribution to the charity in thanks for the refurbishment of the door of the former telephone kiosk.*
RESOLVED

Highways

4444. Vice Chairman Chris Ling reported that we had slightly revised the speed limit policy, instead of requesting 40mph on the A3090 East of Ampfield village to the parish boundary, we were now requesting 50mph in recognition that this was more likely to result in a single, reduced speed limit between the villages of Ampfield and Hursley.
4445. *It was proposed to adopt the revision to the speed limit policy.*
RESOLVED
4446. Thanks to the involvement of Cllr Sally Yalden, we had been offered a meeting with HCC's highways department.
4447. We noted that we still had no response from HCC to our latest request for a pedestrian island on A3090 near to Green Pond Lane.
4448. TVBC had, in time for the Church Fete, removed flytipping which had been left near St Marks on the footpath, which was on land belonging to the highway department. Cllr Dowden had requested that TVBC install dragon's teeth to prevent access for further flytipping and they were considering the request.

Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Assembly

- 4449. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported that two, linked, matters arose from the Annual Parish Assembly. These were covered in the following two minutes and we would inform Mr Case who raised the requests.
- 4450. Ian Case had requested that the parish council ask the Forestry Commission to remove the boulders at entrances to Ampfield Wood. There was discussion on this, and it was noted that the parish council had exchanged emails over it at the time when the boulders were first installed. It was therefore considered that the matter had been fully investigated and no further action could be taken.
- 4451. The second issue raised by Mr Case was that he wished for there to be deer fence installed each side of A3090 in Ampfield. This was beyond the powers of the parish council, which would concentrate on requesting a reduction in the speed limit.

Correspondence and Communications

- 4452. Cllr Graham Roads and the Clerk had received a series of letters from Chris Penny regarding whether the parish council would be commemorating the 80th anniversary of the crash of the American airmen. We had no plans to do so. Also, Chris Penny had sent a photograph to the parish council of the previous commemoration (of 75yrs), which he had requested was put up in the village hall. This had not been done as there was no suitable place for it. We could not commit a future council to a commemoration service in 2044. The Clerk would write to Chris Penny and confirm.

Date of Next Meeting

- 4453. The next ordinary meeting would be held at Ampfield Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 8 July 2024.
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Chairman

Date