

Minutes

Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council : Monday 10 July 2023

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

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

Chairman Bryan Nanson
Cllr Patricia Carter
Cllr Julian Jones
Cllr Martin Hatley
Cllr Jason Reeves
Cllr Graham Roads
Cllr Julie Trotter

Others

Test Valley Borough Council, Borough Councillor Sally Yalden
Kate Orange, Clerk/RFO
Two members of public

Apologies

4067. Apologies were received from Vice Chairman Chris Ling, and Cllr Kate McCallum.

Previous Meeting

4068. The Minutes of the Meeting of Meeting of Monday 12 June 2023 were agreed, and a copy was signed by the Chairman.
4069. It was noted that Cllr Graham Roads was the portfolio holder for Chapel Wood. This had not been recorded in the list of roles in the previous minutes.
4070. Any other matters arising from the previous meeting were covered under the appropriate agenda item.

Declarations of Interest in Business on the Agenda for the Meeting

4071. No other Councillor had any interest to declare in any of the business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Borough Councillor's report

4072. Test Valley Borough Councillor Sally Yalden reported:
- Called in a planning application in Braishfield for consideration by the Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) planning committee.
 - Met with TVBC's Louisa Rice, about the List of Assets of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011 (kept by TVBC).
 - Met Rev. Lawrence on improvements at St Marks Church including wheelchair access and labyrinth.
 - Citizens Advice Bureau were seeking more volunteers.
 - Attended the Yokesford Hill Liaison Panel.
 - Attended introduction to housing services at TVBC.
 - TVBC's Community Engagement Team was launched. Volunteers would be trained to be energy champions.

Public Participation

4073. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm for public participation.
4074. A resident had written to the Council, expressing concern about some debris and the condition of parts of the burial ground; as well as the nature of the replanting proposed after clearance of rhododendrons and briars from Chapel Wood. Also, some wild flowers had cut when the grass was mowed in the Spring.
Cllr Roads would respond in writing. See also Minute 4085.
4075. A resident requested clarification about the planning application for the discharge of the obligation to provide s106 money for sports wall and football nets at the recreation ground (23/01603/OBLS). Chairman Bryan Nanson explained that the purposes for which the s106 money had been designated had been too restrictive and did not meet the needs of the users of the recreation ground. There was no football in Ampfield, but there was a programme of improving access to youth and women’s cricket; and there was no place for a sports wall. Should the permission be granted, the developer would receive their s106 money back and transfer it to the parish council so that it could be spent as indicated (on cricket facilities).
Some frustration was expressed by the resident, that the borough council had not considered the actual needs of the community when it originally stipulated the use to which the s106 money should be put. Borough Councillor Sally Yalden would pass this on to the planning department.
4076. The period for public participation ended at 7:30pm and the meeting was reconvened.

Minutes of the Planning Committee

4077. *The Council received the Minutes of the Planning Committee 24 April 2023.*
RESOLVED

Financial Matters

4078. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end of June 2023.*
RESOLVED
4079. *The Council received the calculation of working capital to the end of June 2023.*
RESOLVED
4080. *It was agreed that the following payments should be made:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	<i>Water supply</i>	<i>123.17</i>
	<i>Periodic inspection of electrical installation at pavilion; check electricians at telephone kiosk</i>	<i>434.40</i>
	<i>Installation of hand-driers, pavilion</i>	<i>240.00</i>
	<i>Refund to Cllr Ling for Clerk's 365 subscription (after renewal on 10 Aug)</i>	<i>123.84</i>
	<i>Clerk: reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of Council, inc cleaning supplies for pavilion</i>	<i>101.18</i>
	<i>Staff costs</i>	<i>819.80</i>
	<i>Total (including VAT)</i>	<i>£1,842.39</i>
RESOLVED		

4081. *It was noted that the following payments had been made between Meetings:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	B Nanson refund, hand driers	1123.16
	staff costs	58.93
	E.On	125.37
	TVBC grounds maintenance instalments	344.66
	Total	£1,652.12

RESOLVED

4082. *It was noted that the Council had received the following income:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	Interest	55.85
	St Marks Church PCC	2258.50
	Total (including VAT)	£2,314.35

RESOLVED

4083. *The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of June 2023.*

RESOLVED

Recreation Ground

4084. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported on matters at the recreation ground:

- TVBC was processing the forms submitted by the developer for the release of s106 money arising from the construction of Broadgate Farm. As noted in the public participation period earlier in the Meeting, the money would be released to the developer who is to pass it to Ampfield Parish Council for use on cricketing facilities for youth and women.
- New hand-driers had been installed, and minor plumbing repairs were completed; but a few more minor repairs were needed at the pavilion:
 - External lighting
 - Toilet roll holders

Chapel Wood

4085. Cllr Graham Roads reported on matters at Chapel Wood.

- We agreed with the resident who had raised concerns about the need to tidy the periphery of the burial ground. A clearance project was out to tender. This was to be split into two contracts due to the nature of the work. The work would start later in the year.
- The Friends of Chapel Wood had marked out the area for clearance, cut back overgrown vegetation at the stream and pond, removed unwanted timber from the pond. Surface weed would be cleared from the pond by hand: this was an annual task, which improves air and light levels at depth. This would take place in August. Some bracken had been cleared.

4086. Cllr Roads reported on tenders received for the periodic tree safety inspection.

4087. *It was proposed to appoint CBA Trees to undertake the Safety Management Survey of Trees in Chapel Wood 2023 for the sum of £2450 excluding VAT.*

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4088. Cllr Roads reported on the path construction project at Chapel Wood. The contractor, Stickley Landscapes, was appointed and Cllr Roads would meet the contractor on site, to discuss the details. Cllr Roads was taking advice from the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) on suitable plants.

4089. *It was proposed to accept three requests for installation of benches in Chapel Wood. It was a requirement that the benches be gifted to Ampfield Parish Council, who would specify the locations. It was agreed that Council would delegate to Cllr Roads the authority for determining the location and nature of the benches:*

- *Trevor Easterbrook, in memory of his late wife;*
- *Richard Clifton, in memory of his late uncle;*
- *Graham and Sue Roads in gratitude for the woodlands*

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Morleys Green

4090. As resolved at the previous Meeting, Chairman Bryan Nanson had written to the Chairman of Morleys Green Management to advise that they should now collect the ground rent. Their appointed consultant, Belgarum, were taking advice from their own legal department for advice. We awaited the response of Morleys Green Management.

4091. Cllr Julie Trotter reported that there had been few issues with unauthorised parking at Morleys Green recently. However, some trucks had been using the village hall parking spaces overnight, and she would monitor this.

4092. Three benches on the village green had heavy lichen growth, and would be cleaned.

Highways

4093. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported on highways matters:

- The proposal to use s106 money for Speedwatch was supported by County Councillor Alan Dowden. After meetings with a highways officer of Hampshire County Council (HCC), it was understood that it the initial reluctance of Highways had now been overcome and a successful outcome was expected soon.
- There was no progress with traffic improvement proposals, due to the stance of HCC.
- The project to move and repair the former telephone kiosk was waiting for the electricity to be disconnected.
- The Clerk had submitted some requests to HCC for cutting back of vegetation adjacent to paths and clearance of debris on paths, and a request for installation of reflective junction marker bollards.

Reports from Committees and Portfolio Holders

4094. Cllrs Hatley and Roads would work on rewilding as part of the ACHA project. A Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust contact would give advice as to how to proceed.

4095. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported that Inspired Villages had invited members to attend their public presentation on 20 July 2023, on new proposals for Ampfield Meadows.

4096. Chairman Bryan Nanson had been invited to hear Hilliers’ proposals for development of their Brentwood site.

4097. The Clerk would circulate details of training for new councillors from Hampshire Association of Local Councils.

Date of Next Meeting

4098. The next Meeting of the Parish Council would be held in Ampfield Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 11 September 2023.

Chairman

Date