

Minutes

Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council: Monday 08 November 2021

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

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

Chairman Bryan Nanson
Vice Chairman Graham Roads
Cllr Martin Hatley
Cllr Kate McCallum
Cllr Chris Ling
Cllr Mujeeb Rahman
Cllr David Stevens
Cllr Julie Trotter

Others

Kate Orange, Clerk/RFO
3 members of public (2 of whom left after the Public Participation period)

Apologies

3516. No apologies were received.

Previous Minutes

3517. The Council agreed the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 11 October 2021 and a copy was signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

3518. Any matters arising from previous Minutes were handled under the relevant agenda item.

Declarations of Interest

3519. No Member declared any pecuniary or other interest in any business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Public Participation

3520. The Meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm for public participation.

Two residents of the parish noted their concerns about activities taking place on agricultural land off the A3090 at the foot of Ampfield Hill.

Chairman Bryan Nanson noted that the Council could inform the Test Valley Borough Council planning enforcement team, but had itself no powers of enforcement.

The Meeting reconvened at 7:25pm.

Minutes of Planning Committee

3521. The Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of 07 October 2021.

Financial Matters

3522. *The Council received the bank reconciliations to the end October 2021.*

RESOLVED

3523. *The Council received the calculation of working capital to the end of October 2021.*

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3524. *It was agreed that the following payments should be made:*

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
<i>Refund: pavilion hire deposit x 1</i>	50.00
<i>JN Landscapes - allotment gate</i>	918.00
<i>Simon Nightingale, management of VAS</i>	240.18
<i>TVBC grounds maintenance Apr-Sept '21</i>	1,744.15
<i>Clerk's net salary, Oct '21</i>	763.49
<i>Clerk: reimbursement of expenses, inc poppy wreath, & bulbs for carpark</i>	46.65
Total (including VAT)	£3,762.47

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3525. *It was noted that the following payments had been made between Meetings:*

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
<i>Reimbursement of pavilion hire deposit 1@£50</i>	50.00
<i>Reimbursement of allotment deposits 3@£75</i>	225.00
<i>HMRC employment payments</i>	8.04
<i>Electricity, pavilion (direct debit)</i>	66.00
<i>Reimbursement of expenses, Cllr Roads - timber for fence repair Chapel Wood</i>	116.68
<i>Redington Home Services: fitting bollard lights at ARG</i>	780.00
<i>NEST pension</i>	55.67
Total (including VAT)	£1,301.39

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3526. *It was noted that the Council had received the following income:*

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
<i>Allotment hire 9@£60</i>	540.00
<i>Allotment deposits 2@£75, 1@£50</i>	200.00
<i>Pavilion hire</i>	112.50
<i>Pavilion hire deposits 2@£50</i>	100.00
<i>Precept</i>	19745.00
<i>Burial ground fees</i>	124.00
<i>Savings account monthly interest</i>	5.41
Total	£20,826.91

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3527. *The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of October 2021.*

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Budget 2022-23

3528. Members who wished to input to the budget would meet informally during December 2021 to draft a budget for presentation to the Council at the Meeting in January 2022.

Recreation Ground

3529. Chairman Bryan Nanson reported on the Recreation Ground:

- Redington Home Services Ltd had installed the new bollard lights and AED (defibrillator)
- ANBCC had decided not to plant trees to screen the new container.
- Heavy rain had fallen recently, and the new ground drain had been effective.
- The AED would be routinely inspected as part of the ARG inspections.

3530. *It was agreed that one further cut of the grass at Ampfield Recreation Ground was needed before the end of the season. Chairman Bryan Nanson was authorised to instruct Test Valley Borough Council to do an additional grass cut, if no further cut was due under the contract.*

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Chapel Wood

3531. Vice Chairman Graham Roads reported on Chapel Wood:

- On 26 October 2021 the Mayor of Test Valley, Cllr Mark Cooper, planted a tree to commemorate those lost to COVID-19 in the parish, and those who helped others to cope.
- The Mayor of Test Valley also opened the dipping platform on 26 October 2021.
- Cllr Roads was in contact with a teacher from Ampfield Primary School who was liaising about using the dipping platform for lessons.
- Friends of Chapel Wood had held a business meeting.
- A work day would take place on Saturday 13 November 2021.
- A bonfire would take place in January 2022.

3532. *It was noted that St Mark's Church would not be claiming a refund of expenses for the cream tea that they hosted following the tree planting ceremony.*

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3533. *It was proposed to accept the gift from J N Landscapes of excavating a hole for the Mayor's commemorative tree.*

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Allotments

3534. The Clerk reported that there were two vacant plots at the allotments, and a plot was temporarily fallow (by agreement). Details of the allotments would be placed in the Newsletter.

Highways

3535. Cllr Chris Ling had responded to the Hampshire County Council Highways department regarding their reasons against providing the requested pedestrian crossing point for the A3090 and was waiting for their reply.

3536. Cllr Hatley had received an email, which he would forward to Hampshire County Council highways department, from a resident of Baddesley Road who noted that that the position of proposed street lights had not accounted for the planning permission for a new entrance on his land.

Signs

3537. *Sample signs for bus shelters and pavilion were agreed, and a budget of £400 excluding VAT was approved.*

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Autumn Newsletter

3538. The Autumn Newsletter was almost ready for publication.

Remembrance Sunday

3539. Details of arrangements for Remembrance Sunday were discussed:

- There would be a service in St Mark's, starting at 9:30am, moving to the War Memorial for 11am.
- The wreath had been delivered.
- Traffic management signs were available.
- A resident had volunteered to read out the names of the fallen.
- Vice Chairman Graham Roads would tidy the area around the Memorial.

There was discussion about whether to have additional soldier silhouettes, but the matter was deferred.

Correspondence and Communications

3540. Test Valley Borough Council were running a consultation "Proposed Revision of Local Information Requirements for the Validation of Planning and Related Applications". Councillors would forward any comments to the Clerk by 30 November 2021 to allow a response by 28 December 2021.
3541. Inspired Villages had contacted Councillors about the street/building naming at Ampfield Meadows, and Chairman Bryan Nanson had collated the views and responded. Insufficient time had been allowed for the matter to be raised in the Meeting.

Test Valley Borough Councillor's Report

3542. Cllr Martin Hatley reported, as Borough Councillor:

- Cllr Hatley sent his apologies for Remembrance Sunday: as immediate past Mayor of Test Valley, he was to attend the Remembrance Service at Stockbridge.
- Mayor of Test Valley, Cllr Mark Cooper had thanked the Council for arranging the tree planting ceremony.
- Cllr Phil Bunday had replaced Cllr Nick Adams-King as portfolio holder for planning at TVBC.
- Paul Jackson, Head of Planning at TVBC had announced his retirement in April 2022.
- Simon Ellis, Head of Property and Asset Management at TVBC had announced his departure.
- David Gleave, Economic Development Officer at TVBC, was retiring.
- At Ampfield Meadows, the main contractor Castle Oak was in administration. It could be mid-summer before work on site began again.
- Cllr Hatley was requesting that Legal and General provide a public access AED in the parish, towards the Flexford area.

Date of Next Meeting

3543. The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7pm in Ampfield Village Hall.

Chairman

Date