

Minutes

Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council: Monday 12 September 2022

Held at Ampfield Village Hall, 7:00pm to 8:05pm

Present

Members of Ampfield Parish Council:

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

Others

Kate Orange, Clerk/RFO

Apologies

3759. Apologies were received from Cllr Julian Jones, Cllr David Stevens.

Previous Meeting

3760. The Council agreed the Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 11 July 2022 and a copy was signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising from the Minutes

3761. Any matters arising from previous Minutes were handled under the relevant agenda item.

Declarations of Interest

3762. No Member declared any pecuniary or other interest in any business on the agenda for the Meeting.

Minutes of Planning Committee

3763. The Council received the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of 15 August 2022.

Financial Matters

3764. *The Council received the bank reconciliation to the end August 2022.*
RESOLVED
3765. *The Council received the calculation of working capital to the end of August 2022.*
RESOLVED
3766. *It was agreed that the following payments should be made:*

	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
	Gallagher (insurance, long term agreement)	2832.70
	External auditor	360.00
	Refund of expenses incurred on behalf of Council, inc new laptop	749.90
	Staff Costs	802.53
	Total (including VAT)	£4,745.13
RESOLVED		

3767. It was noted that the following payments had been made between Meetings:

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
Holiday cover cleaning at allotments and pavilion	114.38
Contribution to Lengthsman scheme 2022-23	200.00
Business Stream Water at pavilion / ARG (Ampfield Recreation Ground)	90.17
pavilion window cleaning	30.00
printer cartridges	30.18
Stationery and hygiene supplies for pavilion	118.15
Service of sewage treatment plant, pavilion	161.20
pavilion deposit refund	50.00
VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) management May, June, July	240.18
TVBC grounds maintenance instalments	601.74
Electricity	110.96
Gas service charge	17.99
Staff Costs	918.09
Total (including VAT)	£2,683.04

RESOLVED

3768. It was noted that the Council had received the following income:

<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount, £</u>
Interest - bank	50.96
Pavilion hire	90.00
Total	£140.96

RESOLVED

3769. The Council received the report of expenditure against budget to the end of August 2022.

RESOLVED

3770. The Council received the external audit report for the year ending 31 March 2022 (Section 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22).

RESOLVED

3771. It was proposed to remain opted-in to the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements 2022-23 to 2026-27.

RESOLVED

3772. It was proposed to purchase a further two years warranty for the laptop for £69.99.

RESOLVED

3773. It was proposed adopt the updated asset register, dated 12 September 2022.

RESOLVED

3774. It was proposed to write-off the old laptop and desktop computer and for their safe disposal to be arranged by the Clerk (to be donated to a charity if possible).

RESOLVED

AGM of Hampshire Association of Local Councils

3775. *It was proposed that the Chairman should have authority to vote as he saw fit at the 2022 AGM of Hampshire Association of Local Councils, including on the matter of the Articles of Association.*
RESOLVED

Recreation Ground

3776. Cllr Nanson reported that graffiti had been cleaned off the container and A3090 bus shelter (Pound Lane junction), and would be cleaned from the bus shelter on Baddesley Road shortly.

Chapel Wood

3777. Vice Chairman Graham Roads reported on Chapel Wood:
- The most recent working party was held two to three weeks previously.
 - Clearance of weeds and undergrowth up-slope of the fountain (West of the church) had begun and would continue at the next working party on 17 September 2022.
 - Councillors viewed a sketch of the proposed footpath, which would lead down the slope from the West of the church to Chapel Wood. The adjacent areas would be planted with woodland flowers. Two seats would provide a place for quiet reflection, and may be donated by members of the public. Cllr Roads would obtain quotations.
 - The Annual Meeting of Friends of Chapel Wood had taken place, and the Minutes would be published on the website.
 - The large oak which had fallen across the boundary fence had been cleared by a contractor.

Burial Ground

3778. An application for discretionary agreement for a burial was considered. The decision was deferred to the next Meeting; and the Clerk would seek further information from the applicant.

Highways

3779. Cllr Chris Ling Speedwatch:
- There were now 14 people who had volunteered for Speedwatch.
 - Funding (from s106 money) was sought from the Highways department of Hampshire County Council (HCC). Cllr Alan Dowden had expressed support for the project to HCC. HCC had not yet decided whether to fund the project.
3780. Cllr Martin Hatley reported that there were temporary traffic lights on A3090 towards the East of the village of Ampfield, and there was no obvious reason for the lights; but private cars were parked within the coned area. The Council would make enquiries.
3781. Cllr Hatley noted that the owner of 42 & 44 Baddesley Road had received a letter confirming that Hampshire County Council undertook to move the new street light if necessary to accommodate the proposed new dwelling.
3782. Cllr Hatley reported that the vegetation had been cleared from the sight-lines at the junction of Hook Road with A3090.

Newsletter

3783. *It was proposed that the next Newsletter would be prepared in advance of the election of 04 May 2023. It would be published on 5th or 8th May 2023 and would be distributed prior to the Annual Parish Assembly (22 May 2023).*
RESOLVED

Correspondence and Communications

3784. The Clerk had been notified of the launch of the “Solent Plastics Pollution Hub”:

“The Solent Forum and Environment Agency have launched the Solent Plastics Pollution Hub (SPP hub) as part of the Interreg funded Preventing Plastic Pollution Project. The SPP hub supports and champions all the great work being undertaken by local community groups and volunteers on reducing litter and plastics across the Solent and its associated river catchments. The hub is free to use, it collates resources and shares the latest information, events and news. These resources help to support existing litter picking or community groups as well as encouraging new groups to be formed.”

3785. *It was proposed to publish details of the Solent Plastics Hub on the Council’s website.*

RESOLVED

Test Valley Borough Councillor’s Report

3786. Cllr Martin Hatley reported, as Borough Councillor:

- The entrance of Ampfield Meadows onto Baddesley Road was complete and the bus shelter was in use again. The building contractor for Ampfield Meadows would keep it clean while they were on site.
- During weeks which contained a bank holiday, bins would be collected one day later than usual.
- There had been some issues with a bin collection round, with some collections varying from the schedule. This had now been addressed by Test Valley Borough Council.
- The planning application at Sunnyside would be decided by the Test Valley Borough Council Southern Area Planning Committee, if the case officer was minded to give permission.

Date of Next Meeting

3787. The next ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 10 October 2022 at 7pm in Ampfield Village Hall.

Chairman

Date