

## **Minutes of the Amport Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2024, 7.30pm at Amport School**

Present: Cllr C Harris – Chairman, Cllr S Coke-Vice Chairman, Cllr A Montagu, Cllr Mrs D Stephenson, Cllr Mrs T Hawkings-Byass, Cllr P Waller, Cllr C Hemmings, Cllr H Dix. Cllr P Harvey and Cllr Mrs S Baker

Also present

Heather Bourner – Parish Clerk  
TVBC S Hasselman  
PCSO S Mouzakitidis & PC Tim Bunt  
3 Members of the public

### **1) Apologies**

Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC M Flood & Associate Member Pam Chisholm

### **2) Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda. All Councillors confirmed that no changes to Register of Interest forms were required.

### **3) Local Crime and prevention-PCSO S Mouzakitidis & PC Bunt**

PCSO Mouzakitidis had agreed to attend the meeting to discuss ways of preventing crime in rural areas following several incidents of opportunistic crime in the area.

His advice was to consider any deterrents that will make it difficult for intruders, this might include CCTV, use of alarms, use of motion sensor lighting, use of private camera systems and registering equipment on Immobilise. This is a free online system where items are registered with a serial number and if stolen and recovered can easily be returned to the rightful owner.

He also said it was important to report all suspicious activities via the Police online reporting system as collectively reports may add up to useful evidence. He said a local What's app group for parishioners to report suspicious activities was a useful tool. This helps inform all areas of the parish of an issue and will also allow the lead to report this to the Police when applicable. He suggested these concerns were not shared on social media as potential criminals could be alerted.

A member of public present who had been a victim of burglary found out after the event that neighbours had seen suspicious activity so he felt a What's app group would be very useful. Cllr Dix agreed to plan a scheme for the Parish but would need input from parishioners and the Parish Council alike. It was also agreed the Immobilise system would be advertised via the newsletter.

PC Tim Bunt shared his contact information with the PC so they can contact him direct if necessary.

### **4) Public Participation**

The members of public present were at the meeting to discuss local crime prevention and planning matters (see paragraph 3 and 14)

### **5) Minutes of previous meetings & matters arising**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the meetings held on 16<sup>th</sup> September were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Coke seconded Cllr Waller. All in favour.

### **6) Specific reports**

**Principle & Process-**Cllr Coke asked that Councillor contact information be updated on the website and with TVBC. The Clerk will action.

**The Fen & Green-** Cllr Harris suggested the Parish Council consider work required to the track by the green where cars often park, including filling a nasty hole just by the phone box. It was agreed to check who is responsible for this lane.

Cllr Harvey reported an area in the Fen which needs cutting back. Cllr Hawkings-Byass will ask Greenflints to do this.

The Clerk highlighted an email and invoice she had received regarding an electrical test on the supply box on the Village Green. This had been carried out just before the fete in order that the box was safe and the relevant insurance was not affected. It was agreed the invoice should be paid and that the Clerk organise the annual test in future.

**Play Area** -Cllr Harvey confirmed the play area checks had taken place and all was well. He had also provided quotes to replace the goal posts on the Village Green and proposed the purchase of Sabre goals from Sawscapes This was seconded by Cllr Montagu with a proviso that these will fit the post holes already installed. Cllr Harvey will check the fittings and confirm so the Clerk can place an order. Once received a claim for S106 funds will be made.

Concerns had been raised about the current goals in place and their safety following a report a child has been injured. Cllr Hawkings Byass will ask Greenflints contractors if they can remove the damaged part of the goal.

**Weyhill-** Cllr Hemmings had been contacted by a parishioner regarding flooding on Sarsons Lane. Cllr Waller confirmed that he has marked these areas on the map he is creating for HCC. She reported the bollards at the junction of Amesbury Road and Fyfield road had again been crushed. Cllr Harris confirmed he had reported this to HCC Chris Donnelly. She continues to research types of flower tubs suitable for the Weyhill area and will report back at the next Parish Council meeting. Finally, she reported she had been contacted by a resident who had raised concerns regarding businesses on the Mayfield Industrial estate making lots of noise at night including beeping horns and shouting by the workforce. Concerns about a change in some business use and opening hours have also been raised. The Clerk will report the matter to TVBC.

**Footpaths-** The footpath from Ampport Church up the hill has been cleared by the new owner of the field alongside which the path runs. Greenflints will look at the fallen tree on footpath 9 north of Nether Cottage

**Communications** – Cllr Hawkings-Byass asked those present to provide newsletter content as soon as possible after the Parish Council meeting. Local businesses are welcome to send details of their events which can be included in the ‘What’s On’ section. She said some volunteers have stepped forward to help with delivery but more would be helpful. If you can help, please contact the Clerk on [clerk@ampportparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@ampportparishcouncil.org.uk) or by calling 01264 773976.

**Projects-** Cllr Harvey had nothing to report.

**Neighbourhood Plan**– Cllr Stephenson reported the Neighbourhood Plan working groups have met with the consultant recently and a revised draft plan will be produced soon. This will be circulated to all councillors for review and all are asked to respond to this quickly.

She reported an approach from a planning consultant regarding possible building at Weyhill. Plans have been received and will be reviewed by the Neighbourhood Plan steering group.

It was noted that no Parish Council funds have been spent in the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan as all expenditure to date has been covered by grants received.

**Highways-** Cllr Harris reported no real progress has been made on the various outstanding highways matters previously recorded. HCC Cllr Donnelly is aware of all highways issues.

**Southern Water** -Cllr Harris reported that The PPPF had held its quarterly meeting with SW and others on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. He had attended and reported they are still engaging with communities and will make sure all areas are notified if pumping is required. They will be trialling a messaging service which will alert those who sign up if there are threats of flooding.

**Resilience Plan-** Cllr Waller had no specific update on the draft plan and confirmed there had been no feedback from members of the parish.

He did report on progress to produce a plan of areas in the parish which regularly flood and this will be added to the resilience plan. An HCC flooding toolkit recently circulated will be added to the website. Cllr Waller will attend the next community resilience workshop on 19th October

**School Liaison-**Cllr Baker has been discussing parking issues with the school administration staff (see item 11)

### **Speed Awareness Signs Locations**

7) Cllr Coke reported on three quotes he had obtained for speed awareness machines. It was agreed collection of data was not a priority and the main driver was a deterrent to all drivers that may be speeding.

The quotes were discussed and concerns raised about who was going to lead on the project and a team who will be responsible for charging batteries and moving signs. It was agreed that there will be an article in the parish news saying this project can only proceed if volunteers come forward to help, details of locations and the commitment will need to be included.

Cllr Coke proposed the Parish Council reserves a budget of £5000 for this project, this was seconded by Cllr Stephenson. All agreed subject to volunteers coming forward to help with the project.

### **Local Crime-**

8) See item 3

### **Amport & Monxton Village Hall**

9) Cllr Harris reported the build is still progressing. A grant for the solar panels has been awarded by TVBC and applications have been made for further grants. Funds have been donated by the community but a shortfall of approximately £30,000 has been identified.

Any members of the Parish who are willing to make donations toward this project please contact Mike Cleugh (Monxton PC) or Chris Harris (Amport PC), or donate via the QR code which has been publicised previously.

Volunteers are sought to serve on the Village Hall Committee, especially as Treasurer or Secretary. Please contact Mike Cleugh or Chris Harris who are trustees for further information.

### **Amport House-update**

10) Cllr Harris reported there have been no updates regarding the potential sale of Amport House.

### **Yellow Zig Zag Lines at Amport School**

11) The new school admin officer in attendance highlighted the lack of yellow zig zag lines outside the school. The school is letting parents know when and where they should be parking but the lines need to be re-instated as quickly as possible. This is a real health and safety issue and children's lives are at stake. TVBC Hasselman will speak to HCC Chris Donnelly and Cllr Harvey will also write to him.

It was also suggested the area on the corner by the telephone box needs to have hatching painted there to prevent parking by any vehicles as this creates issues of visibility for vehicles exiting the lane and parking area by the Village Green. HCC and Cllr Donnelly are already aware of the issue.

### **Clerks report**

12) The Clerk reported as follows-

The issue with one.com emails not responding to g.mail or Microsoft Teams had been highlighted several times. Hugo Fox, the website provider had recently sent information about.gov emails however a package for Amport Parish Council would cost in the region of £300, the current system is approx. £100.00. This has been recently renewed but consideration could be given to using a different system if a councillor wishes to research.

Ray Welch has provided a quote to clear the ditch at the Village Green for £200.00 Cllr Harris proposed this be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Baker. All agreed. The Clerk will arrange for the work to be carried out.

Proposed meeting dates for 2025 had been circulated and were agreed as the third Monday of the month with the exception of August and December when no meetings take place and April when the meeting will be one week earlier to avoid Easter. Full details will be circulated and published.

A draft budget for 25-26 had been circulated. All Councillors were asked to consider any projects which may require funding along with all annual expenditure which had been included in the draft. The draft budget and precept will need to be agreed at the November meeting.

### **Finance**

12) To note the bank balances as 08/10/2024

Lloyds current £7302.34

Lloyds savings £22041.61

2) To approve the following payments and authorise online transactions: -

H Bourner salary	£475.76
HMRC	£118.80
H Bourner exp.	£17.20
Clear electricity (DD)	£11.81
Hugo Fox website	£11.99
Information Comms	£35.00
Ray Welch	£178.00
Taits May	£78.00
Taits June	£78.00
Taits September	£78.00
Taits NDP	£19.30
Founds Electrical	£138.38

### **Borough & County Councillor Reports.**

13) HCC Chris Donnelly was not present.

TVBC Susanne Hasselman highlighted her recent report which had been circulated. She explained that TVBC are hoping to help some residents with a small heating allowance who are just above the limits for pension credits and have lost the allowance from central government.

14) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

24/01849/FULLN Erect open sided steel frame, straw barn-Pipers Hill farm- withdrawn

24/01605/CLPN-rebuild wall-Ashbrook, Furzedown Lane- -certificate issued

24/01756/TPON-tree works, Musset Cottage, The Green-part consent, part refusal

### **Reviewed between meetings: None**

**Resolved:** that the planning advisory committee's approval on the following applications were endorsed:

24/02136/FULLN- side & rear extensions, Greenacre, Dauntsey Lane-The resident was present and explained this is a change to a previously agreed application where brick will be rendered on three sides to the property. Cllr Dix confirmed he knew the property and could see no reasons to object. All agreed- no objections

24/02131/TREEN- remove ornamental pear, Ampert Park Mews-concerns were raised at the removal of this tree which was considered a feature of the gardens, The Clerk will ask the tree officer to review this for a potential tree preservation order.

### **Enforcement**

24/02035/FULLN-extensions, Foxwell House, Georgia Lane-land opposite bird pens erected -the Clerk confirmed she had spoken to TVBC enforcement regarding the bird pens who had confirmed these were permitted development. The TVBC officer is attempting to contact the complainant to fully explain.

Cllr Montagu reported that the application for a new solar farm at land on Lains Farm is likely to go before Northern Area Committee, but there are delays because there has been no engagement from the airfield.

He also explained that the application for five dwellings at Fox farm Estate was the fallback position and the hope is that planning permission for one single family home will be gained.

### **Correspondence**

15) The Clerk highlighted

An email regarding a TVCAN meeting at Mottisfont Village Hall on 31/10/2024  
A letter from Lloyds confirming an interest rate reduction

**New Items for next agenda**

16) None

**Community News**

17) None

**Date of next meeting**

18) The next meeting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024, 7.30pm at Amport School