

Minutes of the Amport Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting and AGM held on Monday 16th May 2022, 7.30pm at East Cholderton Scout Hall.

Present: Cllr C Harris – Chairman, Cllr S Coke - Vice Chairman, Cllr Mrs S Richardson, Cllr A Montagu, Cllr Mrs D Stephenson, Cllr Mrs T Hawkings-Byass, Cllr P Harvey, Cllr P Waller & Cllr O Vincent.

Also present

Mr T Hartigan (non-voting member)
TVBC Cllr Mrs M Flood
Caroline Unwin -Village correspondent
2 Members of the Public

1 Apologies:

Apologies for absence had been received from Heather Bourner, Parish Clerk, TVBC D Coole & Cllr Mrs S Baker. Apologies from HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly, via Cllr Flood: detained on other business.

2 Election of Chairman

Cllr Coke called for nominations for the post of Chairman. Cllr Montagu nominated Cllr Harris to be Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Cllr Stephenson. All Agreed. Cllr Harris agreed to sign an acceptance of office form.

3 Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Harris asked the meeting for a nomination for Cllr Coke to be Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. Cllr Richardson proposed Cllr Coke as Vice Chairman and this was seconded by Cllr Hawkings-Byass. All agreed. Cllr Coke agreed to sign an acceptance of office form.

4 Presentation from the Wildlife Trust

Maggie Shelton gave a presentation to those present on the ongoing project to restore and maintain the ecological environments of Hampshire's chalk streams.

5 Annual Chairman's Report

Cllr Harris gave a report on Parish Council matters in the previous 12 months. He confirmed changes in membership and highlighted new members who have been co-opted and explained the cross section of experiences these members bring to the council.

He reported on the damage caused by falling trees to the play equipment and on the frustratingly long broadband outage that affected many parishioners. He further reported on the successful project to plant an avenue of trees at Haydown farm, a bird walk in the Fen, the introduction of visiting food vans to the green and plans for celebrations to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

He highlighted projects where Amport Parish Council were working together with other neighbouring Parish Councils on matters which affected them all such as the building of a new solar farm and the ongoing work being carried out by Southern Water to repair drains and laterals.

He confirmed Amport Parish Council continue to engage with the new owners of Amport House and to monitor the plans to develop the building into a hotel.

Finally, he said the Parish Council would be working on several projects in the forthcoming year, a neighbourhood plan, a resilience plan, traffic monitoring including speed awareness cameras and in conjunction with Monxton Parish Council the rebuilding of Monxton & Amport Village Hall.

6 Public Participation

There were no items raised by the members of public present.

7 Review and agree standing orders, financial regulations & code of conduct

Cllr Coke reported all documents were updated during the course of the last year and were considered to be up to date. However, as the Clerk was absent the matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

8 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Harris and Stephenson declared an interest in the planning application at Amport School.

9 Councillor Roles & Responsibilities

Cllr Harris asked whether any councillor wished to withdraw from existing roles or whether any councillor was interested in being involved in another area. No requests were made. All councillors resumed their current responsibilities.

10 Minutes of previous meetings & matters arising

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th April were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Coke, seconded Cllr Richardson. All in favour.

11 Jubilee Celebrations

Cllr Richardson confirmed plans were well established to hold a celebration event on Ampport Green on Sunday 5th June. Funding by way of grants had been received from TVBC. It was clarified that this event was meant to include the whole parish, and Monxton as well.

12 Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Stephenson reported TVBC have provided all the necessary information to apply for a grant to pay a consultant and while the forms have been completed it was proving difficult to find a consultant. She agreed to continue to research consultants who may be able to assist, and Cllr Flood will also make enquiries.

13 Southern Water over pumping & water quality

Cllr Harris confirmed a meeting of the PPF was scheduled for the 17th May and full details will be provided at the June Parish Council meeting.

14 Solar Farm Plans

Cllr Montagu confirmed work to complete legal documents regarding the community benefit payment is complete. Cllr Harris proposed the document be formally approved, seconded by Cllr Coke. All Councillors present agreed the document and powers to sign the documents should be given to Cllr Montagu and Harris or a second councillor in substitution at the appropriate time.

Planning permission has not yet been granted as an issue has arisen with reflection from some panels.

15 Avenue of Trees

Tim Hartigan confirmed planting of 83 trees as an avenue alongside the path from the Water Tower down to the house at Haydown Farm is complete. The required Tree Preservation Order application has been made and a response from TVBC is awaited. Cllr Flood will make enquiries of TVBC. Fundraising for the project continues, anyone wishing to contribute should go to www.haydown-link.co.uk

16 Resilience

Cllr Waller reported on his attendance at a TVBC resilience forum where details of grants available from SSE were highlighted. It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Montagu, that Ampport Parish Council should start work on a resilience plan for the parish, the aim being to produce a concise but useful document. All Councillors agreed and that a working group would be led by Cllr Baker.

17 Clerks report

The Clerk was unexpectedly absent full details will be given at the June meeting.

18 Finance

The bank balance as 09/05/2022 was as follows:

Lloyds treasurers £13408.82

Lloyds deposit £12221.76

Payments

Resolved: that the following payments be approved,

H Bourner salary	£374.56
HMRC	£93.60
H Bourner exp	£23.84
HALC training	£960.00
Ace lift away	£54.00
Sue Richardson Jubilee	£24.00

Retrospective

Kinex (DD)	£12.50
Ray Welch	£161.00
HCC	£107.11
Sovereign Play	£3331.55
Sue Richardson Jubilee	£448.50
Sue Richardson Jubilee	£49.17

Accounts and audit return year ended 31st March 2022

Accounts for the year ended 31st March had been discussed and agreed at the April meeting. The Audit return was reviewed. Section 1 was reviewed and agreed and signed by the Chairman. The internal audit will take place on 9th of June.

19 Borough & County Councillor Reports.

A report had been circulated from Cllr Donnelly.

TVBC Cllr Mrs Maureen Flood reported the £150 energy rebates to householders in council tax bands a-d were now being paid directly to those who pay their council tax by direct debit. Others will receive payments by cheque in due course.

She said the French Market returns to Andover Town Centre on 17th and 18th May in and there will be a Gardening Fair on the 22nd May.

20 Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

22/00519/TPON- tree works -Georgia Farm Buildings permission

21/03625/FULLN & 21/03626/LWBN- single storey ext and replacement front door-Meadowside, Wiremead Lane, refused

22/00700/AGNN- application to determine if approval is required to build reservoir at Fox Farm-prior application request refused

22/00378/FULLN-erect a pigeon loft, Victoria Cottage- permission

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

22/00949/FUULN & 22/00950/LBWN- single storey ext, The Old Post Office- no objections

22/01044/FULLN-replacement dwelling, Hillside Farm, Middlecot-no objections

22/01051/TREEN & 22/01052/TPON tree works Stable Barn, Fox Farm – no objections

22/00997/LBWN- work to external wall, Ampport Church of England School – no objections

22/01119/FULLN – construction of gate pillars and gates, Buckingham Hose, Middlecot- no objections

Update on Ampport House

Tim Hartigan reported that Another Place was close to finalising the planning application and thought the documents should be available shortly. Another Place hopes that the Planning Committee will consider the application in the summer.

21 Any other business –

Cllr Richardson reported the new play equipment has been ordered and is scheduled to be fitted in July. She said the broken equipment needs to be removed as soon as possible for health & safety reasons. Cllr Harvey will ask a contact to quote for the work to be carried out.

Tim Hartigan asked if the Parish Council could highlight their support for the food vans visiting the Village Green. The Clerk will be asked to post a statement on the website.

Cllr Montagu reported that he was seeing the TVBC footpaths officer shortly and will invite her to speak at the meeting in July.

22 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 20th June 2022, 7.30pm at 2nd Andover Sea Scout Hall, East Cholderton.

