

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Ampfield on Monday, 11th February 2019 commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT: Bryan Nanson (Chairman) – Presiding
Allan Clark, Pete Edwards, Martin Hatley,
Graham Roads and Julie Trotter

2828 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Julian Jones, Margaret Rothwell and David Stevens.

2829 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 14th January 2019, having been circulated previously, were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

2830 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no Matters Arising which were not covered by items on the agenda.

2831 Declarations of Interest

Julie Trotter declared a personal interest in Morleys Green, and also in the Village Hall, as she was a Trustee and Member of the Committee.

2832 Public Participation

One member of the public was in attendance.

2833 Financial Matters

2833.1 Accounts for payment

It was proposed by Martin Hatley and seconded by Graham Roads, that the following accounts be paid:

Cheques to be signed at the meeting:

£ (inc VAT)

Allen Build & Development - retention held on pavilion construction	£5,278.28
Wendage Pollution Control - service to sewerage treatment system	£150.00
Messenger advert	£20.00

Fair Account Paul Reynolds - internal audit	£410.00
Village Hall usage 2018	<u>£231.00</u>
	<u>£6,089.28</u>

Payments made between meetings

G Phelps -fit spring to playground gate	£20.00
January salary - D Matthews	£612.84
January payments HMRC	£175.59
Cllr Hatley - re-imburement for gate spring and fitting of new gate	£53.99
Eon electricity pavilion - 28 January 2019 D/D	£29.46
NEST pensions payment January 2019 - D/D	£56.44
Steelway Fensecure - supply of gate spring	<u>£68.40</u>
	<u>£1,016.72</u>

Council confirmed and approved the cheques and payments made between meetings. It was noted that the retainer held back from the construction of the pavilion had now been paid to Allen Build and Development. Receipts for the month of January 2019 were low at £48.78 bank interest. Bank balances on 10th February 2019 stood at £124,629.40 in total. Within that the Nationwide account, which was intended for the maintenance of open spaces at Morleys, stood at £ 66,806.64.

2833.2 Morleys Commuted Fund

Members considered a paper showing the amounts spent by Council on the maintenance of Morleys Green open spaces and allotments since it took over responsibility in late 2015/16. In total the predicted costs to the end of 2018/19 were £22,667.41. Taking account of monies repaid to date and predicted expenditure to end 2018/19, Ampfield Parish Council owed the Morleys Fund just over £25,000 of the £40,000 loan borrowed to meet the cost of the pavilion construction. Based on these figures, and assuming the average spend of approx £5,500 a year continued, the commuted sum could last for the remaining 16 of the 20 years intended.

2834 Ampfield Recreation Ground

2834.1 Car Park Project Update

The Chairman outlined the various grants and awards which might be available to fund the car park project. After discussion with the contractor about elements of the contract, it was possible that the project costs might be reduced. It was noted that the Leader grant had to be matched with funds from Ampfield Parish Council and was only paid after the completion of the project. Martin Hatley advised that should the Community Asset Fund grant be awarded it would be available for up to 2 years. It was noted that should a fresh Community Infrastructure Levy award be pursued it would include the playground and could cover up to 100% of the project costs. It was also noted that the contractor had

advised that soil condition would be obvious from first digging and that formal tests should not be necessary.

It was agreed that investigation into suitable temporary cover for the grass, in the section between the entrance and the playground, should be done. It was also agreed that the decision on how to proceed with the project would be deferred until March when some factors would be clearer.

Two expressions of interest in using the pavilion and Recreation Ground – for a model airplane club and a training event – had been received. These could be accommodated but the lack of a car park could present problems in the near future.

2834.2 Site Security

Martin Hatley would arrange for the placement of a metal post at the rear of the White Horse carpark to inhibit unauthorised access to the Recreation Ground.

2834.3 Pavilion Signs

Council discussed and agreed the revision to the signs for the pavilion doors. The quote for £204 to make and install the signs was agreed. Julie Trotter would take this forward and would clarify whether the signs were to be stuck on the inside or outside of the doors.

2835 Highways

2835.1 Parking and Traffic calming

Yellow lines restricting parking outside the School had been painted during the February half term holidays. The Chairman had written to Cllr Perry, Leader of Hampshire County Council (HCC), seeking help with the very difficult parking situation. A meeting with key HCC personal had been proposed. It was not clear how those affected had been informed of the parking restrictions. Martin Hatley would query this with TVBC and Graham Roads would ask local residents.

HCC had taken over from TVBC the project on traffic calming along the A3090 through the Village. Highways' main focus was on accident rates and their severity. However, it was understood that should Council apply through the Community Funded Initiative Programme, for support for the traffic calming proposals, the Traffic and Safety Team would pick it up and help take it forward. It was agreed that Council would apply under that scheme for the 2020 season. Pete Edwards would take it forward.

2835.2 Chapel Hill Bollards

There had been no progress in placing bollards at the entrance to Chapel Hill from the A3090. The adverse weather conditions had taken up much of Hampshire County Council's time recently; Martin Hatley would raise it again with Highways.

2835.3 Noticeboards

The notice board outside the School had been in poor condition and Council had agreed in July 2018 to remove it and replace it with the board on the A3090 which was not thought to be needed. However, it was reported that residents had missed the board and wanted it replaced. Martin Hatley had identified funds which would cover about 2/3 of the cost of a new board. Estimated costs for a new double bay board plus delivery would be approx. £1300. An estimate for installation would be sought from Council's maintenance contractor. Council agreed following a vote of 4:2 to purchase the new board. Allan Clark would arrange the order and installation of the board. It was agreed that the board would be sourced from the supplier of Council's other boards.

2836 Chapel Wood

2836.1 Footpaths

Council noted the request from the Countryside Access Team about identifying paths in the Parish that needed attention under their annual maintenance programme. Only one path in the Parish had been cited by them. Graham Roads would ask the Footpath Wardens to review and advise about the condition of our paths. Meetings with the Forestry Commission had been held about footpaths in and around Ampfield Wood, and about the creation of permissive paths including through the woods from the Church carpark area to the Potters Heron. In these cases it was not always easy to identify the landowners.

2836.2 American Airmen Anniversary and the War Memorials

This year was the 75 anniversary of the fatal crash into the woods of the Cessna Bobcat carrying 5 American Airmen on 2 July 1944. It was also the 21st anniversary of the placement of the memorial to the Airmen opposite the Burial Ground. It was agreed that Council should organise a simple re-dedication service with the support of the Revd. Ashdown. All parishioners would be invited to attend. It was agreed that Graham Roads and Julie Trotter would lead on the project. Graham Roads would write to Mr Vear who, together with friends, was the driving force in the creation of the memorial in the first place. The Chairman would write to the American Embassy. The Mayor of Test Valley would also attend. Light refreshments would be available in St Mark's room.

Martin Hatley and Graham Roads were working on the website entry of information about those men from the Parish who perished in WW1. Graham Roads would arrange a meeting with a monumental masons firm about the cleaning of the war memorials.

2837 Annual Report and Parish Assembly

The elections on 2nd May 2019 had meant that the annual report and the Parish Assembly would be later than in other years to avoid any political bias or promotion. It was agreed that the timetable should aim to have the annual report available for delivery from 4th May 2019. Allan Clark would update delivery rounds. It was agreed that the report would follow earlier patterns

but that strict limits would be put on articles to keep the report interesting and relevant. It was agreed that Pete Edwards would take it forward.

2838 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Council would be held on Monday 11th March 2019. The Parish Assembly would be held on Monday 20th May 2019.

2839 Closure

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman.....

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