

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Ampfield on Monday, 8th July 2019 commencing at 7pm.

PRESENT: Bryan Nanson (Chairman) – Presiding
Allan Clark, Chris Ling, Graham Roads, David Stevens and Julie Trotter

2904 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Julian Jones and Martin Hatley. The Clerk did not attend the meeting until 7.30pm

2905 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 10th June 2019, having been circulated previously, were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

2906 Matters Arising from the Minutes

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

2907 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.

2908 Co-option to Council

Mrs Kate McCallum of 20 Straight Mile, Ampfield had put herself forward for co-option as a Councillor of Ampfield Parish Council. Members voted unanimously in favour of the co-option. The Chairman welcomed Mrs McCallum to Council. The Clerk would arrange for completion of the necessary papers after which Mrs McCallum could take part in Council business. She left the meeting after item 9. Ampfield Parish Council (APC) now had its full complement of 9 Members.

2909 Public Participation

Mrs Kate McCallum was present.

2910 Financial Matters

2910.1 Accounts for payment

The schedule of payments and receipts was not available at the meeting due to the indisposition of the Clerk. Details were issued subsequently at Annex A to the minutes and invoices were paid on 12 July 2019. The Bank Reconciliation for June 2019, and the budget and actual figures to end June 2019, were available at the meeting and were noted by Members.

2910.2 Posts for notice board

There had been no progress in getting an estimate of costs of posts to support the new notice board. Allan Clark would pursue this with Martin Hatley.

2911 Ampfield Recreation Ground

2911.1 Car Park Project – update

Applications for funds totalling over £130,000 had been made to complete the playground and carpark projects. Community Asset Fund monies were already in place. The outcome of the CIL application would be known in December and release of the S106 monies was imminent. Claims for re-imbursement of the costs of disconnection of electricity to the old pavilion and connection of the scorer's hut had been made to TVBC. Demolition of the old pavilion was expected to start in 2 weeks. Playground installation was expected to start in early September with the carpark being completed in January 2020.

2911.2 Site Security

Martin Hatley was not at the meeting.

2911.3 External playground inspections

Council noted the comments made by the Playground Inspection Company in their report dated 13 June 2019 following their 6-monthly inspection. There were no major concerns. It was agreed that APC would continue to use the Playground Inspection Company when the new playground was installed. The timing and frequency of inspections might need to be adjusted.

2912 Highways

2912.1 Knapp Lane and School Parking – Commercial in Confidence

Hampshire County Council (HCC) had responded to APC's request to look at the feasibility of creating additional car park space for Ampfield Primary School. Drawings

and costing were discussed and considered. The cost estimate was considerable and did not include any purchase of the land. No funds or grants were readily available.

2912.2 Traffic Calming

Council reviewed drawings from HCC Traffic Management Team showing various traffic calming measures proposed for the 30mph stretch of the A3090 through the Village. These included gateway signs, dropped kerbs, new carriageway edges and centre line removal. The intention was to slow down the traffic to help people cross the road safely. It was agreed that Chris Ling would put a proposal to APC to consider before going back to HCC. This project came under the umbrella of the Community Funded Initiative and monies would be met from S106 developer funds.

2913 Access to Village Green

Morleys Green Management Ltd (MGM) had expressed concern over the difficulties experienced by elderly residents in gaining easy access to the Village Green. Council discussed a number of options. Members left the meeting for 12 minutes to familiarise themselves with the sites of the options under consideration. It was agreed that rather than install a 4 foot wooden pedestrian gate next to the existing vehicle access gate opposite the Village Hall, the simple removal of a 4' length of the bank next to the gate would suffice. The Chairman would take the matter forward with the freeholder and contractor and notify MGM.

2914 American Airmen Commemoration Event

The Commemoration Event held on 2nd July 2019 had been very successful with over 100 people attending including parishioners, children from Ampfield School and a detachment of American Airmen from a nearby United States Air Force base. Everyone was also pleased to see Martin Vear and Chris Penney whose detective work first found evidence of the airplane crash and started the campaign to have a memorial established. Letters of thanks had been received from invited guests. Council was very pleased to receive a donation of £50 from Mr Ian Fitzsimmon towards parish costs. The Chairman would write a letter of thanks. An article would be written for the parish website and other publications. The catering team had done extremely well in providing refreshments for so many people. The Chairman thanked Graham Roads whose leadership of the project had been highly effective; he and the event team had worked very hard to make it such a success.

2915 Chapel Wood

A working party of the Friends of Chapel Wood was arranged for the following Saturday. Work would start on the pond. The first tranche of work arising from the Health & Safety Audit of the trees was nearing completion. The work done on the ground would be compared with the agreed schedule of works identified by CBA Trees.

2916 Enforcements issues

A recent meeting had confirmed that the Planning Enforcement Team at TVBC were pursuing a number of issues in the Parish. The site opposite the Potters Heron continued to cause concern as the scope, lay-out and design of the development appeared to go beyond the initial planning approval. The selling of produce on the verge, which required people to stop and park, presented a hazard on the busy A3090. Council would raise a query with Highways about the matter. Attempts to create a vehicle entrance at Ganger Wood onto the Straight Mile had been the subject of complaints and had been pursued by the Enforcement Team. A planning application to create vehicle access had now been submitted and would come before Ampfield Planning Committee for consideration. Complaints from parishioners had been received about the erection of a 5-bedroom dwelling at Redburn Farm as planning permission had been given for a 2-bedroom bungalow barn conversion. Council had complained to TVBC and the Enforcement Team had caused the building work to cease until the situation was reviewed by them.

2917 Reports from Committees and Portfolio Holders

The amended Village Design Statement (VDS) was to be considered by TVBC Cabinet on 10th July 2019. The Chairman and Graham Roads would attend and speak at the meeting. Once Cabinet had voted to adopt the VDS it would go finally to full Council for approval. Chris Ling would meet with former Councillor Pete Edwards to get up to speed with the management of the Lengthsman resource. Chris Ling had tried to establish the cause of the fatal accident on the A3090 near Ratlake on 5th April 2018. This accident had been raised by a parishioner at the Parish Assembly as part of a wider concern about speed limits, accidents and the number of deer deaths. However, it seemed that no-one knew the cause of that accident. Highways had supplied deer signs to raise awareness but did not seem inclined to do anything further.

2918 Correspondence and Communications

Council noted the letter from the Women's Institute asking for a peppercorn rent to be paid for the years 2016-2019. The Clerk had written to the Women's Institute reminding them that they had sold the freehold of the Village Hall to Ampfield Parish Council and that they were, therefore, not entitled to any rent.

2919 Test Valley Borough Council

Martin Hatley was not in attendance

2920 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of Council would be held on Monday 9th September 2019.

2921 Closure

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman.....

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