



Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday,
11th July at 7.30 pm in Awbridge Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr Grahame Jackson (GJ)
Cllr Peter Allen (PA)
Cllr Chris Wheeler (CW)
Cllr Gordon Piper (GP)
Cllr Kelly Seymour (KS)

Apologies:

Cllr Janet Whiteley
Cllr Tony Byrne

In attendance:

Cllr Nick Adams-King (TVBC)
Tracy Sansome (Clerk)
One member of the public.
Jonathan Birch (First Responder)

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Welcome

Councillor Chairman Jackson opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. Apologies

Were noted.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were noted.

4. Public Observations/open period

Jonathon Birch introduce himself and explained to the council how our DEFIB equipment is operating and being maintained. Whilst we can extend the life of the current equipment by purchasing new pads and battery – it may be more cost effective to purchase new and up to date equipment. He continued to explain how the new Defibs are multi-functional and semi-automatic. The cost for this new equipment is approximately £1300 from British Heart Foundation.

It was agreed by council to go ahead with this purchase and also consider the cabinet to be replaced at a future date.

It was also discussed that the Defib held at the local Primary School could possibly be shared (out of school hours) by having this outside of the building. A short discussion arose to look at potentially enabling this to be connected to power in a visible place such as telephone box. Cllr Wheeler agreed to contact the school to make this suggestion.

Cllr Kelly Seymour kindly offered a donation to new equipment in memory of her late Mother. **RESOLVED**

5. Minutes

The minutes of the last Parish meeting on May 23rd 2024 were accepted as an accurate record of business conducted. Cllr Christopher Wheeler proposed to agree and was seconded by Cllr Peter Allen. Cllr Jackson signed these. **RESOLVED**

6. Borough Report from Cllr Nick Adams-King

Cllr Adams-King acknowledged the new Traffic Calming measures recently installed in the village. The new gateways were considered a welcome addition to the locality. It was discussed that although the new 'virtual footpaths' have been painted onto the roads – it may benefit to have the addition of a painted 'walking man' to indicate the purpose of that space. (Clerk to contact TVBC).

- New highways jobs are planned including work on Kimbridge lane.
- The General election has put back proposals and decisions including the consultation on Bunny Lane amenity tip. Decisions are expected to be made in September after the summer recess.
- Issues are still being resolved with regards to school crossing patrols. Filling the vacancies is still a challenge.
- Budgets are constricted due to high rising costs of social care, foster care and SEN transport, however, budgets are being managed by initiatives such as the sale of under utilised buildings in the borough.
- There are grants available (rural communities etc) that we may be able to benefit from in the near future.
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7. Clerk Report and Correspondence

This was acknowledged.

8. Matters arising

None recorded.

BUSINESS ITEMS

9. Planning

9.1

APPLICATION NO: 24/01405/CLPS

PROPOSAL: Certificate of proposed lawful development for a temporary classroom

SITE: Awbridge County School, Danes Road, Awbridge

It was agreed **NO OBJECTION**

RESOLVED

10. Financial and Administrative

10.1 The invoices for payment were agreed.

10.2 The financial statement was received and reconciled to Bank Statement.

This was proposed by Cllr KS, seconded and signed by Cllr Peter Allen. **RESOLVED**

11. Lengthsman Tasks

Cllr Kelly Seymour continues to liaise with the Co-ordinator to list tasks each month.

It was discussed that the clearing and rodding of the ditches is still outstanding. It was acknowledged that some of the work has been delayed because of the weather.

12. GOVERNANCE

Declarations of Interests forms – these were updated by the councillors present.

They will be forwarded to TVBC when all are completed.

13. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Gordon Piper updated the council – the consultation has finished and responses have been received - TVBC have made some comments to be considered. The group are working towards final submission however are awaiting advice and quote to get to the finish stage for submission to TVBC.

14. Test Way Boardwalk and Gates project

Cllr Gordon Piper reported that we are working with our Hampshire CC Countryside Engagement Ranger Corrine Davis-Cooke and Test Valley Community Engagement Officer Anthony Chapman to submit a grant application for the renewal of the boardwalk on the Test Way near Cooke lane. We can apply for up to 75% of costs therefore the Parish Council may need to consider contributing around £4000. This was agreed by the councillors present. Proposed by Cllr GJ and seconded by Cllr CW. **RESOLVED**

15. Traffic Calming Project

This was acknowledged and discussed earlier on in item 6.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Tracy Sansome Clerkawbridge@gmail.com

Chairman signature

Date

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

at 8th July 2024

INCOME		
UNITY TRUST BANK	Interest Received	176.30
	Total £	176.30
INVOICES TO PAY		
Geosphere	Parish Online Subs	64.80
Simon Nightingale	Management of VAS Sign June	97.86
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Peter Allen	Refund of Expenses	60.73
Grahame Jackson	Allowance	480.00
Tracy Sansome	Salary/Home Allowance	1,249.16
HALC	Training C. Wheeler	57.60
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HMRC	PAYE (TS)	320.54
HMRC	PAYE (GJ)	120.00
	Total £	2,666.15
OTHER PAYMENTS		
	Total £	0.00
ALLOTTED PROJECTS		
CIL Funds		25,000.00
	Total £	25,000.00
Account Balances		
UNITY TRUST BANK	Current Account	14,834.41
	Reserve Account	60176.30
	Total £	75,010.71
ACTUAL FUNDS Available		
	Less payments	72,344.56
	£	

