

AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held in Awbridge Village Hall on Thursday, 29th July 2021 at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr Nick Adams-King (**NAK**)
 Cllr Peter Allen (**PA**)
 Cllr Grahame Jackson (**Chair**) (**GJ**)
 Cllr Kelly Seymour (**Vice Chair**) (**KS**)
 Cllr Angela Shepherd (**AS**)

In attendance:

2 members of the public

Apologies:

TVBC Cllr Gordon Bailey

Clerk: Ian Milsom

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

Action

1. **53/21 Welcome**
 GJ welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **54/21 Apologies**
 As above.

3. **55/21 Declarations of interest**
 No declarations were made.

4. **56/21 Reports**

- HCC Councillor Nick Adams King

As **NAK** becomes more familiar with his Hampshire County Councillor role, it is becoming clear that the key to resolving many issues that fall within the remit of the County Council is for parishioners to report them using the [Report a problem](#) facility on its website. When doing so, a reference number will be issued.

When there is a perceived delay to an issue being resolved, passing the reference number to **NAK** will enable him to identify the County Council Department involved and to effectively chase this.

Road Closure. The A27 between Shootash and the Frenches is being closed at night to undertake structural repair to the road edge, and resurfacing. The closure will be in place between 6.30pm and 6am. The work is scheduled to take up to 6 weeks, starting from Monday 9th August.

NAK has asked for additional signage to be placed at either end of The Frenches, on Danes Road and Newtown Lane, making clear that there is access only and they are unsuitable as diversion routes.

Roke Manor. **NAK** informed that he had posted on Facebook. about the numerous complaints he has received about the number of Raymond Brown lorries cutting through Awbridge from the Roke Manor site. These were passed on to Raymond Brown's General Manager with a request for an explanation and an undertaking not to send them that way again. **NAK** asked Members noticing Raymond Brown vehicles travelling through Awbridge to try and get a snap of their number plate and pass to him for further action. **All**

- TVBC Councillor Nick Adams-King

Nitrate credits. **NAK** informed that there has been some publicity for the nitrate credit scheme via his letter in the Romsey Advertiser, in which he responded to previously published letters from a member of the public. Test Valley Borough Council has purchased land for nitrate credits from Roke Manor.

Parish Boundary Changes. **NAK** advised of a resolution passed by Romsey Town Council (RTC) at a meeting in May 2021 whose aim is to request that Test Valley Borough Council look at the possibility of adopting in full the Recommendations of the Boundary Commission put forward in 2017.

If the 2017 Boundary Commission recommendations were implemented the outcome would be:

- Romsey Parish wards, Abbey, Tadburn, and Cupernham, would be aligned with the equivalent Romsey Borough wards, thereby incorporating relevant areas within what is currently Romsey Extra Parish.
- The new boundary for Romsey Parish would be the collective outer boundary of these three wards, i.e. identical to the boundary of Romsey at Borough level.
- Remaining parts of Romsey Extra Parish would be absorbed into the adjoining parishes of Wellow, Awbridge, and Nursling & Rownhams.
- RTC claim that these changes would ensure closer alignment between parish boundaries and borough ward boundaries.

The CONS of these changes could be that affected parishes do more work for very little extra income. In the case of Awbridge, a PRO could be additional precept income generated through the acquisition of Stanbridge Earls.

- Awbridge PC Chairman

Police and Crime Commissioner. **GJ** informed of the receipt of a letter of introduction from Donna Jones, the new Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Hampshire and Isle of Wight. The PCC

is keen to gather the views of the Parish Council and the people it represents and has asked for details of any meetings the Council would wish her to attend. It was agreed to review this offer at the September meeting of the Council.

Clerk

Leisure & Recreational Facilities.

Awbridge Village Hall Committee have informed of their wish to improve the recreation area, including upgrading the children's play equipment and installing a soft ground area. Also looking for ideas for additional facilities, e.g. tennis court, Multi Games Area.

NAK highlighted possible sources of funding, including Section 106 monies, TVBC Community Asset Fund, and Community Infrastructure Levy.

The procedure for accessing funding was discussed and **NAK** suggested asking the Community Support Officers at TVBC for assistance.

It was agreed to revisit the issue of leisure and recreational facilities at the September 2021 Council meeting.

Clerk

5. 57/21 Public observations/questions on agenda items.

There was a discussion about the Crofton development, especially arrangements for the management of the sewerage treatment facilities.

6. 58/21 Minutes

It was proposed that the previously circulated draft minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th June 2021 be accepted as a true record of the business conducted. **RESOLVED.**

7. 59/21 Matters arising from the meeting on 17th June 2021, not on the agenda or included in reports.

No matters were raised.

STANDING ITEMS

8. 60/21 Planning

To consider planning applications notified to the Council.
See Appendix 1

9. 61/21 Financial and Administrative

- a. The bank reconciliation dated 22 July 2021 was agreed and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- b. It was proposed that payments detailed at Appendix 2 be approved. **RESOLVED.**

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED

- 10. 62/21 Land at Saunders Lane**
 Necessary licences for cultivation, tree works, and siting of public benches have been requested from Hampshire County Council Highways.
 Cultivation licence has been issued and clearance of undergrowth is underway in advance of flower planting.
 Licence for tree work has been chased.
 Cost of licence for the siting of public benches is awaited.
 Discuss this element of the project at the September 2021 Council meeting. **Clerk**
- 11. 63/21 Traffic calming measures.**
 To consider the traffic calming options provided by the Safer Roads Team at Hampshire County Council on 12 July 2021, and to decide on next steps.
 Following discussion it was agreed that a revised list of areas for traffic calming measures should be:
 - Danes Road by Church Lane
 - Saunders Lane
 - Lockerley Road
 - Romsey Road - the straight section east of the Springfield estate to the junction with Danes Road
 It was also agreed that **NAK** will speak to the Safer Roads Team with a view to shortening the timescale to completion of the project. **NAK**
- 12. 64/21 TVBC Covid commemorative tree planting week**
 To agree a site for the commemorative Oak tree and a date for the planting ceremony.
 The date of 21 October 2001 was agreed for the tree planting ceremony.
GJ will contact All Saints Church regarding a possible site to plant the tree. **GJ**
- 13. 65/21 Neighbourhood Development Plan**
 There has been a good response to the housing needs survey and the next stage will be to analyse the results.
 Discuss the NDP further at the September 2021 Council meeting and reach agreement regarding arrangements for a public meeting to inform parishioners of progress and to gauge support for the establishment of an NDP steering group. **Clerk**
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| 14. | 66/21 | Lengthsman
KS informed that a number of jobs for the Lengthsman's worksheet have been received, but there is space for more tasks if Members are aware of any. | All |
| 15. | 67/21 | Workplan
The Clerk has reintroduced a workplan to enable the Council to monitor progress of works/projects agreed. The Clerk will incorporate information from tonight's meeting and circulate a copy to Members with these minutes. | Clerk |
| Closure of meeting | | | |
| Date of next meeting: Thursday, 23 rd September 2021. | | | |
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Appendix 1**Planning applications****APPLICATION NUMBER: 21/02095/FULLS****PROPOSAL:** Erection of a pair of gate lodges, the improvement of an existing estate access, the closure of the existing vehicular access to the Listed House from Danes Road and the improvement of a length of existing estate drive.**SITE:** Awbridge Danes, Danes Road, Awbridge, SO51 0GF

Object. Please see Appendix 3 for details.

AMENDMENT TO CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATION**APPLICATION NO: 21/01340/FULLS****PROPOSAL:** Erection of a detached carport and store**SITE:** Greenways , Church Lane, Awbridge
Same as last application.**APPLICATION NUMBER: 21/02065/FULLS****PROPOSAL:** Single storey rear extension creating a utility room and ground floor shower room, an extended pitched roof above garage and extension, relocation of the main oil tank, and associated internal alterations**SITE:** Wild Cherry, Saunders Lane, Awbridge, Romsey

No objection.

Outcome of previous applications**21/01489/FULLS**

Greenways , Church Lane, Awbridge

Erection of entrance gates with piers and wall.

PERMISSION subject to conditions & notes

Appendix 2**Payments for approval****To be confirmed**

Payee	Amount	Reason
Simon Nightingale	£78.95	SLR Sign maintenance May 2021 Invoice VAS0121
Peter Allen	£50.88	Weedkiller spray bottle and liquid

Appendix 3

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE ON APPLICATIONS

AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Application No. 21/02095/FULLS	Case Officer: Mr Paul Goodman
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Proposal	Erection of a pair of gate lodges, the improvement of an existing estate access, the closure of the existing vehicular access to the Listed House from Danes Road and the improvement of a length of existing estate drive.
Site	Awbridge Danes , Danes Road, Awbridge, SO51 0GF

AWBRIDGE Parish Council has considered the above submitted proposal and makes the following observation

Support ☐ No objection ☐ No comment ☐ Objection ☒

Reasons for objection:

It is the view of the Council that the proposal to **erect a pair of gate lodges** does not satisfy the requirements of the following policies in the Test Valley Borough Adopted Local Plan 2011-2029:

Policy COM 2: Settlement Hierarchy (a) (b)

Policy COM 10: Occupational Accommodation for Rural Workers in the Countryside

- b) i) there is an essential functional need for the dwelling(s)
- iv) there is no other suitable and available alternative existing accommodation within the area.

The applicant has failed to establish that there is an essential functional need for the gatehouses. There is suitable alternative accommodation within Awbridge.

Policy E2: Protect, Conserve and Enhance the Landscape Character of the Borough

a) (Development) does not have a detrimental impact on the appearance of the immediate area and the landscape character of the area within which it is located.

b) (Development) is designed and located to ensure that the health and future retention of important landscape features is not likely to be prejudiced

f) does not result in the loss of important local features such as trees, wall, hedges, or water courses.

The Parish Council believes that the erection of the gatehouse on an undeveloped area of the estate would have a detrimental impact on the immediate area. It also has concerns that the mitigation of re-siting of the gatehouses further back from the road is likely to result in future pressure to thin existing trees through removal.

It is the view of the Council that no coherent case has been made for the proposal for **an improvement of an existing estate access, the closure of the existing vehicular access to the Listed House from Danes Road and the improvement of a length of existing estate drive.** There is already an entrance to the house off Church Lane.

Additional comments/observations:

Position: Clerk to the Council	Date: 8 August 2020
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