



## Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm, Awbridge Village Hall

### Present:

Cllr Kelly Seymour (KS)  
Cllr Peter Allen (PA)  
Cllr Grahame Jackson (GJ)  
Cllr Gordon Piper (GP)  
Cllr Christopher Wheeler CW)  
Cllr Janet Whiteley (JW)

### Apologies:

Cllr T Byrne

### In attendance:

Tracy Sansome (Clerk)  
Cllr Nick Adams- King (Leader of HCC)  
13 members of public

## PROCEDURAL ITEMS

### 1. Welcome

Chairman Cllr Grahame Jackson welcomed all and thanked our guests for attending.

**Election of Chairman** – It was proposed by Cllr P Allen that Cllr K Seymour would take over the position of Chair. This was seconded by Cllr C Wheeler and agreed by all.

Cllr K Seymour accepted the position and duly signed the Declaration of Office.

Cllr P Allen thanked the outgoing Chairman Cllr G Jackson for his hard work and commitment to the council for the past six years. Cllr Jackson agreed that he would stay as a councillor to the Parish Council.

2. **Election of Vice Chairman** – it was agreed that Cllr G Piper would take over the position of vice chair. This was proposed by Cllr P Allen and seconded by Cllr C Wheeler.  
Cllr Piper accepted the position and signed the Declaration of Office.

Cllr G Jackson thanked both Cllrs K Seymour and G Piper for standing.

### 3. Apologies

Apologies were received by Cllr T Byrne and noted

### 4. Declarations of Interest

None were noted.

### 5. Public Observations/open period

None recorded

**6. Clerk Report and Correspondence**

Acknowledged.

**7. Minutes**

The minutes of the last Parish meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 were accepted as an accurate record of business conducted. The minutes of the Parish Assembly of May 2024 were accepted as an accurate record and both were signed by Cllr K Seymour. **RESOLVED**

**STANDING ITEMS**

**8. Financial and Administrative**

- a. Invoices were agreed and signed off for payment
- b. Bank statements were matched to bank reconciliation and signed by Cllr G Piper.

**9. Planning**

**9.1**

**APPLICATION No: 25/00759/FULLS**

**PROPOSAL:** Erection of front porch

**Site:** Holly Cottage, Romsey Road, Awbridge

No objection was agreed and recorded. **RESOLVED**

**10. GOVERNANCE**

**10.1 Grant Application Policy** – it was agreed that this will need updating and that current requests for grants to be discussed at the next meeting within the context of an updated policy. **RESOLVED**

**10.2 Simon Nightingale New speedsign contract** – was agreed and signed. **RESOLVED**

**10.3 Lengthsman** Contract for services throughout 2025-6 was agreed and signed

It was noted that the tasks for April (rebuilding the steps at the hall) have been completed and signed off.

Cllrs requested that the overgrowing bushes along the Romsey Road/Saunders Lane be trimmed back if funds allow. Should the budget not be enough – the PC will consider covering the cost for works instead **RESOLVED**

**10.4 Declaration of Interests** – no changes recorded. Clerk will update TVBC.

**BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED**

- 11. Speedsigns** – It was agreed that new signs will be purchased after clarification from Simon Nightingale that the proposed solar panel solutions will work in situ. Clerk to enquire and also to ascertain the approximate life span of the solar panels. The quote from Westcotec was agreed in principal subject to S. Nightingale's recommendation. **RESOLVED**

**12. Closure of Meeting**

**7.30pm** Next meeting of the full council Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**Tracy Sansome Clerk**