

AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the annual meeting of the Council held in
Awbridge Village Hall, Romsey Road SO51 0HG on
Monday, 22nd May 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present:

Cllr Peter Allen **(PA)**
Cllr Grahame Jackson (Chair) **(GJ)**
Cllr Gordon Piper **(GP)**
Cllr Kelly Seymour **(KS)**

Apologies:

None

In attendance:

HCC/TVBC Cllr Nick Adams King
Eight members of the public

Clerk: Ian Milsom

Action

STATUTORY ITEMS

1. 01/23 Election of Chairman

- a. It was proposed that Councillor Jackson be elected Chairman for the forthcoming year 2023/24. **Resolved.**
- b. The Chairman signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office Form.

The new Chairman presided at the meeting.

2. 02/23 Co-option*

It was proposed that Sybil Janet Dorice Whiteley be co-opted to the Council. **Resolved.**

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****As this co-option is taking place within 35 days of the Local Government Elections held on 4th May 2023, prior advertisement of the vacancy was not required.***

STANDING ITEMS

3. 03/23 Apologies for absence
None.

4. 04/23 Declarations of interest

- a. Councillors Jackson and Piper handed their new declaration of interest forms to the Clerk for onward transmission to Test

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Valley Borough Council.

- b. Councillor Piper declare an interest in relation to planning application **23/01110/VARS**.

5. 05/23 Minutes and Notes

It was confirmed that the draft minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 19th May 2022 were accepted as an accurate record of the business conducted at the June 2022 meeting of Council. Minute 062/22 refers.

6. 06/23 Maintenance contracts

It was noted that the following contracts are in place:

- Awbridge SLR Maintenance
- Lengthsman

GOVERNANCE

7. 07/23 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ending 31 March 2023

- a. The report from the internal auditor was noted.
- b. It was proposed that Section 1 of the Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023) be approved. **Resolved.**
- c. It was proposed that Section 2 of the Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023 be approved. **Resolved.**
- d. It was confirmed that there is no conflict of interest with BDO LLP

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BUSINESS ITEMS REQUIRING A DECISION

8. 08/23 Financial and Administrative

- a. The Clerk was confirmed as the Responsible Finance Officer for 2023/2024
- b. Do the Numbers was confirmed as the internal auditor for the year 2023/2024

9. 09/23 Planning

To consider planning applications notified to the Council and agree Council's response. **See Appendix 1.**

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10. 10/23 Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 7.35pm. Date of next ordinary meeting is 29 June 2023.

Appendix 1

Planning Applications

23/01110/VARS. Variation of condition 18 (approved plans). Land West of All Saints Church, Church Lane. (Proposal of three houses with detached garages and package treatment plant; provide a car park and graveyard extension for All Saints Church) to reflect changes made during construction, including alteration to fenestration and elevational detail of the proposed dwellinghouses, and amendments to the associated garages at plots 1 and 3, including an additional bay and ancillary accommodation over garage at plot 3.

It was proposed that Council objects to this proposal. **Resolved.**

Reasons

The original COM9 proposal was rigorously opposed by residents of Church Lane most affected by the development. Following protracted negotiations with church lane residents, the developer's agent, in February 2021, offered to make several changes to the original plans to soften the impact of the development, one of which was to:

"... set plot 3 back in a staggered line with plots 1 and 2, and also push the garage back so that there is more space for planting adjacent to the road. The depth of this planting area will be some 4 - 5m with a mix of planting and grass. Moving this unit and the garage further back into the site, together with the move of the car park will improve the aspect of the church from Church Lane".

The current proposals for plot 3 invalidate this 'concession'.

The developer's agent also made a commitment at this time "to ensure that the landscaped area around the housing is maintained in the long term".

The Parish Council is of the opinion that the developer has entered into a firm agreement with the community of Awbridge to secure permission for the Church Lane Development. The current application is detrimental to this agreement and should be refused.

23/01112/FULLS. Dummersdene Saunders Lane. Erection of double garage to front, reconfigure garage to form porch, remove entrance, provision of pitched roof, bi-fold doors to sun lounge at rear and upgrade external cladding to front elevation.

It was proposed that Council objects to this proposal. **Resolved.**

Reason

The proposed garage is forward of the building line. This is consistent with the Council's view of the application submitted previously by the adjacent property, Wild Cherry.

Previous Applications

The following information relating to previous applications was noted.

23/00613/FULLS. Halfcote, Danes Road. Demolish garden store, creation of access, turning space and parking. **PERMISSION** subject to conditions & notes.

23/00099/FULLS. Erles Coombe Church Lane. Replacement gates, piers and fencing to existing entrance on Coombe Lane. **WITHDRAWN.**

22/03287/FULLS. Change of use of former car park to B8 vehicle storage. **STILL CURRENT.**

22/02772/FULLS. Hillsboro Danes Road. Extensions and alterations work to dwelling, demolition of outbuildings and the erection of 2 dwellings with access, garaging, landscaping, and associated works. **STILL CURRENT.**