



Minutes of the 37th Awbridge Annual Parish Assembly
held in Awbridge Village Hall, Romsey Road
SO51 0HG
on Thursday, 23rd May 2021 at 7.45pm

Present:

Four parishioners

Clerk: Tracy Sansome

Apologies: None received

In attendance:

Parish Councillors:

Grahame Jackson, Peter Allen, Kelly Seymour, Christopher Wheeler, Tony Byrne, Janet Whiteley, Gordon Piper.

Borough Councillor Nick Adams-King.
Anthony Chapman (Community Engagement Officer)

1. Welcome

Councillor Chairman Grahame Jackson welcomed all to the Assembly and thanked those for attending. He introduced Borough Councillor Nick Adams-King and Community Engagement Office Anthony Chapman.

2. Minutes

There are no minutes to be agreed from 2023 as the Assembly did not take place due to sickness.

3. Overview of the Parish

Cllr Grahame Jackson explained the role of the Parish Council within the community and the responsibilities and duties of the Parish Council. This includes:

- *Keeping residents informed
- *Organising the village lengthsman for general maintenance work.
- *Trying to resolve issues from residents
- *Commenting on planning applications
- *Maintaining assets
- *Organising events
- *Explaining the role of the clerk

4. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Grahame Jackson introduced Cllr Gordon Piper and explained that the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was progressing with this steering group in order to have some influence in the way that Awbridge and the surrounding area is developed in the future. Cllr Jackson asked the audience to please feel free to comment on the plans which are available to see this evening. Both positive and negative feedback would be welcome.

5. Village Matters

A Traffic Calming Project is underway and will start in the next few months. This will enable the village to have new signage for roads and 'gates' which indicate the entering of the village.

The Bus Service in the village is potentially being expanded. Further news on this is forthcoming soon.

Landscaping has been completed recently in the village with the planting of Wildflower Meadow, Romsey Road and Tree works at the Village Hall.

6. Presentation by Borough Councillor Nick Adams-King

Cllr Nick Adams-King thanked everyone for coming and introduced himself in his role as Borough Councillor.

He gave a powerpoint presentation which covered the following points:

Each Year Hampshire County Council

Supports around 10,000 children in need of social care

Provides 360,000 meals on wheels/lunches

Educates 138,000 pupils in 463 maintained schools

Provides long term care for 18,400 adults 2/3 of whom are older people

Manages 3,600 hectare of land for wildlife, public use and heritage

Prevents over £1m of unregulated, unsafe goods through Trading Standards

Manages over 600,000 tonnes of household waste and recycling

Supports 3,000 victims of domestic abuse

The County Council has a legal responsibility to carry out certain functions. We cannot say 'no' if someone asks for support and in many cases we cannot means test or ask for a contribution toward the cost of providing a service.

Our projections show that while we will be able to balance our budget for the next two years, by 2026 there will be an anticipated shortfall of £132 million.

SP25 therefore looks to find ways to bridge that gap should support from Government not be forthcoming.

We know Hampshire's residents were supportive of service change, but notably opposed to service reduction.

SP25 Timeline:

January – March 2024 CONSULTATION

June 2024 SELECT COMMITTEE SCRUTINY

July 2024 CONSULTATION

Post April 2025 IMPLEMENTATION

Cllr Adams-King finished with a short report on how he engages with his role in the community and how he supports the village of Awbridge within it.

7. Presentation by Anthony Chapman (Community Engagement Officer for TVBC)

Anthony introduced himself and explained how he works for all parishes and districts to enable a clear understanding of what grants and help are available. His primary objective is to work with Awbridge to understand what we need, what we would like and finally what may be available to us.

He would work with us to enable a transition with any application in the 'applying for grants' process. He went on to say he enjoys working with the community and 'getting to know' us. He further explained that all Parish Councils are different but is keen for us to get involved with any projects that he may be able to help with and is keen to share ideas. He may be able to secure 2/3rd of any project costs after acceptance.

Closure of Assembly

Cllr Jackson thanked everyone for listening and getting involved this evening and mentioned again that the NDP is available to look at. Finally, please contact the Parish if there are any questions in the future.

Assembly closed at 9.15pm

Tracy Sansome
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Chairman

Date