

# AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held in the Main Hall, Awbridge Village Hall, Romsey Road, Awbridge SO51 0HG on Thursday, 16th February 2017

**Present:** Cllrs Allen (**PA**) (Chair), Daley (**CD**), Hawthorne (**AH**) Jackson (**GJ**), Jones (**TJ**)

**In attendance:** Hampshire County Councillor Roy Perry (**RP**), Test Valley Borough Councillor Nick Adams-King (**NAK**), PCSO's Storm Perrott (**SP**) and Sam Biggs, Mrs Perry, Awbridge Primary School Board of Governors, Mark Ward, Head of School, Awbridge Primary School, 3 members of the public

**Apologies:** Cllr Wheeler (**SW**) (Due to illness), Cllr Legon, attending Test Valley Association of Parish & Town Councils

**Clerk:** Ian Milsom

			Action
1.	17/013	<b>Welcome and apologies for absence</b> Apologies tendered and accepted as above	
2.	17/014	<p><b>Public observations/questions on agenda items</b></p> <p>To suspend the business of the Council to allow members of the public to make observations or put questions to the Council about items on the agenda.</p> <p>Parishioner <b>VM</b> raised concerns about the speed of traffic through the village, particularly in Romsey Road, past the school. Proposed the installation of '20's Plenty' signs, suggesting that these can help to change people's behaviour, have been proven to reduce accidents and help reduce the severity of impact injuries. Has discussed the issue with Awbridge School and looked at a self-help approach involving the purchase of 20's Plenty signs and affixing these to existing speed limit signs, and possibly telegraph poles, near the school.</p> <p>In the course of an open discussion, the following points were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The need to investigate the legal position of erecting the signs and their legal status.</li> <li>• Whether the signs are necessary, given the slowing effect of traffic congestion near the school at pupil drop-off and pick-up times.</li> <li>• <b>SP</b> asked to supply Parish Council with contact details of colleague who can be approached concerning the siting of the police speed camera vehicle. Current location in Awbridge does not maximise impact and an alternative location has been identified.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 20's Plenty sign suggestion has coincided with a request for a traffic mirror at the Stanbridge Lane/Romsey Road/Lockerley Road junction. Danger that piecemeal approach will be counter-productive to a coordinated approach to the concerns raised by parishioners at the traffic issue-focused Parish Council meeting held in November, 2015.</li> <li>• 'Leaning' telegraph pole by the school</li> <li>• The occasional presence of a police officer with a speed gun – <b>SP</b> advised that there are health and safety issues around such a deployment.</li> </ul> <p><b>PA</b> asked parishioner <b>VM</b> to consider where 20s Plenty signs 20mph could be sited, how many and the cost of purchase and to send details to the parish council.</p> <p><b>RP</b> advised caution regarding the possible proliferation of signs and suggested that Hampshire County Council (HCC) may have some 20s plenty signs available. Advised that the parish council would have to submit a letter of endorsement to HCC Highways supporting erection of the signs. HCC Highways would, in turn, base consideration of granting permission on traffic flow and accident statistics. Mentioned community speed watch (CSW) as an alternative approach to attempts to reduce the speed of traffic. Romsey Extra have a speed watch kit which they haven't manage to use.</p> <p><b>PA</b> informed that data collected by community speedwatch volunteers cannot be used as evidence to prosecute. Drivers may get a visit from the police in some instances. <b>TJ</b> felt that the deterrence aspect of CSW was important. <b>SP</b> advised that CSW schemes are more about the prevention of speeding, rather than prosecution. They need a number of volunteers to form a pool. Offered to come to Awbridge Primary School to speak to parents about CSW and to arrange a visit to the King Somborne CSW group. Might also be possible to share their equipment.</p> <p>Parishioner <b>VM</b> suggested creating a risk management report. <b>NAK</b> highlighted the Test Valley Borough Councillors Community Grant Scheme as a possible source of part-funding.</p> <p><b>CD</b> volunteered to liaise with parishioner <b>VM</b> to pull things together. This was formally proposed by <b>PA</b> and seconded by <b>AH</b>. <b>Resolved</b>.</p>	<b>CD</b>
3.	17/015	<p><b>Hampshire County Councillor, Test Valley Borough Councillor and PCSO reports</b></p> <p><b>PCSO SP</b></p>	

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	<p>Awbridge relatively quiet over last 3 months. There was a vehicle theft, which has been recovered and returned to the owner. One attempted burglary. Appearance of a small gypsy encampment on old Salisbury Lane.</p> <p><b>Hampshire County Councillor RP</b> Report covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highways. Road closures due to water main renewal. Liaising closely with Southern Water to ensure minimum possible impact on residents.</li> <li>• Awbridge school. Rated good by OFSTED in their report. School receiving new benches from HCC.</li> <li>• HCC precept going up by 4.99 percent on band D property. Additional £50 per year. Still lower than it was 7 years ago and still second lowest council tax in the country.</li> </ul> <p><b>Test valley Borough Councillor (TVBC) Nick Adams-King</b> Began his report by thanking parishioners for the generosity of their response during his family's difficult period following serious fire damage to their home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Planning</b> TVBC Southern Area Planning Committee on Tuesday, 21 February will consider the Banksia application. Minimal changes from original plans. However, officer recommending approval. Banksia site visit by Planning Committee viewing panel arranged for afternoon of Friday, 17 February. Proposed Banksia development is within brown line of urban development in Awbridge, and so some form of development on the site is inevitable.</li> </ul> <p>Concerns in the village over the Banksia proposal points to the advantages of having a Village Plan. Sherfield English have gone ahead with developing a plan and are happy for Awbridge to join with this. <b>PA</b> stated his understanding that parishioners would have to take ownership of any plan. <b>NAK</b> advised that Awbridge parish council could take ownership and that a number of parish councils in Test Valley own plans. <b>NAK</b> offered to get someone from TVBC's Council's Community Engagement Team to run through the process. <b>PA</b> highlighted that the Team had been involved in supporting the previous attempt to formulate a plan.</p> <p><b>AH</b> asked if having a plan would have prevented the Banksia proposal. <b>NAK</b> advised that plans cannot in themselves prevent development, but can influence property design and development</p>	
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		<p>standards, including site density.</p> <p>Stanbridge Earls, proposed retirement village. Planning have misgivings about property sizes and the developer has been invited to review the proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Test Valley Borough Councillors Community Grant Scheme</b></li> </ul> <p>£1700 needs to be spent by 31 March 2017. Awbridge can have up to £1k if match-funded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Boundary and ward changes</b></li> </ul> <p>County electoral divisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romsey Rural (Loses part of Romsey Extra Parish and gains Lockerley, Michelmersh &amp; Timsbury, East &amp; West Tytherley and East Dean)</li> <li>• Romsey Town</li> <li>• Test Valley Central</li> </ul> <p>The parish of Romsey Extra is divided into two parish wards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Romsey Extra</li> <li>• Woodley</li> </ul>	
4.	17/016	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b></p> <p>Members are asked to declare any interest, and the nature of that interest, which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.</p> <p>No declarations were made</p>	
5.	17/017	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p><i>I. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2017.</i></p> <p>It was proposed by <b>TJ</b>, seconded by <b>CD</b>, that the minutes be confirmed as an accurate record of the business conducted. <b>Resolved.</b></p> <p><i>II. Information update on items from the meeting on 12 January 2017 not on the agenda or in the work plan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30mph sign in Saunders Lane passed to Police via PCSO</li> <li>• Parking at the old pond site. <b>RP</b> said he would look again following January meeting. Clerk to follow up.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b>
6.	17/018	<p><b>Emergency Plan</b></p> <p>To receive. discuss, add to as appropriate and agree a list of emergency contacts for publication in Awbridge News and the Council's website.</p>	

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		<p>Details of suggested emergency and other useful numbers were circulated by the clerk.</p> <p>Members advised the clerk that Abbey Mead and Nightingale surgeries have now combined under Abbeywell Surgery, and that details of the village defibrillator be included in the list. Proposed by <b>CD</b>, seconded by <b>PA</b>, that subject to the above amendments/additions, the list be published on the website and in Awbridge News.</p>	
7.	17/019	<p><b>Work plan (Standing Item)</b> To review and update as appropriate.</p> <p>Workplan January- February 2017 discussed and update information provided. Workplan to be updated with this information and re-issued as March 2017 version.</p>	Clerk
8.	17/020	<p><b>Neighbourhood Planning &amp; Community Facilities</b> To consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether to proceed further with creation of a Neighbourhood Plan Neighbourhood planning was discussed under agenda item 3. above. Given the new information provided by <b>NAK</b>, it was agreed that further discussion be carried over to the meeting on 30 March 2017.</li> <li>If the village fete can be used as an opportunity to further consult with the community about its views concerning new services and facilities. <b>CD</b> circulated a list of ideas obtained by him from a range of sources in the village. It was agreed that this be condensed and used to conduct a poll at the Village Fete in May. In the meantime, <b>CD</b> will continue with his efforts to obtain parishioners' views</li> </ol>	Clerk/ CD
9.	17/021	<p><b>Financial and Administrative (Standing Item)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Meeting dates</b> To confirm dates for 2017/18. A schedule of dates was circulated by the clerk prior to the meeting. It was proposed by <b>PA</b>, seconded by <b>CD</b>, that this be adopted. <b>Resolved.</b></li> <li><b>Bank reconciliation</b> Non-account signatory to check reconciliation against cash book and bank statements, approve and sign. The bank reconciliation was checked and signed by <b>GJ</b>.</li> </ol>	

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		<p><b>3. Cheque payments</b> To authorise the following cheque payments: Cheque 200158, Awbridge village Hall, main hall hire for council meetings 2016/17, £138.75. Proposed by <b>PA</b>, seconded by <b>GJ</b>, <b>Resolved</b>.</p> <p><b>4. Capital expenditure</b></p> <p><b>i. Traffic Mirror – Saunders Lane</b> To decide whether to proceed with the installation of a traffic mirror at the Saunders Lane/Lockerley Road/Romsey Road junction, having considered the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of mirror and mountings (Approx. £153 for 24” diam. Includes wall bracket – exclusive of vat &amp; shipping – approx. £37)</li> <li>• Any cost associated with siting the mirror on privately owned land</li> <li>• Any maintenance costs</li> <li>• Any impact on annual public liability insurance premium</li> <li>• Possible impact of non-insured third-party claims</li> </ul> <p>This was discussed under agenda item 2. above. After further discussion, it was agreed that the clerk contact the relevant utility company to obtain their in-principal permission to mount a traffic mirror on the service pole directly opposite the Saunders Lane/Lockerley Road/Romsey Road junction.</p> <p><b>ii. Projector</b> To receive an update and to consider the financial implications, if any, for Council. <b>GJ</b> advised that quotations have been obtained and that he will circulate by email proposals for consideration at the March meeting.</p> <p><b>iii. Inkjet printer</b> To authorise the purchase on a new HP Envy 4522 All-in-one printer/copier/scanner at a cost of £35. Proposed by <b>CD</b>, seconded by <b>TJ</b>, <b>Resolved</b>.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>GJ</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>17/022</b>	<p><b>To consider planning applications notified to Council</b></p> <p><b>17/00278/FULLS</b> Amber well, Church Lane, new oak car port. Proposed by <b>TJ</b>, seconded by <b>GJ</b> that Council's response be 'No Objection'. <b>Resolved</b>.</p> <p><b>17/00242/FULLS</b> Four Golf Lodges at former Dunwood Manor Golf Club. Danes Road, Awbridge, Romsey.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

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		Construction of new access drive across parking area to provide new vehicular access to 4 dwellings; change of use of additional land to front gardens; removal of the existing driveway to the west and installation of 4 no. sewage treatment plants (Retrospective) Proposed by <b>TJ</b> , seconded by <b>CD</b> , that Council's response be 'No Objection'. <b>Resolved.</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>17/023</b>	<b>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda</b> The next meeting will be on 30 March 2017, commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.	

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