

Awbridge Parish Council

Clerk Report – September 2024

1. Planning Decisions:

1.1 24/01405/CLPS18.06.2024Certificate of proposed lawful development for a temporary classroom -
Awbridge County School, Danes Road, Awbridge
WITHDRAWN12.07.2024

2. Correspondence:

2.1 Defib (J. Birch)

Hi Tracy -

I've just finished setting up the new defib with John Thompson and it's now online and ready for use. We now have a much better defib with no new consumables until at least December 2027. Just a couple of things to think about.

I've got the old defib here, which will either need to find a new home or be scrapped, which seems a shame. I've confirmed with the ambulance service that they don't want it back. Unless you have other ideas, I was wondering whether the PC might like to offer it to a local community group to take on, provided they were prepared to accept the ongoing running costs. There would need to be one/two new sets of pads immediately at a cost of around £60/£120.00, with the battery needing a replacement in about two years at a cost of £300.00. There would presumably have to be some kind of disclaimer supplied by the PC.

The new machine comes with one set of pads, which means if the machine is used we have to wait up to 48 hours for a spare set, during which time the machine will not be available. I'm not sure it's worth keeping a spare set which may or may not be used, but it's something worth thinking about. Cost would be around £180.00.

Finally, could I leave you to deal with the warranty? I think it comes with a six year warranty, but according to the manual you can register for an additional two years at <u>www.zollaed3.com</u> to bring it to eight. The BHF should be able to advise.

Fred Tucker has approached me to write a short piece for the Awbridge News to announce the new machine's arrival. I realise that Kelly suggested her family fund half the new machine but I'm not sure she would want that made public or not. I was thinking of keeping it as Parish Council has enabled funding of new AED and leave it at that.

Best wishes

Jonathan

2.2 Traffic Complaint received 13/8

Dear Clerk,

As per the invitation on facebook, I am writing to add my voice to the increasing level of concern about the frequency of HGV's using Awbridge as a cut through on roads that are clearer unsuitable. Additionally I would like to raise my concern specifically about the issue of speeding and the volume of cars that have a complete disregard for the 30 mile per hour limit both entering and leaving the village on Danes Road.

I have lived on Danes Road for 9 years now and I walk my dogs daily along the road to go down Church Lane. There is a complete disregard for the speed limits by some road users and it is dangerous. The road only has a path on one side of the road which means that you have to step into the road to pass other users. Whilst I welcome the new village signs it has no effect on early morning commutors or regulars using this as a cut through.

My observation is that other villages are much more determined to address this issue than Awbridge, there are lots of options available which could address both the issue of speeding and restricting HGV's. Specifically regarding HGV's, given the location of the school, the crossroads and the narrowness of Saunders Lane and Standbridge Lane we need to see action please.

There are plenty of traffic control options to draw from, it could include road narrowing and chicanes on Danes Road, cameras, more dynamic speed signs and access only signs on surrounding roads for vehicles over a certain size; all are in use elsewhere.

I would like to understand the Parish Council position on this and to see a more determined response that we have seen to date. I have read the proposed Awbridge Village Neighbourhood plan and do not consider this to go far enough in addressing this issue.

Yours sincerely

Andrew

3. Misc

3.1 NDP Update from CIIr Piper

The Regulation 14 Consultation is complete and now starts the arduous process of sifting through the feedback documenting and making any changes necessary to the plan before submitting to Test valley.

We are applying for the final grant amount to cover this final stage before Test Valley take over and the process ends in a referendum.

3.2 Tree Care in Village Hall Car Park (SSE)

Clerk met with Christopher Hoare Tree Services acting on behalf of SSE Tuesday 3rd Sept. Work has been arranged to cut back and tidy up around power lines.

Hi Tracy Thanks for meeting me yesterday. Work below as follows: Side pruning, reducing, and clearing round the poles to gain a 4-6m safety clearance species dependant. Access onto the fields with vehicles. We will use signs and barrier tape to protect the general public. Arisings to be discussed with yourself nearer the time, can you let me know the outcome please?

Any questions give me a call. Thanks Regards,

Stephen Holdstock Utilities surveyor Mobile: 07521776629

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Finance

£16,805.87 received into UNITY TRUST Bank from TV for RE/TV

INCOME		
TVBC	For Romsey Extra	16,805.87
TVBC	Precept 2	6,824.00
	Total £	23,629.87
INVOICES TO PAY		
Simon Nightingale	Management of VAS Sign July	102.66
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ADVA	Inclusion into Awbridge News	250.00
Tracy Sansome	Salary/Home Allowance	632.11
HALC	-	57.60
HALC	Training Update for Clerk	
	Quoted Works Traffic Calming	6,884.40
HMRC	PAYE (TS)	144.40
	Total £	8,173.83
OTHER PAYMENTS		-,
	Total £	0.00
ALLOTED PROJECTS		
CIL Funds		25,000.00
General Reserve		12,000.00
	Total £	37,000.00
Account Balances		
UNITY TRUST BANK	Current Account	60,176.30
	Reserve Account	35735.74
	Total £	95,912.04
ACTUAL FUNDS Available		
	Less payments & allotted monies	
	£	50,738.21