

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday,
28th November at 7.30 pm in Awbridge Village Hall**

Present:

Cllr Grahame Jackson
Cllr Gordon Piper
Cllr Kelly Seymour (KS)
Cllr Janet Whiteley (JW)
Cllr Tony Byrne (TB)
Cllr Christopher Wheeler (CW)

Apologies:

Cllr Peter Allen (PA)

In attendance:

Cllr Nick Adams-King (TVBC)
Tracy Sansome (Clerk)
& one Member of public

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Welcome

Councillor Chairman Grahame Jackson opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. Apologies

Were noted.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were noted.

4. Hampshire County Council Leader Cllr Nick Adams-King - report

Cllr Adams-King gave a brief report:

- Aster (Water Service issues ongoing) – he is working closely with MP Caroline Nokes to make progress with the issues affecting the village.
- There is a consultation out on accessibility of footpaths and an audit is being carried out to look at access/mobility in the local railway stations.
- Flood issues that regularly occur by Stanbridge Lane/Railway bridge – solutions may have identified blockages and this is being monitored.
Cllr Janet Whiteley suggested that improved signage for flood warning may be helpful and this was acknowledged by Cllr Adams-King.
The Roke Manor/Quarry water problem has been resolved and this will help.

5. Public Observations/open period

Mr F Tucker reported that the Church has again been designated as 'Warm Spaces' (enabling a safe/warm space in the community). Clerk to include this information in the next newsletter.

6. Clerk Report and Correspondence

This was acknowledged. The following points were discussed.

- (2.1) Cllr Grahame Jackson explained that we are continuing to communicate with Southern Water about the pressure issues - correspondence was shared. There is a link on the Clerk report to access this correspondence.
- (2.3) Awbridge Sign Location – clerk to respond to Daniel Hutchings and agree with his suggestion for sign to be restated as described.

TS

7. Minutes

The minutes of the last Parish meeting on 17th October and Planning meeting 6th November 2024 were accepted as an accurate record of business conducted. Cllr Christopher Wheeler proposed to agree and was seconded by Cllr Gordon Piper. Cllr Jackson signed these. **RESOLVED**

8. Matters arising

None recorded.

BUSINESS ITEMS

9. Planning

9.1 APPLICATION NUMBER: 24/02684/FULLS PROPOSAL: Erection of ancillary annexe and associated landscaping SITE: Dunwood Manor Farmhouse, Danes Road, Awbridge, Romsey.

It was proposed by Cllr Kelly Seymour and seconded by Cllr Gordon Piper to record **NO OBJECTION.**
RESOLVED

10. Financial and Administrative

10.1 The invoices for payment were agreed by all. Proposed by Cllr Kelly Seymour and seconded by Cllr Gordon Piper. **RESOLVED**

10.2 The financial statement was received and agreed. The bank reconciliation statements were attached and signed by Cllr Tony Byrne.

This was proposed by Cllr Gordon Piper, seconded by Cllr Kelly Seymour.

The Grant application for Awbridge Neighbourhood Care was granted for £250 towards Christmas celebrations. This will be paid also in December payments.

The grant request for £150 for D Day celebrations (ADVA) will also be paid. The clerk will complete a grant application form for this retrospectively.

RESOLVED

11. Lengthsman Tasks

Cllr Kelly Seymour reported that we have £182.85 left in the Lengthsman budget. It was agreed to add to the list for December to clear leaves and debris along the Romsey Road. **RESOLVED**

KS

12. GOVERNANCE

None noted.

13. Southern Water

This update was covered in Clerk Correspondence and Cllr Nick Adams-King's report.

14. CIL and general reserves

The following items were proposed as potentially suitable projects for expenditure: Awbridge Village Hall extension, Play equipment replacement, Woodland areas, Maintenance of Defib for church, New signage for village hall, Speed Signs. It was agreed that these and any other appropriate ideas will be discussed next meeting. Clerk to ascertain legal position of any CIL monies being used on transport. **RESOLVED**

15. Speed Signs

After discussion, it was agreed to investigate the costs and maintenance of extra new speed signs around the village. Clerk to discuss with S Nightingale (who looks after current sign) recommendations for suitable types including the possibility of solar powered versions. **RESOLVED**

TS

16. School Parking

Concerns are ongoing with regards to parking around the school site during drop off/pick up times. There have been many incidents of inconsiderate and dangerous parking including parking of cars on the zig-zag lines. It was agreed that the PC would ask the local PCSO for support towards enforcing legal and safer parking. It was also agreed to approach the school direct to ask for help with encouraging safer and considerate parking. Clerk to contact the local Police support officer and Cllr C Wheeler will make contact with the school directly. Parking services at HCC will also be contacted to see how they can support a resolution.

RESOLVED

TS/CW

17. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Gordon Piper shared that Pat Warrener has agreed to take over as Chairman of the NDP in order to see the plan through the last stages. Cllrs G Piper and C Wheeler have offered support with this as required. **RESOLVED**

18. Defib

The purchase of the new defib for the village is complete and up and running at the Village Hall. The parish council have agreed to gift the old defib to the church and cover the costs of maintaining this.

It has also been agreed that the PC will cover the costs of the school Defib being housed in a new cabinet outside of the school so that the general public have access to this too. It was suggested that signs could be purchased to guide members of the public to where the defibs are located. Clerk to investigate signage.

TS

Cllr C Wheeler is liaising with the school to arrange installation of defib and cabinet. It was agreed that the PC will order 2 new Cabinets and signage- 1x cabinet for the School Defib (which the school owns) & 1 x cabinet to house the Old defib (we own) at the Church. Order will be raised on receipt of dimensions required to house unit.

Cllr K Seymour requested sight of the invoice for the purchase of the new defib in order that she will arrange to pay a donation towards it. The PC reiterated their thanks for this generous offer. **RESOLVED**

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Chairman signature

Date

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

28th November 2024

INCOME		
UNITY Bank	Interest	417.11
TVBC	CIL Funds	36,964.13
	Total £	37,381.24
INVOICES TO PAY		
Simon Nightingale	Management of VAS Sign Dec	102.66
Tracy Sansome	Salary Nov /Home Allowance/Back Pay	829.18
HMRC	PAYE Nov	149.80
Tracy Sansome	Salary Dec/Home Allowance (23/12)	599.43
HMRC	PAYE Dec (23/12)	149.80
	Total £	1,830.87
OTHER PAYMENTS		
Tracy Sansome	Refunds for Stationery £ 17.98	
	Wreath £29.49	
	Postage £1.70	49.17
Unity Trust	Service Charge (5.40)	
Hugo Fox	Website (11.99)	
	Total £	49.17
ALLOTTED PROJECTS		
CIL Funds		61,964.00
General Reserve		12,000.00
	Total £	73,964.00
Account Balances		
UNITY TRUST BANK	Current Account	64,214.09
	Reserve Account	60593.41
	Total £	124,807.50
ACTUAL FUNDS Available		
	Less payments	1,880.04
	Less Allotted funds	73,964.00
	£	48,963.46