

# AWBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in Awbridge Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs Allen **(PA)** (Chair), Daley **(CD)**, Jackson **(GJ)**, Jones **(TJ)** Legon **(PL)**, Wheeler **(SW)**

**In attendance:** Hampshire County Councillor Roy Perry **(RP)**, Test Valley Borough Councillor Nick Adams-King **(NAK)**, Anthony Hawthorne, 4 members of the public

**Apologies:** None

**Clerk:** Ian Milsom

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1.	17/001	<b>Welcome and apologies for absence</b>  <b>PA</b> welcomed everyone to the meeting. No apologies for absence were received.	
2.	17/002	<b>Public observations/questions on agenda items</b>  Speed signs in Saunders Lane. Person(s) unknown has/have used paint to alter the 30mph sign to read 80MPH. Paint subsequently removed by person or persons unknown. Clerk to report to Police Community Support Officer.	Clerk
3.	17/003	<b>Hampshire County Councillor /Test Valley Borough Councillor reports</b>  <b>RP's</b> report covered:  <b>Finance</b> Hampshire County Council (HCC), with much reluctance, considering a 5-6% increase in the council tax precept. This due to financial pressures on HCC's social care responsibilities arising from a range of factors, including increased domiciliary care staff costs. Despite the proposed increase, HCC will still have one of the lowest Council Tax precept of any county.  <b>Environment and Transport</b> Lidl Warehouse at Nursling has commenced operating. Extra Car parking at Chilworth Close is now provided A COLD WINTER IS PREDICTED- Salt stocks are high but Parish Councils are encouraged to check the salt /grit bins in their village. Southern Water being urged to keep period of closure of Stanbridge Lane to a minimum (period of 3 months proposed) and to look at parishioner access to their homes.	

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	<p><b>Social Care</b> HCC complying with Government policy on accepting unaccompanied asylum seekers. Already have approximately 50, however, this number is likely to go up to 170+ in the near future.</p> <p><b>Devolution</b> <b>RP</b> met the Secretary of State in late November 2017, when he confirmed there would be no decision to create a Solent City Combined Authority in the Autumn Statement, although Southampton and Portsmouth are still pushing for this. If ever approved it would split Hampshire for no obvious advantage. The new county electoral boundaries are confirmed. This division becomes Romsey Rural in May 2017 and will include Lockerley and Titherley. Romsey Extra will be included in Romsey Town.</p> <p><b>PA</b> pressed <b>RP</b> on the existing parking issues in Romsey Road and Danes Road, which may be exacerbated by the closure of Stanbridge Lane, and future delivery of materials to the proposed redevelopment of the Stanbridge Earls School site. <b>PA</b> asked <b>RP</b> what the parish council could do re utilising the old pond site to provide parking relief. <b>RP</b> advised that there was some opposition to this proposal, but would look at it again.</p> <p><b>NAK</b> asked if Council has been contacted regarding the planning application to redevelop the site of the former Stanbridge Earls School to a retirement village. The clerk advised that no consultation correspondence has been received.</p> <p><b>NAK</b> advised that the submitted planning application differs from the proposal presented by the developer to the Awbridge Parish Assembly in April 2016. <b>NAK</b> has requested that TVBC include Awbridge Parish Council in the consultation process and that the deadline for comments be extended to 1 February 2017 to facilitate this.</p> <p>Following discussion, it was proposed by <b>PA</b>, seconded by <b>CD</b> that the meeting of Awbridge Parish Council Planning Committee scheduled for 2 February 2017, be brought forward to 26 January 2017 to enable discussion of the Stanbridge Earls application.</p> <p><b>Resolved.</b></p> <p><b>NAK</b> updated on application 16/01195/FULLS Land Rear Of Cowleas Cottages, demolition of garages and erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings. Application approved at TVBC Planning Committee. Developer may look again at overlook aspect, but no onus on them to do so.</p>	<p><b>RP</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
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4.	17/004	<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 of interest were made.</p>	
5.	17/005	<p><b>Co-option of Parish Councillor</b></p> <p>The sole applicant, for the one remaining vacancy, Anthony Hawthorne, was invited to expand upon the reasons, given in his written submission, for applying to become a parish councillor, and to highlight the skills he would bring to the parish council team.</p> <p>Anthony spoke briefly about his long-standing interest in planning matters, this arising from his building business. He has been resident in the village with his family for 6 years now and has a keen interest in ensuring the character and the environment of the village is protected.</p> <p>Anthony enjoys being involved in community initiatives, like the village fete and, more recently, the installation of the outdoor table tennis table.</p> <p>He feels he would bring practical knowledge and skills gained in the course of 30 years in business. Currently chairs a forum of small businesses and has a keen interest in legislation, acting on occasion as a type of ombudsman for members of the forum. As a builder, has many years of experience of liaising with the Health &amp; Safety Executive and the National House Building Council.</p> <p><b>CD</b> asked Anthony what he would like to see in the way of facilities in the village. Anthony replied that he would like to see better use made of the existing facilities, and an expansion of the facilities available.</p> <p>It was proposed by <b>TJ</b>, seconded by <b>CD</b> that Anthony Hawthorne be co-opted to the Parish Council. Members voted unanimously, by a show of hands, in favour of the proposal.</p> <p><b>Resolved.</b></p>	
6.	17/006	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>I. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2016.</p> <p>It was proposed by <b>PA</b>, seconded by <b>GJ</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November be accepted as an accurate record of the business conducted.</p> <p><b>Resolved.</b></p>	

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		<p>//. Information update on items from the meeting on 24 November 2016 not on the agenda or in the work plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighbourhood Planning – carry forward to February 2017 meeting. <b>GJ</b> emphasised importance of plan.</li> <li>• Projector – discuss further at February 2017 meeting</li> <li>• ‘Abandoned Car’ This has been removed.</li> <li>• Emergency Plan. Key contact list to be brought to the February 2017 meeting</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>17/007</b>	<p><b>Financial and Administrative (<i>Standing Item</i>)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>1. Precept budget 2017/18</b> Members discussed the draft budget and it was proposed by <b>CD</b>, seconded by <b>GJ</b> that a precept of £8636 (£25.47 per property) be set for the financial year 2016/17. <b>Resolved.</b></p> </li> <li> <p><b>2. Financial Regulations</b> Members reviewed an updated version of Financial Regulations in terms of adequacy and compliance, where appropriate, with Standing Orders and with NALC model financial regulations (January 2016 version). It was proposed by <b>PA</b>, seconded by <b>CD</b> that the version of Financial Regulations dated 12 January 2017 be adopted. <b>Resolved</b></p> </li> <li> <p><b>3. Risk Assessment</b> Members reviewed Council's Financial Risk Assessment. <b>CD</b> proposed, seconded by <b>PA</b> that the updated version, dated today, 12 January 2017, be adopted. <b>Resolved.</b></p> </li> <li> <p><b>4. Bank reconciliation</b> The bank reconciliation at 19 December 2016 was checked, approved and signed by <b>CD</b>, a non-bank account signatory.</p> <p>Bank Statements: Community A/C £14,056.99 Business A/C £ 6,234.58 (At 1 December 2017) Total <u>£20,292.35</u> Less un-presented chq £ 200.00 <b>Net balances £20,092.35</b></p> </li> </ol>	<b>Clerk</b>

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		<p><b>Cash book      £20,092.35</b></p> <p><b>5. Cheque payments</b> It was proposed by <b>PA</b>, seconded by <b>CD</b> that the following cheque payments be authorised: <b>Resolved</b></p> <p>200153 £1081.18 Staff salary October – December 2016 200154 £90.00 HALC Training provision 200155 £48.00 HALC Training provision Post Office Ltd £251.20 PAYE October – December 2016</p> <p>Signing of cheque payment (£3415.60) to Awbridge Village Hall Committee as contribution to zip wire postponed to Planning Meeting on 26 January, pending receipt of completed grant application form.</p> <p><b>6. Council policies</b> It was proposed by <b>PA</b>, seconded by <b>CD</b> that the following policies, circulated to Members prior to the meeting, be adopted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equalities Policy</li> <li>• Health &amp; Safety Policy</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved.</b></p>	
8.	17/008	<p><b>Planning (<i>Standing Item</i>)</b> Council considered the following planning applications in the order shown.</p> <p>16/03181/FULLS Banksia, Romsey Road Erection of 4 x 4-bed dwellings with detached garages; new access to Romsey Road and alterations to existing access; landscaping works and provision of parking and associated infrastructure (Amended Scheme)</p> <p>Following a detailed discussion, it was proposed by <b>PA</b>, seconded by <b>SW</b> that, due to the latest application's failure to materially address the basis of Council's objections to the original submission, Council's response should be to <b><i>object to this application</i></b>. The clerk was instructed to write to the planning authority setting out the basis of Council's objections and providing, where appropriate, references to the Test Valley Local Plan 2011-2029. <b>Resolved.</b></p> <p>16/03219/FULLS Amberwell, Church Lane Single Storey rear kitchen extension It was proposed by <b>TJ</b>, seconded by <b>SW</b> that Council's response to this application be '<b><i>No Objection</i></b>'.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

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		<p><b>Resolved.</b></p> <p>16/03256/FULLS Wild Cherry, Saunders Lane Demolition of double garage and erection of a 3-bed dwelling, associated parking, storage facilities and septic tank; to include the erection of a new detached garage for existing property</p> <p>After initial examination of this application it was proposed by <b>SW</b>, seconded by <b>PA</b> that it be deferred to the next meeting of the planning committee for further consideration.</p> <p><b>Resolved.</b></p>	<b>Clerk</b>
9.	17/009	<p><b>New work plan (Standing Item)</b> To review and update as appropriate.</p> <p>Deferred to February 2017 meeting.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
10.	17/010	<p><b>Ideas for community facilities</b></p> <p>Deferred to February 2017 meeting.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
11.	17/011	<p><b>Correspondence (Standing Item)</b> To receive details of correspondence received that require a decision to be made.</p> <p>There were no items of correspondence requiring a decision by Council.</p> <p>Details of non-actionable correspondence received were read out by the clerk.</p>	
12.	17/012	<p><b>Date of next meeting and items for the agenda</b> The next meeting will be on 16 February 2017, commencing at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</p>	

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