

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 5th September at 7.30 pm in Awbridge Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Janet Whiteley (JW)
Cllr Peter Allen (PA)
Cllr Christopher Wheeler (CW)
Cllr Tony Byrne (TB)
Cllr Kelly Seymour (KS)

Apologies:

Cllr Grahame Jackson (GJ)

Cllr Gordon Piper (GP)

In attendance:

Cllr Nick Adams-King (TVBC)
Tracy Sansome (Clerk)

PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Welcome

Councillor Vice-chair Kelly Seymour opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. Apologies

Were noted.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were noted.

4. Borough Report from Cllr Nick Adams-King

Cllr Adams-King reported:

- The process starts this week to scrutinise savings proposals from the County Council. There continue to be increased financial pressures from Adult Social Care and School Transport which is escalating and they will be starting a process of savings to be made.
- Planning changes introduced by the new Government indicate that there needs to be an increase in the number of houses built, consequently, TVBC are unable to proceed with the Local Plan and will need to review. Councils are obliged to show they have 5 years land supply in hand to build the houses they are required to do so by the Government, and there is currently around 7 years supply. However, if the Government say the new land supply needs to be available immediately, TVBC will only have 3 years supply. This can result in speculative applications, TVBC has requested time to get ready for this new target. The Government has upped the amount of affordable housing required to be built to 50% which means some developers are withdrawing their planning applications

5. Public Observations/open period

No observations recorded.

6. Clerk Report and Correspondence

This was acknowledged. The following points were discussed.

- The new difibulator has been purchased by the PC and has been put into place outside the Village Hall. The family and friends of Cllr Kelly Seymour have kindly offered to donate half of this cost in memory of Cllr Seymour's late mother. This intention was acknowledged and gratefully received.
- Cllrs CW and JW have agreed to investigate potential places for the old defib unit which with a small amount of maintenance would serve another location adequately.
- Traffic issues have resulted in some emails to the PC and TVBC. Cllr Nick Adams-King reiterated that many solutions have been looked at over a long period of time including the use of traffic surveys. Unfortunately, a solution is not within reach at this time due to the practicalities of the route traffic has to take. The PC will continue to be aware of the difficulties.
- It was agreed that the SSE funded arborist work company will remove all chippings when it carries out essential maintenance on the trees nearby the power lines.

7. Minutes

The minutes of the last Parish meeting on July 11th 2024 were accepted as an accurate record of business conducted. Cllr Janet Whiteley proposed to agree and was seconded by Cllr Peter Allen. Cllr Seymour signed these. **RESOLVED**

8. Matters arising

None recorded.

BUSINESS ITEMS

9. Planning

9.1

APPLICATION NUMBER:

24/01555/FULLS

PROPOSAL:

Erection of warehouse for storage and production, fork lift charging unit, PV panels and associated landscaping

SITE:

Roke Manor Research Ltd, Roke Manor, Old Salisbury Lane, Awbridge

Comments for the above application was sent via a Consultation on 2nd May 2024

10. Financial and Administrative

10.1 The invoices for payment were agreed by all with the exception of HCC (£6884.40) as we are awaiting amended payment details from HCC in order to send payment. This will move to next meeting. Proposed acceptance from Cllr Tony Byrne and seconded by Cllr Christopher Wheeler. **RESOLVED**

10.2 The financial statement was received and agreed. The bank statements will be attached at the next meeting as they were not available from banking website at the time. This was proposed by Cllr Peter Allen, seconded and signed by Cllr Kelly Seymour.

10.3 It was agreed that the PC has funds which are earmarked for different projects. The Cllrs have agreed to bring forward project proposals in order for them to be considered and potentially actioned. **RESOLVED**

11. Lengthsman Tasks

Cllr Kelly Seymour reported that there were some issues with the rodding of the ditches however some of the work has been completed and signed off. Cllr KS will liaise with Lengthsman regarding hours left and work outstanding.

12. GOVERNANCE

Declarations of Interests forms – these were updated by Cllr J Whiteley and Cllr Tony Byrne. They will be now be forwarded to TVBC. **RESOLVED**

13. Neighbourhood Development Plan

Cllr Gordon Piper updated the council via email. The consultation has finished and responses have been received. A quote has been received for £1525.91 for support from Bluestone Planning. The Clerk will contact Groundworks to arrange an application for a grant to cover this last cost.

Due to recent health issues, Cllr Gordon Piper has tendered his resignation as the Chair of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The council is appreciative of the hard work and commitment that he has undertaken so far.

14. Test Way Boardwalk and Gates project

The PC has received a report from the Community Ranger that unfortunately TVBC are unable to apply for funding for this project and so instead is turning its attention to the Stiles. It was agreed that the PC may be able to arrange a meeting to discuss this. Cllr CW has offered to keep abreast of news on this initiative. **RESOLVED**

15. Speedsign

It was agreed that the clerk would approach Broughton PC with regards to its contribution towards the Speed Sign.

It was also discussed and agreed that a new sign solely for our own use may offer a solution to some of the issues of traffic within the village. The clerk will prepare some quotes for consideration.

.Meeting closed at 9pm

Tracy Sansome Clerkawbridge@gmail.com

Chairman signature

Date

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

3rd September 2024

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	Training Update for Clerk	57.60
HCC	Quoted Works Traffic Calming	6,884.40
HMRC	PAYE (TS)	144.40
	Total £	8,173.83
OTHER PAYMENTS		
	Total £	0.00
ALLOTTED 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	35,735.74
	Total £	95,912.04
ACTUAL FUNDS Available		
	Less payments & allotted monies	
	£	50,738.21

