

## **Minutes**

### **Ampfield Annual Parish Assembly: Monday 19 May 2025**

**Held at Ampfield Village Hall, 7:30pm to 8:35pm**

#### **Present**

*Members of Ampfield Parish Council:*

Chairman Bryan Nanson – Chairing the meeting

Vice Chairman Chris Ling

Cllr Martin Hatley

Cllr Julian Jones

Cllr Jason Reeves

Cllr Julie Trotter (also minute taker)

#### **Others**

Electors of the parish – 4 – Ian Case, Bruce Robinson, Jack Stickland, Ann Bailey

Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC)'s Councillor Sally Yalden

#### **Chairman's Introduction**

1 (25) Chairman of Ampfield Parish Council, Cllr Bryan Nanson, opened the Meeting and welcomed the electors and other attendees.

#### **Apologies for absence**

2 (25) Apologies were received from Cllr Graham Roads and Hampshire County Council Councillor Alan Dowden.

#### **Minutes of the Annual Parish assembly held on 20 May 2024**

3 (25) The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 20 May 2024 were agreed and a copy was signed by the Chairman.

#### **Matters arising**

4 (25) None.

#### **Borough Councillor's report**

5 (25) The report from Borough Councillor Sally Yalden was published in the Spring Newsletter and a copy is attached to these Minutes. Ian Case asked Cllr Sally Yalden about her ability to "call in" planning applications that she had mentioned in her report.

#### **County Councillor's report**

6 (25) The report from County Councillor Alan Dowden had been published in the Spring Newsletter and a copy is attached to these Minutes.

#### **Council Finances & Administration**

7 (25) Cllr Nanson reported on finances and administration for Ampfield Parish Council:

- a. The Audit of 2023-24 was complete and no matters of concern had been identified.
- b. The parish council precept for 2024-25 had been set at £46,854, an increase of 4.64%,

resulting in an increase of 2.16% for a Band D property.

### **Ampfield Recreation Ground**

8 (25) Cllr Nanson reported on the Ampfield Recreation Ground:

- a. Cricket nets – Ampfield and North Baddesley Cricket Club (ANBCC) is going from strength to strength, they have many young teams, several men's teams and a ladies team. They have recently installed elaborate nets for bowling practice.
- b. Path – The Parish Council has recently had some improved paving completed at the Recreation Ground.

### **Chapel Wood and Burial Ground**

9 (25) Cllr Roads had reported on Chapel Wood and the Burial Ground in the newsletter:

- a. The cruciform has been planted up with new yew trees. The clearance has continued and opened the remaining parts of the burial ground further. Cllr Nanson offered thanks to the Friends of Chapel Wood who work in the woodland every month.

### **Telephone Box Project**

10 (25) Cllr Trotter reported on the Telephone box project:

- a. The project is nearing completion with just the door remaining to be put on.

### **Other reports**

11 (25) See Parish newsletter:

- a. Resilience – Parish Councils are encouraged to have a first line resilience plan.
- b. Allotments
- c. Defibrillators – Purchase and installation have been funded by gifts or grants. The running costs have to be met by the Parish Council. Some training may be organised including the use of a defibrillator in order to increase confidence in their use.

### **Any other Competent Business & Open Session**

12 (25)

- a. Jack Stickland – Morleys Green freehold – He asked for an update. No recent updates as the second buyer's solicitors are yet to respond to the parish council.
- b. Jack Stickland – Posts to mark Morleys Lane entrance – Several residents have requested reflective posts to mark the entrance to Morleys Lane. If on Highways Land, Cllr Dowden could be contacted to see if Highways could do this. However, it may be possible to place them on Parish Council and/or Morleys Green Management land.
- c. Bruce Robinson – traffic calming on A3090 – He inquired as to whether there has been any update since the last Assembly. There has not been any meeting with HCC Highways. Ian Case suggested deer fencing along the roadside. He would endeavour to find out the names of the landowners via the Forestry Commission.
- d. Bruce Robinson – Gypsy & Traveller site – There has been no apparent Planning Enforcement action on this site. The conditions associated with the permission are not being met. Access directly to the site is NOT required as it can be seen from outside the site. There are numerous storage containers and excess lighting causing light pollution. Cllr Yalden is to raise this

with Planning Enforcement.

e. Bruce Robinson – Lengthsman request – He inquired as to whether the lengthsman scheme could be used to cut back vegetation to improve visibility on the A3090. Cllr Ling said that he would investigate.

f. Ian Case – Speedwatch – He requested an update on the scheme and offered his help.

g. Ian Case – Alan Dowden – He understood that Cllr Dowden was retiring. He wanted it recorded that Cllr Dowden was a very hard worker and a decent man. He wanted to convey his thanks for everything that Cllr Dowden had done.

**Close of meeting**

13 (25) Business was concluded and the Meeting was closed at 8:35pm.

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Chairman -----

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