

Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ampfield Parish Council

This meeting was held at 7pm on Monday 8th June 2026 at Ampfield Village Hall.

Attending: Cllr Martin Hatley, Cllr Chris Ling (**Vice-Chair**), Cllr Bryan Nanson (**Chair**), Cllr Graham Roads, Cllr Julie Trotter, Cllr Sally Yalden (**TVBC Borough & HCC County Councillor**).
Karen Cramoysan (**Clerk**), 0 Members of the Public

4913 Apologies: Cllr Julian Jones.

4914 Declarations of Interest: None

4915 Public Participation: None

4916 Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 11th May 2026 - RESOLVED: Minutes were formally received, agreed by all Councillors as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4917 Matters arising from the Minutes: Already covered by agenda and appear elsewhere.

4918 a. Report from Sally Yalden (TVBC & HCC) Attached to the end of these Minutes.

b. Report from Committee and Portfolio Holders: None. As this was Cllr Yalden's first attendance at a Parish meeting since becoming our HCC Councillor, all Councillors congratulated Cllr Yalden on her success at the elections and also **AGREED**: to write a letter of thanks to Cllr Dowden for his help and support over the years.

4919 Financial Matters

a. Bank reconciliation – RESOLVED: The Council received the Bank Reconciliation to the end of May 2026.

Bank		Earmarked Reserves	
TSB Current A/c	£4,963.41	Recreation Ground	£20,950.00
TSB Business A/c	£71,716.25	General & Contingency Reserve	£17,000.00
Nationwide at 31/03/2026	£67,248.84	Election reserve	£4,000.00
Total cash	£143,928.50	Capital Replacement Reserve	£12,000.00
		PPE for Ampfield Neighbours reserve	£285.02
		Allotments: refundable deposits	£1,100.00
		Morleys Green Commuted Reserve	£43,777.82
less reserves	£129,187.84	Morleys Green Ground Rent	£30,075.00
Working Capital	£14,740.66	Total Earmarked Reserves	£129,187.84

b. To Authorise accounts for payment – No payments to authorise – awaiting invoice from HRG Tree Surgeons.

c. To Ratify Income & Expenditure from the Current Account since 1st May 2026.

Date	Supplier / Customer	Receipt	Payment	Balance
	Opening balance b/fwd			4161.64
05/05/2026	TVBC	24,579.96		28,741.60
05/05/2026	WEL Medical		158.40	28,583.20
06/05/2026	Lightatouch Ltd		450.00	28,133.20
06/05/2026	Parker Bullen LLP		500.00	27,633.20
07/05/2026	Harwood Brittain Tech	30.00		27,663.20
07/05/2026	Clerk		10.50	27,652.70
12/05/2026	Microsoft Ltd		357.12	27,295.58
12/05/2026	Southern Roofing Ltd		28,800.00	-1,504.42

12/05/2026	Southern Roofing Ltd		5,880.00	-7,384.42
12/05/2026	TFR from Business A/C	10,000.00		2,615.58
15/05/2026	TVBC		407.28	2,208.30
15/05/2026	TVBC		192.77	2,015.53
18/05/2026	Southern Roofing Ltd		4,884.00	-2,868.47
18/05/2026	Amazon		11.43	-2,879.90
18/05/2026	TFR from Business A/C	4,070.00		1,190.10
19/05/2026	HB Tech Ltd	20.00		1,210.10
20/05/2026	E.ON NEXT LTD		21.46	1,188.64
22/05/2026	TV Licensing		180.00	1,008.64
22/05/2026	HugoFox Ltd		11.99	996.65
28/05/2026	Calor		17.99	978.66
28/05/2026	ID Mobile		8.00	970.66
28/05/2026	WEL Medical		79.20	891.46
28/05/2026	TFR	5,000.00		5,891.46
29/05/2026	Clerk		928.05	4,963.41

Business Account transactions since 1st May 2026.

Date	Supplier / Customer	Receipt	Payment	Balance
	Opening balance b/fwd			57740.2
05/05/2026	TVBC	22,175.00		79,915.20
10/05/2026	Bank Interest	76.05		79,991.25
12/05/2026	TFR to Current A/C		10,000.00	69,991.25
14/05/2026	TVBC	4,070.00		74,061.25
18/05/2026	TFR to Current A/C		4,070.00	69,991.25
19/05/2026	Ampfield Village Hall	6,725.00		76,716.25
28/05/2026	TFR to Current		5,000.00	71,716.25

d. Income and anticipated expenditure: RESOLVED: All Councillors agreed the income and report against the budget from the start of the Financial Year. The Employers PAYE and NI is showing higher than expected because the recent payment taken by HMRC was for quarter four of 2025-2026. Clerk can look at splitting the figures against the Staff Salaries line on the budget for the next meeting.

4920 Policy

a. To Re-adopt Pavilion Hire Policy: RESOLVED: Pavilion Hire Policy approved and re-adopted by all Councillors.

4921 Community & Environment

a. Chapel Wood: RESOLVED: Cllr Roads advised that the footpath posts have now been completed and he has made a £50 donation to Romsey Mens Shed on behalf of the Parish Council as agreed at the last meeting.

b. War Memorial: Nothing to report – ongoing work is in progress.

c. Burial Ground: RESOLVED Nothing to report – ongoing work is in progress

d. Highways i) A3090 Crossing progress – nothing to report.

ii) Bus Shelter Green Pond Lane – Cllr Hatley reported that the fascia could do with being rubbed down and repainted. There is paint left over from the allotment buildings and the work would take less than a day to complete, so our contractor would only charge £180 for this work. All Councillors **AGREED** for Cllr Hatley to arrange for this work to be carried out.

Cllr Ling has contacted HCC Passenger Services to ask for the vegetation around this bus shelter to be cut back as residents inside the shelter cant

see when the bus is coming. If HCC cannot do this work, then the Lengthsman is due mid-July and we will ask for this work to be completed.

- e. **Morleys Green i) Freehold Matters – RESOLVED:** Our Solicitor replied to Jeffries Solicitors on 20th May regarding their letter of 28th April. A reply to our letter was requested within 14 days, however, we have not heard from Jeffries.
- ii) NFDC Tree Works – RESOLVED:** The tree works were carried out on 29th May 2026. We are currently awaiting an invoice for the works.
- f. **Allotments –** Cllr Hatley is still looking into the purchasing of two water butts; item deferred to July meeting.
- g. **Defibrillators: RESOLVED:** New pads installed at the Pavilion defib unit. Cllr Nanson has spoken with Saffron at Potters Heron and it was agreed that Heartwood will take responsibility for dealing with the redundant cabinet and deciding whether it was a suitable location for a defibrillator. The location has been removed from The Circuit.
- h. **Telephone Kiosk:** Cllr Trotter has spoken to the two new Committee Members at the Village Hall for their help in fitting out the interior of the kiosk. She is looking at getting or having a bespoke bookshelf made to fit the inside.
- i. **Village Hall–** Cllr Hatley advised that at the Village Hall Committee Meeting on 1st June, their projects list was updated following a meeting with Louisa Rice at TVBC.

It was noted that 'projects' already completed include :

1. New main hall floor,
2. New window curtains in main hall and garden room.
3. New bar/servery installed in old kitchenette
4. New oak skirting boards fitted in main hall
5. New ceiling and lighting in the foyer and original toilets. New flooring in this area.
6. New wooden storage shed.
7. New sound system and speakers
8. New 120mm composite roof sheets fitted with latest standard integrated insulation to supplement the original fibre glass insulation which remains in situ. Already warmer when cold and cooler when sunny. A great success.
9. Complete redecoration of interior. Exterior fascias and shed painting currently in progress.
10. Back up mobile 'power station' battery obtained – to support project resilience. Provides basic reserve power for lights and mobile device charging etc.

Possible Future projects for 0-10 years

1. Solar panels – the total electricity usage is very high eg 14 kw just in main hall for heating. (Whole hall total if all heaters are on is 33kw). Also supports hall resilience. The committee is very concerned with high energy costs and its carbon footprint.
2. All the flat roofing needs recoating – parts are 20 to 30 years old and showing age and there is likely risk of future leaks. Needs to be done before any solar panels put on them.
3. UPS for WiFi – to support resilience plans in case of power outage.
4. New fire alarm system – current one is obsolete in many areas.
5. CCTV linked with upgraded broadband eg. Starlink. BT have no plans to upgrade current poor broadband in the near future.
6. Replacement projector – current one showing deterioration and is now getting noisy.
7. Car park extension – possibility of perhaps extending existing carpark northwards?
8. Combined 13amp & USB charger sockets (Type A & C) for charging phones etc.
9. Hall Extension to cater for growing population and to better accommodate existing uses eg. village market and celebration events. A long-time wish of the chairman!
10. Fire resistant glass between hall and garden room in the original window. This would allow the access from the main hall to the patio, via the garden room, to be officially included as an emergency access when calculating the capacity of the main hall.
11. Air source heat pumps/AC – a possibility to complement the solar panels.
12. Car charging points.

Cllr Hatley also advised that the projector belongs to the Parish Council and not the Village Hall. Cllr Nanson agreed to put this on the July agenda for consideration.

j. Recreation Ground / Pavilion:

- i) **Fire Alarm Servicing: RESOLVED:** Walker Fire have now provided us with a quote for servicing the fire alarm, but the quote doesn't add up – Clerk to go back to Walker Fire for clarification on the figures quoted and advise that we still have not been invoiced for the Fire Extinguisher servicing in April.
- ii) **Solar Panels: RESOLVED:** Cllr Ling went through his presentation on how much power has been saved by having the solar panels installed. We are awaiting our first payment from E.ON for the power exported to the grid. This is expected to be around £397.95

k. Community Speedwatch: RESOLVED: There have been no sessions since our last meeting due to the Police suspending all speedwatch activity for seven days from the 3rd of June.

4922 Correspondence and Communications – RESOLVED: There was a notification received from HALC regarding Councillor addresses on the internet. This was only for Pecuniary Interest forms and Councillors agreed to have their addresses published on the contact list.

4923 Next Meeting Dates: Planning Meeting – Monday 15th June 2026 at 7:00pm.
Full Council Meeting - Monday 13th July 2026 at 7:00pm

Meeting closed at 8:13pm

Chairman -----

Date -----

May 2026 Report from Cllr Sally Yalden - Test Valley Borough Councillor

Planning Inspectorate appeal decisions: Two to report. Vernham Street, Andover. The works proposed are replacement of old timber window with new wood effect uPVC. **Appeal dismissed.**
Shaw Close, Andover. The development proposed is construct two storey two-bedroom dwelling with parking area and new cross over from Shaw Close. **Appeal dismissed.**

Enforcement cases: There are currently **eleven** open alleged planning breaches in A&B. **5** in Ampfield, **four** in Braishfield and **two** in the part of Michelmersh & Timsbury in this ward. Of those there was one returning entry in May (in Braishfield).

Councillor community grant the grant is £1565.75. This grant will need to be spent in the next financial year as with LGR, there will be no carry over.

Judicial Review on Local Government Reorganisation

You may have seen recent reports that Hampshire County Council is exploring the possibility of a judicial review in relation to Local Government Reorganisation proposals.

At this stage, the council would first need to establish whether there are sufficient legal grounds for a case to proceed, as well as consider the likely financial implications and potential costs involved.

As this is an evolving situation, I will continue to monitor developments and share factual updates as more information becomes available.

Community Councillor

Through my work at TVBC, I am part of a group working alongside the Senior Management Team and Chief Executive to identify the council's best practices and explore how these can be carried forward into the new unitary authorities.

As part of this process, we are holding a series of meetings, with Andy, as Chief Executive, liaising closely with the Chief Executives of the other district and borough councils. The aim is to ensure that successful ways of working, local knowledge and effective services are not lost during the transition but instead help shape the new councils from the outset.

County Matters

I have been assigned to the following committees: Children & Young People Select Committee and the Regulatory Committee which deals with planning, rights of way, common land, and related environmental licensing matters. I am also on the Education Advisory Panel and Sir Harold Hillier Gardens and Arboretum Advisory Committee. 2

The first few meetings are coming up from the middle of June.

Highways

I have training booked on Friday 5 June to learn how to use the Highways Members' Portal. This will enable me to search for highway enquiries, check progress updates, and request additional information where necessary.

In the meantime, I have already raised the following questions with the Highways team:

1. How can I view the scheduled highways work programme for my division, including rural lanes that may require attention?
2. Of the potholes reported, how many are repaired permanently, temporarily, or remain outstanding?
3. How are temporary pothole repairs monitored and followed up to ensure longer-term repairs are completed?
4. How are repeat reports of previously repaired potholes tracked and escalated?
5. What percentage of pothole repairs fail within say 3, 6, and 12 months, broken down by repair type?
6. What proportion of highways spending is currently reactive versus preventative, and is that balance considered sustainable?
7. Could officers clarify the distinction between "jobs completed", "potholes repaired", and "unique defects resolved" within reporting data?

Drop-in sessions – North Baddesley

The number of concerns residents have raised in North Baddesley shows just how important it is to have opportunities to talk face-to-face about local issues.

That is why I am holding a monthly drop-in session at Beadles Tea Rooms on the last Thursday of every month. The first session was well attended and provided a valuable snapshot of the challenges and opportunities facing North Baddesley.