

Minutes from the Meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2022 at 19:00 at The War Memorial Hall, Abbotts Ann.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Howard (Chairman)	✓		
Councillor Jones (Vice Chair)	\checkmark		
Councillor Jordan		\checkmark	
Councillor Wallis	✓		
Councillor Cole		\checkmark	
John Heather (from item 220708)	✓	-	-
Vacancy	-	-	-

Also, IN ATTENDANCE

Amanda Owen - Clerk, Test Valley Borough Councillor - Councillor Maureen Flood, Hampshire County Council – Councillor David Drew and one member of the public.

220701	To receive Chairman's opening remarks. Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting is recorded by the Parish Council and may be recorded by members of the public.
220702	To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies from Councillor Jordan and Councillor Cole were RECEIVED .
220703	To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to items on this agenda RECEIVED .
220704	 To approve the minutes of the ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th June. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 9th June were APPROVED as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Jones. All members voted unanimously to accept this RESOLUTION.
220705	To receive updates already published and any further updates provided (and outstanding actions). Update for futures agendas and minutes. Councillor Jones advised she attended a meeting in Stockbridge on Wednesday 6 th July with regards to Test Valley Borough Councils future plans for waste and recycling which us due to be implemented in 2024. Councillor Howard updated the meeting with regards to the Jubilee Oak from Test Valley Borough Council at the Sportsfield and expressed thanks to Councillor Jones and her husband for their watering efforts. The Clerk confirmed that the Churchyard footpaths refurbishment project had not progressed as no quotes had been received. Councillor Howard agreed to try to progress matters with Ray Lucas who had provide the project specification. It was agreed that an updated quote for the Burial Ground fence was needed before any grant application could be made. Borough Councillor Maureen Flood provided an overview of her report with regards to: - Recycling - Corporate Plan

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		unday' in Andover Town Centre				
	- Youth Employment Hub in Guildhall Monday 11 th July.					
	County Councillor Drew provided an overview of his report (Appendix B).					
	Lengthsman Scheme - Cllr Drew had not been able to obtain details of this scheme, but hoped to be able to do so after discussions with the Clerk of Over Wallop.					
		updated with regards to the project quotes. He also provided a tenance contractors.	n update wit	h regards to		
220706	To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance. The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were NOTED with the bank balance as 30 th June 2022 being £52,094.37. The bank reconciliation can be found as APPENDIX B.					
220707	To approve the requests for payments for July. The payments as listed in the table below were APPROVED for payment. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution. July Payment Requests					
	то	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT		
	Staff	Salaries	July	£1,038.36		
	Staff	Staff Expenses	June	£14.41		
	ТVВС	Grounds Maintenance 2022 / 2023 (by monthly direct debit)	10051811	£195.50		
	Scandor	Grounds Maintenance – June	18638	£809.05		
	Anne Jones	Expenses - Community Orchard		£81.18		
	Business Stream	Water - 18th March to 22 June 22	DD	£46.45		
			Total	£2,184.95		
220708	It was AGREED to co-opt John Hea Proposed by Coun	otion to fulfil one vacancy on Abbotts Ann Parish Council. Ather as Councillor to Abbotts Ann Parish Council. cillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones. I unanimously to accept this resolution.				
220709	To consider the grant application received from Abbotts Ann Fete Committee for £179.20 for the purchase of insurance for the Fete under powers LGA 1972, s144. It wasRESOLVEDthat under the powers afforded to the Parish Council under Local Government Act 1972, s144 to APPROVE a grant for £179.20 to Abbotts Ann Fete Committee. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones. This motion was passed on a vote of 3 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION.					
220710	under the powers It was RESOLVED that under the pow	application received from Victim Support for £50.00 for the pu afforded under Local Government and Ratings Act 1997 S31. wers afforded to the Parish Council under Local Government and nt for £50.00 to Victim Support.		·		



	Proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Wallis.
220744	All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.
220711	To consider how the community could assist with the actioning of the Greening Campaign. Councillor Jones advised she attended a networking event with regards to the use of alternative energy and how to gain community involvement. Councillor Jones advised that she cannot see how the Parish Council can conduct the ideas proposed by the Greening Campaign without community assistance. Councillor Jones suggested that as a result of the communications strategy perhaps the Greening Campaign could be circulated. Councillor Jones advised she would research items and report back at the next full Council meeting.
220712	To discuss progress with Sportsfield grants.
	Councillor Wallis advised that the Abbotts Ann Sportsfield Group met on Tuesday 5th via Zoom to discuss the progress with the fundraising. Beth Deacon has gathered information with regards to grants that can be obtained and S106 funds. Ray Lucas has been in contact with Councillor Wallis to advise that Test Valley Borough Council are wanting a lot more details with regards to supporting the grant. Firm plans have not yet been obtained due to funding implications. A viability study has previously been conducted. Ray is in negotiations with TVBC at present, but no other update to give.
	It was suggested that another survey / open day may be good to find public interest and to gain updated proposals.
	Councillor Wallis advised he would update the meeting next month and ask AASFG to come up with a proposal.
220713	To discuss Councillor Cole's Communication Paper and proposals.
	It was agreed that as the paper made assumptions as to the role of AAPC which had not been discussed by Council it could not be considered in detail. Councillor Howard drew the meetings attention to page 52 of NALC Good Councillors Guide which suggests that councillors refer to (if they exist):-
	 Your council's statement of community engagement Your council's communication strategy Procedures for emergencies
	He suggested that AAPC needed more clarity on the communications available in order to develop their communication strategy before being able to agree a communications plan. It was agreed that the Clerk would continue to look into whether other Parish Councils have such documents for AAPC to refer to. Whilst Councillor Flood kindly agreed to look into whether TVBC had any formal position on the involvement of Parish Councils in civil emergency matters. It was agreed once this information was to hand Council would, if it was needed, hold a workshop to decide what their communication strategy should be and how and when the relevant information should be distributed to parishioners. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones. All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.
220714	To note & approve Asset Register Updates. The Clerk advised the meeting as to why the asset register amount had increased.
220715	To discuss Portfolio holders Responsibilities.After discussion, Councillor Wallis offered to be assistant for environment portfolio and Councillor Heather offered to take sole responsibility for footpaths. Once Councillors have given more thought, and update will be requested.Cllr Howard agreed to update 'The Portfolio Allocations' with changes agreed by the meeting, for discussion at the next meeting when councillors, especially those not present, had had time to look at the

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	tasks allocated to them.
220716	To agree Abbotts Ann Parish Council's position as regards Southern Water's activities.
	After discussion, it was noted that Councillor Cole be thanked for her work, and that she remains as the Parish contact for the Pan Parish Forum.
20:56 (time)	It was proposed by Councillor Howard that an extension be granted to extend the meeting, seconded by Councillor Wallis.
(All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
220717	To consider the following planning application:
220717.01	22/01640/FULLN
	Rear, side and front extension and conversion of an existing out building to a self-contained annexe.
	Duckswood, 10 Farm Road, Little Park, Hampshire.
	The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.
	Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.
	All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.
220717.02	22/01686/TPON
	T1 - Ash – Fell
	Hepworth House, 4 Kingsmead, Anna Valley, Abbotts Ann.
	The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.
	Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.
	All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.
220717.03	22/01695/TREEN
	T1 - Beech - Raise crown by up to 6m above ground level, reduce canopy facing west by up to 3m. 6 St Marys Meadow, Abbotts Ann, Hampshire.
	The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.
	Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis.
	All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.
220717.04	22/01707/FULLN
220717.04	Change of use of outbuilding in association with use of first floor bedrooms and bathroom as ancillary
	accommodation.
	The Old Manor, Church Road, Abbotts Ann, Andover.
	The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.
	Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jones.
	All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.
220718	To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 4 th August 2022.
	The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 4 th August 2022 at the Pavillion, Bulbery.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:06.



APPENDIX A

Report for Parish Council 7 July 2022

Since the last meeting on 9 June 2022, I have attended two meetings on behalf of the Parish Council:

- Crime Summit hosted by Kit Malthouse MP on 23 June. Please see the separate report has been produced on this. I will also write a short summary on the summit for the Parish Magazine.
- Pan Parish Forum on 8 June 2022. Representatives of the parishes met to review the actions outstanding from the previous meetings including the one on 17 May with Southern Water's senior management. In order to determine for ourselves whether the actions that Southern Water have taken to prevent the problems with sewerage and water from recurring, we will have to wait until there's a period of significant rainfall and high ground water. If the actions that they've taken have not significantly improved the situation, then we will bring additional pressure to bear.

I have also drafted a discussion paper on the Parish Council's communications with the village.

Councillor Judith Cole

9 July 2022

Crime Summit 23 June 2022

On behalf of Abbotts Ann Parish Council I attended the Crime Summit at the Guildhall in Andover hosted by Kit Malthouse MP (and Minister for Crime, Policing and Probation). Other speakers were:

- Siobhan Down CEO of the Yellow Brick Road Project
- James Fitzgerald County Adviser for NFU
- Donna James Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire
- Inspector Chris Taylor, Hampshire Police
- Chief Superintendent Kory Thorne Hampshire Police

Kit Malthouse set out the main points and priorities from the national crime strategies including:

- The national drive to uplift the number of police officers
- The "beating crime" plan which addresses county lines, serious violence, neighbourhood crime, and excellence in the basics of policing
- The 10 year drugs strategy given the link between drugs and crime, and encompasses treatment and rehabilitation in addition to punishment
- Violence against women and girls (the sharp fall in convictions for rape is a particular concern) and safety in the public realm
- Domestic violence

Kory Thorne talked about the situation in Hampshire. In general the nature of the crime in Andover and Basingstoke is different to the rural crime that happens in the villages. Due to resources available to him, he needs to prioritise what incidents and crimes the police respond to and how they respond. Assessment of the relative priority of incidents and crimes is doing using the THOR model – threat, harm, opportunity and risk.

Priorities include violence against women and girls, domestic violence, drug related harm and violence, anti-social behaviour and managing the 'night-time economy' and public order. Hampshire tends to get disproportionate numbers of unauthorised encampments by traveller communities. An emerging issue in Hampshire is illegal car racing (often at night). Op Chromium is tackling this issue.



They are also using technology to help respond in a cost-effective manner – e.g. crime reports are often done online and interviews where statements are taken are often done via Zoom or similar platforms. Cameras are often installed on certain estates.

There are 4 county lines in Andover at the present time (down from about 13 a year or so ago). There are 13 addresses where they suspect cuckooing is happening – where vulnerable people are coerced and threatened into enabling a drug gang to take over their home. An important aspect of policing in relation to these issues is protecting those who are vulnerable – particularly child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation.

James Fitzgerald from **NFU** talked about rural crime. NFU has 900 members in Hampshire. The particular issues faced in the county are:

- Fly tipping which costs money to clean up and potentially damages the environment and wildlife
- Targeted theft of expensive agricultural machinery
- Hare coursing (and associated illegal betting). The hare coursing is filmed and uploaded onto the internet and people pay to watch it.

Targeted theft of expensive equipment and hare coursing are sometimes associated with organised crime groups (OCGs) as they're both lucrative in terms of money that can be made. There's around 48 OCGs currently operating in Hampshire.

Donna Jones talked about the police and crime plan she's developed since taking up office based on consultation with the public. It's called More Police Safer Streets. Key themes are:

- Residents don't appear to feel as safe as they used to. They want to see more police officers being more visible
- Police front desks will be re-opened as part of increasing visibility and to make it easier for the public to report crime and share intelligence
- The difficulties in getting through to 101 to report things and the long wait times when calling this number are also being addressed
- There is an increased focus on outcomes for victims and feedback to people who have reported crimes.

Donna has two national roles: lead on violence against women and girls and lead on serious organised crime.

Siobhan Down from the **Andover-based Yellow Brick Road charity** talked movingly about the children and young people that they work with – often hungry, socially isolated and experiencing trauma from their family situations. They are at risk of child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation. The work the Yellow Brick Road project does is about building self esteem, providing safe trusted relationships, and helping "deflect" them away from crime.

During the **Q&A** session, questions raised included speeding in rural villages, effect of the backlog in the criminal justice system, and what more can be done to deflect young people from crime.

Abbotts Ann Parish Council Environment Portfolio Update 30/06/2022

Grounds Maintenance

Scandor have provided to the clerk a schedule of visits by w/c dates. I have not checked that all areas covered in the contract have been done but I can confirm that they visited the churchyard and burial ground this week.



The Pillhill Brook

I attended a training day run by the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Watercress and Winterbournes Project. The event was designed to equip those tasked with looking after chalk streams with the knowledge and confidence to effectively manage the aquatic and riverside plants. In turn this will promote more fish and other wildlife.

Pollution of the river was mentioned and the flushing of silt, upstream, by the Watercress Farm, that may need to be addressed in the future.

Wildflower Meadow

The wildflower meadow continues to reveal new wildflowers including Scabious, Seranium Pratense, Goat's Beard, St John's Wort, Wild Origano, White Hedge Bedstraw, Lesser Knapweed and Pllosella Aurantiaca (Fox and Cubs). The grass surrounding the fence and the path within are regularly mown by my husband to keep it looking tidy.

The Community Orchard

The weather this month has been warm, windy and dry. Watering is continuing to be done by my husband and I on a weekly basis and more often if the weather is very hot. More Jerry cans have been purchased so that we can cut down on the cost of repeat visits by car. Certain trees are showing a bit of die back but we are keeping an eye on them. I have weeded the small mulched area around each tree to ensure that more water gets to the tree.

<u>Bench</u>

Pigeons continue to leave excrement on the bench on the northern boundary. I welcome any suggestions from the AAPC on how this problem can be resolved. Cleaning is not an option.

Climate Change

I was unable to attend a recent meeting in Winchester. To be discussed further by AAPC.

Attendance at HALC Chairs Networking Event

I attended a Chairs meeting, in Cllr Howard's place, on Wednesday 29th June which included two presentations of interest to our Parish Council. Notes will be circulated soon. I am attending another meeting with Councillor Cole on Wednesday 6th July run by TVBC on Waste and Recycling.

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Sports and Recreation Update July 2022

- A football team has been using one of the football pitches without permission or payment on at least 3 occasions. We are not sure whether they opened the gate themselves to let themselves in or whether the gate was already open. I have now changed the gate padlock combination and notified all the people who need to know the new number.

- The oak sapling planted by TVBC last year to from dehydration and may not survive. Cllr. extra water.

commemorate local Covid victims is suffering Jones has kindly been trying to revive it with

- Discussions re fundraising for a new clubhouse and sports facilities are ongoing.

Cllr. Chris Wallis

Report from Ray Lucas – CLT

Dear Amanda

Please bring the following report by Abbotts Ann Community Land Trust for the attention of the Parish Council at its forthcoming meeting.

AACLT is currently in discussion with the agent to the owner of the development site as to the way forward in the light of the withdrawal of AACLT's developer partner. Other development companies are expressing interest. We are optimistic that agreement can be reached on appointment of a suitable developer.

Discussions with TVBC officers continue regarding outstanding planning matters.

The attached email to Cllr Chris Wallis explains AACLT's need for clear timescales for progressing the Sportsfield project if a financial contribution is to be made to it by AACLT's housing project.

Thank you and kind regards

Ray

Email:

"Hi Chris

AACLT have had recent discussions with TVBC officers regarding the proposed financial contribution by AACLT's developer to the Sportsfield project. This contribution, which is to be included in a Section 106 Agreement, forms part of the package of community benefits that help to justify AACLT's development under Policy COM9 of the Local Plan. At present, officers are requiring "guaranties" of delivery that appear to include tender prices, planning permission etc. We will try to resist the more demanding requirements but, as a minimum, the S106 is likely to need to include:

- Drawings and outline spec of the proposed scheme
- Updated cost estimates
- Market research info
- Funding plan with details of potential sources and likely amounts.

We need to be able to present this information as soon as possible: in part to find out if it will be sufficient. Failure to agree the scope and then provide the information within a reasonable timescale would unacceptably delay the submission of AACLT's planning application. I am sorry to sound alarmist but if the timescales are not clear and of reasonable length, we may have no alternative but to find an alternative community benefit project to fund.

Could you let me know what timescales you are working to so as to define the project sufficiently to provide the information listed above and to produce a funding plan.

I would be happy to meet you and members of he



Sportsfield Committee if that would help.

Best wishes

Ray"

Update from Hampshire County Council – July 2022

How to manage COVID-19 symptoms and stay well this summer

As the summer gets underway, Hampshire County Council is reminding residents to follow the NHS guidance for managing symptoms should they become unwell with a respiratory illness that could be COVID-19 Common signs of a respiratory illness are a high temperature, persistent cough and headache. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should try the following NHS advice:

- Get lots of rest
- Drink plenty of fluids (water is best) to avoid dehydration
- Take paracetamol or ibuprofen if feeling uncomfortable
- Try having a teaspoon of honey to soothe a cough (do not give honey to babies under 12 months)
- It can help to keep the room cool, if feeling breathless
- Continue to practice good hygiene

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms wishing to get in touch with their pharmacy should stay at home and try calling or contacting them online instead. If symptoms are not getting better or become worse <u>go to 111.nhs.uk</u>, call 111, or contact your GP surgery. In case of emergencies call 999.

For more details about managing the symptoms of COVID-19 visit the NHS website.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/220628howtomanagecovid

Childcare over the Summer holidays

Details of Ofsted registered childcare, activities and leisure services (and lots more information for families), can be found in the Hampshire Family and Information Services Hub directory: <u>fish.hants.gov.uk</u>

If a child has a special educational need or disability, then check out services with a Local Offer flag. For further details on how your child will be supported:- <u>http://fish.hants.gov.uk/.../directory/localoffer.page...</u>

If you need help with paying for childcare go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

Not able to find the childcare services you need? Use our Childcare Request Form:

http://childrenshampshirecc.researchfeedback.net/s.asp... or email childcare@hants.gov.uk for further assistance.

Hampshire community projects to benefit from £70,000 funding boost thanks to County Leader's Community Grants Scheme

Over £70,000 has been awarded to five Hampshire groups to help each maintain and extend the activities provided for local communities from the Leader's Community Grant Fund scheme, which contributes, throughout the year, to groups supporting Hampshire's residents.

Projects supported include funding a new roof for a memorial centre; funding projection and audio equipment to allow a heritage trust to expand its accessible services; funding increased accessibility along 12km of public byways for the Riding for the Disabled Association; and funding the installation of new lighting, a sound system, and a projector to create a modern accessible room for the local community a village hall.

Community groups are encouraged to consider suitable schemes that may be suitable for support. The scheme considers applications for between £1,000 and £25,000 to use for activity costs and/or capital costs. Applications can be made at any time and are dealt with on a 'first come, first served' basis. Amounts over £25,000 can be considered in exceptional circumstances.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/24062022LeadersGrantsJune

Apply for grants to extend support for low-income



Applications for grant funding are now open to

families

organisations across Hampshire and the Isle of

Wight who can offer advice to vulnerable families on a range of issues including finance, health and wellbeing, housing and employment. The support given will benefit families enrolled on this summer's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, which provides fun and enriching activities to do over the summer holidays, together with a healthy, nutritious meal.

Individual grants of up to £4,500 are on offer and can be used to deliver a range of activities, with a preference to fund organisations offering face-to-face or virtual advice sessions. Applications for provision of printed or digital resources may also be considered.

Organisations eligible to apply may include Citizen's Advice, healthcare providers, family support services, housing support services, Jobcentre Plus and more.

The deadline for applying for a Signposting Grant is Sunday 3 July 2022. Organisations wishing to find out more should go to the <u>connect4communities website</u> for the full guidance and application form. <u>https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/220622HAFsignpostinggrant</u>

Reporting problems with Footpaths and Public Rights of Way

To report a problem on a Public Right of Way you need to use the map tools to select the affected route and then mark the location of the problem. You can only report problems within 50m of a Path. Adding photos to your report will help us to assess the issue.

Report a Problem

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1. Use the search map function to locate the right of way, then zoom so you can accurately mark the location of the problem.

2. Click and click an item on the map to see further information or to add a comment.

3. Click and then click on the route or furniture – it will be highlighted in pink

4. Click and then click the map to mark the location of the problem.



https://hantsrow.esdm.co.uk/standardmap.aspx

Cllr<u>David Drew</u> Test Valley Central Division, HCC



TVBC Councillor Report – Maureen Flood July 2022

Major recycling changes - kerbside glass, plastics and food waste collections.

Test Valley Borough Council Cabinet meeting 22 June 2022

agreed a number of changes to bin collections, which will go live in 2024. These changes will increase our recycling rate and help keep our carbon footprint as low as possible whilst providing a cost-effective service. Proposals were approved introducing new blue bins and food waste caddies for all properties, enabling households to recycle leftover food, glass, pots, tubs and trays at the kerbside for the very first time.

"one, two, three weekly" waste collections, will involve collecting blue bins in week one, brown bins in week two and black bins in week three. They will also collect food waste every week, as well as garden waste for those signed up to the scheme.

The new Environment Act, aims to level up recycling rates across the country - residents will be able to recycle the same materials at kerbside, regardless of where they live. In turn, the Government expects all local authorities to achieve a target of recycling 55 percent of their total waste by 2025.

More information about the proposed changes, including the FAQs, can be found at <u>www.testvalley.gov.uk/recyclingchanges</u>

<u>New Market – Second Sundays every month - 10am to 4pm</u> <u>High Street - Andover Town centre -</u>

Music, delicious street food and a mix of crafts and designer maker stalls.

Local sushi business Rice n Roll, Indian street food stall Mumbai Street Eats and the Andover Tap will be serving up a special drinks' menu. Artisan coffee will be available to visitors who can also make use of the town's brand-new seating area, Alfresco Andover.

The monthly market has been developed by HemingwayDesign, on behalf of Test Valley Borough Council, and over the coming months will support emerging and established independent businesses from the region.

APPENDIX B



Date: 04/07/2022

Time: 11:11

Abbotts Ann Parish Council

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/06/2022 for Cashbook 1 - Lloyds Treasurers Account

User: AMANDA

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Lloyds Treasurers Account	30/06/2022		52,094.37
			52,094.37
Unpresented Cheques (Minus)		Amount	
		0.00	
			0.00
			52,094.37
Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)			
		0.00	
			0.00
			52,094.37
	Balance p	er Cash Book is :-	52,094.37
		Difference is :-	0.00