Minutes from the Meeting
held on Thursday 1st October at 19:00
at The War Memorial Hall, Abbotts Ann.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan (left at 19:37)	**√**		
Councillor Howard (chaired the meeting from 19:37)	**√**		
Councillor Heather	**√**		
Councillor Wallis	**√**		
Councillor Mitchell (left at 20:11)	**√**		
Councillor Stratford	**√**		
Vacancy	-	**-**	**-**

Also, IN ATTENDANCE:
Borough Councillor – Maureen Flood, County Councillor – David Drew and one member of the public.

261001	**To receive Chairman's opening remarks.** Councillor Jordan welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Councillors for conducting a strategy review earlier this week and requested that they provide feedback. Councillor Jordan advised that the Pavilion planning application was about to come out for approval. Noting that is has more changing rooms on the plan than the council would like, time has been scheduled with the architect to discuss this. In terms of additional funding, the council has been asked to submit a final application form to Test Valley Borough Council. This will be submitted at the weekend, but will be circulated prior for review. Councillor Jordan also noted that the Community Land Trust build appears to be on track. The planners and developer are finalising questions which need to be answered. The planning application under item 261014.02 will be brought forward in the agenda.
261002	**To receive and accept apologies for absence.** Apologies were noted from Borough Councillor Susanne Hasselmann and the Clerk.
261003	**To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on this agenda.** No declarations of pecuniary interests were received, although Councillor Mitchell noted that she had spent £40.00 on refreshments for the Prostate Screening Event. Councillor Jordan noted that this is within his discretional spend.
261004	**To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September.** The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd September were signed as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Howard. This motion was passed on a vote of four **FOR** and two **ABSTENTION**. Councillor Howard noted that the minutes need to be clear that under item 260909 the Clerk was determining who has ownership for the bank, not just the trees. This has been added to the action list.
261005	**To receive updates already published and any further updates provided.** Reports can be found at **APPENDIX A**. Councillor Howard: • Provided an update to the actions list, noting the addition of Item 12, that the Clerk is determining who has ownership for the bank, not just the trees Councillor Heather • Nothing to report Councillor Mitchell • Thanked everyone for supporting the Prostate Screening day. 93 tests were given plus 5 home kits. 12 no-shows and 7 walk ins with £1141.12 donated. • Noted that Sovereign will be meeting at 13:00 at Bulbery playing field on Monday 5th October to discuss the play area, and requested fellow Councillors attend if possible.

	• Sekura Cherry Trees are arriving at the end of the month. A quote is pending from One Two Tree for the collection and planting of the trees. Councillor Mitchell has been following this up. An email will be sent to the clubs around the village. Councillor Mitchell requested contacts for relevant clubs. • Councillor Howard proposed congratulations are due to Councillor Mitchell for the successful organization of the Prostate Screening Day. Councillor Wallis • Has completed repair work at the football pitches including spreading topsoil. • A dog poo bag dispenser has been erected at the end of church path. A sign is needed to put onto this. Councillor Stratford • Nothing to report Borough Councillor Flood: • Church clock repair. The Parish Council has committed 50% of the cost of repair, but the Borough Council will commit more than 50%, so that Parish Council amount will reduce. • Met with Councillor Hasselman this afternoon and a written report will be sent shortly • New scheme of delegate for planning applications begins end of Oct. Hoping for Test Valley to send out some communications about this. • Councillor Hasselmann is investigating Evri. Report is awaited. • Full report can be found at **APPENDIX A**. County Councillor Drew • Following up on a cycle path query submitted by Councillor Stratford • The county are asking for a fairer share of vehicle excise duty to put into local highways. Need about £600m to get the roads back to where the county needs them. Spent about £15m this summer. Lots more detailed in report. Plea for Parish Councilors to report potholes that they see themselves. System for reporting on HCC website is straightforward. And highlight the safety aspects and concerns when reporting • New support pathway to help Hampshire residents with complex care needs departing hospital. • Hampshire Partnership powers growth skills across the country. • Andover museum has secured funding to keep going for a few more years • Fly tippers prosecuted for dumping waste in Clatford • QE2 statue unveiled in Romsey • Full report can be found at **APPENDIX A**.
261006	**To receive an update from Abbotts Ann Community Land Trust.** John Barlow, AACLT provided the below update: "We continue to be in close contact with Metis. They are taking into account the various comments from TVBC. They are consulting with the architect and an updated plan is awaited from them. A written submission to the Council and then a Planning Application will follow."
261014.02 **(item brought forward)**	**26/01878/FULLN** **Double hip to gable, rear dormer loft conversion with front rooflights, to provide first floor bedroom and en-suite.** **Broadgreen, Old Salisbury Road, Abbotts Ann, Andover.** The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
261007	**To review the outcomes from the Strategy and Portfolio meeting.** Following on from the recent review of the strategy document, Councillor Jordan requested further feedback from councillors, noting that he will work on the document at the weekend. Councillor Stratford advised he has minor comments to send on to Councillor Jordan. Councillor Howard requested that "St Mary's Church, maintain churchyard and annual servicing of the Church Clock" be added under item 4.
261008	**To agree to amend the signage at Bulbery re dog fouling and language signage.** General view from councillors was that the signs are very reasonable. It is believed that the area was donated to the people of the village to be used as a sports field. Action for the Clerk to review the wording in the deed which donated the field to the village. It was **AGREED** that the sign would not be changed. Proposed by Councillor Stratford, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

261009 **To agree the quote for pitch markings at Bulbery.**

It was **AGREED** to accept the quote from Scandor at a cost of £214.56 and £163.20 for the initial marking of the pitches.

Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

It was noted that following initial line marking, there could be potential to update the lines using the line painting machines in the shed and paying someone, such as the Lengthsman.

261010 **To agree the grant request from The Prostate Project for £500.00 under powers afforded by the Local Government Act 1972, S137.**

It was **AGREED** to support the grant request from The Prostate Project total of £400.00, rather than the requested amount of £500, under powers afforded by the Local Government Act 1972, S137.

Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Stratford.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

261011 **To receive first submissions from Portfolio holders for 2027 / 2028 budget.**

The councillors agreed that this was pending portfolio and prioritisation work and cannot be conducted yet.

It was noted that £1000.00 would need to be allocated for pitch lines at Bulbery.

261012 **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 at 30th September 2026 being £80,650.36. The bank reconciliations can be found at **APPENDIX B**.

261013 **To approve payment requests.**

The payments as listed in the table below were **APPROVED** for payment.

Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

October 2026 Payment Requests

TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT
Staff	Salary	October	£1,329.28
Staff	Expenses	September	£47.65
Lloyds	Bank Charge		£4.25
Scandor	Grounds Maintenance	Inv 21859	£886.78
Abbotts Ann Fete Committee	Grant Application		£513.40
Clear Councils	Insurance 2026 - 2027	Inv LCO02738	£1,352.07
Test Valley Borough Council	Play Area Repairs at Magic Meadow	Inv 10073523	£116.40
Philip Grob Blacksmith	Height Barrier Alterations - Bulbery	Inv 2122544	£1,530.00
Business Stream	Pavilion Water - June to September	DD Inv 11697052	£146.62
			£5,926.45

261014 **To consider the following planning application(s):**

261014.01 **26/01983/TPON**

T1 - Holly - Fell, T2 - Walnut - Repollard by 4m back to old pollard points, T3 and T4 - Lime - Repollard by 3m back to old pollard points, G1 - Hazel - Re-coppice to ground level.

14 Kingsmead, Anna Valley, Andover.

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.

Item 261014.02 covered above.

261014.03 **26/02054/TREEN**

T1- Willow - Full pollard, back to previous knuckle points and remove dead wood.

Mill House, 101 Mill Lane, Abbotts Ann.

The Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to this application.

Proposed by Councillor Stratford, seconded by Councillor Howard.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

261015 **To agree the date of the next meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 5th November.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:24.

APPENDIX A
TVBC Borough Councillor Report
Cllr Maureen Flood and Cllr Susanne Hasselmann - October 2026

Southern Water – Public Meeting – 22 October 2026
After the wettest winter on record in 2025 and the sewer flooding emergency that saw the return of tankers to our villages, Southern Water are holding an open community event to explained what happened, what they have learnt from the emergency and what they have been doing to prepare for this coming winter.

The session will be held at Thruxton Memorial Hall, Village Street, Thruxton, Andover SP11 8LZ between 18:30 and 20:30 on Thursday 22 October.

Please come along to put your questions and concerns to Southern Water.

Hedge Coppicing at Broad Lane, Monxton/Abbotts Ann
Further to reported hedge coppicing and alleged hedge removal around Broad Lane in Monxton in spring 2026 and subsequent discussions with the estate, Test Valley Borough Council officers have been out to check on the re-growth of the hedge plants this autumn. There are some areas that require thickening out with new planting and some remedial weed removal and this work will therefore be monitored by the Council going forward.

Upper Clatford Evri Delivery Issues
Over the last few months there have been a substantial number of complaints about Evri deliveries in the Upper Clatford area, including misdelivered and lost parcels, as well as speeding vehicles and parcels that have been thrown out of delivery vans. After several emails to Evri we are pleased to report that they have recognise the importance of permanent couriers who know their area and routes:

“We have used contractors in some parts of Andover and Romsey and have been phasing this out and reducing reliance on these third parties across 2026 due to inconsistent delivery quality. We know areas are best served when they have a permanent courier in place and we have been replacing contractors with couriers.”

We are keen to monitor the situation, so please let us know if you experience continuing problems. Please email the issues and tracking numbers to cllrshasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk.

New local plan 'Gateway' system and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)
On 7 September 2026 the Government paused Local Government Reorganisation. The impact of this is wide reaching and includes:

- There will no longer be elections to the Mid Hampshire Unitary Authority in May 2027. Instead, new elections for Test Valley Borough Council are now being scheduled without clarity about when Local Government Reorganisation will commence, and if it does, whether the decision on boundaries around a Mid Hampshire Unitary Authority would remain.
- The Local Plan decision made by the Council on 22 July 2027 stands and the Borough Council will continue the Local Plan process under the new 'gateway' system. The decision to switch to the new gateway system was the cumulation of a series of factors beyond the Council’s control, which made the process of producing a sound local plan under the 'legacy' plan-system, by the Government’s deadline, unachievable.
- Parish Councils will now return to 4 yearly elections (not the 5 year term as envisaged for LGR).

Queen Elizabeth II sculpture unveiled at Romsey Abbey
A new life-size bronze sculpture of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been unveiled at Romsey Abbey, marking the completion of Test Valley Borough Council’s Queen Elizabeth II sculpture project, launched as part of the late monarch’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The unveiling ceremony took place on 4 September and was attended by residents, community representatives and invited guests.

Created by Hampshire sculptor Amy Goodman, one of our resident artists at Project Workshop in Quarley, the sculpture depicts Queen Elizabeth II at the time of her coronation and has been shaped by stories, memories and artwork contributed by local residents and schoolchildren through an extensive community engagement programme. It follows the installation of a companion sculpture in Andover in 2024.

Successful prosecution follows Clatford fly-tipping investigation

A successful investigation by Test Valley Borough Council has led to two men being prosecuted for a fly-tipping offence near Upper Clatford. Aidan Molumby and Adam Heaver appeared before Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on 4 September after admitting illegally dumping a large concrete block in Watery Lane, Clatford, in January 2025.

Council officers discovered the waste during a routine inspection and used CCTV footage and further enquiries to identify those responsible. Both men later admitted the offence during interviews under caution.

The court ordered the pair to pay a combined total of £2,866.

Test Valley Community Resilience Forum save the date

The next Test Valley Community Resilience Forum will take place at Longstock Village Hall, SO20 6DT on Saturday 17 October 2026. The normal 'resilience' breakfast of sausage/bacon rolls will be on offer from 9.45am with the session beginning at 10am.

In light of this year's Summer and an outlook for Winter ahead, the main focuses of this session will be:

- A reflection on the wildfires across Test Valley and the New Forest, taking the time to understand the risks and impacts fires can have on communities and the mitigations which can be put in place.
- Scene setting for the predicted wet Winter ahead with El Niño conditions, and what precautions communities can take in preparation.
- An update on the work of Community Resilience in TVBC's Test, Learn and Grow programme.

The session should conclude by 12:30pm.

Please RSVP to communityresilience@testvalley.gov.uk if you are able to make it, along with any dietary requirements you may have.

Cllr Susanne Hasselmann, cllrshasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk

Cllr Maureen Flood, cllrmflood@testvalley.gov.uk

Update from Hampshire County Council – October 2026

Hampshire County Council calls for fairer share of Vehicle Excise Duty to plug highways funding gap

Hampshire County Council is stepping up its call for a fairer share of national transport funding, urging Government to provide long-term, sustainable investment in local roads and give greater flexibility over how funding is spent

The move comes as the County Council has pledged to increase its focus on planned, preventative highway maintenance, building on a programme of works delivered over the spring and summer to repair and strengthen roads.

This week, the County Council's Cabinet agreed to intensify its campaign for a fairer share of Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) revenues for Hampshire, arguing that councils responsible for maintaining local roads should receive a greater proportion of funding raised from motorists. The current maintenance backlog for Hampshire alone is estimated at between £550 million and £600 million. The local authority is responsible for around 5,500 miles of local roads and highway assets valued at around £17 billion making it one of the largest highways networks in the country.

An accelerated programme of highway maintenance has been delivered during spring and summer 2026 to address deterioration caused by the previous wet winter and subsequent periods of hot weather. Combined with the standard annual programme, this has delivered:

- 42 resurfacing schemes delivered since April as part of a total programme of 101 resurfacing schemes planned for 2026/27, with the remaining schemes currently in progress or scheduled for delivery – 26 of these were accelerated for delivery this summer. Resurfacing is one of the most effective forms of planned highway maintenance, replacing worn layers of the road and significantly improving its condition and longevity before more extensive and costly reconstruction is required.
- 122 surface treatment schemes completed, representing the substantial delivery of this year's programme. While resurfacing involves replacing layers of the road, surface dressing is a preventative treatment that seals and protects the

existing surface, helping to prevent water ingress, improve skid resistance and prolong the life of the carriageway before more significant intervention is required.

- 17,590 reactive defects, including potholes, repaired between April and July 2026.

- 154 planned patching schemes have been completed across Hampshire as part of the accelerated programme, covering more than 32,000m² of carriageway. Patching involves targeted repairs to sections of road showing signs of deterioration, helping to strengthen the carriageway and prevent more extensive damage from developing. This work has been supported by additional resources and investment.

Residents can play an important role too by acting as extra eyes on the network and reporting potholes or other highway issues through the County Council's website or the OurHants app. This proactive reporting helps us identify problems early, target resources effectively and address issues before they become more serious and expensive to repair.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/25092026VehicleExciseDuty

New support pathway to help Hampshire residents with complex care needs get home sooner after hospital stays
Older people, disabled residents and others who need ongoing care after a hospital stay could return home sooner and receive more coordinated support under a new approach approved by Hampshire County Council

The County Council will lead a specialist discharge service for people who are medically ready to leave hospital but require further assessment and support before longer-term care arrangements can be agreed.

Working in partnership with NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (ICB), the new approach is designed to reduce hospital discharge delays, simplify what can often be a complex process for patients and families, and help more people recover in a home or community setting as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

The service will support people with complex health and care needs, including those who require consideration for NHS Continuing Healthcare, which provides ongoing care to those with significant, long-term health needs. Around 650 Hampshire residents are expected to benefit from the pathway each year.

Expected benefits include:

- Faster discharge from hospital when medically appropriate.
- A simpler and more coordinated process for patients, families and carers.
- Assessments taking place in home or community settings wherever possible.
- Greater opportunities for people to regain confidence and independence.
- Reduced delays in decisions about ongoing care and support.
- Better integration between health and social care services.
- Improved patient experience and wellbeing.

The service will commence on or after 1 January 2027 for an initial three-year period, with the option to extend for a further two years.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260925discharge

Hampshire partnership powers growth, skills and opportunity across the county
Thousands of Hampshire residents and businesses are benefiting from programmes that are boosting skills, creating jobs and driving economic growth, according to the latest annual report on the work of the Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board. By bringing together leaders from business, education and local government, the partnership is unlocking opportunities, attracting investment and building a more prosperous future for communities across the county

The latest report highlights how, over the past year, a wide range of initiatives have been delivered, including support for more than 1,500 businesses through the Hampshire Growth Hub. Alongside this, Government-funded programmes such as Skills Bootcamps - delivering fast-track training in sectors facing skills shortages, helping local people develop new skills and connect with employment opportunities - have been taken up by more than 1,000 Hampshire residents to date.

Connect to Work has also now launched in Hampshire, designed to support people with health conditions and other complex barriers to employment to find long-term and rewarding work, while the Hampshire Careers Hub continues supporting more than 100 schools, colleges and specialist settings, arranging over 1,100 work experience placements across key sectors, helping inspire the next generation.

The annual report also highlights activity across Hampshire's growth sectors, from the launch of the South-Central Regional Defence and Security Cluster, now bringing together around 350 members, alongside initiatives which champion the county's creative and life sciences industries.

The Hampshire Prosperity Partnership brings together leaders from business, education and local government to work collectively to support the local economy. Its priorities include strengthening key industries, supporting businesses, developing skills and careers, and helping create the conditions for long-term prosperity.

Read the full report here

https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260917HampshireProsperityPartnership

Future of Andover Museum and Museum of the Iron Age secured thanks to funding package
Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) has approved funding of £100,000 to help secure the future of Andover Museum and the Museum of the Iron Age. The decision was made at a cabinet meeting on Wednesday 23 September and follows approval from Andover Town Council on 9 September to contribute a further £50,000.

The two councils have been working closely with Hampshire Cultural Trust to identify a long-term solution that protects one of Andover's most valued cultural and heritage attractions after concerns about its future funding. The investment will provide time for HCT to explore more financially resilient and sustainable service delivery options and operating models.

As part of the agreement, the two councils will meet regularly with Hampshire Cultural Trust over the next two-and-a-half years to monitor progress towards a longer-term, sustainable future for the museum.

https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/sep/future-of-andover-museum-and-museum-of-the-iron-age-secured-thanks-to-funding-package

Fly-tippers prosecuted after dumping waste in Clatford
Two men have been ordered to pay a total of £2,866 after admitting illegally dumping waste in a fly-tipping incident near Andover.

Aidan Molumby from Andover and Adam Heaver from Newbury appeared before Basingstoke Magistrates' Court on 4 September and pleaded guilty to depositing a large concrete block in Watery Lane, Clatford, in January 2025.

Test Valley Borough Council officers discovered the waste during a routine inspection. The vehicle used to dump the block was spotted on CCTV, and following enquiries with the registered keeper the council was able to identify the two men involved. At court, Molumby was ordered to pay £968, while Heaver was ordered to pay a total of £1,898.

Residents can report fly-tipping on the council's website at www.testvalley.gov.uk/fly-tipping.

https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/sep/fly-tippers-prosecuted-after-dumping-waste-in-clatford

Queen Elizabeth II sculpture unveiled at Romsey Abbey
A new life-size bronze sculpture of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been unveiled at Romsey Abbey, providing a lasting tribute to the late monarch and her special connections to the town.

The artwork was officially unveiled on Friday (4 September) by the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire alongside the Countess Mountbatten of Burma during a ceremony attended by residents, community representatives and invited guests.

Hampshire sculptor Amy Goodman created the bronze statue to complete Test Valley Borough Council's Queen Elizabeth II sculpture project, which marked Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. It follows the unveiling of a companion sculpture in Andover in 2024.

The sculpture has been installed in the north churchyard of Romsey Abbey, chosen for its historic links to the Royal Family and the Mountbatten family of Broadlands. The Abbey has played an important role in the story of Queen Elizabeth II and her family.

https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/sep/queen-elizabeth-ii-sculpture-unveiled-at-romsey-abbey

Cllr David Drew
Harewood ward, TVBC
Test Valley Central, HCC

APPENDIX B

Date: 01/10/2026 — **Abbotts Ann Parish Council** — Page 1

Time: 09:56 — **Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/09/2026 for Cashbook 1 - Lloyds Treasurers Account** — User: AMANDA

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page	Balances
Lloyds Treasurers Account	30/09/2026		80,650.36
			80,650.36

Unpresented Payments (Minus)	Amount	
	0.00	
		0.00
		80,650.36

Unpresented Receipts (Plus)		
	0.00	
		0.00
		80,650.36

Balance per Cash Book is :-	**80,650.36**
Difference is :-	**0.00**