

**Minutes from the Meeting  
held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at  
19:00 at the War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

	<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councillor Howard (Chairman)</b>	✓		
<b>Councillor Jones (Vice Chair)</b>		✓	
<b>Councillor Jordan</b>	✓		
<b>Councillor Wallis</b>	✓		
<b>Councillor Cole</b>			✓
<b>Councillor Heather</b>	✓		
<b>Vacancy</b>	-	-	-

**Also, IN ATTENDANCE**

Amanda Owen - Clerk, Test Valley Borough Council – Councillor Maureen Flood & County Councillor – Councillor David Drew.

<b>230201</b>	<b>To receive Chairman's opening remarks.</b> 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.
<b>230202</b>	<b>To receive and accept apologies for absence.</b> Apologies were <b>RECEIVED</b> and <b>ACCEPTED</b> from Councillor Jones.
<b>230203</b>	<b>To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on this agenda.</b> There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to items on this agenda <b>RECEIVED</b> .
<b>230204</b>	<b>To approve the minutes of the full Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</b> The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 were <b>APPROVED</b> as a correct record of the meeting.
<b>230205</b>	<b>To receive updates to already published reports, any further updates &amp; updates to the action plan.</b> Reports can be found at <b>APPENDIX A</b> .  Councillor Flood provided an overview of her report.  Councillor Drew provided an overview of his report.  Beth Deacon provided a report advising that a Lottery Grant application was due to be completed this week, and uploaded to the Lottery Portal next week.  Councillor Jordan addressed the meeting with regards to the dead tree at the War Memorial Hall, he will assist the Clerk with paper work this week.  Councillor Howard noted an email that had been received with regards to the Pan Parish Forum. It was agreed that Councillor Heather would attend a meeting next Tuesday to meet with Councillor Flood & a Southern Water Representative to be brought up to date.
<b>230206</b>	<b>To receive information needing to be distributed.</b> No information requiring circulation.
<b>230207</b>	<b>To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance.</b> The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were <b>NOTED</b> with the bank balance as 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023 being £58,859.13. The bank reconciliation can be found as <b>APPENDIX B</b> .

230208	<p><b>To approve the requests for payments for February.</b></p> <p>The payments as listed in the table below were <b>APPROVED</b> for payment. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jordan. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="4">February 2023 Payment Requests</th></tr><tr><th>TO</th><th>FOR</th><th>INVOICE NO</th><th>AMOUNT</th></tr><tr><td>Staff</td><td>Salary</td><td>February</td><td>£1,035.90</td></tr><tr><td>Staff</td><td>Expenses</td><td>January</td><td>£21.79</td></tr><tr><td>Scandor</td><td>Grounds Maintenance - January</td><td>Inv 18992</td><td>£809.95</td></tr><tr><td>Business Stream</td><td>Pavilion Water - September to December</td><td></td><td>£58.55</td></tr><tr><td>Councillor Heather</td><td>Expenses</td><td></td><td>£37.50</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>Total</td><td>£1,963.69</td></tr></table>	February 2023 Payment Requests				TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT	Staff	Salary	February	£1,035.90	Staff	Expenses	January	£21.79	Scandor	Grounds Maintenance - January	Inv 18992	£809.95	Business Stream	Pavilion Water - September to December		£58.55	Councillor Heather	Expenses		£37.50			Total	£1,963.69
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230209	<p><b>To discuss and agree Abbots Ann Parish Councils involvement / support for the Coronation Weekend in the Parish.</b></p> <p>Cllr. Howard outlined the plans being proposed for the weekend by a volunteer working party, including the provision of a memento (free for Parish children under 16 and to be paid for when requested by non-parish children at Abbots Ann School and by Parish residents. It was <b>AGREED</b> to support the Coronation Weekend with a grant of £1000 for mementos and for Insurance for the event. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																
230210	<p><b>To discuss Parish Council elections for May 2023, including voter ID.</b></p> <p>Councillor Jordan provided an overview of his articles which were published in the Parish Magazine and agreed to provide shorter versions for inclusion in the next 3 magazines.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk would post information on the noticeboards and website highlighting the election and the importance of voter ID.</p>																																
230211	<p><b>To review the work that is required for the Local Plan and consider direction to Abbots Ann Action.</b></p> <p>Work is on hold until schedule for comments of the next draft of the Plan is known. It was clarified that Abbots Ann Parish Council would still welcome advice from Ray Lucas of Abbots Ann Action and are content to work with Upper Clatford PC and Abbots Ann Action on Local Gap aspects of the Plan.</p>																																
230212	<p><b>To discuss the ashes interment request within a burial plot.</b></p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that a horizontal memorial stone level with the existing surface of the Memorial Garden could be installed at a maximum of 11” square and that the Chairman and the Clerk were to produce updates necessary to the BG Regulations for the approval of Council at the March meeting. Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																
230213	<p><b>To consider works to the double gate and pedestrian gate at the War Memorial Hall.</b></p> <p>After discussion, Councillor Jordan volunteered to remedy the gates highlighted by the playground inspection report.</p>																																
230214	<p><b>To consider the below planning application:</b></p>																																
230214.01	<p><b>23/00104/TREEN</b> <b>T1 - Pine tree - Remove dead tree to just above fence/trellis, G1 - Hazel, Beech, Ash and Holly - Reduce by up to 5m.</b> <b>Kallehult, Church Road, Abbots Ann.</b></p>																																

	<p>The Parish Council had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this application.  Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Jordan.  All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<b>230214.02</b>	<p><b>23/00141/TREEN</b>  <b>T1 - Silver Birch – Fell.</b>  <b>Ash Cottage, 37 Duck Street, Abbots Ann.</b>  The Parish Council had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this application.  Proposed by Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Jordan.  All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<b>230214.03</b>	<p><b>23/00206/TREEN</b>  <b>T1 - Sycamore – Fell.</b>  <b>Linden Cottage, 30 Church Lane Footpath, Abbots Ann.</b>  The Parish Council had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this application.  Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis.  All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<b>230214.04</b>	<p><b>23/00204/TREEN</b>  <b>T1, T2, T3, T4 Willow - Fell to ground level.</b>  <b>Constantia Cottage, 136 Little Ann Road, Little Ann.</b>  The Parish Council had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this application providing replacements are planted.  Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather.  All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<b>230215</b>	<p><b>To agree the date of the next meeting as Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.</b>  The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:19.

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Reports – February 2023.**

#### **Footpath Portfolio Report for January 2023**

The weather has hampered path maintenance during the month, but we have managed to trim the grass edges on the shop end of Church path, trimmed the bushes along Short path, trimmed grass along the top end of Penny path. I have been chasing up Carter Jonas about the wire fencing along Penny path, and they in turn are chasing up the tenant farmer to clear the fence and waiting a response.

We temporary fixed the 3 finger sign post on Dunkirk Lane which was falling down, but we have now received a new post and fingers from Hampshire Countryside service, along with replacement sign fingers for Church path and Penny path which all have been fitted.

I am pleased to confirm Hampshire Highways have cut the hedge along the A343 between Duck Street and the new building site after my request, to make it safer to walk along the footpath.

I had a complaint from a resident in Manor Close concerning the very muddy entries at the Manor Close end, also at the kissing gate at the corner of the playing field, reference path number 001/5/1 (Duck Street to Manor Close) Both problems have now been resolved by placing stone chippings at each entry.

In February we are planning to Hedge trimming Bury Hill path and Duck Street to Manor Close path. Inspection and possible clean up Green Lane after to installation of pipe work for the fibre cables.

Decision to be made if we install a new style by the farmer gate at the end of upper Pitt path on the Monxton Road?

Councillor John Heather

#### **Sports and Recreation Update Feb 2023**

##### **Sports Field**

I have had a complaint from a dog walker who said that her dog had got tangled up in one of the football goal nets. She also said that deer occasionally visit the field and the same fate could happen to them. She suggested rolling up the nets when they are not being used but I think that a better solution would be to secure the nets to the ground with heavy duty tent pegs. The cost would be approx £10.

##### **Pavilion**

The FC Anton footballers continue to leave mud and rubbish in the pavilion and last weekend a window was left open and a light was left switched on. This is a problem as a craft group uses the pavilion on Monday afternoons and expect it to be clean and tidy. I have read the Riot Act to the football club manager who has written to his players reminding them that the pavilion should be left clean and tidy after use. I have also put up notices in the changing rooms with the Ts & Cs of hire.

Two recent football matches had to be cancelled because of a frozen pitch.

There may have been an unauthorised use of the junior football pitch and the pavilion last Saturday so I plan to change the codes for the gate and key safe again.

No fundraising update to report

Cllr. Chris Wallis

#### **Update from Hampshire County Council – February 2023**

##### **Hampshire County Council sets out £2.6 billion spending plans for local services amid difficult economic times in 2023/24**

Spending plans for 2023/24, totalling £2.6bn, to deliver hundreds of local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents will be considered by Hampshire County Council's Cabinet.

At their meeting on Tuesday 7 February, the Authority's Executive Members will review spending proposals for the coming financial year which aim to continue to deliver vital public services while supporting the most vulnerable children and adults in Hampshire.

The continued cost of living pressures on Hampshire's households is at the forefront of our budget considerations for the year ahead. At a time when we know residents are having to make difficult decisions about their spending, the County Council is also grappling with profound financial challenges. Like all councils nationally, years of underfunding from central Government, alongside continued growth in demand for social care for our county's most vulnerable children and adults is stretching our budgets to the brink. The funding awarded by Government for this coming year, although welcome, still won't be enough to meet the growing pressures in social care over the next year. We also have to factor in workforce pressures and inflation which is pushing up the costs of delivering local services across the board to our residents.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/31012023Cabinetbudgetproposals>

### **It's 'Time to Talk' about mental wellbeing**

On this national Time to Talk Day (2 February 2023), Hampshire County Council is reminding residents about its Chat About scheme that aims to help people connect with others to alleviate loneliness and improve wellbeing

When it comes to our mental health and wellbeing, having someone to talk to can significantly relieve stress and loneliness. But it's not always easy to take the first step. Joining a Chat About scheme near you is an easy way to get started in opening up if you're having a tough time, feeling lonely or if you want to connect with others.

The County Council's Chat About scheme currently operates out of 23 libraries, providing welcoming, inclusive spaces where people can gather to connect and talk. Specially trained staff are on hand to help introduce people into a group or to have a one-to-one conversation, and they are also able to signpost people to resources to support anyone looking for help.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/020223chatabout>

### **Free access to 1921 census in Hampshire County Council libraries and Record Office**

Residents will be able to delve into history free of charge from 1 February when the 1921 census becomes available at all Hampshire County Council libraries and the Record Office in Winchester

The County Council has arranged for access to FindMyPast, which holds the latest available census data for England and Wales, and is making it available for no charge.

The latest available census data offers a fascinating snapshot of life back in the early twentieth century, so I am delighted that we can now offer free access to this information at libraries and at Hampshire Record Office. Through the 1921 census we can get an insight into a time when people were adjusting to life after the trauma of World War I and the aftermath of a devastating influenza pandemic. Through the click of a button, we can search for information about own family members, our street or neighbourhood and this is all now available without charge.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/270123census1921>

### **Latest County Council Leader's grants to benefit culture and communities across Hampshire**

The Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Rob Humby has today awarded £67,800 in one-off community grants to five organisations across East Hampshire, Winchester, Test Valley, and Fleet.

These community grants support local organisations to help provide life-enriching opportunities for residents, whether through learning, creative expression or by being physically active – all have a positive impact on wellbeing. Making sure community activities are accessible is important.

A County Council Leader's Community Grant of £25,000 has also been awarded to Test Valley Arts Foundation for a pilot project to provide opportunities for greater community cohesion, including a finding friends network, an internationally themed food festival, pop-up performing arts, music and visual arts workshops, and an 'artists in residence' programme.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230119LeadersCommunityGrants>

Cllr David Drew

Test Valley Central Division, HCC

## Test Valley Borough Councillor Report - Test Valley Borough Councillor Report -February 2023

### ***Voter ID - May 2023 Elections***

TVBC are urging residents to make sure they are prepared for the introduction of voter ID later this year, as the government rolls out the major change to elections across the country.

By law, from 4 May 2023, all residents will need to show photographic ID when they go to a polling station before they receive their ballot paper. The government is introducing the changes to reduce and prevent voter fraud.

People can use various forms of ID, including a driving licence, passport, Older Person's Bus Pass, a blue badge or Disabled Person's Bus Pass. The full list of accepted ID can be found at [www.testvalley.gov.uk/voterID](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/voterID).

### ***TVBC - £1M to deliver major projects across borough***

Test Valley Borough Council: £1M from the government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) to help local partner organisations to deliver six major projects in the area, including creating a new health hub in Andover and supporting community schemes in Romsey.

### ***Fly-tipping***

TVBC has a zero-tolerance approach fly tipping. All reports of fly-tipping are investigated and with sufficient evidence, taken through to prosecution.

Recent cases of fly-tipping:

A man has been handed a prison sentence after fly-tipping a large amount of waste on a rural lane

A Southampton man has been ordered to pay almost £2,000 after failing to assist Test Valley Borough with a fly-tipping investigation

A man from Southampton has been ordered to pay a total of just over £1,000 after pleading guilty to a fly-tipping incident.

Councillor Maureen Flood

## **APPENDIX B**

Date: 01/02/2023		Abbotts Ann Parish Council		Page 1
Time: 10:38		Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/01/2023 for Cashbook 1 - Lloyds Treasurers Account		User: AMANDA
<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>	
Lloyds Treasurers Account	31/01/2023		58,859.13	
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<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>		
		0.00	0.00	
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<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>				
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		Balance per Cash Book is :-	58,859.13	
		Difference is :-	0.00	