

**Minutes from the Meeting
held on Thursday 5th March at 19:00
at The War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan		√	
Councillor Howard	√		
Councillor Heather	√		
Councillor Wallis	√		
Councillor Mitchell	√		
Vacancy	-	-	-
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Also, IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda Owen – Clerk, Borough Councillors Flood, County Councillor Drew & one member of the public.

260301	<p>To receive Chairman’s opening remarks. In the absence of Councillor Jordan, Councillor Howard chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting is recorded.</p>
260302	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Councillor Jordan.</p>
260303	<p>To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on this agenda. No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.</p>
260304	<p>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th February. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th February were signed as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
260305	<p>To receive updates already published and any further updates provided. Reports can be found at APPENDIX A.</p> <p>Councillor Heather provided an update with regards to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Footpaths have been inspected, all passable. - Trimming will begin in April. - Sewerage issues occurring due to ground water. Three tankers have been situated at Manor Farm and a number scattered around the area. - Complaint submitted as a tanker by Manor Farm was discharging down the road, Southern Water advise it is diluted foul water. - Zoom meeting with Southern Water and PPF tomorrow evening (6th March). <p>Councillor Mitchell advised she has been researching options to repair the Church Yard Fence, to determine whether the Parish Council can assist. She also advised that the deforestation at Dunkirt Lane had seen an increase in communication between villagers.</p> <p>Councillor Wallis advised he had no update.</p> <p>Councillor Howard reviewed the action list.</p> <p>Borough Councillor Flood provided an overview of her report.</p> <p>County Councillor Drew provided an overview of his report.</p>
260306	<p>To receive an update with regards to: Abbots Ann Community Land Trust Community Clubhouse Churchyard Footpath Abbots Ann Community Land Trust</p> <p>“Further discussions have taken place between all relevant parties, including AACLT, and we believe that the contracts for purchase of the site by the Developer should be exchanged imminently. Once there is a</p>

	<p>binding contract in place discussions will take place with the Developer as to layout and design. AACLT will then arrange a further public consultation. When I have further news I will let you know.”</p> <p>Community Clubhouse No further update.</p> <p>Churchyard Footpath Please see item 260305.</p>																																																				
260307	<p>To review the presentation from Councillor Jordan, suggest amendments and approve the delivery to Test Valley Borough Council. It was noted that Councillors would submit comments to the Clerk by close of play Monday 9th February.</p>																																																				
260308	<p>To note the locations of the Sakura Cherry Trees. The locations of the Sakura Cherry Trees were note and can be found at APPENDIX B.</p>																																																				
260309	<p>To agree supporting a talk from The Man Van with regards to men’s health on Saturday 19th September. It was AGREED to support a talk from the Man Van with regards to men’s health. Proposed by Councillor Howard, Councillor Heather. Unanimous.</p>																																																				
260310	<p>To support the upcoming public consultation held by CL Planning on 11th March with regards to 62 potential homes, located at Land at Bulbery Field, Duck Street, Abbots Ann. It was AGREED the Parish Council supported the consultation being held on 11th March by CL Planning. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution. The Parish Council would also like to reiterate that they are not associated with the consultation, or the planning proposal.</p>																																																				
260311	<p>To retrospectively approve Arb. Company to complete a check of completed tree works at a cost of £48.00. It was AGREED to retrospectively approve Arb. Company to complete a check of completed tree works at a cost of £48.00. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																																				
260312	<p>To agree a quote for grass guard tiles at Magic Meadow. It was AGREED to accept the quote from Infinity Playgrounds at a cost of £760.63. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																																				
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260315	<p>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 28th February 2026 being £58,234.11. The bank reconciliations can be found at APPENDIX C.</p>																																																				
260316	<p>To approve payment requests. The payments as listed in the table below were APPROVED for payment. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Mitchell. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="368 1715 1414 2134"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">March 2026 Payment Requests</th> </tr> <tr> <th>TO</th> <th>FOR</th> <th>INVOICE NO</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>March</td> <td>£1,264.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>February</td> <td>£32.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds</td> <td>Bank Charge</td> <td></td> <td>£4.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scandor</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>Inv 21334</td> <td>£852.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One Two Tree</td> <td>Burial Ground / Churchyard Tree Works</td> <td>Inv - 1007</td> <td>£900.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>One Two Tree</td> <td>Burial Ground / Churchyard Tree Works</td> <td>Inv - 1008</td> <td>£1,440.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Test Valley Borough Council</td> <td>Play area inspections 2025 / 2026</td> <td>Inv 10070802</td> <td>£1,190.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DJ Harris</td> <td>Install lever tap & replace lever tap - Pavilion</td> <td>Inv 9950</td> <td>£184.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arb. Company</td> <td>Tree work review - BG & CY</td> <td>Inv - 0344</td> <td>£48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EDF</td> <td>Pavilion Electricity</td> <td>DD - KI-CC1F4FE6-0004</td> <td>£49.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£5,965.47</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	March 2026 Payment Requests				TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT	Staff	Salary	March	£1,264.29	Staff	Expenses	February	£32.52	Lloyds	Bank Charge		£4.25	Scandor	Grounds Maintenance	Inv 21334	£852.67	One Two Tree	Burial Ground / Churchyard Tree Works	Inv - 1007	£900.00	One Two Tree	Burial Ground / Churchyard Tree Works	Inv - 1008	£1,440.00	Test Valley Borough Council	Play area inspections 2025 / 2026	Inv 10070802	£1,190.20	DJ Harris	Install lever tap & replace lever tap - Pavilion	Inv 9950	£184.20	Arb. Company	Tree work review - BG & CY	Inv - 0344	£48.00	EDF	Pavilion Electricity	DD - KI-CC1F4FE6-0004	£49.34				£5,965.47
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260317	To consider the following planning application(s):
260317.01	26/00317/FULLN (26/00217/FULLN) New carport to front drive. 7 Kingsmead, Anna Valley, Andover, 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.
260317.02	26/00358/FULLN (26/00258/FULLN) First floor extension on front elevation Dale House, Foundry Road, Anna Valley, Andover The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
260317.03	26/00335/TREEN (26/00235/TREEN) T1 - Apple - Fell, T2-4 - Apple - Prune by up to 2.5m, T5 - Pear - Prune by up to 3.5m Pitt House, Duck Street, Abbots Ann Decision already made by Test Valley Borough Council.
260318	To confirm the date of the next meeting as Thursday 2nd April 2026. The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 2 nd April.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:23.

APPENDIX A

Borough Councillor Report Cllr Maureen Flood and Cllr Susanne Hasselmann March 2026

Council approves balanced budget for 2026/27

Following a council meeting on 27 February 2026, TVBC approved a balanced budget for 2026/27.

The budget sets the Band D council tax at £173.91 for an entire year of TVBC services, a 2.96% (below inflation) increase from 2025/26. TVBC's council charge is still the fourth lowest in Hampshire and is in the lowest quartile in England, and some £45 (20%) lower than the average charge in England.

The budget includes funding to support regeneration in Andover and Romsey, investment in rural communities, progress in Corporate Plan priority projects across the borough, as well as preparing for the ongoing process of local government reorganisation. The council will implement the approved budget from April 2026.

Councillors also approved the continuation of the council tax support scheme, which helps households who struggle to pay their council tax bill.

Test Valley nominated for award for transformational Andover Health Hub partnership

Test Valley Borough Council has been nominated for an award for its work with the NHS to create the innovative Andover Health Hub.

Andover Health Hub, located diagonally opposite Boswell's Café in the Chantry Centre, started out as a covid vaccination centre back in 2021. But the council and its partners, including Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight and Andover Primary Care Network (PCN), saw the opportunity to create a permanent presence in the town centre and offer more joined-up community-based healthcare. And since opening in 2023 it's gone from strength to strength.

The LGC Awards ceremony will take place on 10 June 2026.

Man fined after failing to cooperate with fly tipping investigation in Andover

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On 23 June 2025, a quantity of waste was discovered unlawfully dumped on Watery Lane. Information within the fly-tip led officers to Oliver Poulton, from Andover.

Poulton was invited to attend an interview under caution but failed to do so. Officers then served a formal Notice under Section 108 of the Environment Act 1995, requiring him to attend a further interview. Despite being properly served and given reasonable opportunity to attend, Poulton again failed to engage and did not offer any explanation or request a new date.

Appearing at Basingstoke Magistrates Court on 10 February 2026, Poulton pleaded guilty and was given a £500 fine, along with a £200 victim surcharge and £736 in costs, bringing the total to £1,436.

Residents can report fly tipping online at www.testvalley.gov.uk/fly-tipping.

Postal Vote Reapplications – Important Information

Under the Elections Act 2022, postal voters who have not reapplied since the new rules were introduced in October 2023 had to reapply by 31 January 2026. If they didn't, their postal vote was cancelled.

Test Valley Borough Council has contacted approximately 15,000 postal voters in Test Valley to advise them of the need to reapply, contacting electors by email where this was held. Further notices were sent in the post in late October and additional reminder notices went out after Christmas, which included a paper application form and a pre-paid reply envelope.

Electors who have not re-registered and who wish to continue to vote by post can reapply at www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote. If they cannot use the online application form, they can request a paper form by contacting Test Valley Borough Council, Tel: 01264 368000.

Completed paper forms can be returned by:

- Email: Scan and send to postal.voting@testvalley.gov.uk
- In Person: At Beech Hurst, where assistance is available

If none of these options are possible, electors - or someone acting on their behalf - should contact TVBC for tailored support.

For further details contact Electoral Services: elecereg@testvalley.gov.uk | 01264 368000

Test Valley Community Resilience Forum

The Test Valley Community Resilience Forum is in its twelfth year, since its inception in 2014, and continues to be a space for community representatives to come together to share knowledge and build relationships with other local partners and groups. As we look ahead to changes in Local Government over the coming years, strengthening communities remains one of our key priorities. Building resilient communities will play an important role in shaping the future ways of working for the new authority. We want to do this in partnership with you and your communities, supporting local priorities and needs

At the upcoming forum, we welcome Lucy Easthope, one of the UK's leading experts in emergency planning, resilience and recovery. Lucy will be delivering a session on the importance of prevention, preparedness, and recovery. Lucy brings a wealth of experience and inspiring stories to the forum, and we hope you and your communities will be able to make it.

For more information about Lucy, visit her website here - [*About – Whatever next*](#)

The session takes place on **Friday 27 March at Crosfield Hall, Romsey** and the networking breakfast will be available **from 9.45am**. The session will aim to end around midday.

Please RSVP to gbloss@testvalley.gov.uk with any dietary requirements.

CLlr Susanne Hasselmann, Borough Councillor cllrshasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk

CLlr Maureen Flood, Borough Councillor cllrmflood@testvalley.gov.uk

Useful contacts:

Michelle Penn, Community Engagement Officer, Anna Ward, mpenn@testvalley.gov.uk

Update from Hampshire County Council – March 2026



Hampshire Youth Parliament launches new term and sets priorities for 2026–202

Hampshire Youth Parliament (HYP) has officially begun its new two-year term, bringing together Youth Councillors from across the county for their first in-person meeting of the year

The event marked an energising start to their tenure, giving members, elected by their schools and colleges, the opportunity to connect, share ideas, and begin shaping the priorities that will guide their work over the next two years.

After a day of discussion and collaboration, HYP – which is supported and facilitated by Hampshire County Council – confirmed four key issues that will lead its campaigning and project work:

- Period Poverty – tackling inequality in access to menstrual products
- Crime & Safety – addressing anti-social behaviour and promoting safer communities

- Cost of Living – ensuring young people’s voices are heard in conversations about financial pressures
- Misogyny – challenging gender-based discrimination and promoting respect.

These priorities will shape HYP’s work locally, regionally, and nationally as members begin developing campaigns, partnerships, and youth-led initiatives throughout the 2026–2027 term.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260224YouthParliament>

Hampshire County Council approves council tax increase to protect vital services and plan responsibly for the future

Hampshire County Council has today (26 February) approved its budget for 2026/27, setting out how the Authority will continue to deliver essential services while managing unprecedented ongoing financial pressures facing local government

At the meeting of the full County Council, councillors agreed a 4.99% increase in Hampshire County Council’s share of council tax from April 2026, the maximum rise that Government allows councils without them needing to hold a local referendum. The increase will help protect vital services for the county’s most vulnerable children and adults, while enabling the Council to keep controlling costs, deliver savings and continue transforming services through more efficient and innovative ways of working.

The increase means that the Hampshire County Council element of council tax for a Band D property will be £1,690.11 in 2026/27 – an increase of £1.54 per week from last year. Despite the increase, Hampshire continues to have one of the lowest county council tax precepts amongst shire councils in England.

As in previous years, 2% of the increase will be directed specifically to adult social care, in line with Government policy, as demand keeps rising from an ageing population and essential support for adults with complex needs and disabilities.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260226Budgetdecision20262027>

Helping Nature - Hampshire County Council set to examine Hampshire’s Biodiversity Duty Report

Hampshire County Council has today published its first statutory Biodiversity Duty Report, setting out in detail how the authority has conserved and enhanced biodiversity across Hampshire between January 2023 and December 2025, that will go before the Universal Services Select Committee on 2 March

Councillors will discuss the report that demonstrates the County Council’s approach to embedding biodiversity considerations across its policies, land management, infrastructure, public health, planning, and community engagement.

It sets out a whole organisation approach and commitment to working collaboratively with a wide range of partners, recognising the significance of Hampshire’s natural environment to the county’s identity, economy, health and wellbeing, and ability to respond to the challenges of climate change.

Key achievements include major habitat creation and restoration, significant tree and hedgerow planting, integration of nature-based solutions in infrastructure, strengthened monitoring, and strong partnerships for nature recovery.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260220BiodiversityDutyReport>

Report highlights the harms from alcohol and the support available

More people in Hampshire are now seeking advice and treatment to reduce their alcohol consumption, according to the latest report from Hampshire County Council’s Director of Public Health

The [report](#) highlights the ongoing impact of alcohol harm on individuals, families, and communities, while showing strong progress in the number of people accessing advice and treatment.

Simon Bryant comments: “Although most Hampshire residents drink safely, around a quarter of adults currently drink more than the recommended limit of 14 units per week, contributing to around 25 alcohol-related hospital admissions every day. Many residents may not realise they are putting their health at risk by drinking above recommended limits.

“However, we are seeing more Hampshire residents taking positive steps to improve their health, with the number of people seeking support to reduce their alcohol consumption doubling since 2022. This rise means around 1,000 additional people are now getting help to make healthier choices about alcohol, reflecting growing awareness of the benefits of early support and the increasing availability of services across the county.

“Even small reductions in drinking can quickly improve sleep, energy, mood, and long-term health. It is encouraging to see more residents taking positive steps with twice as many people now getting the help they need, thanks to the

support available.”

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260212DirofPHreportalcoholharm>

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<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/feb/man-fined-after-failing-to-cooperate-with-fly-tipping-investigation-in-andover>

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National publication, the Local Government Chronicle (LGC), hosts an annual awards ceremony, celebrating councils that have undertaken exceptional work over the past 12 months. TVBC is up for the LGC's Public Partnership award, which recognises local authorities that have worked with other public sector bodies to improve lives and outcomes for their communities.

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Initially offering a range of services including blood pressure and other health checks in a bid to help prevent and diagnose conditions early on and improve people's lives in the local community, the hub underwent a major revamp and expansion back in 2025.

<https://testvalley.gov.uk/news/2026/feb/test-valley-nominated-for-award-for-transformational-andover-health-hub-partnership>

David Drew

Test Valley Central Division, HCC

Harewood ward, TVBC

Appendix B
Bulbery



The Green





Appendix C

Date: 02/03/2026

Abbotts Ann Parish Council

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Time: 12:11

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28/02/2026
for Cashbook 1 - Lloyds Treasurers Account**

User: AMANDA

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Lloyds Treasurers Account	28/02/2026		58,234.11
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<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
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			58,234.11
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
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