Minutes from the Meeting held on Thursday 6th November October at 19:00 at The War Memorial Hall, Abbotts Ann.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan	٧		
Councillor Howard	٧		
Councillor Heather		٧	
Councillor Wallis	٧		
Councillor Mitchell	٧		
Vacancy	-	-	-
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Also, IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda Owen – Clerk, Borough Councillor Hasselmann, County Councillor Drew, Jenny Read – Abbotts Ann Players, Zachary Hine & Kurtis Archer – Made by Padel & no members of the public.

251101	To receive Chairman's opening remarks.				
	Councillor Jordan welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting is recorded.				
	By way of opening remarks, a lot to cover during this meeting. A lot going on with TVBC some good, some				
	not so and other opportunities.				
251102	To receive and accept apologies for absence.				
	Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Councillor Heather.				
251103	To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on this agenda.				
	No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.				
251104	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2 nd October.				
	The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2 nd October were signed a correct record of the meeting.				
	Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Howard.				
	This motion was passed on a vote of 3 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION.				
251105	To receive updates already published and any further updates provided.				
	Reports can be found at APPENDIX A.				
	Councillor Mitchell advised that a good response had been received from the Primary School with regards to				
	the naming of the playground at Bulbery. The Primary School are keen to be involved with the opening				
	ceremony are a waiting for a response from Reverend Teresa with regards to potential dates for the				
	opening ceremony, carols etc.				
	Councillor Howard ran through the action list.				
	Borough Councillor Hasselmann provided an overview of her report and an overview of discussions with				
	regards to the Bulbery Community Clubhouse planning application.				
	County Councillor Drew provided an overview of his report.				
251106	To receive an update from Abbotts Ann Community Land Trust.				
	John Barlow provided the following update:				
	"I am keeping in close touch with the proposed Developers who are getting through the investigations and				
	working on the purchase contract. All appears to be going well, I am promised a discussion with them soon. I				
	have nothing further to add at present."				
251107	To receive an update relating to the Community Clubhouse & Bulbery Play Area.				
	Councillor Jordan addressed the meeting and advised the following:				
	TVBC have come up with a number of objections / comments to the initial outline planning application.				
	- Childs play area.				
	- Evidence of support is required.				
	- Public consultation was provided by Patricia on 5 th October 2025, no objections received.				

Main planning application:

Concerns were raised as one football pitch is shown as having been removed. The Parish Council discussed that this is not the case, and that a meeting with TVBC members and Sacha Nicholas (FA) that the proposal to shorten the Junior Pitch in accordance with FA Regulations was accepted to minimize the risk of ball strike to users of the play area was accepted. The Clerk is to ask the architect to correct the drawing accordingly with measurements provided by Councillor Wallis.

Surveys – environment, restrictions will apply to hours of use and noise.

Landscape – no objection

Archeology & highways – no objection

Trees and flooding – pending

Ecology – second bat survey pending.

Planning officer has highlighted:

- The playground being too close to the fence, has anyone asked residents. The Parish Council confirmed that a leaflet drop had taken place.
- The playground will be marked as extant / existing on the updated drawing, it is not included with the Clubhouse proposal.
- The bin store has been highlighted as being to close to residents garden. The Parish Council would like to reiterate that they are not creating a licensed facility.

The Architect has been called to a design panel review on 11th November and were specific items will be discussed.

It was noted that the community survey outcome is not substantive and concerns were raised due to the age of the previous survey. Another survey is required to circulate within Abbotts Ann with regards the clubhouse uses etc. Councillor Jordan will draft a document for Councillor comments which will then be circulated via the Parish Council website and the village email system within the next week / ten days.

To summarise, the planning department had thirty points for clarification, twenty one of which have been answered, with nine pending. More will be known next week.

Councillor Jordan provided an update with regards to an additional funding source that has been mentioned previously:

TVBC have ring fenced £2 million in an infrastructure fund to support community projects. Two of the projects are coming to the Anna Ward – one being Bulbery. The amount allocated to the projects is unknown, or when the funds will be available. This will allow potential to allow a slight diversion to initial plans at the Clubhouse should there be a need.

251108 To discuss the proposal from Made by Padel.

Zachary and Kurtis from Made by Padel provided an overview of their aims and visions and highlighted the current difficulties of obtaining pitch space that is available all year.

Following discussion and the answering of Councillor questions, it was noted that Zachary and Kurtis from Made by Padel would provide a further in depth proposal for Councillors to consider once received.

251109 To agree the interment of ashes of Linda Taylor.

It was **AGREED** to allow the interment of ashes of Linda Taylor.

Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Wallis.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

251110 To agree the continued container storage at the Sportsfield for the Abbotts Ann Players.

It was **AGREED** to allow container storage to continue at the Sportsfield for the Abbotts Ann Players which is to be maintained by them.

Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Wallis.

All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

251111 To agree the purchase of replacement football goals at the Sportsfield.

It was **AGREED** that by the December meeting, Councillor Wallis would talk to teams that currently use the pitches to determine the pros and cons of anchoring or weighted goals were preferred and revert with a

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	November 2025 Payment Requests					
	All members voted unanimously	•				
	Proposed by Councillor Jordan, seconded by Councillor Mitchell.					
221112	To approve payment requests. The payments as listed in the table below were APPROVED for payment.					
251115	balance at 31 st October 2025 being £105,480.22. The bank reconciliation can be found as AP					
			on of the bank balance were NOTED with the bank			
251114		tuation and the reconciliation of the b				
	The Councillors made suggestions for the 2026 / 2027 budget, which the Clerk will update and circulate.					
251113	To consider the 2025 / 2026 budget.					
24222000	All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.					
requested	Councillor Howard.	or dan that an extension be granted to t	cateria trie meeting,	seconded by		
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	It was AGREED to accept the quote from EDF 3 year term - online only. Proposed by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.					
	To agree a new energy provide					
251112	All members voted unanimously	•				
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<u>!</u> 51112	Proposed by Councillor Jordan,	seconded by Councillor Howard.				

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 21:08.

APPENDIX A

Borough Councillor Report

Clir Maureen Flood and Clir Susanne Hasselmann November 2025

Climate Change grants available to support community projects

TVBC launched the Climate Change Grant to help community groups and not-for- profit organisations take action against climate change.

The grant is designed to support projects that improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, or help communities adapt to the effects of climate change. Eligible organisations can apply for funding up to £10,000 and are able to apply up until the end of December 2025, unless all funds are allocated prior to this. More details about the grant are available on the website at: Climate Change Grant | Test Valley Borough Council

The scheme is open to a wide range of groups, including charitable organisations, community associations, parish and town councils, and committees responsible for managing community buildings and assets. Initial grants have been awarded for projects including LED lighting, replacement windows, and solar panel systems.

Park Homes Grants

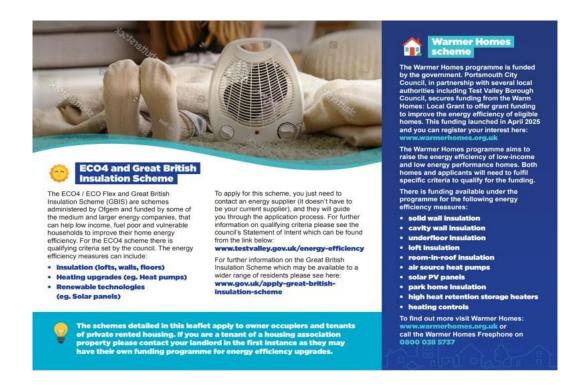
A specific Park Homes Grant has been launched by TVBC. This grant can assist occupants to access funding for energy efficiency improvements such as external wall insulation, energy efficient heating systems, pipe insulation and draught proofing, or any other approved thermal upgrades.

For further information please contact your Test Valley Borough Councillor.

Energy Efficiency Grants

Following recent work through the Climate Emergency Working Group, Test Valley Borough Council have produced a leaflet promoting various different energy efficiency grants, and contact details for organisations who can offer further advice and support. It is hoped that this will help residents identify financial support when upgrading their homes.





You can see the leaflet online via Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/1BPm1GyTwb/

The Andover Christmas Festival

The Festival will be held on Friday 21 November 2025, from 4-7pm. This event is always hugely popular and well attended by residents with the whole town centre packed with entertainment for all ages across the High Street, Bridge Street, Town Mills and Riverside Parks and the Chantry Centre.

One update to the event this year will be the closure of Town Mills Car Park for 24 hours from 00:00 on the day of the event, to ease congestion and pedestrian flow by accommodating fairground rides and street food stalls in this space. More information about this event can be found here

<u>Christmas Festival 2025 — ANDOVER TOWN CENTRE</u>

Cllr Susanne Hasselmann, <u>cllrshasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk</u> Cllr Maureen Flood, cllrmflood@testvalley.gov.uk

Update from Hampshire County Council – November 2025



County Council highlights support for private foster carers ahead of awareness day

Are you caring for the child of a friend, neighbour or someone in your extended family? If the answer is yes, you could be in a private fostering arrangement

Ahead of Private Fostering Awareness Day on Wednesday, 5 November, Hampshire County Council is raising awareness of private fostering arrangements and why it needs to know about them.

Private fostering is when a child under 16 (or under 18 if they are disabled) lives with an adult who is not a close family member for 28 days or more. This could be an extended family member like a cousin or great aunt, a family friend or even a neighbour.

It is a legal requirement for the County Council to be notified of a private fostering arrangement by the parent or carer of the child involved. This can be done by phoning the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 555 1384.

There can be many reasons why a child isn't living at home and someone else is required to care for them. These could include family relationship breakdown or divorce, parental illness, or parental homelessness. Other examples include children attending language schools or football academies, where they may be living away from parents for periods of time. Although they are living apart, parents of privately fostered children maintain their parental and financial responsibilities and continue to be involved in all decisions about their child's life throughout the arrangement.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251030privatefostering

County Council to consult on School and Post-16 Transport Policies

Parents will be asked for their views on Hampshire County Council's School Transport and Post-16 Transport Policies in two consultations opening on Monday, 3 November

The policies cover transport for children of compulsory school age who meet <u>national eligibility criteria</u>, and a Post-16 service for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) travelling to further education or training. The School Transport service is required by law while the Post-16 service is chargeable and offered on a discretionary basis.

Most of the County Council's proposed changes to the two policies are designed to make them easier to understand and to provide greater clarity around the way both services are delivered. Alongside these basic changes to policy wording, the County Council is also proposing to withdraw the formal offer of a Spare Capacity Seats Scheme in its School Transport Policy. This is a discretionary scheme which allows spare seats on contracted vehicles to be offered on a temporary, chargeable basis to children who are not eligible for free School Transport.

The current offer of a Spare Capacity Seats Scheme creates an expectation that spare seats can be provided. However, this cannot be fulfilled if the available seats on a given vehicle are all in use by eligible children. Even once allocated, spare seats may later be withdrawn if needed for an eligible child, or if the number of spare seats reduces due to an operational change. There is therefore a lack of clarity for parents on whether spare seats can be made available.

Visit the County Council's website for more information about the proposed consultations on the <u>School</u> Transport and Post-16 Transport Policies.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251023schoolpost16transport

Hampshire County Council continues to grow SEND provision with more specialist places and inclusive support Hampshire County Council is continuing its long-term investment in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) provision, with plans well underway to deliver 1,000 additional specialist school places between 2025 and 2030. This includes a mix of new places in both dedicated special schools and Resourced Provisions (RPs), which are specialist environments based within mainstream schools

Together, these meet a wide range of needs, including autism (AS) and social, emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs. The Council's approach focuses on creating a well-distributed network of RPs across the county, with clear pathways through primary and secondary education.

HCC is launching statutory consultations on the following RPs, expected to open from September 2026, subject to consultation outcomes and final approvals:-

• Harrow Way Community School, Andover: for 15 pupils aged 11 to 16 with autism (AS).

These projects are the latest in a long line of improvements to expand the County Council's own SEND provision, with the aim of reducing reliance on expensive placements in the independent sector. Since 2018, more than 750 new specialist places have already been created.

A further 350 are in progress and expected to be phased in from September 2026, subject to planning, funding, and statutory approvals. Discussions are also underway for over 600 additional places to be delivered between 2027 and 2030.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251023SENDOct2025

Hampshire County Council's Children's Services recognised in national awards

One of Hampshire County Council's Children's Services teams has been recognised as 'Team of the Year' at the national Social Worker of the Year Awards

The authority's Out of Hours team, which supports professionals and members of the public with urgent safeguarding or welfare concerns outside of normal office hours, has taken home the gold award for its inspiring teamwork. It was one of five finalists all vying to be named 'Team of the Year' at this year's awards, which took place on Friday, 17 October.

The Out of Hours team forms part of the County Council's wider Children's Services, which were judged as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted last year for the second time in a row. The Out of Hours service operates during weekday evenings, over the weekends and on Bank Holidays, and also supports with social care issues involving adults. Support may include responding to safeguarding concerns, providing information and advice, or undertaking assessments or more in-depth social work. The priority is to keep people safe until normal working hours resume.

The <u>Social Worker of the Year Awards</u> are the only major national awards for social work in England and recognise positive stories of outstanding social work, creative and compassionate professionals, and inspiring practice. This year's shortlist included 100 practitioners, teams and organisations in 18 categories.

https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251020teamoftheyear

Climate Change grants - there's still time to apply

Test Valley Borough Council's new Climate Change Grant is helping a number communities across the borough to deliver sustainability projects.

Ampfield Parish Council, Sherfield English Village Hall Trust, and Woodley Village Hall have each been awarded £10,000 to help deliver solar panels and battery storage. These upgrades will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions by generating renewable energy and help save on energy bills.

Meanwhile, Abbotswood Community Association, Baddesley Baptist Church, Over Wallop Parochial Church Council, Abbey United Reform Church, Valley Park Community Association, and Wellow Men's Shed have also all been awarded funding for a range of sustainability projects.

The Climate Change Grant is open to community groups and not-for-profit organisations across Test Valley. Grants of up to £10,000 are available, with 20% match funding required for applications of £5,000 or more. Projects must demonstrate how they will reduce greenhouse gas emissions or improve community resilience to climate change.

Applications are open until 31 December 2025, or until the funding is fully allocated. Interested groups are encouraged to read the guidance and contact the council's Climate Change team to discuss their project before applying.

For more information, and to apply, visit: www.testvalley.gov.uk/climatechangegrants.

Lights, planning, action: new theatre venue gets the go-ahead

Plans for a new theatre venue for *The Lights* in Andover have been given the green light, with planning consent officially granted by Test Valley Borough Council's planning committee.

The new three-storey venue will include a state-of-the-art, multi-level auditorium with seating for over 400 people (a significant increase from the 249-seat capacity of the current theatre). Alongside this, the plans feature a separate, flexible space for performances and events, plus dance studios and meeting rooms available for public hire. Visitors will be able to enjoy relaxed social spaces, with café and bar areas located at either end of the building. Outside, terraced spaces will offer pleasant spots to sit and unwind during warmer weather.

One of the striking differences between the new venue and the current theatre, will be the ability to run shows and events in both the auditorium and second event space simultaneously, as well as operating classes and meetings in other locations around the building. Quality sound proofing and an enhanced design will mean the venue can run at full occupancy of nearly 1,000 people, playing a central role in enhancing Andover's daytime and evening economy, by drawing more people into the town centre to support local businesses

The design for the new venue, developed by specialist theatre architects Burrell Foley Fischer, reflects the character of Andover's historic centre while offering modern, accessible facilities for a wide range of performances and community

uses. Taking inspiration from two prominent public buildings in the town, St Mary's Church and the Guildhall, the façade will feature a series of stone arches, forming a striking colonnade. The building will be crafted from light coloured stone, to reflect the local chalk stream, paired with pale brick and elements of natural flint and bronze.

The venue will include accessible seating across all levels, energy-efficient design features, and two entrances – one from the High Street and a second opposite Town Mills Riverside Park. A new public square will be created between the theatre and the library, with landscaping designed to complement the local chalk stream environment.

A separate application to demolish the former Poundstretcher unit was approved earlier this year, with demolition works now underway.

Pending appointment of a contractor, construction is expected to begin in 2026, with the new venue opening in late 2027 or early 2028. The current theatre will continue to operate as normal until the new venue is ready, ensuring continuity for audiences and performers.

The project is part of the wider Andover Masterplan and is supported by £18.3 million of funding from central government, secured to accelerate key regeneration projects in the town. It responds to strong public demand for a new venue for the popular local theatre, with almost 80% of respondents highlighting the need for a modern venue in the town centre.

You can view the full design proposals and learn more about the project at: www.thinkandovertowncentre.co.uk/theatre

<u>David Drew</u>

Test Valley Central Division, HCC

Harewood ward, TVBC

APPENDIX B

Date: 03/11/2025		Abbotts Ann Parish Council		Page 1
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