

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan		√	
Councillor Howard	√		
Councillor Heather	√		
Councillor Wallis	√		
Councillor Mitchell	√		
Councillor Rous		√	
Vacancy	-	-	-

Also, IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda Owen - Clerk, Test Valley Borough Council Councillor Hasselman, County Councillor David Drew & one member of the public.

Councillor Howard (Vice Chair) chaired the meeting in the absence of Councillor Jordan (Chair).

240201	<p>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.</p>
240202	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies were ACCEPTED from Councillor Jordan and Councillor Rous & NOTED from Borough Council Councillor Flood.</p>
240203	<p>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.</p>
240204	<p>To approve the minutes of the full council meeting held on Thursday 4th January 2024. The minutes of the full council meeting held on Thursday 4th January were APPROVED as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
240205	<p>To receive updates already published and any further updates provided. Reports can be found at APPENDIX A.</p> <p>Councillors were reminded that a portfolio workshop was to be held in the Jubilee room at the War Memorial Hall at 19:00 on Thursday 8th February and that comments with regards to the portfolios they wished to be involved with were received beforehand.</p> <p>Councillor Drew provided an overview of his report.</p> <p>Councillor Howard reviewed and updated the action list.</p> <p>Following a point raised by Councillor Mitchell, with regards to the fence that runs alongside the Donkey Field. It was noted that comments have been received with regards to its condition. It was AGREED that the Clerk would contact the land owners with regards to it being repaired. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <p>John Barlow of Abbotts Ann Community Land Trust advised that the vendor of land and developer to agree terms of the option agreement and that the development agreement would be agreed at the same time.</p>

	<p>Originally it was planned that the agreements would be signed by the end of January. However, both parties are still discussing and ironing out issues and unfortunately a time scale is currently unavailable.</p> <p>Councillor Hasselmann provided an overview of her report.</p>																																												
240206	<p>To note progress with regards to the planning application for the new Clubhouse.</p> <p>It was noted that Mr Rose had not received the Initial Design Brief from Councillor Jordan due to an issue with receiving emails. This has been rectified and his response is expected shortly.</p>																																												
240207	<p>To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance.</p> <p>The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were NOTED with the bank balance at 31st January 2024 being £68,773.46. The bank reconciliation can be found as APPENDIX B.</p>																																												
240208	<p>To approve the requests for payment for February.</p> <p>The payments as listed in the tables 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" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4" style="text-align: center;">February 2024 Payment Requests</th> </tr> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">TO</th> <th style="text-align: left;">FOR</th> <th style="text-align: left;">INVOICE NO</th> <th style="text-align: left;">AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>February</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,147.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>January</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Heather</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scandor</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>Inv 19819</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£852.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>War Memorial Hall</td> <td>Jubilee Room hire</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£57.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Business Stream</td> <td>Pavilion Water Sep to Dec 2023</td> <td>DD</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£32.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>War Memorial Hall</td> <td>Jubilee Room hire</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gillett & Jonnston</td> <td>Church Clock Service</td> <td>29839</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,431.53</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	February 2024 Payment Requests				TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT	Staff	Salary	February	£1,147.47	Staff	Expenses	January	£22.51	Councillor Heather	Expenses		£30.00	Scandor	Grounds Maintenance	Inv 19819	£852.67	War Memorial Hall	Jubilee Room hire		£57.75	Business Stream	Pavilion Water Sep to Dec 2023	DD	£32.13	War Memorial Hall	Jubilee Room hire		£19.00	Gillett & Jonnston	Church Clock Service	29839	£270.00				£2,431.53
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240209	<p>To discuss salt bins on West Hill.</p> <p>It was noted that the Councillors support the Clerk's action of contacting Hampshire County Council requesting salt bins for West Hill.</p>																																												
240210	<p>To support the purchase of Water Quality Testing kits at a cost of £92.14.</p> <p>It was AGREED to support the purchase of Water Quality Testing kits at a cost of £92.14. Proposed by Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Howard. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																												
240211	<p>To note CAF grant application response and consider next steps.</p> <p>The response from the Community Asset Fund grant officer was noted. It was decided that the Clerk would contact Andy Pilley at Test Valley Borough Council, copying in Borough Councillor Flood & Councillor Hasselmann to request Councillor grant availability and that an application for grants totalling £2000.00 would be submitted to Borough & County Councillors.</p>																																												
240212	<p>To consider the following planning application:</p>																																												
240212.01	<p>24/00016/FULLN</p> <p>Single storey side extension and part conversion of garage to form utility. April Cottage, Monxton Road, Abbotts Ann, Andover.</p> <p>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.</p>																																												

<p>240212.02</p>	<p>24/00061/TREEN T1 - Lime - Pollard back to previous points by up to 8m and thin canopy by removing epicormic and basal growth. Constantia Cottage, 136 Little Ann Road, Little Ann. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Mitchell. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<p>240213</p>	<p>To agree the date of the next meeting as Thursday 7th March 2024. The date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 7th March 2024. Councillor Wallis advised of apologies for that meeting.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19:52.

APPENDIX A

Footpath & Sewage Portfolio Report for January 2024

Footpaths

We have inspected all footpaths during the month and are all in good order and the only maintenance was cutting back fallen branches and small trees. In February we plan to start trimming hedges, before the bird nesting season starts.

Sewage updates.

With the very high rainfall specially on the night of 4th January where we had 147 mm in 4 hours which seeped into the sewer system pipes and manholes and seriously overwhelmed the pumping system, tankers had to be employed to support the network in all parishes, at the time of writing this report we have two tankers stationed at Manor Farm.

Unfortunately, we had a miss management of the tanker support at Manor Farm which resulted in a large volume of water spilling down the Monxton Road into our village, which froze owing to the wintry weather which made it impossible to drive on. Hampshire Highways closed the road until they de-iced the road. Prior to the closure a van tried to use the road, but unfortunately skidded and collided with a house, the van driver was okay and limited damage to house.

Councillor John Heather.

Update from Hampshire County Council – January 2024

Hampshire County Council champions National Apprenticeship Week 2024

Hampshire businesses are being offered practical advice and support to ensure their workforce is equipped with the skills that will be needed for the future by accessing funded training and in developing high quality apprenticeships



Apprentices learning in a work setting

During National Apprenticeship Week (5 to 11 February), Hampshire County Council is hosting ‘Skills for Business’ sessions at a range of venues as well as online to help employers grow their business and secure employment opportunities for residents.

As well as providing support to local businesses, Hampshire County Council also supports individuals and parents looking to find out more about [apprenticeship opportunities](#) in Hampshire.

As a major employer, the County Council champions one of the largest local authority apprenticeship programmes in the country. This has seen more than 2,000 people enrol onto 130 different career paths since 2017.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240131NAW>

Hampshire County Council sets out £2.6bn spending plans for local services in 2024/25

Spending proposals for 2024/25, totalling £2.6bn, to keep delivering hundreds of local services to Hampshire’s 1.4 million residents will be considered by Hampshire County Council’s Cabinet next week

At their meeting on Tuesday 6 February, the Authority's Executive Members will review spending proposals for the coming financial year which aim to continue to deliver important public services while supporting the most vulnerable children and adults in Hampshire.

Setting a responsible, balanced budget for the year ahead is one of our key duties, ensuring we make the most of taxpayers' money to deliver important local services to the people of Hampshire. However, these remain challenging times for everyone, including across local government nationally, as we have to keep finding ways to stretch the budgets that we have available, to meet inflation pressures and increased costs associated with higher numbers of the most vulnerable children and adults who need our help – which in Hampshire will cost an extra £152m from April.

The proposed three-year programme includes:

- £173m to safeguard the long-term viability of the Older Adult care estate.
- £192m investment in new and extended school buildings to provide school places for children in Hampshire - delivering a further 5,312 school places and giving a total of 19,989 new school places by September 2027.
- £163m for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges.
- £73m of Integrated Transport Plan schemes including £43m of schemes focused around walking and/or cycling improvements.
- £76m to address condition-based enhancements to schools.

A final decision on the County Council's budget for 2024/25 will be made by the full County Council on 22 February 2024.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/30012024Cabinetbudgetproposals>

Advice for staying safe and well during the cold snap

UKHSA and the Met Office have issued an Amber Alert for cold weather, which is expected to continue until this Friday (19 January). Severe cold weather has the potential to affect anyone, not just more vulnerable people

3 minute read (589 words)

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During this period of inclement weather, the advice is for residents to follow a few simple steps to help keep themselves and others safe and well.

Follow these top tips to help yourself and others stay well during the cold snap:

Keep warm

- A cold home can increase the risk of health impacts, particularly for more vulnerable people.
- Try to heat rooms you spend a lot of time in, such as the bedroom or living room, to at least 18°C (65°F), day and night - and keep bedroom windows closed. You may prefer your main living room to be slightly warmer.
- Wear several layers of thinner clothing rather than one thick layer – this will help keep you warmer.
- Use a hot water bottle to keep warm in bed.
- Draw curtains at dusk and block out draughts

...plus many more. See here:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240115coldweather>

Household Support Fund community grants available for the final time

Hampshire County Council is inviting community organisations to apply this month for a share of £285,000 to help local people cope with the cost of living

This will be the final opportunity for Hampshire groups to apply for grants from the government's Household Support Fund, with the application window open until 26 January.

For the financial year ending in March 2024, the County Council set aside a total of £1.3 million for community grants from its settlement of more than £14 million from the fund. This included £800,000 for district-based organisations to create initiatives tailored to local need helping to provide vulnerable households with food, utilities and to keep warm. The figure available is the remainder of this, plus £60,000 for organisations to deliver advice services.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240104communitygrants>

Cllr [David Drew](#)
[Test Valley Central Division, HCC](#)

Highways Information

20mph policy introduced by HCC

Last month the Universal Services Select Committee scrutinised both the departmental budgets for next year and the proposals for a 20mph policy.

Their comments about the latter were helpful and the cabinet member, Nick Adams King was happy to agree to there being a self-assessment process created to help communities decide whether an application to introduce a 20mph limit would be right for their area, and also to ensure that we undertake a full review of the policy and its impact in a year's time.



The new policy confirms two things; firstly that we will continue to consider 20mph zones in areas where they are deemed appropriate and there is a proven safety need for them - outside of schools for example.

More importantly, the decision will introduce a policy which allows communities to request the introduction of 20mph zones in their own area. There will be a number of criteria any community led application will need to meet:

Firstly, and most importantly, there must be clear evidence of community support. Too often we have seen the introduction of 20mph zones elsewhere in the country where there has been little support, resulting in conflict and division in communities.

Communities will need to fund the introduction of the schemes they request themselves. This should be possible through the use of Community Infrastructure Levy or other forms of developer contributions. You will no doubt have seen the media reports about the financial challenges facing the County Council. There is therefore no possibility of funding to help bring these schemes forward I'm afraid.

The introduction of 20mph zones would need to be accompanied by measures to reduce speed. The implementation of Speed Indicator Devices for example, those that show the speed a vehicle is going with a happy or angry face. The police have been clear that they do not have resources to enforce any new zones, so communities will need to find ways by which they can encourage compliance themselves.

There has been a vocal campaign by campaigners who want a blanket introduction of 20mph zones across the county, similar to that introduced recently in Wales. While I have some sympathy with their argument, which highlights not only the safety benefits of lower speed limits, but also the impact on the environment and health budgets, there remain two issues impeding that consideration.

The first is finance, such a move would cost £20 million, that funding would need to come from highway repair budgets, reducing them by almost 50% for a year. The second being public support, it is clear from Wales, from other parts of England that there is far from universal support for 20mph zones, consequently it is best that communities decide for themselves whether a zone is right for them.

Cllr David Drew

Test Valley Central, HCC

Borough Councillor Report

Councillors Maureen Flood and Susanne Hasselmann February 2024

Draft Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18 Stage 2) Public Consultation

Public consultation on the draft Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18 Stage 2) will take place for eight weeks between Tuesday 6 February and Tuesday 2 April 2024 (closing at noon).

During the public consultation period the draft Local Plan and supporting documents will be available on the TVBC website (www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040), hard copies of the draft Local Plan will be made available at Council Offices:

Paper copies of the draft Local Plan will be available at the following addresses:

- ☐ **Test Valley Borough Council Offices, Beech Hurst, Andover, SP10 3AJ**
 - ☐ Test Valley Borough Council Offices, Former Magistrates Court, Romsey, SO51 8AQ
- ☐ **Andover Library, 53 Chantry Street, Andover SP10 1LT**
 - ☐ Romsey Library, Station Road, Romsey SO51 8DN
 - ☐ North Baddesley Community Library, All Saints Church, Church Close, Rownhams Road, North Baddesley, SO52 9EQ
 - ☐ Chandlers Ford Library, Oakmount Road, Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh SO53 2LH
 - ☐ Lords Hill Library, Lordshill District Centre, Lordshill, Southampton SO16 8HY

A series of public exhibitions will be held in the Borough for the public to come and discuss the draft proposals with officers. The public exhibitions will be held at the following dates and venues:

Location	Address	Date	Time
Abbotswood Community Centre	14 Abbotswood Common Road, Romsey SO51 0BX	Tuesday 20 February	3.30pm to 7.00pm
Picket Twenty Sports Pavilion	Picket Twenty Sports Pavilion, Telegraph Rd, Andover SP11 6UF	Monday 26 February	3.00pm to 7.00pm
Valley Park Community Centre	Pilgrims Close, Valley Park, Chandler's Ford, SO53 4ST	Wednesday 28 February	3.00pm to 7.00pm

Memorial Hall	Andover Road, Ludgershall, Andover, SP11 9LZ	Monday 4 March	3.00pm to 7.00pm
Crosfield Hall Annex	Broadwater Road, Romsey, SO51 8GL	Tuesday 5 March	3.00pm to 7.00pm
North Baddesley Village Hall	Botley Road, North Baddesley, Southampton, SO52 9DT	Saturday 9 March	10.00am to 1.00pm
The Guildhall	Andover, High Street, SP10 1NT	Tuesday 12 March	3.30pm to 7.00pm
Nursling and Rownhams Village Hall	Joe Bigwood Close, Nursling, Southampton, SO16 0YL	Wednesday 13 March	3.30pm to 7.00pm

From Tuesday 6th February, comments on the draft Local Plan 2040 Regulation 18 Stage 2 will be able to be submitted:

- ☐ Using the consultation survey or comments form
- ☐ In writing to Planning Policy and Economic Development, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, Hampshire, SP10 3AJ, or
- ☐ Emailed to planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk

Hampshire Constabulary remodelling

As you may have already read about, as part of Hampshire constabulary's remodelling, named "Local Bobbies" have been put back in place and the list of areas has been announced.

Click the button below to see the list.

https://hampshirealert.co.uk/Content/AllLocalAreas?utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery

Most of the area in Anna will be covered by PC Glen Dawber, tel: 07810814617, email: glen.dawber@hampshire.police.uk. Glen is currently away on long term leave. In the meantime please contact PCSO Spiros Mouzakis spyridon.mouzakis@hampshire.police.uk.

Please note, this is not your contact for reporting crime, but they can offer advice and support if needed.

Proposed changes to acute hospital services

Hampshire Hospitals has been included in the government's national New Hospital Programme. The plan is to invest between £700 million and £900 million in creating two acute hospitals; refurbishing the Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winchester, and building a brand-new specialist acute hospital on either the existing Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital site, or at a new location near Junction 7 of the M3.

The public consultation on the proposed options has now been launched. The consultation runs until midnight 17 March 2024.

Have your say: <https://www.hampshiretogether.nhs.uk/>

Cllr Susanne Hasselmann, cllrshasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk

Cllr Maureen Flood, cllrmflood@testvalley.gov.uk

APPENDIX B

Date: 01/02/2024

Abbotts Ann Parish Council

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Time: 10:57

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/01/2024
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	31/01/2024		68,773.46
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<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
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<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
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			68,773.46
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	68,773.46
		Difference is :-	0.00