

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th FEBRUARY 2024, 7.30PM, AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr J Channing (Chairman), Cllr Mrs. J Barnett (Vice Chairman), Cllr P Barnett & Cllr G Jenkins.

In attendance: Heather Bourner – Clerk
HCC Cllr David Drew
TVBC Cllr Alison Johnston
Steve Lees - planning consultant
10 members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

1) Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr A Simmonds & Vicky Fletcher from the National Trust.

Orchard Homes presentation

2) Steve Lees, planning consultant acting for Orchard Homes, gave feedback from the public exhibition regarding the proposals to build new homes on land known as the old Station Goods Yard. Of those who attended the public exhibition, the majority were in favour of the site being developed with a mix of property sizes. Concerns were raised regarding the perceived lack of parking and inadequate sewage facilities and the increase in overall traffic. Steve Lees said plans need to take into account planning legislation as well as satisfying land owners and developers, while community support is also required. He said some further work will be carried out to establish if additional parking can be supplied although the proposal does meet planning requirements. Southern Water have confirmed a further 12 houses will not impact on the current sewerage but several questions were asked by those present so Cllr Channing asked whether any further information obtained from the consultant providing drainage advice to the developers could be shared with the parish council. A member of public asked whether there is any requirement for bio diversity net gain and if so, could this be something within the parish. It was confirmed there is currently an exemption for this type of development but as this is likely to be removed in the near future some research to establish if there could be something within the parish will be carried out. Finally, a parishioner asked if Orchard Homes could put a spray paint line pattern on the site effectively marking out where buildings would be so parishioners could see how site might look? Steve Lees said this was an unusual request and while he would ask thought it was unlikely. He said the next actions would be to submit a pre-application to TVBC and HCC.

Cllr Channing said the full report from the consultation would be posted to the parish website and that following the results of the pre-app further consultation would take place along with a public meeting.

National Trust Report

3) Vicky Fletcher, General Manager of the Mottisfont Estate had sent apologies.

Public Participation

4) The members of the public present attended to hear about, and ask questions, on the findings of the public consultation regarding the proposed Dunbridge development. (See item 2)

Declarations of Interest

5) There were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda.

Planning

6) **The following decisions by TVBC were noted:** None

Resolved: that the planning decisions on the following applications were endorsed:

23/03237/FUULS-replacement Rose Bridge Mottisfont Abbey- no comment
24/00032/LBWS-replacement of water-damaged ceiling, Oakhurst Cottage-no objections
24/00238/LBWS-replacing RWG's and font door and installing lead gutter- 1 & 2 Wych Elm- no objections

County and Borough Councillors' Reports

7) HCC Cllr David Drew – had circulated a report which was shared with all Councillors and can be seen at appendix 1.

TVBC Cllr Johnston – agreed to research TVBC energy efficiency policies and provide a report to the next Parish Council meeting.

She encouraged all those present to review the draft Local Plan which is currently open for consultation. She said she had attended a meeting regarding energy efficiency for Village Halls which two members of Mottisfont Village Hall Committee had also attended.

Finally, she agreed to find out some more information as to what S106 funds held by TVBC could be spent on.

Minutes

8) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November were agreed unanimously as a correct record. Proposed Cllr Mrs. J Barnett, seconded Cllr P Barnett. These were signed by the Chairman.

Highways issues

9) Cllr Simmonds was absent but had sent a report confirming Hampshire Highways have filled in numerous potholes and repaired other road defects but there are still some issues to be resolved. The dangerous state of Bengers Lane was reported to Hampshire Police and not long afterwards remedial action to repair some of the worst potholes. Unfortunately, the temporary repairs are now crumbling and Cllr Drew was asked to establish when a permanent fix can be expected. A number of issues relating to damaged or dislodged road warning signs are still waiting to be addressed.

Warm Hub Events

10) Cllr P Barnett reported a grant of £144 to fund the village bus to transport Mottisfont and Broughton residents to warm hub matinee cinema events at Kings Somborne Village Hall has been received from by TVBC. So far four events have been held and while the initial response was slow, uptake has now increased.

Resilience

11) Cllr Mrs. Barnett reported the Parish Resilience Plan still awaited responses from emergency services. A resident with extensive relevant experience is now providing support. He suggested forming a parish resilience group that could be a working group reporting to the Parish Council. Cllr P Barnett proposed a group be formed which was seconded by Cllr Channing.

Clerk's Report

12) A schedule of s106 monies available had been received from TVBC. £1058.70 was available and was assigned to be spent on play space. As there is currently no play space in Mottisfont, the Clerk had contacted TVBC to ascertain what else the money could be used for in the community. The complicated answer was that reassigning the funds was unlikely to be possible but that other TVBC officers could advise what the funds could be spent on. After some discussion it was agreed that TVBC Cllr Johnston would carry out some research on the matter.

Clerks Pay- A performance-related rise to £18.58 per hour from April 2024 was possible. Cllr Mrs. J Barnett will organise a performance review with the Clerk and make any proposals regarding pay at the meeting in May 2024.

Information received regarding grants for Village Halls had been sent to the Village Hall Committee but grants were only available to groups where the village hall was owned by them.

Meeting dates for 2024 had been agreed and the hall booked. The next meeting on 16th May would be the AGM when officers would be voted in. It was agreed a report of the year's events would be circulated with the Acorn newsletter rather than hold an annual meeting.

Finance

13) Balances in the bank accounts were noted at 08/02/2023 as: -

TSB Charity account
£5244.17
TSB Business Instant
£11758.90

ii) To approve the following payments and authorise on line transactions:

H Bourner sal Feb	£313.64
HMRC	£78.40
H Bourner exp	£20.00
Mottisfont Bus Comm	£75.60

Future payment

H Bourner sal March	£313.64
HMRC	£78.40
H Bourner April	£331.64
HMRC	£78.40

Retrospective

N Trust insurance	£574.37
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Correspondence

14) The Clerk confirmed the following items of correspondence had been received:

A letter regarding proposals to erect a base station for mobile telephone signal at Hatt Farm. This was discussed and it was agreed the Clerk will write to the company accepting their offer of a meeting.

Mid Test Matters newsletter

Cllr Channing briefed those present on the draft Local Plan for 2040. He highlighted the currently open consultation and the call for new development sites to be identified. He explained the current proposal for land at Dunbridge was relying on TVBC's COM9 policy relating to community-led development, but the new draft (HOU2) suggests that the policy could only be implemented to provide affordable housing. Mottisfont has been assigned to tier 4 in TVBC's settlement hierarchy which means it has no allocation of sites for housing in the draft Plan. The current Local Plan is in place until 2029 and it is hoped any development will be complete by this time.

An email re the consultation of HCC services

An email invitation to the TVAPTC meeting on 7th March

Emails from Houghton regarding their river watch group asking other Parish Councils to join them as they were concerned about pollution on the River Test. Cllr Channing has already obtained information from the National Trust because they monitor the river in the parish on a regular basis and this has been passed on to Houghton.

Attendance at Events

15) The Clerk reported she intends to attend the TVATPC meeting on 7th March when officers from TVBC will be talking about the draft Local Plan 2040.

New Items for next agenda

18) Speed awareness cameras

The Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

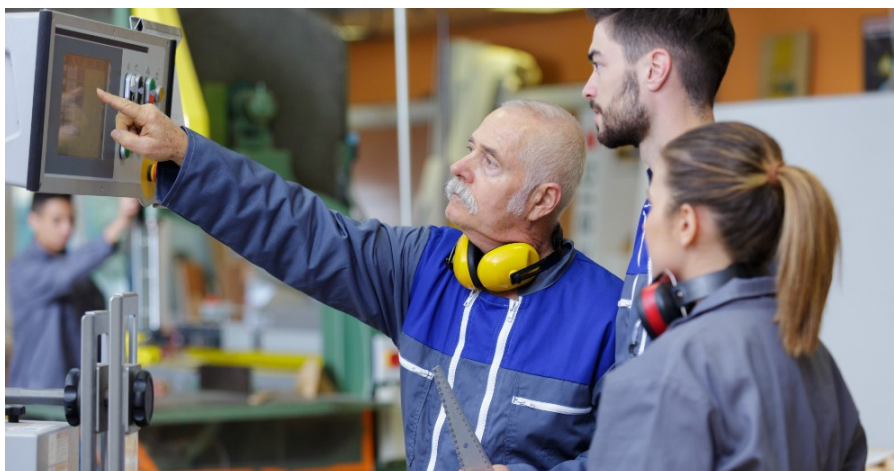
Date of next meeting

18) Thursday 16th May 2024 7.30pm at Mottisfont Village Hall

Appendix 1 HCC David Drew

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](#)

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