



MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th JULY 2026, 7.30PM, AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Mrs. J Barnett (vice chairman), Cllr P Barnett & Cllr G Jenkins.

In attendance: Heather Bourner – Clerk
Terry Lewis - Mottisfont Sports Club
HCC David Drew
TVBC Alison Johnston
1 member of the public

- 1) **Apologies for Absence** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Channing (Chairman) and Cllr A Simmonds
- 2) **Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interests in matters on the agenda. All Councillors confirmed no amendments were required to Register of Interest forms.
- 3) **Mottisfont Sports Club**
Terry Lewis from Mottisfont Sports Club explained that the cricket and football clubs were to be formed into a community sports club. This would be a not-for-profit organisation. They are in the process of signing a long-term lease of 49 years with the National Trust for the continued use of the sports ground. There are well established cricket and football teams including junior teams and both are very successful. Sadly, the 70 year old pavilion at the site is now suffering serious damage caused by the two nearby oak trees which reduce the moisture in the ground so much the building is severely cracking. It was explained that the sports ground is owned by the National Trust, but the pavilion is owned by the sports club. The Sports Club committee are now exploring how they can build a new pavilion, including both the location and the finance. They are exploring grant streams and other fundraising events, but the first task is the commission a geological report to establish where the new building could be located and the depth of foundations required. This alone will cost £5,000 with a likely cost of £200,000 to complete the project. Terry said the Sports Club wanted to ensure everyone in the village knew of their plans and asked for support wherever possible. Cllr J. Barnett explained that the Parish Council is not cash rich and are bound by legal powers when making grants, but the Parish Council would support this initiative where they can. Terry agreed to keep the Clerk informed of progress as the project proceeds. In due course he plans to hold an event where members of the Parish Council, along with other Borough and County Councillors, will be invited to view the current structure.
- 4) **Public Participation**
The members of public present asked if the Parish Council could establish who is responsible for cutting overgrown hedges that are a danger to pedestrians and vehicles, cause vehicles to swerve and damage gullies alongside the road and damage to vehicles. The Clerk said as a starting point she could report these to HCC highways but required precise locations and, if possible, photographs. Cllr Mr P Barnett will assist with this. If HCC respond to say that they are not responsible both the National Trust and home owners will be contacted.

The same member of public noted that several drains in the village have been marked with blue paint and was curious to know what this meant. It was not clear and HCC David Drew agreed to try and find an answer.

5) Minutes & Matters arising

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2026 were agreed unanimously as a correct record. These were signed by the Vice Chairman.

6) National Trust Report

Vicky Fletcher was not present.

7) Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted: 26/01146/TREES- tree work St Andrews Church - no objection

Resolved: that the planning decisions on the following applications reviewed between meetings were endorsed:

26/01397/FULLS- conversion of agricultural building to dwelling, Beaters Barn, Kimbridge Farm - no objections

26/01213/FULLS part retrospective application - Kimbridge Barn to remove a portacabin and install containers - no objections

8) County and Borough Councillors' Reports

HCC Cllr David Drew – had sent a recent report which has been circulated to all Councillors

TVBC Ali Johnston- reported on the recent announcement on the TVBC draft local plan, further details will be explained at the TVAPTC meeting on 20th July which Cllrs Mrs J & Mr P Barnett will attend.

9) Speed Indicator Devices

The Clerk reported that work to fit the required posts had been paid for and was likely to take place in the week commencing 20th July. A TVBC grant for £1,000 has been approved, although not yet received. Purchase of the machine was discussed and it was agreed the clerk should proceed to purchase the battery operated Evolis Vision at a cost of £3,112 which will be delivered to Cllr Jenkins who has agreed to charge and install the machine. The Clerk said it was possible some fittings and a padlock would be required. Cllr Jenkins agreed to purchase these and pass the receipt to the Clerk.

10) Speeding traffic petition

A parishioner had approached the Parish Council regarding the continual issue of speeding traffic in the parish. This parishioner had been volunteering to litter pick throughout the village for many years but had made the decision he could no longer do this task as he did not feel safe as the road had become so busy with speeding traffic. Councillors present expressed thanks for his litter picking work, but were totally understanding of the decision to cease.

This parishioner had suggested that efforts to enforce a reduction in the speed limit should be made with an approach to the local MP and Hampshire CC Highways with a supporting petition signed by as many residents as possible and the support of the National Trust.

The matter was discussed and Cllr Drew suggested as a starting point should be obtaining data from the speed awareness machine. If this evidenced speeding traffic the matter could be revisited and HCC highways asked what other speed reducing initiatives could be explored.

11) Highways and Lengthsman

Cllr Simmonds had sent apologies but had discussed lengthsman tasks required with Cllr Jenkins. Cllr Mr P Barnett had also identified some areas where work was required. Details will be sent to the Clerk who will complete the necessary form for the Lengthsman Cluster lead.

12) Clerks Report

The Clerk confirmed the annual audit return has been submitted and acknowledged.

She reported SSEN has requested a slot to speak at the September meeting to discuss the work required to relocate the Dunbridge Primary Substation.

Finally, she reported she had been contacted by a company selling stickers for wheelie bins alerting passersby of speed limits etc. Cllrs asked the Clerk to establish costs of these for the next meeting.

13) Finance

i) To note the bank balances 09/07/2026: -

TSB Charity account

£10,011.49

TSB Business Instant

£12,189.30

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

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H Bournier June	£354.02
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HMRC	£92.44
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H Bournier July	£354.02
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Clerks Exps	£30.00
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HMRC	£92.44
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Future payment

H Bournier sal Aug	£354.02
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HMRC	£92.44
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14) Correspondence

None

15) Any Other Business-

None

16) Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 17th September 2026 7.30pm at Mottisfont Village Hall

Meeting closed 8.48pm