



## MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026, 7.30PM, AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Heather Bourner – Clerk  
HCC Cllr David Drew  
0 members of the public.

#### **Apologies for Absence**

1) Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC Cllr A Johnson.

#### **2) Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interests for matters on the agenda. All Councillors confirmed no amendments were required to Register of Interest forms.

#### **Minutes & Matters arising**

3) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025 were agreed unanimously as a correct record. These were signed by the Chairman.

#### **4) Public Participation**

There were no members of public present.

#### **5) Village Hall Update on cracking.**

The Clerk reported the National Trust has now received and shared the structural engineers report. This suggests additional work is required to establish the root cause and that an insurance claim should be opened. They have also suggested that the Parish Council accepts liability for all uninsured costs. The Clerk has agreed with the Trust that under the terms of the lease they are responsible for the excess on the insurance claim, usually £1000 in a subsidence claim, however has pointed out that the Parish Council cannot agree to meet any other costs without knowing what they are. It is not clear if an insurance claim has been opened, confirmation is still required, and in the meantime the Clerk and Chairman have suggested they meet with the National Trust to discuss the matter.

The Village Hall Committee has approached the Parish Council to report concerns that hall hirers are expressing about the cracks and therefore the safety of the hall. The National Trust has repeatedly said the hall is safe for use so to alleviate these concerns the Hall Committee would like to fill the cracks and decorate, at their cost. While this is no substitute for permanent repairs, this temporary fix will hopefully mean hall hirers continue to place bookings. The Clerk was asked to contact the Trust and ask permission for these cosmetic repairs to be carried out. In due course the Parish Council will seek a meeting with the Village Hall Committee to discuss how to proceed in the future.

#### **6) National Trust Report**

Vicky Fletcher, General Manager of Mottisfont Abbey, was not present.

#### **7) Speed Indicator Devices**

The Clerk reported a grant application to the Police & Crime Commissioner has been submitted to cover the cost of obtaining the HCC report, £300, the cost of the Evolis machine and £1000 toward the costs of installing new posts. Confirmation as to whether the claim has been successful is awaited.

In the meantime, HCC has provided a full quote to install all the necessary posts to the eight sites put forward by the Parish Council. The full costs for all sites is £9194.28 which is a far greater sum than the Parish Council anticipated and can afford to meet. Of this sum £3692 is traffic management costs. Provision in the 2026/27 budget was set at £2000. If the grant claim is successful then three sites could be chosen without any impact on reserves. TVBC Cllr A Johnston has said that she will consider support via a grant from her Councillor budget which could increase the number of sites.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will write to HCC asking the questions posed by Councillors surrounding the costs. Their answers and the grant application outcome will hopefully allow the Parish Council to make a decision.

## 8) County and Borough Councillors' Reports

**HCC Cllr David Drew** – had sent his report which has been circulated to all Councillors. He said HCC were working hard to deal with all the potholes and road repairs that need to be done but the severe weather and limited funding meant work is slower than he would like. Cllr Channing pointed that allowing large lorries to use the minor roads caused severe problems and re-routing these onto major routes would definitely help. Cllr Drew also highlighted two recent successes in prosecutions for fly tipping in TVBC and a proposal by TVBC to apply for designated National Landscape Protection for chalk streams.

**TVBC Cllr Ali Johnston** had sent her apologies.

## 9) Lengthsman

Cllr Simmonds reported the issue with funding had yet to be resolved. He has a list of work carried out and the costs but the cluster lead (at Stockbridge PC) has suggested the budget for Mottisfont is overspent this year. The figures held by the cluster lead do not match the details held by Cllr Simmonds. The Clerk has reviewed all the worksheets and spending for the year is only £736.00. The cluster lead had shown only £850 funding allocated to Mottisfont when £1000 is provided annually by HCC. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Stockbridge Parish Council to resolve the matter.

## 10) Planning

**The following decisions by TVBC were noted:**

None

**Resolved: that the planning decisions on the following applications reviewed between meetings were endorsed:** None

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26/00218/TREES-tree works Nethercote, Church Lane-no objections

26/00261/FULLS- Retrospective application for resurfacing and continued use of existing overflow car park Kimbridge Farm-no objections

## 11) Highways issues

Cllr Simmonds reported an impending road closure of Bengers Lane. Ongoing pothole issues continue to be reported by the HCC website. Members of the public can use this site to report issues [Report a problem to Hampshire County Council Highways | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council](#)

## 12) Resilience

Cllr Mrs J Barnett had nothing new to report.

## 13) Clerks Report

The Clerk reported the incorrect defibrillator pads have been sold to another Parish Council. £60.00 has been recovered

The 2026 meeting dates had been agreed to include the May meeting on 21<sup>st</sup>. The Clerk will be on leave at this point so it was agreed to move the meeting to 14<sup>th</sup> May.

## 14) Finance

i) To note the bank balances 09/02/2025: -

TSB Charity account	£5806.02
TSB Business Instant	£12114.44

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

H Bourner sal Feb	£354.02
HMRC	£92.44
Clerks Exps	£40.00

**Future payment**

H Bourner sal March	£354.02
HMRC	£92.44
H Bourner sal April	£354.02
HMRC	£92.44

**15) Correspondence**

The Clerk highlighted the next TVAPTC meeting at Kings Somborne on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

**16) Any Other Business-**

None

**17) Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 7.30pm at Mottisfont Village Hall