

MOTTISFONT PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th MAY 2022, 7.30PM, AT MOTTISFONT VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: Hampshire Cllr David Drew
PCSO Marie Stubbington
4 Members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

1) Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Johnston TVBC, and Heather Bourner – Clerk.

Election of Chairman

2) Cllr Millns took the chair. Cllr P Barnett nominated Cllr Channing to be Chairman for the forthcoming year and this was seconded by Cllr Simmonds. All agreed and Cllr Channing signed an acceptance of office form.

Election of Vice Chairman

3) Cllr Simmonds nominated Cllr Mrs J Barnett to be Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Cllr Jenkins. All agreed and Cllr Mrs J Barnett signed an acceptance of office form.

Review and agree standing orders, financial regulations & code of conduct

4) All documents had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. These were all based on NALC model documents and the Clerk had confirmed no amendments had been published. All documents were re-adopted for 2022-23. All Councillors confirmed there were no revisions required to Register of Interest forms.

Report from PCSO Stubbington

5) PCSO Marie Stubbington summarised local crime figures over the past year and last three months. There had been a number of burglaries from sheds, an ASB incident, break-ins at car parks and recently, thefts of car catalytic converters. She encouraged people with hybrid cars to park where there was surveillance from CCTV. She confirmed she holds regular beat surgeries in various locations around her area and PCSOs were very happy to attend events such as village fetes. She encouraged people to report non-emergency incidents on the Hampshire Police website or Crimestoppers or to dial 101. These reports added to Police intelligence about an area.

Report from National Trust

6) No representative of the National Trust was present.

Public Participation

7) No matters were raised by the members of public present.

Declarations of Interest

8) There were no declarations of interests.

Planning

9) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:
20/02493/TREES, tree works Mottisfont Abbey - No objection
22/00177/LBWS-replacement of modern windows and removal of modern paint finishes internally to oak frame - consent

Resolved: that the planning decisions on the following applications were endorsed:
22/00845/FULLS-roof conversion and boundary fence replace with wall - no objections
22/01197/FULLS-replace garden room and double doors - Spearywell Lodge- no objections

The following planning decision was opposed:
22/01173/FULLS-installation 5 bay garage, Oakley. The parish council felt this was a large development out of scale with its surroundings. Councillors were aware of other 'garages' or 'stores' constructed in the parish that have subsequently been used for residential accommodation and, given that a 4-bay coach house already existed, queried the use to which the new building would be put now or in the future. It was therefore resolved to oppose this application.

County Councillor's Report –

10) HCC Cllr David Drew had provided a report which is at appendix 1. He also reported that Cllr Rob Humby had been elected as Leader of the County Council. He said that potholes should be reported on the Hampshire website and he would follow up if necessary if he was given the report reference number. In reply to a question about footpaths and stiles, Cllr Drew said he would contact the relevant officer in the Countryside team and ask them to contact Cllrs J and P Barnett.

Minutes

11) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2022 were agreed unanimously as a correct record. These were signed by the Chairman.

Request for funding from Village Hall Management Committee

12) Cllr Channing confirmed that the village hall committee had made a request for funding to partially replace the patio area at the village hall. He said that the Responsible Finance Officer had advised that it would be unusual for the parish council to grant-aid another body with a bank balance well in excess of the parish council's own resources. These were reported to be reserves held against future maintenance liabilities. There was also some discussion of the need for, and cost of the proposed works. If the parish council let the contract, then VAT would not be payable. A decision was deferred until the position in relation to the application for grant from the National Lottery Fund was known.

Road repairs, potholes, road signs & Lengthsman tasks

13) Cllr Simmonds reported that work to repair the road surface at Dunbridge level crossing was now being contracted. He said that Hatt Lane had been reclassified as a private road as opposed to a closed highway and he would be following this up. As part of a programme being agreed with HCC, speed limits would be painted in roundels on the B3084, damaged signs would be replaced and he was hopeful that signs would be erected advising HGV drivers to use the A3057 and not to seek alternative routes through Kimbridge and Dunbridge.

Kissing Gates

14) Cllr P Barnett had circulated a comprehensive report about registered footpaths in the parish along with details of stiles and gates and suggestions as to which of these needed improvement. These details had now been sent to the National Trust as some footpaths cross their land, and to the HCC Countryside access team to establish how they might encourage improvements to be made to footpaths for which other landowners are responsible. There had been no feedback from Hampshire and this had been raised with Cllr Drew under item 10. Cllr Barnett would contact the National Trust again.

15) Clerk's Report

The Chairman presented the Clerk's report in her absence as follows:

The Clerk had spoken to the Chairman to confirm that the year-end accounts and audit return had been completed. The Chairman will arrange to sign the return before it is submitted. It was resolved to authorise the Clerk to submit the accounts.

The Clerk had also confirmed the insurance renewal notice had been received. Details had been circulated. The annual premium was £631.70. The Chairman explained that because the renewal notice had been sent close to the renewal date of 1st June 2022, the Clerk had no opportunity to seek alternative quotes. The Clerk will review the insurance early in 2023 and seek comparative quotes. Renewal of the insurance was agreed.

Finance

16) Balances in the bank accounts were noted as:

30/04/2022:

TSB Charity account £8017.15

TSB Business Instant £11604.98

Payments Resolved: that the following payments be approved and online transactions agreed

H Bourner sal May	£251.63
HMRC	£62.90
H Bourner exp	£30.00
H Bourner back pay	£43.68
HALC subscription	£204.87
Gallaghers Insurance	£631.70

Future payments

H Bourner sal June £250.03

HMRC £62.40

Retrospective

H Bourner sal April £250.03

HMRC £62.40

Correspondence

16) No correspondence was reported.

Any Other Business

17) The digital information screens at Mottisfont and Dunbridge Station were now installed and working.

The parish council's annual report would be published in the next edition of the Acorn.

The resident of the Station House at Mottisfont and Dunbridge Station was reported to be using parking spaces reserved for rail users for their own vehicles, leaving no spaces for rail passengers. The owners of the property had one reserved parking space. Cllr Simmonds would follow up with the Rail Partnership and Network Rail.

Date of next meeting

18) Thursday 21st July 7.30pm at Mottisfont Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Appendix 1

Hampshire children put their best foot forward for Walk to School Week

Thousands of children and parents across Hampshire will be leaving the car at home as part of this year's Walk to School Week (16 -20 May)

This year 90,000 pupils from 375 schools across the county have signed up to walk to school for the week. The aim is to encourage school children and their families to try walking to school, or part of the way, and hopefully continue to choose to walk to school more often afterwards.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/16052022walktoschool>

Hampshire County Council gets behind Dementia Action Week

As part of Dementia Action Week (May 16 – 22) the County Council is urging those living or caring for a loved one with the condition, to find out more about the support that is available through the Local Authority commissioned Hampshire Carer Support and Dementia Advice Service

The service:

- provides one-to-one support over the phone, online or face-to-face with a trained carer support worker or dementia adviser
- focuses on wellbeing rather than illness
- supports people to think about how they can come to terms with and live well with dementia
- assists with the health and social care support available to people with a diagnosed dementia and their carers
- offers advice on state benefits and planning for the future
- facilitates local carer support groups across Hampshire.

The service can be contacted on 01264 33 2297, Option 3 or email:

enquiries@andovermind.org.uk

Across Hampshire there are more than 12,000 people aged 65 years and over who have been diagnosed with dementia, and according to Alzheimer's Research UK there are estimated to be nearly 950,000 people living with dementia across the UK.

Further information about support for those with dementia can also be found on the Connect to Support Hampshire web pages www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/13052022Dementiaaction>

County Council agrees £0.25 million investment fund for community energy projects

An investment fund, to support community run renewable energy projects in Hampshire, is to be established by Hampshire County Council.

The 'Revolving Community Energy Fund' will invest up to £25,000 for any individual community project being launched in Hampshire as part of the Community Energy Pathways project.

Hampshire County Council has been working with Community Energy South since 2019, as part of the County Council's Climate Change Strategy. Residents seeking further information on the RCE Fund, should email: climatechange@hants.gov.uk

The Revolving Community Energy Fund decision report can be found online:

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s94750/Report.pdf>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/13052022renewableenergyfund>

Views wanted on Hampshire's new Local Transport Plan

Hampshire County Council is seeking the views of the county's residents on its forthcoming plan for local transport – the draft Local Transport Plan (LTP 4) - which will affect the way people travel in the coming years

People have until 26 June to view the draft plan overview online and complete the response questionnaire. The new plan for local transport aims to support the county's economic prosperity, decarbonise the transport system, and help people in Hampshire live healthy lives.

Residents, visitors and other stakeholders can comment on the Plan by completing the Response Form after reading the Information Pack. Both documents can be found on the County Council's website:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/localtransportplan>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/11052022LTP4>

Fostering Hampshire Children nominated for 'Purpose' award

Hampshire County Council's 'Fostering Hampshire Children' team has been nominated for a Purpose Award for its winter 2021 'You Can Foster' campaign – which achieved a 300% increase in enquiries about fostering in Hampshire

Backed by specialist industry publications PR Week, Campaign and Third Sector, this will see the County Council compete with BT, Dove, Vodafone and others to have its campaign named the Best Public Awareness Cause Campaign in the 'Brand Led' category.

Hampshire residents who would like to find out more about fostering with the County Council should visit www.hants.gov.uk/fostering where they will find a wealth of resources, information and details of online events designed to answer their queries.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/06052022purposeaward> and also

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/09052022FosterCareFortnight>

Pack a picnic and join the Big Lunch Jubilee celebrations at Hampshire's country parks!

As The Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend nears, Hampshire County Council's country parks are inviting everyone to come along and celebrate being part of a 'Big Picnic in the Park' over the Jubilee bank holiday weekend (4/5 June)

Events are taking place across Hampshire as part of The Big Lunch Jubilee celebrations. There will be music, entertainment, fun activities for children, and on Saturday 4 June Staunton Country Park will also be live-screening the national event – the Platinum Party at the Palace.

More information can be found about these events and other Jubilee celebrations across Hampshire, on the County Council's dedicated Queen's Platinum Jubilee webpage [Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/03052022JubileeWebpage).

The site features events including The Big Read in Hampshire's libraries, how to Plant a Tree for the Jubilee and become part of The Queen's Green Canopy legacy, and much more.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/03052022JubileeWebpage>

Primary school place offers confirmed by Hampshire County Council

The County Council has processed more than 21,000 applications (21,288) for children to start school in reception year (Year R) and to move from infant to their first year of junior education (Year 3).

Just over 98 per cent (98.31 per cent) of parents have been offered a reception year place for their child in one of their three preferred choice schools, with more than 93 per cent (93.25 per cent) allocated a place at their first choice of school.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/19042022primaryadmissions>

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