

Minutes of the Amport Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20th July 2026, 7.30pm at Monxton & Amport Village Hall

Present: Cllr C Harris – Chairman, Cllr S Coke-Vice Chairman, Cllr A Montagu, Cllr Mrs S Baker, & Cllr Mrs T Hawkings-Byass,

Also present

Heather Bourner – Parish Clerk

HCC C Donnelly

TVBC S Hasselmann

0 Members of the public

Apologies

1)Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC M Flood, Cllr Dix, Cllr Mrs D Stephenson & Cllr Hemmings.

2) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Harris declared an interest in the planning application at Amport School as a trustee of the Alms-houses which back on to the school. There were no other declarations of interest in matters on the agenda. All Councillors present confirmed that no changes to Register of Interest forms were required.

3)Public Participation

There were no members of public present.

4) Minutes of previous meetings & matters arising

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Coke seconded Cllr Baker. All in favour.

Matters arising- Cllr Harris reported it is possible for TVBC to consider two parish council's merging. They could carry out a community governance review or review if enough electors sign a petition asking for a merger. Cllr Coke suggested this will need to be given a great deal of thought, but that it was currently not a priority.

5) Specific reports

Principle & Process-Cllr Coke highlighted the necessity for all councillors and the clerk to carry out a data audit, an annual audit requirement. This essentially meant all should review both paper and electronic files to ensure they were not retaining anything that breached the data protection regulations. It is necessary to minute that this action has taken place. All Councillors were therefore asked to carry out a review over the summer, and this will then be an agenda item at the September meeting.

Devolution and the Draft Local Plan- Cllr Harris reported TVBC has issued a statement of the planned way forward for the draft Local Plan and how this is affected by devolution. A formal meeting will take place on 22nd July when the matter will be discussed and a decision ratified. Despite concerns Cllr Harris said it was still important that the Parish Council continue to object to unsustainable planning applications in the parish.

The Fen & Green- Cllr Harris reported the Village Green is now very dry in areas. The goal posts still need to be moved. Thanks were expressed to Greenflints and Acrewood for clearing vegetation and the ditch alongside the green.

Play Area -Cllr Harvey was not present.

Weyhill- Cllr Hemmings had sent her apologies.

Footpaths- Cllr Hawkings-Byass confirmed all footpaths have recently been cut back.

Cllr Harris reported there is still a fallen tree in the ford by Sarson Mill. This has been reported to HCC who say it is the landowner's responsibility although they believe it is the responsibility of HCC. HCC Cllr Donnelly has spoken to officers at HCC and confirmed the manager of the HCC Countryside Team is considering this. Cllr Donnelly will continue to press for the tree to be removed.

Communications – Cllr Hawkings-Byass asked for current items for the next newsletter. Thanks were expressed to all the volunteers who deliver throughout the parish.

Projects- Cllr Harvey was not present.

Highways- Cllr Harris asked that all councillors and residents report all identified road verge / hedge / tree issues problems to HCC, ideally with a “what three words” a the website. [Report a problem to Hampshire County Council Highways | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council](#)

Southern Water – Cllr Harris reported that a hosepipe ban is now in place in the Amport area. He said that Southern Water are still not carrying out all duties successfully and that they have admitted a breach of duty in discharging pollution from Fullerton WwTW into the River Test in 2023. Outsourcing some operations has not been successful and communication is a problem. Southern Water have agreed to try and tackle these problem areas. The PPPF are still trying to obtain information regarding issues that affected Amport pumping station in the spring when tankers returned.

Resilience Plan- Cllr Waller was not present.

School Liaison- Cllr Baker had nothing specific to report but continues to liaise with the school.

6) Feedback from Fete

Cllr Harris reported the fete on Saturday 4th July was popular and successful. Thanks were expressed to the organisers and helpers who have already indicated a willingness to have a repeat event in 2027, on 2nd July.

Disappointment was expressed that on the evening of the fete rolls of toilet paper were thrown into the trees in the fen.

7) A342 working group.

Cllr Harris reported the A342 working group are working towards producing a draft report in the next few weeks, details of which will be shared with the Parish Council in due course. HCC Donnelly reported his plan to hold a meeting with the HCC highways lead officer and local representatives, hopefully in September. He will share details as soon as possible.

Clerks report

8) The Clerk reported as follows-

She confirmed the ditch alongside the Village Green has now been cleared and the contractor had encountered a problem with the ditch being full of green waste which he then had to hire skips to dispose of. The original quote had priced for the removal of soil and while the invoice received was as per the quote the contractor had also sent the two invoices he had paid for the skip hire totalling

£194.40. The contractor had not asked for payment but had reported this additional expense had severely dented any profit he would have made from the job. After a short discussion Cllr Coke proposed this expenditure be met by the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Baker, all agreed. The Clerk will arrange for payment to be made.

She also reported a change in legislation meant that all private addresses included on register of interest forms now needed to be redacted. She has actioned this and sent revised form to TVBC for all councillors.

Finally, she reported the old one.com email service would cease in August unless a renewed subscription is made. She confirmed she had been monitoring the account and only junk mail was being received. It was therefore agreed no renewal should be made.

Finance

9)

1) To note the bank balances as at 13/07/2026

Lloyds savings £20801.85

Lloyds current £14882.81

2) To approve the following payments and authorise online transactions: -

H Bourner salary	£519.28
HMRC	£164.84
H Bourner exp.	£17.20
Clear energy (DD)	£27.10
Taits printers June	£110.00
Web site	£11.99
Email service	£24.99
Ray Welch	£325.00
Business stream(water)	£25.85
Greenflints	£1260.00
Acrewood	£540.00
Acrewood	£194.40

Borough & County Councillor Reports.

10) HCC Chris Donnelly reported on a summer holiday program aimed at children who would normally receive free school meals. Details can be found at

www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260623HAF-summer

TVBC Cllr M Flood had sent apologies.

TVBC S Hasselmann reported that there is a TVBC meeting on Wednesday 22nd July when a decision about the draft local plan will be made. She will provide details when she is able.

She reported on a local archaeological dig at Upper Clatford, the A343 Salisbury Road closure which will reopen on 31st July and a butterfly activity at Bury Hill.

11) Planning

1) To note the following TVBC decisions:

25/02953/FULLN-demolish farm building, construct single dwelling-Fox farm Estate-permission

26/00466/FULLN- change of use, land behind Old Farm-permission

26/00811/FULLN-2 single storey extensions, Stonebrook, 5 Sarsons Barns-permission

26/01008/FULLN- 2 polytunnels & shade structure, Monxton Nurseries-permission

2) Reviewed between meetings:

26/01181/FULLN-single storey extension,, 22 Fairways- no objections

3)To review in meeting:

26/00817/FULLN-erection of a shelter and installation of play equip with protective matting underneath-Amport School- no objections

26/01494/VARN- variation to approved works to allow phased works with no change to the plans-Amport House-no objection

Dauntsey Drove planning application- Cllr Harris confirmed this application will go before the Northern Area Planning committee possibly in August or September. The Clerk will circulate details as soon as she receives them.

Update on Amport House- Cllr Harris reported that the current owner has confirmed the process for the sale of Amport House progresses albeit slowly. (See above regarding planning)

Proposals to build up to 50 homes at Fyfield- Cllr Harris reported there is a current live application and suggested as this is so close to the Amport Parish border the Parish Council should consider making representations to the planning authority.

Finally, Cllr Harris said he will write to TVBC reminding them of the made Neighbourhood Plan for Amport Parish and its relation to both current and future planning applications.

Correspondence

12) There were no items of correspondence.

Community News

13) Cllr Montagu reported that he is having some difficulties getting a response from the new owner of the solar farm and has also not had a response from the company who obtained the planning permission and agreed the community benefit deed. Cllr Montagu will gather as much information as possible and he and Cllr Harris will consider what action they can take including whether legal action is required.

Date of next meeting

14) The next meeting will be held on Monday 21st September 2026, 7.30pm at **Monxton & Amport Village Hall**