

**Minutes of the Amport Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th November 2025, 7.30pm at
Monxton & Amport Village Hall**

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

Also present

Heather Bourner – Parish Clerk
TVBC Maureen Flood
1 Member of the public

Apologies

1) Apologies for absence had been received from HCC Chris Donnelly, TVBC S Hasselmann, Cllr S Baker, Cllr P Harvey & Cllr D Stephenson.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda. All Councillors confirmed that no changes to Register of Interest forms were required.

3) Public Participation

The member of the public present was interested in updates to planning applications, particularly those in the Weyhill area.

4) Minutes of previous meetings & matters arising

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 20th October were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Coke seconded Cllr Montagu. All in favour.

5) 2026/27 Budget

A draft budget had been circulated and the Clerk confirmed she had already received some feedback from Councillors. Cllr Harris had also suggested several items to be considered. A discussion followed and it was agreed the budget needed to include a sum for the upgrade to the parking area at the village green as well as replacement of dragon's teeth alongside the road edge of the green. Provision also needed to be made for potential costs of consultant's fees regarding planning applications and the proposals in the draft local plan. It was also possible funding would be required by the A342 working group although HCC and TVBC would be approached to support this financially as necessary.

After further discussions it was also agreed provision should be made to increase reserves given expectations of audit regarding the recommended amounts to be set aside. In summary this meant the precept to be requested for 2026/27 amounted to £40,000. Cllr Montagu proposed the budget be agreed and the figure of precept to request be set at £40,000, this was seconded by Cllr Coke, all agreed. A copy of the agreed budget will be attached to the minutes.

6) Specific reports

Principle & Process-Cllr Coke had nothing to report.

Devolution- Cllr Harris reported Hampshire Council and the various District Councils in Hampshire have presented their proposals for Local Government Reorganisation to Central government and a response is expected soon.

The Fen & Green- Cllr Harris reported the goalposts are due to be moved, Cllr Hawkings-Byass will approach the contractor.

The ditch on the verge along the green still needs clearing, the Clerk confirmed she had asked the lengthsman to carry out the work.

A tree in the southwest corner of the fen has some dead branches hanging over the road and following a review by a tree surgeon a request was made to TVBC for an emergency order to remove a dead or dying tree. TVBC need to have photographic evidence of disease otherwise a normal tree application needs to be submitted. The Clerk will complete an application.

Play Area -Cllr Harvey had sent apologies.

Weyhill- Cllr Hemmings reported the field used a dog walking space in Weyhill had been fenced off by the landowner and several parishioners had expressed their disappointment given this has been used by the public for many years. Given the use was only ever by landowner permission there is nothing that can be done. An application for change of use for this field has now been submitted to TVBC (see planning item13) She also reported the potholes in Fairways have now been filled.

Finally, she reported after recent rainfall flooding had occurred under the railway bridge by Dauntsey Lane, on the main Amesbury Road at the railway bridge and on Sarson Lane just as it meets the A303. All caused problems with the Sarson Lane flooding being very dangerous. The Clerk will report these to HCC although they have been reported before and then ask HCC Chris Donnelly if he can push for action to be taken.

Footpaths- Cllr Hawkings-Byass had nothing to report.

Communications – The next newsletter will be drafted soon, for publication at the beginning of December.

Projects- Cllr Harvey had sent his apologies.

Neighbourhood Plan– Cllr Stephenson had sent apologies but had circulated an email with comments from the examiner which she asks all to read.

Highways- Cllr Harris reported HCC has finally repaired the damaged road surface on Monxton Road in Ampo and repaired the hole on Wiremead Lane at the entrance to Haydown Farm.

Southern Water -Cllr Harris reported the hosepipe ban has now been lifted. Work to tackle water infiltration to sewers in surrounding villages continue.

No decisions have been made yet, by Southern Water to repair the area outside the Ampo water pumping station and the lay by at East Cholderton.

Resilience Plan- Cllr Waller was absent.

School Liaison-Cllr Baker had sent apologies.

7) Dragons Teeth- Village Green Verge

Cllr Harris reported several of the dragon's teeth alongside the road by the village green were damaged. The Clerk had reported these to Hampshire County Council highways department who had responded to say these were the responsibility of the landowner. The land was a verge and assumed to be highways and the Village Green is registered as such with HCC, the Parish Council as guardians look after the Village Green. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to respond to highways with these facts and reminding them that they had not only fitted the originals but also replaced damaged ones in the past.

A debate followed as to whether these types of posts were necessary or if they could be replaced with an alternative. It was agreed something needs to be fitted to highlight the verge and prevent vehicles ending up in the ditch between the verge and the Village Green. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to obtain a quote for the replacement of the dragons' teeth and also prices of alternative warning markers.

8) Draft Local Plan & A342 working group.

Cllr Harris confirmed he and the vice chair of Penton Grafton Parish Council will be meeting with the agents who have put together proposal for building new homes at Weyhill and Penton on behalf of the Dunning family and the Ewelme Trust, on 19th November. A report will be provided to the Parish Council following the meeting.

A report of the recent meeting with TVBC regarding the Draft Local Plan has been circulated to all councillors. It is clear it will be sometime before TVBC reach any conclusion on the draft local plan.

The A342 Working Group continues to gather data and are hoping to produce a consultation document to be circulated in the new year, some funding for this important project has been provided by TVBC. If there are any locals with expertise that could help with this project, please contact clerk@amporthantsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Clerks report

9) The Clerk reported as follows-

A parishioner has reported theft of parcels from a porch on more than one occasion. Parishioners are encouraged to arrange for parcels to be delivered to an address where someone is home.

Salt bins throughout the parish that may require a refill or replacement bin where damaged can be reported to HCC for action. The bin at the Green has been reported for a refill. All councillors were asked to check bins in their local area and let the Clerk know where action was required. Cllr Hemmings said the grit bin on the green area at the entrance to Faiways is damaged, this was been reported some months ago but has not been replaced. The Clerk will report this again.

Large volume of advertising signs on the fence at the White Horse have been reported to TVBC planning enforcement.

10) Speed awareness machine.

Cllr Coke reported he hopes to erect the machine in the next few days with the help of a volunteer. The planned first location is Dauntsey Lane.

Finance

11)

i) To note the bank balances as at 11/11/2025

Lloyds savings £21875.91

Lloyds current £2557.19

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

H Bourner salary	£519.48
HMRC	£164.64
H Bourner exp.	£17.20
YU energy (DD)	£ 24.82
Ray Welch	£340.00
Taits printers	£110.00
Web site	£11.99
Email service	£24.99
HCC street lights	£97.11

Retrospective

Monxton & Ampot Village Hall £4000.00

Borough & County Councillor Reports.

12) HCC Chris Donnelly had sent apologies, but his recent report had been circulated to all councillors.

TVBC M Flood highlighted the recent TVBC Councillor report. She confirmed demolition is underway at the site for new Andover theatre and that the Chantry Centre car park is undergoing routine maintenance which includes some closures while work is undertaken. Finally, she reported there is likely to be further consultation on Local Government Reorganisation and will circulate details as soon as she has them.

13) Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

25/02324/TREEN- pollard willow-Broadwater, Wiremead Lane- no objections

Reviewed between meetings:

None

Resolved: that the planning advisory committee's approval on the following applications were endorsed:

25/02416/FULLN-continued siting of mobile home-Middlecot Stables- no objections

25/02650/CLPN- new garden shed and studio-36 Sarson Close- no objections

25/02700/FULLN-change of use from agricultural to equine, land to north of Amesbury Road-This application has only just been received, all Councillors will review this and send comments to the Clerk who will submit a response to TVBC before the deadline

Tree Applications

21/02969/DDCA & 25/00089/DDCA- the clerk reported a parishioner has expressed concerns that the conditions of replanting trees attached to both applications for tree removal on land off Keepers Hill had not been met. This has been reported to TVBC planning enforcement who will investigate.

Correspondence

14) The Clerk highlighted brochures for outdoor adult gym equipment and the latest Clerks & Councils direct magazine.

Community News

15) Cllr Harris confirmed an offer to buy Amport House has been accepted by the current owner, further news will be shared in due course.

Cllr Harris will attend the TVAPTC meeting on 20th at King's Sombourne

Cllr Hemmings & Dix passed thanks from The Weyhill and Dauntsey Lane/Drove communities to Cllr Harris for his continued work to support those areas.

Date of next meeting

16) The next meeting will be on Monday 19th January 2026, 7.30pm at **Monxton & Amport Village Hall**