

**Minutes of the Amport Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st July 2025, 7.30pm at
Monxton & Amport Village Hall**

Present: Cllr C Harris – Chairman, Cllr A Montagu, Cllr P Waller, Cllr Clare Hemmings & Cllr Mrs D Stephenson.

Also present

Heather Bourner – Parish Clerk

TVBC Maureen Flood

1 Member of the public

Apologies

- 1) Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC S Hasselmann, Cllr S Coke-Vice Chairman. Cllr Mrs S Baker, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Hawkings-Byass & Cllr H Dix.

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) Draft Local Plan

Considerable work has begun in the parish, spearheaded by a Parish Council working group to establish full details of the proposals in the draft local plan which include a huge expansion of Weyhill with up to 1034 new homes and a school. Parish Councillors are working hard to establish facts and liaising with adjoining Parish Councils who will be affected by the proposals. There was considerable discussion regarding the matter including advice given by TVBC Cllr Flood in respect of the consultation.

All parishioners are urged to attend a TVBC public consultation exhibition at the Fairground in Weyhill on **Thursday 24th July** from **3.45 – 6.45**. Cllr Hemmings will gather contact details of anyone attending who wishes to be kept up to date with the issue as it progresses.

Further meetings with representatives of TVBC regarding highways issues and planning matters will be attended by Parish Councillors. The consultation of the draft plan expires on 5th September and the Parish Council may call an extraordinary meeting to agree the response to the consultation by the Parish Council. All parishioners are encouraged to submit their own responses to the consultation.

Finally, the Neighbourhood Planning consultant had suggested information should be gathered from TVBC by way of a Freedom of Information request and the details were discussed. It was unanimously agreed by all Councillors present that a request should be submitted. The Clerk will action.

4) Public Participation

The member of public present asked if funding for the Village Hall was now complete and if bookings of the space were increasing. Cllr Harris was able to confirm there is a shortfall in funding of approximately £8000.00. The hall can be booked online via the new Village Hall website.

5) Minutes of previous meetings & matters arising

Resolved: The minutes of the meetings held on 16th June were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Montagu seconded Cllr Waller. All in favour.

6) Specific reports

Principle & Process-Cllr Coke had sent apologies

Devolution- Cllr Harris reported Hampshire Council and The Government are pressing on with their attempts to devolve powers to an elected mayor and to restructure local government across the county into new unitary authorities (LGR). There is apparently no consensus in the county as to how the proposed unitary authorities should be constituted. There are proposals by Hampshire County Councils and further proposals by TVBC. The ultimate decision on reorganisation will be made by central government, but all members of the public are asked to contribute their thoughts via the public consultations details of which can be found online.

The Fen & Green- Cllr Harris reported the damaged handrails on the wooden bridge at the northern end of the fen have been repaired.

There have been further problems with moles which have been addressed and a fallen tree from the Fen into the river will be removed later in the week.

Finally, the roadside verge at the Village Green would benefit from a cut back and volunteers are sought to do this.

Play Area -Cllr Harvey had sent apologies but had confirmed by email that there were no problems with equipment at the play area.

Weyhill- Cllr Hemmings said there was a great strength of feeling in Weyhill regarding the local plan proposals and she expects many residents to attend the exhibition.

Footpaths- Cllr Hawkings-Byass had sent apologies.

Communications – The next newsletter will be drafted soon and it is expected this will include details of the housing proposals and how and when to submit comments to the consultation.

Projects- Cllr Harvey had sent apologies but has been researching how the car parking side of the Village Green could be improved. His full report is expected at the September meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan– Cllr Stephenson explained TVBC have asked for information which the Neighbourhood Plan team believe has already been submitted. This will be sent again in the hope that the process of review by an examiner can take place.

Highways- Cllr Harris reported the Environment Agency has suggested “bundling” around potential flood areas in the catchment is a viable approach to rectifying flood problems and the idea will be further explored.

Southern Water -Cllr Harris confirmed as expected, a drought order has been put in place in Hampshire, so domestic hosepipe use is now illegal with limited exceptions.

Southern Water is continuing with its planned maintenance programme over the summer., and vehicles may be seen at water-pumping stations, doing jobs such as “wet-well cleans” and jetting of sewers, before the groundwater rises in the autumn.

Resilience Plan- Cllr Waller said work to organise a training workshop around a fictitious emergency continues.

School Liaison-Cllr Baker had sent apologies

7) Speed Awareness Signs

The Clerk confirmed the required new posts had been fitted by Hampshire County Council Highways.

She will now liaise with Cllr Coke regarding the purchase of the machine and engaging with the volunteers who have agreed to help with the siting and moving of the machine around the various posts.

Clerks report

8) The Clerk reported as follows-

The waste bin on the Village Green had been changed to a litter bin without any notice. The Clerk had contacted TVBC regarding this and been told this was because the green bin was only emptied fortnightly and was often very full and heavy for operatives to move. The litter bin will be emptied at least weekly, but more if required and can be used for dog waste disposal.

She had been in contact with the manager of the Hawk Inn regarding the defibrillator to discuss location, a new box and signs to highlight the presence of the machine. It was agreed the location was probably the best one, moving the machine may not be easy given the listed building status and as there was a no parking zone in front of the machine, access would always be possible. Details of the types of signs and a suitable box had been sent to the manager and the Clerk will liaise with her to agree which are the best for the site.

The Clerk confirmed she had made progress with the application for a .gov email service and email addresses have now been ordered at www.amporthantsparishcouncil.gov.uk. As soon as they confirm these are live the Clerk will carry out necessary actions and let all Cllrs know. She will also purchase a new Parish Council laptop as previously agreed so that a Parish Council cloud account can be set up.

Finance

9)

1) To note the bank balances as at 14/07/2025

Lloyds savings £21839.22

Lloyds current £7399.01

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

H Bournier salary	£491.60
HMRC	£152.41
H Bournier exp.	£17.20
Business stream	£27.18
YU energy (DD)	£32.21
Ray Welch	£270.00
Taits printers June	£110.00
Taits printers (July)	£120.00
Web site	£11.99
Monxton & Amport V Hall	£30.00
GreenFlints Fen bridge	£1184.16

Borough & County Councillor Reports.

10 HCC Chris Donnelly was not present.

TVBC M Flood confirmed the food waste collection scheme will commence on 13th October

11) Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

25/00306/FULLN- retention vehicular access, Land rear of Sheppard's Cottages-withdrawn

25/008074/FULLN- extension & replace outbuilding-Foxwell House, Georgia Lane-refuse

25/00796/TPON-Tree works, 1 Brewery Cottages, Amesbury Road-consent

Reviewed between meetings:

None

Resolved: that the planning advisory committee's approval on the following applications were endorsed:
25/01338/FULLN- remove and replace paths and terrace, install handrails, fence, surface water drainage, soak away and right of way path-1 Mount Pleasant-no objections

25/01403/FULLN-laying of underground cables to connect solar farm- Land at Lains farm-no objections

25/01451/CPLN-lawful development certificate for garden shed, Ashside, Sarson Lane-no objections

25/01585/FULLN-retrospective application to erect a new garage and a replacement shed- Buckingham House, Middlecot-no objections.

Cllr Hemmings highlighted an application for 12 houses on 25/01594/FULLN at Amport Fields-she had seen the TVBC notice had been erected but the Clerk has not received details. All Councillors will review and the Clerk will contact TVBC.

Correspondence

12) The Clerk confirmed she had been in touch with the land owner where the large willow tree had fallen down. The parts blocking the footpath and encroaching the road were cleared locally but he has agreed to visit and clear both this and the dead tree at the water pumping station before the autumn.

New Items for next agenda

13) None at present

Community News

14) Amport and Monxton Village fete held on 5th July 2025 was extremely successful.

Another Place has confirmed there is still no firm offer regarding the sale of on Amport House.

The owners of the Hawk inn have been notified that there remains strong local opposition to continued parking on the green opposite the pub.

Further volunteers from Amport Parish are sought to help the new village hall to run properly, and organise events.

Date of next meeting

15) The next meeting will be on Monday 15th September 2025, 7.30pm at **Monxton & Amport Village Hall**