

Minutes of the Amport Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2026, 7.30pm at Monxton & Amport Village Hall

Present: Cllr C Harris – Chairman, Cllr S Coke-Vice Chairman, Cllr C Hemmings, Cllr Mrs S Baker, Cllr Mrs T Hawkings-Byass, & Cllr Waller.

Also present

Heather Bourner – Parish Clerk

TVBC M Flood

5 Members of the public

Apologies

1) Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC S Hasselmann, Cllr Dix, Cllr Mrs D Stephenson & Cllr Montagu.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no 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

The members of public present were residents of Mount Pleasant who reported some very difficult issues arising from one individual who lived in the area. All the homes were owner occupied apart from one which was controlled by Aster Housing. Several issues have arisen, abusive threats been made, criminal damage occurred, along with intimidation and harassment of vulnerable individuals. Aster Housing have been contacted as have the police and in one case a solicitor engaged.

Cllr Harris confirmed the Parish Council have no powers to help but encouraged the group to seek advice from TVBC Maureen Flood, Aster Housing and if necessary, approach their MP, Caroline Nokes.

4) Minutes of previous meetings & matters arising

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 11th May were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Coke seconded Cllr Hawkings-Byass All in favour.

5) Specific reports

Principle & Process-Cllr Coke reported on the audit return for the year ended 31/03/2026. Cllr Baker retrospectively proposed Do the Numbers Ltd were appointed to carry out the internal audit. This was seconded by Cllr Hemmings. All agreed. This took place on 15th June. Aside from a couple of administrative errors to correct the only substantial item was the requirement for a statement of Internal Controls that can be published on the web site. A draft policy had been circulated and Cllr Coke proposed this be adopted. This was seconded by Cllr Hemmings. All agreed.

The Audit return was reviewed. Section 1 was reviewed followed by section 2 which was also reviewed. Cllr Coke proposed both these be agreed and signed. This was seconded by Cllr Harris. All agreed. Both documents were signed by the Chairman. The Parish Council also agreed it had no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP and it was agreed Cllr Harris should sign the necessary form. Dates for public rights to review the financial records were agreed as Wednesday 17th June to Tuesday 28th July.

Devolution- Cllr Harris reported on a meeting organised through HALC he had attended regarding Local Government Reorganisation. Lots of work continues to be done regarding reorganisation and it is hoped a new system will be in place by 2028. Many people believe Parish Councils will have a significant part to play in forming working practices although there is little detail at present.

The Fen & Green- Cllr Harris reported the green is growing vigorously with the recent rainfall. Much of the grass will be cut in advance of the school sports day on 19th June. He said the school PTA has asked the Parish Council for permission to have a coffee van at sports day, and to park the coffee van on the green. The matter was discussed and it was agreed the van could attend and park on the Village Green subject to completion of the relevant form. The Clerk will action.

Play Area -Cllr Harvey was not present.

Weyhill- Cllr Hemmings said there was no sign of any horses on the field in Weyhill where change of use from agricultural to equestrian has recently been granted. Locals appear to be using this as a dog walking area again.

Footpaths- Cllr Hawkings-Byass reported some areas need to be strimmed back and she will contact the landowners as necessary. Cllr Harris reported there is a fallen tree in the ford by Sarson Mill. This has been reported to HCC who say it is the landowner's responsibility although this is thought to be HCC. HCC Cllr Donnelly has been asked to help find a solution.

Communications – Cllr Hawkings-Byass said more volunteers were required to help deliver the monthly newsletters, especially in the Fox Farm area- if you can help contact clerk@amporthantsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Projects- Cllr Harvey was not present.

Highways- Cllr Harris reported some potholes on Sarson lane have recently been filled. He asked that all councillors and residents report all identified road verge / hedge / tree issues problems to HCC, ideally with a “what three words” report via the website. [Report a problem to Hampshire County Council Highways | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council](#)
Cllr Flood highlighted a lengthy closure of Salisbury Road in Andover which may cause disruption, due to the installation of a new rising main by Southern Water.

Southern Water – Cllr Harris reported that at a recent meeting Southern Water noted that during last winter groundwater levels shot up during February and this combined with a total of 400 mm of rainfall in the first 2 months of the year, caused a hydraulic overload of the sewer network. Southern Water was caught by surprise and in the area tanker deployment went from 6 to 136 tankers operating across 35 groundwater catchments. Amporthants Parish is awaiting responses from Southern Water for details of the spill in the parish, earlier this year and for details of why this catchment (this parish especially) suffered so badly early this year. Finally, Southern Water have accepted that some verges in the villages need to be repaired and a programme for this work is being drawn up.

Resilience Plan- Cllr Waller confirmed he is currently updating the plan before this can be published. He has been in contact with an officer from TVBC and hopes that some details can be shared soon.

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

6) Broadband Scale back-Hampshire

Cllr Harris reported on "Project Gigabit" an initiative to bring effective broadband cover to rural areas. The following article <https://share.google/IEsHTnWYMJucxJBPZ> reports that Caroline Nokes MP is seeking some answers from HMG on what is happening or not happening on the project. She has been approached for up-to-date answers.

7) A342 working group.

Cllr Harris reported the A342 working group plan to meet on 17th June when they hope to have all the results from the traffic surveys and local questionnaires for review.

Clerks report

8) The Clerk reported as follows-

She confirmed the ditch alongside the Village Green is scheduled for clearance on 6th July.

She also confirmed she had once again reported the destroyed bollards at the junction of Amesbury Road & Fyfield Road at Weyhill. She confirmed she has asked HCC Donnelly to press HCC to revisit the request to install no left hand turn signs when approaching from the west and no right hand turn from the east, as well as tidying up the verge again.

Finance

9)

1) To note the bank balances as at 09/06/2026

Lloyds savings £20785.04

Lloyds current £17282.78

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

H Bourner salary	£519.28
HMRC	£164.84
H Bourner exp.	£17.20
Do the Numbers	£260.00
Playsafety Ltd	£123.60
Clear energy (DD)	£ 77.09
Taits printers May	£110.00
Web site	£11.99
Email service	£24.99
Ray Welch	£195.00
Bluestone Planning	£1756.72
Broughton PC	£15.00
Founds Electrical	£120.00
Acrewood	£389.85
Eclipse pest control	£107.00

Retrospective

Janet Wright £123.00

Borough & County Councillor Reports.

10) HCC Chris Donnelly was not present.

TVBC Cllr M Flood reported the required structural change document for Local Government Reorganisation has yet to be delivered by Central Government. Discussions regarding the working proposals would be taking place soon. A question regarding how this may affect Parish Councils

was raised along with a question about how parishes could merge. Cllr Flood will try to find some information regarding this which she is able to share.

A preferred contractor for the new Andover Theatre is in place, and building should start very soon.

11) **Planning**

1) To note the following TVBC decisions:

26/00551/FULLN- erect garden shed-Two Hoots, Dauntsey Lane- no objections

2) Reviewed between meetings:

26/01008/FULLN-install 2 x polytunnels and a shade structure-Keiron Beattie Landscapes, Monxton Nurseries- no objections

3)To review in meeting:

26/01170/TREEN-tree works, Nether Cottage, the Green- no objections

Update on Amport House- Cllr Harris reported that the current owner has confirmed the process for the sale of Amport House progresses albeit slowly.

Preparation for the Fete

12) The annual Amport Fete will be held on 4th July. Cllr Baker asked if the long grass on the verge could be cut back before the fete. Cllr Harris said some of this has been done and Cllr Baker agreed to get a working party together to clear it all before the fete.

The Parish Council will have a stall at the fete and Cllr Hawkings-Byass will arrange for the gazebo to be erected. Several Councillors will man the stall on a rota basis.

Correspondence

12) There were no items of correspondence.

Community News

13) None

Date of next meeting

14) The next meeting will be held on Monday 20th July 2026, 7.30pm at **Monxton & Amport Village Hall**