

**Minutes from the Meeting  
held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 19:00  
at The War Memorial Hall, Abbots Ann.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

	<b>In Attendance</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Councillor Jordan</b>		√	
<b>Councillor Howard</b>	√		
<b>Councillor Heather</b>	√		
<b>Councillor Wallis</b>	√		
<b>Councillor Mitchell</b>	√		
<b>Councillor Rous</b>			√
<b>Vacancy</b>	-	-	-

**Also, IN ATTENDANCE:**

Amanda Owen – Clerk, Borough Councillor Hasselman, County Councillor Drew, John Barlow - Abbots Ann Community Land Trust & no members of the public.

<b>250201</b>	<b>To receive Chairman’s opening remarks.</b> Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>250202</b>	<b>To receive and accept apologies for absence.</b> Apologies were <b>RECEIVED</b> and <b>ACCEPTED</b> from Councillor Jordan and <b>NOTED</b> from Borough Councillor Flood.
<b>250203</b>	<b>To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on this agenda.</b> No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were received.
<b>250204</b>	<b>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 &amp; Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025.</b> The minutes of the meetings held on Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 & Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January were signed as a correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
<b>250205</b>	<b>To receive updates already published and any further updates provided.</b> Reports can be found at <b>APPENDIX A</b> . Councillor Heather and Councillor Wallis discussed the implement and distribution of the 20’s Plenty signs.  Councillor Wallis advised the football pitch is still unplayable due to conditions.  Councillor Howard ran through the action list.  Councillors Hasselmann and Drew provided an overview of their reports.
<b>250206</b>	<b>To receive an update from Abbots Ann Community Land Trust.</b> John Barlow from Abbots Ann Community Land Trust provided the following update: “AACLТ attended a meeting (5 <sup>th</sup> January) with the Vendor’s agent and planning adviser. They have agreed virtually everything that we wanted to occur in terms of procedure, financial issues etc.  We have agreed provisionally a list of Development partners, all builders in Hampshire or Wiltshire. A tender package is now to be prepared and submitted to them all with a return date hopefully in May with selection shortly afterwards.  Further ecological surveys will be required but we are all working towards getting a planning application submitted by December 2025.”
<b>250207</b>	<b>To discuss progress on the new Bulbery facilities project.</b> The latest correspondence email from Mr Rose with relevance to Sports England was discussed. It was noted that the Clerk would ask Councillor Jordan would reply.

250208	<p><b>To agree funding solution for Bulbery play equipment.</b> Councillor Mitchell provided an update with regards to additional quotes that were received to satisfy TVBC grant application requirements. Councillor Mitchell agreed to arrange a site meeting for Councillors and the Clerk to discuss options further.</p>																																				
250209	<p><b>To agree the 2025 / 2026 Grounds Maintenance quote from Scandor at a cost of £7172.16 (£8606.59 inc VAT).</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the 2025 / 2026 Grounds Maintenance quote from Scandor at a cost of £7172.16 and allocate (price saved) to Footpath Maintenance. Proposed by Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> to allocate £1000.00 to an EMR for Footpath Maintenance / Volunteer Training. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																				
250210	<p><b>To approve the War Memorial Hall Committee installing a French drain around the foundations of the War Memorial Hall.</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> to allow the War Memorial Hall Committee to install a French drain around the foundations of the War Memorial Hall. Proposed by Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Mitchell. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																				
250211	<p><b>To approve the removal and replanting of shrubs adjacent to the War Memorial Hall to allow the installation of the French drain with costs to be born by the Parish Council.</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> to allow the War Memorial Hall to obtain quotes on behalf of the Parish Council for the removal and replanting of shrubs to streamline the project. The final quote and choice of Contractor is to be decided by the Parish Council. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																				
250212	<p><b>To consider the installation of a drainage pipe from the WMH car park to the well within the WMH Grounds, utilising the French drain installation trench to reduce cost.</b> In principle it was <b>AGREED</b> that the installation of a drainage pipe is a beneficial option. Before going ahead, the Parish Council would like more clarity. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																				
250213	<p><b>To consider the repairing / replacement of the fence at the rear of the WMH with a post and rail type construction.</b> It was <b>DECIDED</b> to not go ahead with quotes for a replacement fence as the item was not deemed necessary. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Mitchell. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																				
250214	<p><b>To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance.</b> The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were <b>NOTED</b> with the bank balance at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 being £75,472.25. The bank reconciliation can be found as <b>APPENDIX B</b>.</p>																																				
250215	<p><b>To approve the requests for payments for February.</b> The payments as listed in the table below were <b>APPROVED</b> for payment. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="252 1760 1533 2110"> <thead> <tr> <th>TO</th> <th>FOR</th> <th>INVOICE NO</th> <th>AMOUNT</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Salary</td> <td>February</td> <td>£1,147.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>January</td> <td>£42.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Wallis</td> <td>Pavilion Supplies</td> <td></td> <td>£6.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scandor</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance</td> <td>Inv 20515</td> <td>£852.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall</td> <td>Room Hire</td> <td>Inv 1596</td> <td>£95.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gillet &amp; Johnson</td> <td>Church Clock Service</td> <td>Inv 30443</td> <td>£270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vision ICT</td> <td>Admin Fee to manage abbottsann-pc.gov.uk</td> <td>Inv 19633</td> <td>£48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td><b>£2,462.47</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT	Staff	Salary	February	£1,147.51	Staff	Expenses	January	£42.79	Councillor Wallis	Pavilion Supplies		£6.50	Scandor	Grounds Maintenance	Inv 20515	£852.67	Abbotts Ann War Memorial Hall	Room Hire	Inv 1596	£95.00	Gillet & Johnson	Church Clock Service	Inv 30443	£270.00	Vision ICT	Admin Fee to manage abbottsann-pc.gov.uk	Inv 19633	£48.00				<b>£2,462.47</b>
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<b>250216</b>	<b>To consider the following planning application(s):</b>
<b>250216.01</b>	<p><b>25/00013/TREEN</b>  <b>T1 - Weeping Willow - Pollard at appropriate growth points.</b>  <b>Beech House, Duck Street, Abbots Ann.</b>  The Parish Council had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this application.  Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis.  All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<b>250216.02</b>	<p><b>25/00127/FULLN</b>  <b>Single and first floor extensions and provision of 2 dormer windows.</b>  <b>Copper Beeches, Salisbury Road, Abbots Ann, Andover.</b>  The Parish Council had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this application.  Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather.  All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<b>250216.03</b>	<p><b>25/00074/CLPN</b>  <b>Certificate of proposed lawful development for a single storey rear extension with minor alterations to some window and door openings.</b>  <b>Upper Mill House Andover Road Monxton Andover Hampshire SP11 8AP.</b>  The Parish Council had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this application.  Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis.  All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<b>250216.04</b>	<p><b>25/00195/OUTN</b>  <b>Outline application for the erection of 1 no. detached house and 1 no. detached chalet bungalow within grounds of Willow Cottage (retained and refurbished), with all 3 properties served by existing vehicular access from Foundry Road. Willow Cottage, Salisbury Road, Abbots Ann, Andover.</b>  The Parish Council <b>OBJECTS</b> to this application on the following grounds:  Traffic management and road safety. The junction between the A343 and Foundry Road is often obscured when Southern Water are conduction pumping operations. The development will see increased need for parking which will occur close to the junction, further obscuring drivers views and placing pedestrians at increased risk. Access to the site will be obscured in both directions presenting a risk to those wishing to enter and exit the site.  The proposal represents an over development of small site and the property designs are not in keeping / character with the surround architecture.</p> <p>There is a lack of operational capacity in the local sewer system which results in regular emergency pumping operations by Southern Water almost directly opposite the site entrance. Adding further properties at a point in the system where there are already repeated operational failures may significantly increase the risk of further over pumping and pollution of the adjacent chalk river bed stream.  Development of the site will result in the loss of a large number of mature trees that have screened adjacent properties from traffic noise for over a quarter of century.  The ecological survey was only conducted several months after the developer had cleared the site of virtually all natural flora and forna, predominantly destroying the habitats of all the species listed in the report. AAPC is concerned that site clearance may have been undertaken to remove evidence of habitats for breeding birds, common reptiles, amphibians, bats and hedgehogs. Of particular concern is the disruption to a site that was known by local residents to have an active bat population.  Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather.  All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<b>250216.05</b>	<p><b>25/00205/FULLN</b>  <b>Oriel window.</b>  <b>34 Duck Street, Abbots Ann, Andover, Hampshire.</b>  The Parish Council had <b>NO OBJECTION</b> to this application.  Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather.  All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
<b>250217</b>	<p><b>To agree the date of the next meeting as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.</b>  The date of the next meeting was <b>AGREED</b> as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:30.

## APPENDIX A

### Borough Councillor Report

**Cllr Maureen Flood and Cllr Susanne Hasselmann February 2025**

#### Weekly food waste collections

Test Valley Borough Council is planning to start food waste collections in October 2025.

The required specialist food waste collection vehicles have been ordered and the changes to the depots have either been carried already or will be done by the summer. Additional staff will be recruited over the coming months.

Each property in the Borough will be provided with a kitchen caddy (5 litre capacity) and a kerbside caddy (23 litres capacity). The exception will be properties that will use a communal bin for collections, for example blocks of flats.

#### Test Valley Community Resilience Forum

Date for your diary: the next Test Valley Community Resilience Forum is taking place at King's Somborne Village Hall on Saturday 8 March from 9:30 for networking with coffee and breakfast rolls.

#### Victory in Europe Day

The 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 will mark 80 years since Germany's unconditional surrender, bringing to an end World War II in Europe. To help communities mark the occasion, Test Valley Borough Council have launched a VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grant Scheme.

Not for profit organisations, clubs, societies, parish councils and schools can all apply for up to £500 towards local celebrations.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 25th April and all activities must take place within two weeks of the 8th of May. If a temporary road closure is needed, the application fee will also be waived. More details at

[www.testvalley.gov.uk/VEDaygrant](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/VEDaygrant).

#### Sakura Cherry Tree Project UK



We understand that the Japanese Embassy still have trees available as part of their Sakura Cherry Tree Project UK.

Since 2019, more than 7,000 trees have been planted around the country so far as part of this special initiative to strengthen the friendship between Japan and the UK. You can find out more about the project at the official website [here](#).

If you are interested, please contact Cllr Susanne Hasselmann, as this is a private initiative and not a TVBC project.

Cllr Susanne Hasselmann, [cllrshasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:cllrshasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk)

Cllr Maureen Flood, [cllrmflood@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:cllrmflood@testvalley.gov.uk)

## **Update from Hampshire County Council – February 2025**

### **County Council Cabinet to consider budget action to protect core services**

Spending proposals for 2025/26, totalling £2.6bn, to ensure the County Council keeps delivering its fundamental pledge to serve Hampshire's 1.4 million residents will be considered by the County Council's Cabinet next week, as the Authority takes a step closer to deciding its annual budget from April.

Within annual budget proposals being put forward to Cabinet for consideration, and later to the Full County Council on 13 February for a final decision, recommendations will also be made for further savings proposals to move the Council closer towards the delivery of just its core services. Some of these proposals will then be subject to public consultation this spring.

Hampshire's council tax precept is currently one of the lowest amongst county councils nationally, and news is expected imminently from Government on whether the County Council can increase council tax by a total of up to 15% from 1 April - 10% above the national 5% referendum limit. Therefore, Cabinet will also consider whether to increase council tax by the full requested amount of 15%. A council tax increase of this amount would equate to an extra £4.42 per week for a Band D property. **STOP PRESS – this application has been rejected by Government.**

[County Council Cabinet to consider budget action to protect core services | Hampshire County Council](#)

### **Major investment in special needs education for next academic year**

After statutory public consultations, Hampshire County Council has announced plans to transform specialist education at four primary schools, significantly boosting support for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Gosport, Eastleigh, and Basingstoke.

[Major investment in special needs education for next academic year | Hampshire County Council](#)

### **Hampshire County Council sets out proposals for new 'lane rental' scheme to minimise road works disruption**

Hampshire County Council has set out proposals that could lead to the introduction of a new disruption charge scheme designed to reduce delays on the county's busiest roads, at the busiest times

The plan, which would complement the existing permitting scheme, would incentivise any companies or agencies needing to carry out work on busier parts of the public highway to improve their planning, work outside of peak times wherever possible, and reduce the duration of their work.

This would be achieved by charging a daily fee for the duration of the work, including any delays. Surplus revenues received over and above the basic scheme operation costs would be ring-fenced towards funding innovative projects that reduce the disruption of streetworks and roadworks and, subject to new national legislation that is expected later this year, a proportion of the income could be re-invested back into highway maintenance.

Disruption charging – or 'lane rental' – is already in operation in several parts of the UK and local schemes must comply with national legislation. Rental charges can only be applied on the most congested, strategically important local roads under the management of the highway authority. The County Council would be able to apply a 'rental' charge of up to £2,500 per day, the maximum that can be charged under the legislation.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20252101DisruptionChargingProposals>

### **Hampshire County Council agrees to progress bid for devolution fast-track**

Hampshire County Council has given the green light to press ahead with a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Hampshire to join the Government's Priority Programme for devolution, as well as the reorganisation of the county's local government structures to deliver the best possible future for Hampshire's residents and businesses

At the meeting of the Full County Council on Thursday 9 January, followed by the Authority's Cabinet on Friday 10 January, approval was given to request that the County Council be included in Government fast-track plans to bring devolution to the area.

As part of devolution proposals, a Mayor would be elected in the spring of 2026 to head up a new Combined Authority across the wider region incorporating Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council, in line with the Authorities' expression of interest submitted to the Deputy Prime Minister last summer.

The Mayor would also promote the interests of the wider region to central Government. With a combined population of over two million residents, home to 90,000 businesses and an economy that generates around £80 billion a year, the area is a powerhouse of economic activity and a significant asset for the wider UK economy.

Alongside devolution, the County Council has committed to progress with developing proposals for local government reorganisation in the area. It would completely change the landscape of Hampshire’s local councils by replacing the current two-tier council system, which is in place across most of the region, with a number of new unitary (all-purpose) councils. Proposals for local government reorganisation need to be submitted to Government by Autumn 2025.

If Government agrees for Hampshire to be added to the fast-track devolution programme, County Council elections, due this May, would be postponed for 12 months. This postponement would be essential to enable local areas to focus on laying the groundwork for devolution and reorganisation and allow for a Mayor to be elected in 2026 so the benefits to local communities can be delivered as swiftly as possible. Reorganisation would then be expected to be in place by either April 2027 or April 2028.

I have requested that the Mayoralty be permitted to name themselves the *Shire Reeve* (Anglo Saxon name for the forerunner of the title Sherriff) if they wished to.

David Drew

Test Valley Central Division, HCC

**APPENDIX B**

Date: 03/02/2025

Abbotts Ann Parish Council

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Time: 16:27

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/01/2025  
for Cashbook 1 - Lloyds Treasurers Account**

User: AMANDA

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Lloyds Treasurers Account	31/01/2025		75,472.25
			<u>75,472.25</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			75,472.25
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
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			75,472.25
		<b>Balance per Cash Book is :-</b>	<b>75,472.25</b>
		<b>Difference is :-</b>	<b>0.00</b>