

**Minutes from the Meeting
held on Thursday 4th July 2024 at 19:00
at The Pavilion, Bulbery.**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

	In Attendance	Apologies	Absent
Councillor Jordan		√	
Councillor Howard	√		
Councillor Heather	√		
Councillor Wallis	√		
Councillor Mitchell		√	
Councillor Rous			√
Vacancy	-	-	-

Also, IN ATTENDANCE:

Amanda Owen – Clerk & Borough Councillor Flood & three members of the public.

240701	<p>To receive Chairman’s opening remarks. Councillor Howard chaired the meeting due to apologies received from Councillor Jordan.</p> <p>Councillor Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the meeting is recorded.</p>
240702	<p>To receive and accept apologies for absence. Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Councillor Jordan and Councillor Mitchell. Apologies were also noted from Borough Councillor Drew and County Councillor Hasselmann.</p>
240703	<p>To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on this agenda. There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest relating to items on this agenda received.</p>
240704	<p>To approve the minutes of the annual meeting held on Thursday 6th June. Due to an abstention from Councillor Howard the meeting was not quorate to approve the June minutes.</p>
240705	<p>To receive updates already published and any further updates provided. Reports can be found at APPENDIX A.</p> <p>Councillor Heather noted that he had been helping a resident with a problem branch from a tree on an unofficial footpath that is not responsibility of Abbots Ann Parish Council. Research has discovered that the tree does not belong to the Primary School or Abbots Ann Farm Estates. Councillor Heather has attempted to contact Aster, no response has been received.</p> <p>It was confirmed by residents present that the Housing Needs Survey have been received.</p> <p>Councillor Howard updated the action list.</p>
240706	<p>To note progress with regards to the new Clubhouse. The Ecology survey has been authorised & no further update was available from Abbots Ann Sportsfield Group. It was noted that Mr Rose had sent a proposed programme to Councillor Jordan which required reviewing.</p>
240707	<p>To approve the equality, diversity and inclusion policy. It was AGREED to approve the equality, diversity and inclusion policy. Proposed by Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>
240708	<p>To consider the request from Abbots Ann Fete Committee with regards to an Alpaca pen at the War Memorial Hall on Saturday 7th September. It was AGREED to allow an Alpaca pen to be placed within the grounds of the War Memorial Hall on Saturday 7th September subject to the Alpaca’s being covered by relevant insurance. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>

270709	<p>To agree the contractor to complete Yew tree works at the Churchyard. It was AGREED to accept the quote from One Two Tree at a cost of £180.00 to remove the partially fallen yew branch within the Churchyard. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.</p>																																				
240710	<p>To note the current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance. The current financial situation and the reconciliation of the bank balance were NOTED with the bank balance at 30th June 2024 being £72,494.62. The bank reconciliation can be found as APPENDIX B.</p>																																				
240711	<p>To approve the requests for payments for July. The payments as listed in the table below were APPROVED for payment. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 2024 Payment Requests</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="240 640 1513 1037"> <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>June</td> <td>£1,124.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>May</td> <td>£31.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Heather</td> <td>Expenses</td> <td>May</td> <td>£47.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scandor</td> <td>Grounds Maintenance – June</td> <td>Inv 20091</td> <td>£852.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hampshire Association of Local Councils</td> <td>LCPD Membership</td> <td>Inv 6735</td> <td>£216.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SSE</td> <td>Electricity - Pavilion 05/12/23 to 04/06/24</td> <td>DD</td> <td>£321.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DM Payroll</td> <td>Payroll Administration Apr - Sept 2024</td> <td>3649</td> <td>£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3"></td> <td>£2,652.77</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	TO	FOR	INVOICE NO	AMOUNT	Staff	Salary	June	£1,124.02	Staff	Expenses	May	£31.04	Councillor Heather	Expenses	May	£47.39	Scandor	Grounds Maintenance – June	Inv 20091	£852.67	Hampshire Association of Local Councils	LCPD Membership	Inv 6735	£216.00	SSE	Electricity - Pavilion 05/12/23 to 04/06/24	DD	£321.65	DM Payroll	Payroll Administration Apr - Sept 2024	3649	£60.00				£2,652.77
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240712	<p>To consider the following planning application:</p>																																				
240712.01	<p>24/01266/FULLN Replace Conservatory roof with a solid roof. Plane Trees, Foundry Road, Anna Valley, Andover. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>																																				
240712.02	<p>24/01321/FULLN Single storey side extension, infilling under existing roof canopy. 3 Catherines Walk, Abbots Ann, Andover, Hampshire. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Wallis, seconded by Councillor Heather. All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>																																				
240712.03	<p>24/01383/TREEN T1 - Boxelder maple - Reduce by up to 2m, T2 - Willow - Crown clean, T3 - Grey Poplar - Reduce in height by up to 4m. Beck Cottage, Little Ann Road, Little Ann. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Heather, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>																																				
240712.04	<p>24/01414/FULLN Replacement of conservatory and potting shed with single storey rear extension; alterations to existing layout, rear door and windows and new log burner; modifications to landscape including outbuildings, new greenhouse, shed, bin store and swimming pool. New solar PV array to garage roof and ASHP for swimming pool. Rectory Cottage, Little Ann Road, Little Ann, Andover. The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application. Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis. All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>																																				

240712.05	<p>24/01415/LBWN</p> <p>Replacement of modern conservatory and potting shed with a single storey rear extension; alterations to existing layout, rear door and windows and new log burner; modifications to landscape including outbuildings, new greenhouse, shed, bin store and swimming pool. New solar PV array to garage roof and ASHP for swimming pool.</p> <p>Rectory Cottage, Little Ann Road, Little Ann, Andover.</p> <p>The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor Howard, seconded by Councillor Wallis.</p> <p>All members voted unanimously to ACCEPT this resolution.</p>
240713	<p>To agree the date of the next meeting as Thursday 4th July.</p> <p>Noting the incorrect date listed, the date of the next meeting was agreed as Thursday 1st August.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19:55.

APPENDIX A

Reports

Environmental Portfolio Report for June 2024

Footpaths

We have completed the fourth round of footpath trimming, and hopefully will start again in July subject to weather.

During the month I received an email complaint from a resident on the Bulbery Estate concerning a fallen tree across a path and now leaning on there fence and garden shed. It turns out the path is not registered footpath, it goes from the Sports Field to the Bulbery Estate and bordering the School Field, Abbots Ann Estate land and three residents' properties. TVC, the School and Abbots Ann estate say its not their land, I have also contact ASTER who own a few properties and land to see if its not their land, to date I have had no feed back. If they do not own the land, who is responsible for cutting down the tree?

Sewage

I am pleased to confirm we have had no spillage this month, and no tanker requires for any of the parishes, it would seem SW work in sealing sewer pipes over the last 18 months is working even though we still have high ground water levels for this time of the year.

We had a quarterly PPPF meeting with Southern Water this month (minute of meeting available on request) to discuss various outstanding issues, the main one for our parish is the valve issue at Mill Lane, SW say they are working a solution to fit a automatic control valve to overcome the problem, when this will happen is anybody's guess.

Highways and Paths

I have had no feed back from HCC when they will be coming to clean out thirty-four blocked drains in our village which causes flooding when we have heavy rain.

The hedge problems along Little Ann Road have now been resolved by the residents cutting their hedges bordering the pavement, after receiving a letter from AAPC.

JUNE RESULTS

| Water Quality | Kick Sampling | Groundwater

Water Quality

The chemicals we look for in our water quality tests are all within normal parameters.

Kick Sampling

We are getting a healthy variety & abundance of the key species we look for. See over the page.

We have benefited from the high water levels in the brook as this has increased flow and helped clean the gravel bottom. Levels in the brook still remain above average but are now falling as is the rate of flow.

Groundwater

Underpinning levels in the brook is groundwater. Catchment groundwater levels are measured by the EA at Clanville Gate borehole. Although the level is falling by ~ 6 cm per day it is still exceptionally high at 87.28 m. In the valley levels are also falling but at a much reduced rate.

It will be interesting to map when and how our winterbournes start to dry.

Water Quality Results for June 2024

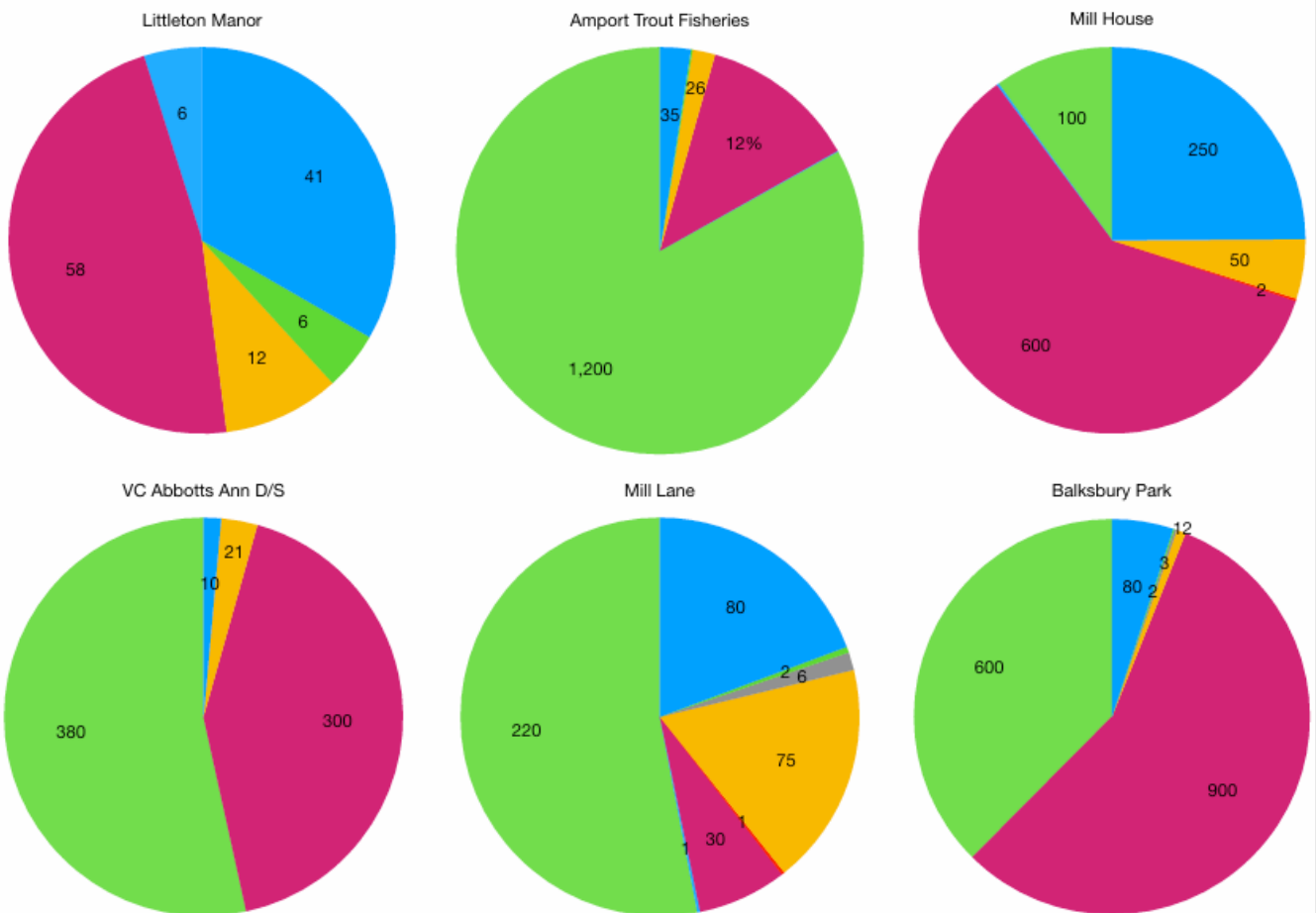
Site	Conductivity (µS)	Temp (°C)	Phosphate (ppm)	Nitrate (ppm)	Ammonia (ppm)	Brook depth (mm)
Littleton Manor	676	12.8	0.00	5	0.09	420
Amport Trout Fisheries	608	14.2	0.2	5	0.10	400
Mill House	619	15.1	0.00	5	0.02	650
VC Abbots Ann D/S	615	15.7	0.01	5	0.01	410
Mill Lane	658	17.1	0.07	5	0.00	500
Balsbury Park	605	15.3	0.10	5	0.00	800



Invertebrate Counts for June 2024

Invertebrate Score	Littleton Manor	Amport Trout Fisheries	Mill House	VC Abbotts Ann D/S	Mill Lane	Balksbury Park
Cased Caddis	41	35	250	10	80	80
Caseless Caddis	6	2	0	0	2	2
Mayfly (Ephemeroidea)	0	0	0	0	6	3
Blue-winged Olive (Ephemeroidea)	12	26	50	21	75	12
Flat-bodied Stone clinger (Heptageniidae)	0	0	2	0	1	0
Olive (Baetidae)	58	180	600	300	30	900
Stoneflies (Plecoptera)	6	1	2	0	1	0
Freshwater shrimp (Gammaridae)	0	1200	100	380	220	600

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Borough Councillor Report - Cllr Maureen Flood and Cllr Susanne Hasselmann

July 2024

More Education – Koala

A local charity, More Education, operating as Koala, has been given £50K from Test Valley Borough Council to launch a new community hub. The charity is providing support to autistic and neurodivergent people between the ages of 5 and 18 who are unable to access mainstream education. To help address some of this need, Koala wanted to create a dedicated space to enable them to expand their offer of hybrid learning and tutoring sessions, as well as creating a special interest library.

More Education (Koala) identified an empty unit in the Chantry Centre as the perfect spot, but needed funding to adapt the space to best meet the needs of their users, including installing a platform lift, accessible toilets and other critical work.

Koala applied for £50,618 from TVBC's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) pot, and councillors approved the funding at a cabinet meeting on Wednesday 28 May.

It is estimated that the facility will assist an additional 40 to 50 children and young people through tutoring and distance learning. The space will also have the potential to be used by other similar organisations as part of a wider network of support and will benefit users across Test Valley.

Funeral home visits

Following the distressing incident at Legacy Independent Funeral Directors in Hull and East Riding, the Council's Environmental Health team visited a number of funeral homes within the borough. These visits have been positive and have not found any concerns to pass onto the police.

Four Fun Fridays

Four Fun Fridays is back on 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd August 2024 (11am to 3pm) with a great programme of sporty and Olympic themed activities and performances, as well as our usual celebration of arts from around the world.

Keep tuned to the Facebook Page [Four Fun Fridays](#) to see more details of the programme, coming soon....

Cllr Susanne Hasselmann, cllrhasselmann@testvalley.gov.uk

Cllr Maureen Flood, cllrmflood@testvalley.gov.uk

Update from Hampshire County Council – July 2024

£3.8 million awarded to Hampshire for even more fast-track employment training

Hampshire's Skills Bootcamp training is to run again for a further year, thanks to an award of £3.8 million from the Department for Education (DfE)

This free, fast-track training programme is offered to Hampshire residents and employers, enabling both those in work and job seekers to gain further training and secure higher paid roles, with employers benefitting from upskilled employees.

Skills Bootcamp training will boost Hampshire's economy and increase productivity by helping businesses fill specific vacancies which require skills that currently are in short supply.

The courses are flexible with learning planned to fit around professional and family commitments allowing people in different circumstances to gain the skills employers are looking for.

For most Skills Bootcamp courses, no previous knowledge in the subject is needed. Courses can be classroom-based, on-the-job or online and unemployed participants are guaranteed a job interview at the end of their course.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/24052024employmenttrainingPR>

Let's show domestic abuse the red card

With the UEFA European Championship underway, Hampshire County Council is reminding everyone that there is help available for anyone who may be subjected to domestic abuse and for those needing support to reduce their abusive behaviours. Making a single phone call could make all the difference to someone's safety and wellbeing

While a major sporting event like the Euros is an exciting time for many, during these events the number of incidents of domestic abuse and violence often goes up. Research shows that domestic abuse incidents increase by more than a third when England loses a game and by around a quarter when they win.

Anyone concerned that domestic abuse may be impacting the welfare of a friend, family member, neighbour or colleague, or concerned about the behaviour of someone they know, should contact [Hampshire Domestic Abuse](#) services. People subjected to domestic abuse and those using abusive behaviours often struggle to reach out and get the help they need, so it is vital that others speak up, if they can.

How to get help

- If you or someone you know is affected by domestic abuse, seek help. Call the [Hampshire Domestic Abuse](#) advice line on 03300 165112.
- If you are in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police. If you can't speak and are calling on a mobile, press 55 to have your call transferred to the police. Find out [how to call the police when you can't speak](#).
- If you're concerned about your behaviour towards someone else, help is also available. Call the [Hampton Trust](#) on 023 8000 9898.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240614noexcuseforabuse>

Free activities and food for children this summer!

Don't miss out on a summer of free fun and food! That's the message to parents and carers of children eligible for benefits-related free school meals

1 minute read (215 words)

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Hampshire County Council is reminding families to sign up now to avoid missing out on the many Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) schemes on offer during the school summer holiday (24 July to 30 August 2024).

There is a wide range of fun and interesting crafts, sports and outdoor activities for all ages to choose from, which also include a nutritious meal. Free spaces are available for children who receive benefits-related free school meals and vulnerable children who may benefit from the programme. Many schemes also have paid-for places available.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme makes free places available to eligible children for the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for six weeks a year. This covers four weeks in the summer and a week's worth of activities in the Easter and Christmas holidays.

Parents and carers who want to find out what is on offer locally can search the [Family Information and Services Hub](#) and then [register online](#) to be able to book a space.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/240620HAFsummer>

David Drew

Test Valley Central Division, HCC

APPENDIX B

Date: 01/07/2024

Abbotts Ann Parish Council

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Time: 09:30

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/06/2024
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	30/06/2024		72,494.62
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<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			72,494.62
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
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		Balance per Cash Book is :-	72,494.62
		Difference is :-	0.00