

## **Minutes of the Monxton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2023, 7.30pm at Thruxton Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Mike Cleugh – Chairman  
Cllr Hugh Corroon -Vice Chairman  
Cllr Cathy Barbone  
Cllr Rupert Staines  
TVBC Maureen Flood  
Heather Bourner – Parish Clerk  
3 Members of the Public

### **Apologies:**

Apologies for absence had been received from HCC Cllr Donnelly, TVBC Susanne Hasselman and Cllr Camilla Elwell

### **1.WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Barbone nominated Cllr Cleugh to be Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Cllr Staines. All Agreed. Cllr Cleugh signed an acceptance of office form.

### **3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Barbone nominated Cllr Corroon to be Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Cllr Cleugh. All Agreed. Cllr Corroon signed an acceptance of office form.

### **4. REVIEW and AGREE STANDING ORDER, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS & CODE of CONDUCT**

All documents were available to view on the Monxton Matters website and the Clerk confirmed no amendments had been made since the last adoption.

Cllr Cleugh proposed all documents were re adopted for 2024-25. This was seconded by Cllr Barbone. All agreed.

All Councillors agreed to re adopt the General Power of Competence in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 S1-8

### **5. Register of interest forms.**

All Councillors confirmed there were no amendments required to register of interest documents.

### **6.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

There were no questions raised by the members of public present.

### **7.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chairman agreed to sign the minutes of the previous meetings of 09<sup>th</sup> January 2024 as a true record. All agreed.

### **8.VILLAGE HALL REBUILD UPDATE**

Cllr Cleugh summarised progress with the project as follows

- The roof is now complete with 30 solar panels fitted which produces 12.90 Kw power. With a battery store fitted this will hopefully produce electricity which can produce income for the hall.
- Inverters and batteries for the solar will be subject to a new CAF grant
- Pipework and screeding for underfloor heating will be supplied by Huttons
- An air source heat pump will be procured separately from Energize (outside current funding)
- The shell is expected to be complete by the end of June 24
- Fund raising and donations are required to complete the building
- A new Village Hall website has been set up: [www.monxton-amportvillagehall.org](http://www.monxton-amportvillagehall.org)
- HMRC Gift Aid scheme now in place for any donations and Peoplefundraising.com have been appointed to provide a donations platform
- CAF grant £25,000 which was match funded has now been fully claimed.
- Total CIL grant from TVBC £345,000 of which £213,227.83 has been claimed so far, leaving a balance of £131,772.17
- Parish Council funds held for village hall build are £64,382.17

- A donation from Southern Water toward this project of £3,000 is expected.
- Donations of approximately £1800.00 have been received from Breach Farm Brewery
- Fundraising efforts are now being organised led by Rupert and Karin Staines
- Cllr Cleugh proposal to use £10,000 from the MPC reserves to help fund the works to complete the village hall. Given the Parish Council can act under powers of competence this was acceptable. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Staines. All agreed.
- Negotiations regarding funds raised by the local fete group held by the PCC are taking place. They hold £3000 which can be allocated to a local charity but the fete committee that agreed this are no longer a group so cannot agree to the claim. Cllr Cleugh suggested the Parish Council agree to indemnify the funds that they are passed to the Village Hall Charity and if it transpires, they should not be, then the Parish Council will refund them. Cllr Staines seconded this. All agreed.

The Clerk summarised the village hall management finance as below

**Village Hall Bank Reconciliation**

**Held in Barclays account-**

**Current account £804.24**

**Savings account £35.72**

Accounts for the year ended 30/04/2024 had been presented to and agreed by the Village Hall Trustees. These will be uploaded to the Charity Commission website in due course.

**9.PLANNING.**

Applications since previous meeting: -

1. 24/00162/TREEN-tree works, High Trees, Abbots Ann Road- no objections
2. 24/00389/TREEN- reduce Beech, Hutchens Cottage, High Street-no objections
3. 24/00596/LBWN & 27/00595/FULLN-conversion & repair of Coach House- Bec House- No comments

**Applications to be considered**

1. 24/01046/FULLN-formation of swimming pool-Bec House-no objection

**Confirmation of outcome from TVBC**

1. **23/02945/VARN- variation to conditions to allow for minor relocation of boundary wall-** Monxton Manor-permission
2. 24/00490/VARN-vary conditions Westwell and Well Cottages-High Street-permission
3. 23/03272/treen-tree works Corner Cottage-no objections
4. 24/00162/TREEN-tree works-High Trees, Abbots Ann Road-no objection
5. 24/00470/TREEN-tree works, Langley, Green Lane-no objections

**10.SUNNYBANK & FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Barbone had nothing to report regarding Sunnybank. She confirmed the lengthsman has commenced his duties for this year cutting the green every 10/14 days. It should really be weekly given how much the grass is growing at the moment but this is restricted by funding available. The footpaths are scheduled in for a trim in mid-May, at the end of July and sometime in late September. The Sunnybank area and the weeds around all the gate entrances will also be cut back.

**Footpaths**

There is an issue with dog poo again. Recent posts on Facebook refer to dog poo in the farm courtyard and there is a noticeable increase in dog poo along other footpaths. Please can all dog owners kindly pick up their dog poo and dispose of it responsibly.

**11.TRAFFIC MONITORING**

There was no data to review.

**12. ENVIRONMENT**

Cllr Cleugh reported on the latest developments from Southern Water in relation to the ongoing works to address the drainage issues in Monxton & surrounding villages. He confirmed that no tankers were required in in Monxton again this year despite record ground water levels but that further works will be required in the High Street to the main sewer later in the summer.

### **13.FINANCE**

To note balance in Lloyds bank as at 14/05/24  
Treasurers account £19890.05  
Instant online £78280.88

Resolved: that the following payments be approved and transactions authorised

#### **Payments to agree-**

Clerks' salary £154.93 per month and HMRC £38.80 payments by SO April, May & June.  
Shaun Rushton £135.00 & £112.00

#### **Payments to be made**

Clerks' expenses (Jan to April) £35.10  
Amport PC re water testing £36.16  
Janet Wright £6.25

#### **Lengthsman funding**

Broughton Parish Council £1000.00  
Charlton Parish Council £1000.00  
Thrupton Parish Council £1000.00  
Lengthsman admin fee-H Bourner £400 (gross)

#### **Accounts and audit return year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March were discussed and agreed. The Audit return was reviewed. Section 1 was reviewed and agreed followed by section 2 which was also reviewed and agreed, both were signed by the Chairman. All Councillors confirmed they did not have any interests in BDO LLP and the relevant declaration was signed. The internal audit will be carried out on 15<sup>th</sup> May and after that the return will be submitted.

### **14.BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

**HCC Chris Donnelly** was not present

**TVBC Councillor Maureen Flood** reported: -

Test Valley Borough Council is hosting a free forum for local private landlords and letting agents on Monday 10 June from 5.30pm to 8pm at the Council offices at Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover.

On 30 April 2024 representatives from the Environment Agency and Southern Water met Test Valley Borough Councillors at Crosfield Hall in Romsey for a discussion about water pollution. Representatives from the Pillhill Brook and the Test Pan Parish Forum also attended.

On 3rd May 2024 Donna Jones was re-elected as Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Isle of Wight.

Finally, she said she was happy to report Broad Lane is being repaired by Hampshire Highways.

### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk highlighted a letter she had received from TVBC rates department regarding the demolition of the Village Hall

She highlighted a complaint regarding parking at The Hawk on the open green open space. This was a potential planning issue and could be reported to planning enforcement.

The possibility of a 20mp zone in the village was mentioned and the Clerk said as a first step the Parish Council need to survey parishioners to establish views as community support was essential.

Finally, a recent power outage which also affected the mobile telephone signal was highlighted. Given that many landline telephones now operate via internet signal it was very difficult to report the power outage, unless the mobile signal is improved this may become a real problem in the future.

### **16.Items for next meeting**

There were no items noted for the next agenda

### **17.CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

### **18.DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 7.30pm Thrupton Village Hall**



