



Monxton Matters

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The Village Design Statement moves forward after Two Successful Meetings – The three teams are now working hard to produce the first draft

There have been two public meetings over the last two months both held at the village hall on two Saturdays 15th February and 8th March. See over page for March 8th meeting report.

The first meeting provided a forum to discuss the importance of the Village Design Statement and what it means to the village and its inhabitants. The meeting was opened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Sue Ryan and received a short presentation by Joan Leslie, as well as a 10min video showing work undertaken by other villages to produce this document. In addition a presentation by Diana K Coldicot provided an excellent overview of the history of Monxton and the relevant historical perspective on the village and its history from Roman times through to today.



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The Village Design Statement – The facts

March 8th Meeting Report

The meeting was intended to address the question “How do we create a Village Design Statement”?

The objective of the meeting was to recruit members of the community to form the design team who have the interests of the future of our village at heart and who can give some time and effort to creating this very important document.

The meeting received a presentation by a Professor who headed the Abbots Ann design team. The presentation was excellent and provided a great deal of acquired expertise and wisdom which everyone present greatly appreciated.

A Village Design Statement is concerned with three aspects of the village:

1. The landscape and surroundings.
2. The pattern and content of the settlement, including highways, important open spaces, trees, boundaries etc.
3. The buildings and materials, including style, scale, diversity and design.

How do we create a Village Design Statement?

We need members of our community to form the design team who have the interests of the future of our village at heart and who can give some time and support to the production of this very important document. There will be opportunities for all member of the village to discuss and contribute to the VDS at workshops and assistance will be available from professional sources as the work continues.

For more information contact Joan Leslie:

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e-mail address: leslicot@aol.com.

Or go to <http://www.monxton.org.uk>

Monxton Village Design Statement Teams

The members of the village who have come forward to look into the various aspects of the VDS document as listed below and if any villager has any contribution to make they should contact a member of the appropriate team to give them their input.

Landscape and surroundings

Leo Allen
Ken Hopkins
Bill Horrell
Charmian Howarth
David Wells
Jacky Wells
Richard Williams
Joan Wood
John Wood

Pattern and Content of Settlement

Alan Barbone
Diana Coldicott
Mike Cleugh
Ivor Gower
Diana Jones
Len Locke
Jennifer Richards
Valerie Whitewick

Building and Materials

John Chaffey
Robert Davies
Jo Day
Vince Douglas
David James
Phil Jones
Sue Ryan
Catrina Saville

Monxton Web Site has over 400 hits during its first three month in operation after going live in January 2003.

<http://www.monxton.org.uk> is the Web address of the Monxton Web site, so visit it now and get up to date with what's happening in the village.

Send suggestions for new sections or additions by email to: Monxton.matters@btopenworld.com

Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events

At the VILLAGE HALL

Fri. Mar. 14 th . 7.30PM	'Best of Times' Musical review, a follow on from 'England Swings' Tickets £8.50 from March 1 st . (from Jennifer 710308 and Alan 710612)
April 12 th Saturday	Tina Wells Plant Sales Morning 10.00 - 12.00pm Successful session last year. Will also be available at the Duck race on the Monday 5 th may
Village Hall Weekly Programme	
Mon. Evening	Jujitsu
Tues. Evening	Occasional Band Practise and Four Parishes Meetings
Weds Afternoon:	Badminton
Wednesday Evening:	Line Dancing
Thursday: Afternoon:	Tai Chi
Thursday: Evening:	Occasional band practice/ PC Meetings
Saturday:	Jumble sales, occasional children's parties
Sunday Mornings:	Monthly Church coffee mornings

Village Hall Charges

Hall Only	Village residents*	£5/hour	Trestle tables	£4/day
	General public	£6/hour	Card Tables	£2/day
Kitchen facilities	Village residents	£5/hour	Tea Urn	£2/day
	General public	£6/hour	Crockery	£5/day
Parties/receptions			To hire the hall: Please contact Mrs. Diana Jones, on 710147.	
Adults	Village residents	£50/session (5 hours)		
	General public	£60/session (5 hours)		
Children	Village residents	£40/session (5 hours)		
	General public	£50/session (5 hours)	* Includes residents of the four parishes, Monxton, Ampport, Grately and Quarley	
Note: includes Kitchen, facilities & equipment				



New Parish Clerk Appointed

The parish Council is please to announce that Monxton has a new Parish Clerk who was appointed at the council meeting in March.

Julie moved to the village some 4 years ago and has lived in Corner Cottage with her husband, daughter and son.

Julie is well qualified for the post having worked in a number of commercial organisations and is familiar with computers and their use in administrative roles.

We would all like to thank Julie for accepting the position and wish her all the best in making it a success.

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 13th March 2003**

Full edition available on the Website or from the Parish Clerk

MATTERS ARISING

Traffic Calming

A reply was received on 28th February from Mr Martin Wiltshire of HCC, which in general terms outlines possible finance for traffic calming. Mr Jack Taylor attended a meeting of the Test Valley Highway Management Advisory Panel on 28th February where it was reported that the traffic calming in Monxton was completed in December 2002. The Clerk will write again to HCC pointing out that the work is not complete, that further works are urgently needed to slow the traffic on the Monxton to Andover Road and to suggest that some of the DLO development levy be spent on Monxton.

Village Design Statement A Public Meeting took place on Saturday 15th February, which was well attended, and workshops will follow to produce the VDS.

Monxton Footpaths

Mr Ross requested that the Parish Council write to the Rights of Way Officer, Mr P Watson and a reply was received on 19 February. With regard to Byway No.11 it is anticipated that the work should start towards the beginning of the next financial year. Footpath No.6 was incorrectly identified as 9 by HCC who are having problems tracking down Railtrack. The Clerk to acknowledge receipt and correct the footpath number.

SUNNYBANK

The white lines in the car park is an outstanding problem and the Clerk will contact TVBC again to find out when this work will be carried out. Although the Chairman is investigating the possibility of affordable housing, Mr Cleugh asked whether the site could be turned into a tennis court as there was a lack of leisure facilities in the Parish. The Clerk to investigate.

Audit of Accounts for 2002

The audit for 2002 has been completed and a notice to that effect will appear on the Village Hall Notice Board with effect from 13/03/03 as required by law. The cost was only £50.00 plus £30.00 for the internal audit, which compares well against last year, which cost £174.49. The Clerk has carried out a Financial Risk Assessment, which was circulated to the Parish Councillors and approved. A copy will be held with the Financial Regulations and will be required for the next audit.

Bank Balance

The bank balance is £6,211.23 as at the date of the meeting.

VILLAGE HALL

Car parking is an outstanding problem. Mr Thelwell has been approached and a response is awaited. The Chairman is to have a meeting with Mr Cox of HCC to investigate the possibility of using the land outside Monxton Manor for parking.

BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN - DRAFT

The Parish Council has made a formal response with a number of objections and observations together with a detailed objection to the proposals for the Airfield Site.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PARISH CLERK

(The present Clerk and Mrs Douglas withdrew from the Meeting) A Contract of Employment and Job Description was discussed. It was agreed that Mrs Douglas be appointed with effect from 1st April 2003 and will be paid the sum of £7.50 an hour for two hours a week.

Planning Matters

Item	Ref/Description	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
I	TVN.06096/8 - Outline - Business development for Class B1, B2 and B8 together with hotel and conference facilities at Andover Airfield, OS Parcel 8742, Monxton Road, Andover Applicant: Lady Clark	Traffic Report received and responded to. Documents passed to Andover Airfield Assessment Group. This now returned and circulated to Parish Councillors		This item is also in Draft Local Plan to which a response has been made.
ii(a)	TVN.08558 - Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling accessed off Chalkpit Lane and formation of new access from the C17 road (Monxton/Abbotts Ann Road) with erection of attached double garage for Abbots Mead - Mr & Mrs Wild	Objection to original plans dated 15/07/02 Objection to revised plans dated 14/08/02. Objection to further revised plans dated 01/10/02	Withdrawn 07/02/2003	19 parishioners objected 14 parishioners objected 15 parishioners objected
ii(b)	TVN.08558/1 - Erection of 4 bedroom dwelling and erection of detached double garage to Abbots Mead - Mr & Mrs J Wild (Amended plans received 11/03/03)	Object on numerous ground including tandem development		
iii	TVN.CLE.00022 +1/2/3 Certificate of lawfulness for existing use at Prospect Farm - Mr Machin	Letter from TVBC dated 8/11/02 should be resolved by end of November 2002. No further information		Clerk to contact TVBC for update on this outstanding application
iv	TPO.587/67.CA Crown lift Sycamore by 3 metres, reduce Ash by 20%, Crown Lift and reduce Sycamore, Fell Ash and remove T27B (dead) - Mr Davies, Brewery House	No objection	No objection	
v	TVN.00808/5 Alterations and conversion of cow shed to provide double garage with store over, including provision of external staircase, repair and restoration of granary, including recovering roof with natural slate	No objection	Listed Building Consent subject to conditions	

Planning Matters

	and demolition of garden shed at Brewery House - Mr R Davies			
vi(a)	TVN.LB.00808/6 Exposure of existing timber frame and renewal of render, plus, removal of existing internal cupboard front partition and door at Brewery House - Mr R Davies	No objection		
vi(b)	TVN.08522/3 Conversion of cow shed to garage and store plus modifications to granary at Brewery House - Mr R Davies	No objection	Permission subject to conditions 06/03/03	
vii	TVN.LB.00036/4 Replacement of opaque acrylic roof tiles in rear lean-to with rooflights at The Old Farm House - Dr & Mrs C Rochford	No objection	Consent subject to conditions	
viii	TPO.587/70.CA Remove major branch from Ash Tree, and remove 4 minor branches overhanging road. Lime reduction of limb overhanging stream. Alder removal of all limbs overhanging stream side and 1 branch on field site at Bec House - Mrs V Rushworth Lund	No objection	No objection	
ix	TVN.08522/4 - Demolition of existing concrete walls and piers fronting Green Lane and erection of new brick piers with railings at Brewery House - Mr R Davies	Objection - plans are inaccurate and low wall in front of brick piers not approved		
	LB.00097/4 Black Swan Replace one window with door on rear elevation - Mr S Barron	Noted in Weekly List but plans not yet received		

DATES OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

**The Parish Council will meet on Thursday
8th May 2003
in the Village Hall at 8pm.**

**Note that Council Elections will take place on
1st May 2003.**

National Garden Open Days

May 25th & 26th

Times 2.00 – 5.30 pm

Gardens open to the public:

Bob Crick

David Eaglesham

Carol Pratt

Bec House (A Potted History)



It is said that the monks of Monxton lived on the site of Bec House and that the monastery was affiliated to the Abbey of Bec in northern France, however, that building was destroyed long ago.

The present house dates from William and Mary (1689-1702) according to architects and surveyors, but the front elevation, facing the garden is Queen Anne (1702-1714).

In early days, the house used to be smaller with two windows on either side of the front door however, these were enlarged later in the eighteenth century.

The house now has three Windows on either side and these were matched up very well however slight differences inside are noticeable.

Then in the Victorian period the Rector must have had a lot of children, or a lot of servants, or both, as he had added on two more bedrooms at the rear of the house making six in total.

Finally the Rev Cobett inhabited the House between the two world wars, in the '20s and '30s, and added on a study and the right-hand side of the house by the rose garden.

The House has taken over by the Royal Air Force during the last war and need a good deal of modernisation and the decoration, forty years ago, when the current owners moved in.

The house was believed by some to contain a number of ghosts, however, the present owner has never seen any and believes it to be a very happy house.

Recommendations from Fellow Parishioners of Good Local Tradesman

Monxton Matters recent survey to nominate the best providers of vital services that we all need from time to time has come up with a number of suggestions from several parishioners.

Financial Health Warning:

Please note that this is not a recommendation by the Editor and we advise you to take references from any trades people mentioned below before signing any contracts.

Trade type	Person/Company Name	Telephone Nos
Plumbers	Murrey/Stag Plumbing	01264 392184/ 0777 5751847
	Richard Saunders	01264-363976 07957-158419
Electrician	Brian Comeley/Spear Electrical Ltd	01264 335350
Builder	Keith George	01264-354855 07702-225833
	Mike Burford	01264 781499
Carpenter	Chris Goddard	01672562907 07887 565680
Tree Surgeon	Tony Darbyshire	01264-773229
Kitchen designer	Gary Black/Penny's Mill	01672 871352

The Best of Times and the Worst of Times

On Friday March 14th Monxton Village Hall rocked to the sound of the 1950's and onto the 80's: from flower power through the three day week and more. The cast of the Time of our Lives entranced the audience of over 70 people to a brilliant evening of sheer entertainment. A hilarious mix of pop, dance, musical theatre stand up comedy and sketches had people singing along and tapping their feet. Thanks goes to the cast of 4 and their slick and entertaining performance: a very enjoyable and successful evening.

"The Alternative Valentine (Quiz Night at Monxton Village Hall)"

More than 40 people enjoyed another Quiz Night at Monxton Village Hall on February 14th. Nigel and Ann Fox were as usual excellent quiz masters which with the excellent food made for a thoroughly enjoyable evening. We look forward to the next one in the autumn.