



Monxton Matters

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The Village Design Statement – Needs You On Saturday 15th February at the Village Hall

There will be a public meeting at the village hall on Saturday 15th February at 10.00 – 11.30, to discuss the importance of the Village Design Statement and what it means to the village and its inhabitants.

The meeting will be opened by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Sue Ryan and will receive a short presentation by Joan Leslie as well as a 10min video showing work undertaken by other villages to produce this document.

The importance of a Village Design Statement (VDS) for Monxton has recently been recognised as being essential to ensure that the character and key aspects of the village are preserved and any future developments are sympathetic enhancements.

The VDS provides a description in some detail of the distinctive character and the appearance of the village and the surrounding landscape. It provides guidance on how this distinctive character can be protected. **It is a pre-requisite that the VDS is researched, discussed and written by the people of the village.**

Other villages, which have already produced their Design Statements, have assured us that they discovered many new aspects to their village and had fun in the process.

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

The landscape and surroundings.

The pattern and content of the settlement, including highways, important open spaces, trees, boundaries etc.

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

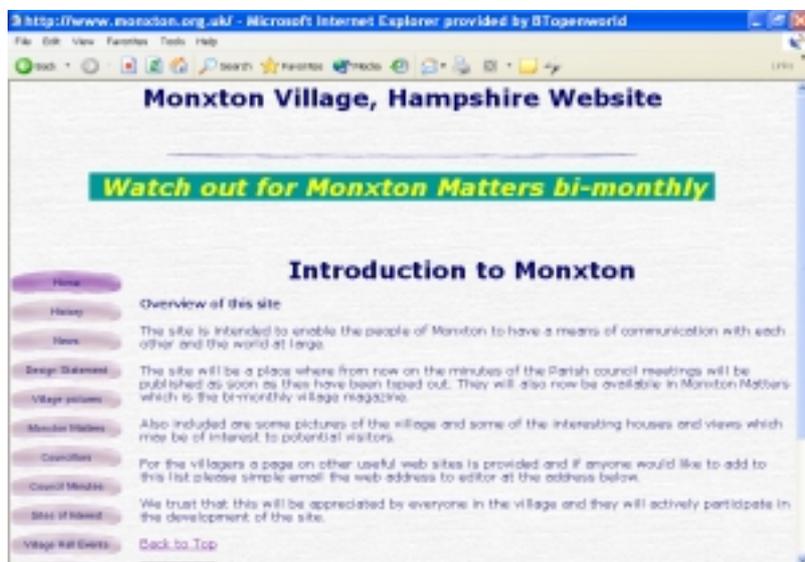

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New Monxton Web Site Goes Live in 2003

Monxton Web Site goes live January 2003.



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

The site is intended to enable the people of Monxton to have a means of communication with each other and the world at large. From now the site will be a place where the minutes of the Parish council meetings will be published as soon as they have been issued. Also available in Monxton Matters which is bi-monthly.

The website also includes pictures of the village houses and views, which may be of interest to potential visitors.

For the villagers a page on other useful web sites is provided and if anyone would like to add to this list please simple email the web address to editor at the address below.

We trust that this site will be of interest to everyone in the village and that they will actively participate in the development of the web site.

Send suggestions for new sections or additions by email to:

Monxton.matters@btopenworld.com

Overview of the Web site

The site is divided into a number of sections which can be accessed by simply clicking on the buttons on the LHS of the page these include:

History – a brief introduction to the last 1000 years of history of the village by Diana K. Coldicott our local historian.

News –as it happens, keep checking here for any major events affecting the village

Councillors & Council Minutes

Monxton Matters

Down load electronic copies of Monxton matters in Adobe Acrobat format.

Village Sites of Interest

Village Pictures

A tour of the village pictorially.

Village design Statement

A forum with up to date information on the activities regarding the village design statement.

Village Hall Events

Future activities, always up to date

Useful Web sites

Other interesting web sites

Don't forget to send your email details to the editor of Monxton Matters who will send you notifications of new sections on the site.

TVBC: Increased Planning Delegation

Some changes have recently been implemented by TVBC to the administrative arrangements relating to the Planning process. The Head of Planning will now decide applications for householder development.

If the **Parish Council** makes an objection to a householder application that is based on **planning material considerations**, then the application will automatically go to Committee for determination.

Before a Planning Officer makes a decision for Permission, that Officer will consult with the **Borough Councillor** for that Ward, who will have the right to ask that an application be considered by Committee.

Make sure your councillor is available!!!

Members of the public may also object to a householder application **but there is no longer a rule that any objection (from a member of the public) triggers a Committee hearing.**

Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events

At the VILLAGE HALL

Fri. Feb. 14 th .	Quiz Night 7.30 pm (Tickets £5 / person inc. supper) from Diana 710147
Thurs. Feb. 20-22 nd th	Pantomime 'Aladdin' 7.30 pm (Tickets £2.50 Child, £4.50 adult, £12.50 family of 4 (from Hammicks Bookshop)
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)

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

Clearing the Allotments on 28th of December

The work to clear the allotments was undertaken on the 28th of December by a small team of dedicated villagers and some friends, who worked for some three hours to remove a vast amount of rubble, wire, wood and other miscellaneous items.

The rubble proved very useful in filling up the ruts, which have developed in the roadway up to the gallops while the other items were either put into a skip hired for the purpose or piled up into a bonfire for later incineration as can be seen here. **The team picture:**

From left to right: Andrew O'Flaherty, Rod Mcleod, Charles McCausland, Mike & Laura Jane Cleugh, Craig & Lucy Rochford, Alan Barbone, Tony Collins, Charles McCausland, Phil Jones, Vincent Douglas and Sue Ryan.



Annual Xmas Bingo

The annual Christmas Bingo held in the village hall on December 13th was a great success with over 35 people attending, an ideal occasion to kick start the seasons celebrations. This year it was combined with the Grand Christmas Raffle and raised a significant sum towards the village hall funds.

The winning combination of Graham Leslie and Ivor Gower, calling and checking the numbers added to the evening's entertainment. Thanks go to them and other helpers serving wine, sausage rolls and mince pies. This is a family event for all ages....make a note to attend this year's event!

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY 23RD JANUARY 2003**

Full edition available on the Website or from the Parish Clerk

MATTERS ARISING

Traffic Calming

The Clerk read a letter that has been sent to Mr J Soutar at HCC Transport Policy (Parish Partnerships) requesting financial support for traffic calming.

Neighbourhood Watch

The new Neighbourhood Watch signs have been put in place with the exception of one at Prospect farm, where there does not appear to be a suitable site. Mr Colbourne will take this up with Mrs Sue Kerrison.

Two other signs may be moved to increase visibility. Crime in the area is quiet at the moment but it was noted that this could affect Police funding long term, as funds are concentrated in areas where crime figures are high.

Election - 1st May 2003

Parish elections will take place this year. It is hoped that parishioners will put their names forward. Borough elections will also take place and Monxton will no longer be in Anna Ward due to the recent Boundary Review and it will have only one Borough Councillor and be combined with Amport, Grateley and Quarley.

The Clerk suggested that the Annual Parish Assembly take place before the election, as there could be a change of Council.

Village Hall

There has been no response from Amport Parish Council to date. It was noted that Phillip Colbourne has left York Associates. There is a piece of land on the opposite side of the Village Hall which could be used for parking up to 6 cars, if the land was levelled and a hard surface put in place. The Clerk agreed to contact HCC.

Village Design Statement

Mrs Joan Leslie took over the project before Christmas and has received a great deal of help from various people and organisations. Abbotts Ann have produced an excellent statement, which looks good and which has proved to be very effective. There are grants available from TVBC, the Lottery and other sources for cost of production.

Audit Scheme

The new audit scheme is progressing. Various queries have been raised by the Auditors in Plymouth and have been dealt with. Mr John Davis, the Chairman of Thruxton Parish Council, carried out an internal audit and has made a number of recommendations, to be implemented. It is also necessary to carry out a financial risk assessment that the Clerk will produce for the next meeting.

The current Monxton Council bank balance is £6,320.23.

New Borough Plan

TVBC Planning Department visited Monxton Village Hall on Friday January 31st to answer questions on the new Borough Plan. Over 100 people from the four Parishes came along to find out more about the Plan and many will be submitting comments/suggestions to TVBC by the closing date of February 14th. At the same time details of Phase 1 of the traffic calming project in Monxton was on show.

Planning Matters

Item	Ref/Description	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
I	TVN.06096/7 - 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	Documents passed to Andover Airfield Assessment Group. This now returned and circulated to Parish Councillors		No further developments since last meeting
Ii	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 and objection to revised plans.	Report withdrawn by the head of planning to enable highway issues to be further investigated	Parish Councillor to speak when appears before committee
Iii	TVN.00687/8 Change of use from agricultural to open and covered storage (Class B8 storage distribution at Manor Farm, Monxton Road, Abbots Ann - Trustees of Lady Boughey Trust Fund	Objection	Refused 10/12/02	Abbots Ann Parish Council has also objected as well as Hants Highways dept.
Iv	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. `		No further information
V	TPO.587/67.- Mr Davies, Brewery House	No objection		Approval awaited from Planning dept.
Vi	TVN.01309/4 Erection of 2 storey rear extension. Holly House - Mr & Mrs Brandwood	No objection	Permission 23/01/03	
vii	TVN.00808/5 Alterations and conversion of cow shed, Brewery House - Mr R Davies	No objection		Approval awaited from Planning dept.
viii	TVN.LB.00036/4 Replacement of opaque roof tiles at The Old Farm House - Dr & Mrs C Rochford	No objection		Approval awaited from Planning dept.

TRAFFIC CALMING

It is appreciated this is a matter of great importance to many parishioners, perhaps even more so in recent days as developments at the DLO have led to a significant increase in the volume of traffic passing through Monxton. It was originally raised as an issue in 1998 and some modest progress is now in hand.

Phase 1 will see the renewal of "Monxton, Please Drive Carefully" and "30mph" signs at the entrances to the village (already done), plus new 30mph signs with a red background in the road together with white lines, defining the edges of the carriageway, these being placed at the two entrances to the village from Andover and Grateley.

This work requires a spell of dry weather to be carried out but should be done within the coming month or so. Obviously this is only an initial step, therefore the Parish Council needs to elicit views of parishioners as to what they would like to see put in place. Perhaps you can also let them know of other villages where traffic calming has been successfully implemented. Ideas please to either Parish Council members (names and contact numbers were in the last edition of Monxton Matters) or email to the editor at: monxton.matters@bopenworld.com

THE DATES OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Parish Council will meet on Thursday 13th March and Thursday 8th May 2003 in the Village Hall at 8pm.

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

Parish Clerk Resigns

The Parish Council on behalf of the village wishes to thank Carol Pratt, the Monxton Parish Clerk for her great work over the last seven years. Carol has been the administrator of all the correspondence and has been the source of excellent advice to council members in matters relating to the legislative issues. We shall all miss her and wish her well.

Wanted Parish Clerk

Monxton Parish Council is seeking applications from villagers who would like to be considered for the role of Parish Clerk.

Please contact Sue Ryan on 01264 710381.

Jumble Sale

Thanks go to Brenda and her team of helpers for sorting and selling jumble for February's sale.

With 60 – 70 people through the door, we made £220 within the hour, to be split between the Church and Village Hall. Thanks to all who supplied jumble.

New 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 Adults	Village residents	£50/session (5 hours)	To hire the hall: Please contact Mrs. Diana Jones, on 710147.	
	General public	£60/session (5 hours)		
Children	Village residents	£40/session (5 hours)	* Includes residents of the four parishes, Monxton, Ampport, Grately and Quarley	
	General public	£50/session (5 hours)		
Note: includes Kitchen, facilities & equipment				

BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Parish and Town Councils are the tier of Local Government closest to the population served. These small local authorities make a difference to the well being of their communities. In addition to expending part of the Council Tax on local facilities and services they are well placed to make written representations on issues.

Parish Councils are statutory consultees in the Development Planning Applications process with the Borough Council. Increasingly there are sound partnerships evolving between Borough and Parish Councils, for instance in the maintenance of high standards in public life by adherence by Councillors to the new Code of Conduct. Every four years elections are held for Parish and Town Councils. Each Council has a minimum of 5 councillors. At each election long serving Parish Councillors may decide not to seek re-election. Others may take up a new job, or move from the locality and may not stand again.

HERE IS A CHANCE FOR YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY, by standing for office as a Councillor in a democratic election!

If you are over 21 years of age, reside in a parish or have a business in that parish (or live/work within 3 miles of the boundary) and are a British or Commonwealth citizen or a Euro national and are on the Electoral Register, you are eligible. Councillors in the 251 Parish and Town Councils in Hampshire contribute greatly to the life of their communities, and derive great satisfaction by taking up the responsible and demanding role as a Councillor.

Why not join this network in May 2003 and put your name forward for election to your Parish Clerk? (Carol Pratt 710305). Nomination papers are available from Test Valley Borough Council.

Some of you may not be aware how the Monxton parish council operates, so here is a brief summary:

Parish Council meetings are held every two months, in public (i.e. Parishioners are welcome to attend these to hear what business is conducted) and formally recorded by the Parish Clerk who is knowledgeable in local Government law and procedures. Minutes recording the proceedings of meetings, are available to villagers and an extract is usually published in Monxton Matters as well as a full version being on the **website: www.monxton.org.uk** is a brief summary:

The Parish Clerk is an appointed position, not an elected member and does not have a vote in the Council's decision-making process. This key position is very much one of administration and facilitation.

An Annual Parish Meeting is held when the Parish Council reports on the last year's work, consults upon the objectives for the coming year and listens to a wide range of suggestions and sometimes complaints from parishioners.

Parish Council elections are held every 4 years: if vacancies arise in the intervening years, nominations are sought but if none are forthcoming then the existing members co-opt an additional member. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are elected from members of the Parish Council annually.

Elections are due to be held on May 1st.

Event	Date and Time
Publication of Notice of Election	Not later than Monday March 24th
Delivery of Nomination Papers	Not later than noon Tuesday April 1^s
Day of Election	Thursday May 1st (0800 until 2100 hrs)

Borough Elections

We have been fortunate in having Jack Taylor and Margot Townsend as our two Borough Councillors. They have regularly attended Parish Council meetings and have been helpful with advice on many fronts. Borough Council elections are also scheduled for May 1st and full details will be published in the local press. In future, Monxton will have a single representative as Borough Councillor, who will also cover Amport, Grateley and Quarley.

Recommend Your Top Local Tradesman

Monxton matters would like your assistance to nominate the best providers of vital services that we all need from time to time. Please complete the table below and we will publish the top nominated trades people in the next issue, as well as on the Web site. We may also approach these companies for sponsorship for forthcoming issues or advertising.

Trade type	Person/Company Name	Telephone Nos
Plumber		
Electrician		
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Carpenter		
Roofer		
Tiler		
Thatcher		
Painter/decorator		
Tree surgeon		
Landscape Gardener		
Kitchen designer		

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