

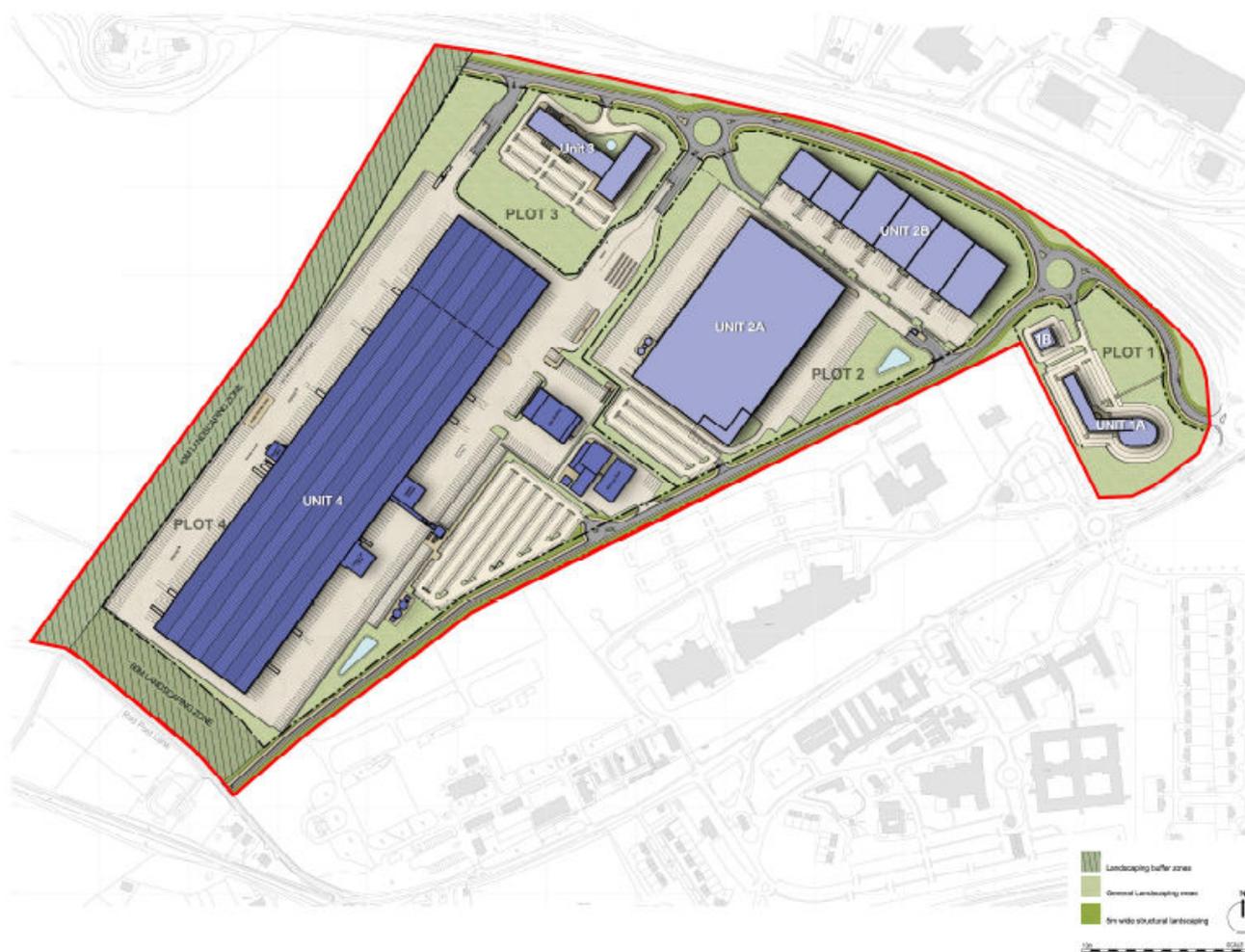


Monxton Matters

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**The Biggest Issue to Face Monxton in Many Years
Tesco's Plan to Build a Monster Distribution Warehouse
at Andover Airfield (see article overleaf)**



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Article By Katrina Saville - Monxton Parish Council

I'm sure the majority of you are aware of the proposed development at the Andover Airfield site, but here is a brief outline of the facts as we have them to date.

On Friday 16th Feb I attended a meeting in Abbots Ann, held by the owners of the Airfield site, Rosemound Developers, and their planner and architect, at which they revealed their latest plans for the site.

There is currently outline permission for a hotel, light warehousing and offices, totalling 69,000 sqm. Rosemound wish to add to this a warehousing and distribution centre for Tesco, which would serve the whole of the south east of England, thus increasing the size of the development to 148,000 sqm. The building itself is planned to be approximately 100m wide, 500m long and 17.5m high, making it the largest building of its kind in the country. It would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and would employ 1200 staff, working a three shift system. They were unable to tell us the volume of HGV traffic on and off the site, but it would be considerable.

Rosemound's intention is to put this in to planning as quickly as possible.

The effects of such a development on Monxton and surrounding villages would be significant. Most obviously there would be the visual impact of a building of such magnitude - you could fit 10 football pitches in it, and it's the height of 4 double-decker buses! There would be the light pollution from floodlighting required to allow 24 hour operation, and the noise and air pollution from both the hundreds of vehicles operating on site, and from the staff cars and delivery lorries moving on and off site. We also need to consider the inevitable traffic congestion caused by all these vehicle movements, blocking the already busy A303, and causing more rat-running through the villages.

Although the developers did talk of improvements to the Hundred Acre roundabout, they had no details from Hampshire Highways to show that these were adequate to cope with the increased traffic volume. Suggestions were made that the old service stations on the A303 could be used as an alternative entrance to the site. Sir George Young has taken on the task of discussing options with the Highways Agency.

It would appear that Tesco have tried submitting similar applications at numerous locations in the past, including Farnborough, Tolworth, Brent and Basford, but unsurprisingly no one wants this development on their doorstep. The Parish Council intend to fight this proposal fiercely when it gets to planning, and will do our best to secure the full support of borough and county councillors. We are working together with the neighbouring Parish Councils to prepare ourselves for battle, and will keep you updated of any progress.

If you have any comments please go to the Monxton Web site homepage, from which you can click on a link to the Bulletin board and post a note to Monxton Council who will be checking for villagers comments regularly

Monxton & Ampport Village Hall

Forthcoming Events

Village Hall Weekly Programme

If you'd like to book the hall for an event please call Karen Simon on 01264 710181

Day	Time	Activity	Contact Name
Monday	9:30am - 10:30am	Yoga Class	Jane 01264 773429
Monday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Monday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Legs, Bums and Tums (exercise class)	Charlotte Nichols 07877 014323
Monday	7:45pm - 9:45pm	Jujitsu	Warren Palmer 01264 710962
Tuesday	Morning	NEW - Jo Jingles - toddlers activity class commencing 5 th June	Becky - 01980 626562
Tuesday	2pm - 3pm	Badminton	
Wednesday	8:30am - 1:30pm	Baby Sensory Class	Lin Day 01722 320779
Wednesday	2pm - 4pm	RAGS	
Wednesday	8:15pm - 9:30pm	Yoga Class	Jane 01264 773429
Thursday	Daytime	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Thursday	6:15pm - 9:15pm	Tap and Modern Dance Classes	Louise Ray 07881 423814
Friday	All day	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Saturday	All day	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Sunday	Morning (twice a month)	Coffee after Church Service	
Sunday	Afternoon / Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	

Events:

Date	Time	Activity	Contact Name
13 th March Tuesday	8pm	Four Parishes Art Society	
21st March Wednesday	7pm	Film Night - The History Boys	
31 st March	6:30pm	1940's Evening	For details see posters around the village
17 th April Tuesday	7pm	Film Night	

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
The Monxton Parish Council
TUESDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2007 AT 8.00 pm**

Full edition available on the Monxton Website or from the Parish Clerk

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

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Mr Colbourne told the meeting that following various conversations with Hampshire Highways concerning the state of the roads in the village, he is still awaiting a response to ascertain the lead times for such repairs to be implemented.

FOOTPATHS

Mrs Egerton advised the meeting that the 'Green Lanes Protection Group' held a meeting in London recently to discuss recent changes in Green Lanes legislation, in particular the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 and the Police reform Act 2002. Although Mrs Egerton was unable to attend it was agreed by the council that they should pay for a set of notes from the meeting at a cost of £10. The council also confirmed to Mrs Egerton that when a tree has fallen down it is the responsibility of the land owner to have the tree removed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There was nothing to report as a New Representative is needed to take on this role.

FINANCE

The current bank balance is £9,027.86, from which £4,000 is set aside for improvements to the village hall and £500 is set aside for any further improvements to traffic calming.

VILLAGE HALL

Mrs K Saville told the meeting that the application has now been submitted to TVBC and HCC. The village hall has been given a grant of £8,358 from TVBC. The committee is awaiting a response from HCC.

TRAFFIC CALMING

The clerk has been advised by Hampshire Highways that in order to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph past Sunnybank, a traffic regulation order has to be applied for. The clerk is liaising with Hampshire Highways on this matter. There is also concern on the traffic islands in place, which are creating a lot of debris and need to be cleaned regularly.

BROAD ROAD

TVBC have advised they will continue to monitor the amount of vehicles parked on the site belonging to Mrs Smith.

The clerk read out a letter, received from Mr Kieron Beattie providing an update on his plans for Broad Road. He will be tidying up the ivy from the hedgerow and removing any dead trees then will replant the hedgerow. Living Walls will also be planting some young plants which are currently being grown from seed in Forest View Nursery. Once they have grown to a mature size at Broad Road, they will then be moved to Green Lane.

There is also concern about the flint stones, which have been placed on the grass verge outside the last plot on Broad Road, before you get to the railway bridge. This is public property and it is illegal to do this, it is also deemed to be extremely dangerous and could cause an accident.

The council has asked the clerk to write to TVBC to address this matter.

PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	06/03011/TREEN Millcroft, Chalkpit Lane	No objection		Tree preservation order has been withdrawn
2	07/00013/FULLN Pegasus Stables	No objection	Pending consideration	
3	06/02537/FULLN – Corner Cottage - Appeal			No further information
4	06/03567/CLPN Certificate of lawfulness DLO	Is unable to comment	Granted by TVBC	
5	07/00364/TREEN Saddlers cottage	No objection	Pending consideration	

Future Monxton Parish Council (MPC) Meetings

Date of the next parish Council meeting will be 17th April.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 18th May.

MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

1. Mr Cleugh informed the PC that Mrs Veronica Rushworth-Lund has very kindly offered the use of her field for a 'Summer Party'. It was agreed that July 14th was a suitable date with a possible 'Fiesta/Mexican' theme.
2. Mr Colbourne advised that he would be moving the Neighbourhood Watch sign at Sunnybank in due course, as previously discussed.

Wanted

Two Councillors to Join Monxton Parish Council

**Applicants should apply to Katrina Saville
01264 710597 or katrina.saville@virgin.net**

Matters Arising from Monxton Parish Council

SUNNYBANK – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The clerk has been in contact with Mr Buchan-Hepburn of Hyde Housing concerning the type of play equipment desired for the play area. The Chairman advised it would be equipment suitable for the under 5's, such as, a couple of swings, a slide and a sit on ride. Mr Buchan-Hepburn also advised that the architect is looking at the proposal again and that they will be in contact in due course.

ANDOVER AIRFIELD SITE

Since the devastating news of the 'TESCO' proposal for a warehouse/distribution centre on the old airfield site, there have been many e-mails going back wards and forwards concerning this issue. A big thank you goes to Mrs Saville for organising the photo shoot last week with the Andover Advertiser at such short notice.

An action group has been set up to fight this proposal, details of which can be found on the Monxton website. A special page has been created for this issue, where all information received can be shared and monitored.

However, until an application has been filed with TVBC, there is little the Parish Council can do at present.

ELECTIONS

The elections will take place on **Thursday 3rd May**.

Due to the resignation in May of Cllr Colbourne and the Chairman Mrs Sue Ryan, Monxton PC is looking for 2 new Councillors. Should any residents wish to apply, please contact the Parish clerk for the applicable forms.

All applicants, including the existing councillors must complete the '**Form of Nomination Paper**'.

This must be returned to TVBC **at any time on or after Tuesday 13th March, but not later than noon on Wednesday 4th April 2007.**

If a the total amount of nomination paper received during this period, is 5 or under, then an election will not be necessary, however if more than 5 nominations are received than an election will take place on 3rd May, along with the election of the Borough Councillors.

AMPORT PARISH COUNCIL

The Arches

Amport

**CHAIRMAN: MR IAN MORRISON &
VICE CHAIRMAN: LT COL CHARLES STEPHENS**

Madalene Winter Head of Planning
Test Valley Borough Council

March 2nd 2007

Re ANDOVER AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT

I am writing on behalf of Amport Parish Council to express our deep concern over the Rosemound Plans for a new distribution centre

We appreciate that at the present time there has been no formal application for us to comment on and obviously we will be consulted by Test Valley as and when this occurs. However we think it is important that you should be aware of the extremely strong feelings that such an application will arouse in the all the surrounding Parishes.

In order that we can respond at the right time we would ask that Test Valley Borough Council demand, at the very least, the following;

- **A revised independent forecast of traffic volumes that the site would generate.**
- **A submission from Tesco forecasting the likely direction and volume of heavy goods traffic flow from the site.**
- **Analysis of the increased traffic flows accompanying the move of HQ Land from Wilton to the DLO site.**
- **An implementation review of the last similar site developed for such a distribution centre. This would demonstrate any variances between the traffic flow forecasts as made at the time of development and the actual flow resulting from the development.**
- **A risk analysis of the impact of HGV movement upon listed properties on the key rural routes likely to be affected.**
- **A detailed survey of air, light and noise pollution which would be generated from such an application.**

I appreciate that all the above may take some time to prepare but we all feel that it is essential for us to have this detailed information in view of the scale of these proposals

Yours Sincerely

Ian Morrison Chairman Amport Parish Council

**Cc Sir George Young MP
Parishes of Abbotts Ann, Monxton, Grateley, Thruxton, Penton Mewsey and Penton Grafton
Ian Marshall RoADAC Committee**

Announcing the Monxton Summer party

Many of you may remember the summer of 2005 and the glorious weather we experienced for the Monxton Hoedown, the great food and music and the bucking bronco entertainment, which kept many children and adults happily occupied.

Due to popular demand we are going to have another summer party on the evening of Saturday July 14th when we trust the weather will be kind once again.

The profits from the event will go to good causes; however the intention is to have lots of fun for young and old.

The theme of the event will be a Fiesta and party goers are requested to make an effort to wear their ponchos and sombreros.

There will be food and music in line with the Fiesta theme and more entertainment for kids.

The cost for the event will be £10 for adults and £5 for children between 5-12 years. Tickets will be on sale later this year in June available from various ticket sellers who will be announced in May.

Many thanks to Veronica Rushford-Lunn for once again providing use of the paddock next to the village hall for the party.

Volunteers who would like to assist with the party should contact Mike Cleugh on 01264 710276 or email mikecleugh@hotmail.com.

Pictures from the Hoedown in 2005 below

