



Monxton Matters

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Monxton Parish Council Team

Monxton Council team Members	Phone no	Role
Sue Ryan	710413	Chairman
David Eaglesham	710338	Finance
Roland Colbourne	710589	Monxton Road & Sunnybank
Mike Cleugh	710276	Monxton Matters/Website
Jules Douglas	711126	Secretary
Mr Leon Allen	712094	Traffic Calming Group
Mrs Emma Horrell	711035	Footpath representative

Monxton Parish Council (MPC) Needs You!!!!

Monxton Requires A New Councillor Apply Now, Today

Enthusiastic Parishioners Should Apply To Join The Current Team by contacting

Roger Tetstall, Returning Officer, Council Offices, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ

Frequently Asked Questions about becoming a Parish Councillor

Q. Who can become a Councillor?

You can become a Councillor if you:

- are 21 or over on the day of nomination
- have property in or work connections with the UK
- are a UK, Commonwealth EU or Irish Republic citizen
- have not been declared bankrupt
- you are on the electoral role in the Council area

Q. Is it helpful if I have to have a degree in Nuclear Physics?

A. No, but this could be helpful if we ever needed to look at the issues of creating a Unified theory of Quantum mechanics and Gravity.

Q. Does a background in planning and legal issues associated with knowledge of development in the rural environment help with my chances of selection?

A. This would definitely give you a head start over the majority of candidates!!!!!!!!!!

Q. How many times a year do you have meetings

A. Six, once every two months on the last Thursday of the month.

Q. How long do council meetings last?

A. Typically 2 hours from 8.00 to 10.00pm

Q. What is the salary?

A. None, this is purely for the pleasure of serving your community.

Q. Do I get an OBE?

A. Perhaps, maybe, depends!!

Q. Where are the meetings held?

A. The village hall.

Q. Will there be an election?

A. Possibly but only if 10 parishioners write to TVBC, otherwise the candidate will be co-opted by the current council.

Q. What are the big issues MPC addresses?

A. Traffic and planning.

Q. How soon do you need me to apply?

A. Immediately.

Q. What do I do to apply?

A. Contact TVBC in the first instance or any of the councillors or email the editor at: monxton.matters@monxton.org.uk

Monxton Village Hall Forthcoming Events

Skittles Evening: Saturday February 19th at 7pm in the village hall: tickets £6 (pay on door) includes supper: refreshments also available. Teams of five or join others on the night. (In aid of St Mary's Church, Monxton)

Cinema comes to the Village Hall: After the success of our first film in January, the next film will be "Ladies in Lavender" on Tuesday March 15th. Doors open at 7pm and tickets (£5) will be available **after March 1st** from Tanya 710620, Caroline 772375 and Veronica 771285

Village Hall Weekly Programme

Mondays: Morning 10.30 – 12.30 Evening 7.30-9.30 pm	Arts & Crafts group starts 21-2-05 (01380-728085) Jujitsu
Tues. Afternoon 2.30 - 3.30	Badminton
Wednesday, Thursday Friday:	Available for social events
Saturday:	Jumble sales, occasional children's parties, social events
Sunday: Mornings	Monthly Church coffee mornings
Sat. Feb 19th. 7.00 pm	Skittles evening
Sat March 5th. 2.00pm	Jumble Sale
Tuesday March 15th 7.30pm	Film "Ladies in lavender". Doors open at 7pm
Thursday 22nd March 2005 8.00 –10.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 12th May 2005	The Annual Parish Meeting

Events at the Black Swan

Valentines Day
Monday
14th February

Seafood Night
Wednesday
23rd February
Fresh Lobster, Crab,
Oyster & Langoustines

Mothers Day
Sunday
6th March

A Big Thank You To Mrs Jennifer Richards Who Resigned Last Week From Monxton Parish Council

Jennifer Richards, joined the Parish Council some six years ago after attending council meetings as representative of the Village Hall committee.

The council were immediately aware of the pot of gold that they had acquired. Her clarity of mind, knowledge of the planning process, having trained as an architect and worked in the planning department as a young woman were an immediate asset. Jennifer was able to assist the Chairman with the council matters providing enormous help and support. Monxton Parish Council will miss Jennifer and that was generously expressed at the parish meeting on 27th January 2005.

We are glad to say that she feels able to continue on the village hall sub-committee and to assist us in any difficult planning matters. The parish will lose a strong hardworking Councillor and we must all say "Thank you" for all your good work over the last few years.

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

27th January 2005 at 8.00 pm

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

FOOTPATHS

Mrs Horrell (Footpath Warden) explained that at Hook Lane, which is at the top of the hill coming up Green Lane in the direction of Grateley, an application has been made to make the bridle path open to all traffic. Mrs Horrell explained that if it could be proven that in the past vehicles had used this path, then this application could be successful. The only cause for objection would be if this was not the case. This application is currently number 55 on the list of such applications. Mr Colbourne told the council that there is much discussion in parliament at present concerning such matters. Monxton Parish Council has written a letter of objection to HCC already. It is uncertain at present who owns the land. Mrs Horrell asked the Chairman to contact the footpath representative of Amport Parish Council to see if they knew to whom it belongs, as the land is on the boundary with Amport.

The field at Monxton Oakcutts is still ploughed over despite past conversations had with the owner. The Chairman told the council she will speak to Mr Machin again to see if he can help, although the land does not actually belong to him.

The chairman told the council that TVBC have provided a dog waste bin but unfortunately have put it in the wrong place up at Sunnybank. They will relocate it and provide a green bin rather than the red bin.

VILLAGE HALL

The lay-by surfacing is due to be completed by Hampshire Highways in the Spring. Although the grass on this area at present appears to have a disease this should adjust itself.

The village hall had an extremely successful 'cinema' evening this month. The performance was sold out and £160 profit was made. There will be another film in March.

TRAFFIC CALMING GROUP

Mr Leon Allen told the Council there was little to report and asked about the five Parish's meeting, which was held on the 20th January 2005. This meeting was held in the village hall with representatives from Grately, Quarley and Amport. The main topic of discussion being traffic issues through the villages. Mr Allen explained that on the morning of 27th January he had taken photos of a very large lorry coming from ATF/Siteweld through the village, certainly over the 7.5 tonnes previously agreed. In general though, following the agreement between TVBC and ATF most lorries being used are now under this weight limit.

Mr Allen explained that some further traffic surveys would be taking place in the Spring. Mr Colbourne advised that traffic from the DLO was a major contributor to the volume of traffic and that the car parks at the DLO are now full to capacity.

FINANCE

Mr Eaglesham confirmed that he has filed the paper work for next year's precept 2005/2006 as £5,010 as previously agreed.

At this point the proposed Monxton and Amport village party was discussed. Mr Eaglesham told the council that although the council is not able to donate any money towards such events, it can loan money to the village hall up to the amount of £500. This money can be used as advance payments where required and then returned after ticket sales.

It was suggested that a team of helpers get together as soon as possible to begin the organisation. Any volunteers to contact Mike Cleugh on 01264 710 276.

Planning Matters (Abridged version)

Item	Ref/Description	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
I	TVN.00022/1/2/3 Certificate of Lawfulness Prospect Farm		Certificates not issued	
ii	TVN.05969/5 Erection of woodland workshop and installation of septic tank, Monxton Nurseries	Objection		Appeal January 26 th 2005 – see below
iii	TVN.07241/3 Erection of storage building and provision of manege – Part of OS Parcel 4400, Broad Road	No objection – subj to removal of all access vehicles from the site	Refused	Going to appeal
iv	TRE.CA00587/102 fell 4 sycamore trees to 50cms from ground level, fell 1 ash tree to 50cms from ground level. Thin and deadwood other trees on the site. Brewery house, Monxton.	No objection	Awaiting decision from TVBC	
v	TVN.LB00614/1 Demolition of breakfast area and erection of single storey rear extension to provide kitchen breakfast room, garden room and bathroom. Monks Foyle cottage, Monxton.	Objection to destruction of listed wall, size of extension and proposed roofing materials		Application withdrawn
vi	TVN.06647/1 Single storey rear extension to provide kitchen, breakfast room, garden room and bathroom. Monks Foyle.	See above		Application withdrawn
Vii	TRE.CA00587/105 Fell 1 Sycamore tree, School House, Monxton	No objection		
Viii	TRE.CA00587/106 Crown lift lime tree and prune ash tree on the village green, opposite Fourways cottage	No objection		
<p>Note: TVN.00022/1/2/3 Mrs Ryan told the council that she has spoken to Mr Machin of Prospect Farm again. As far as he is concerned they are operating legally and have been doing so for over 10 years. His daughter has arranged a meeting with TVBC to discuss the matter.</p> <p>TVN05969/5 A site inspection and informal hearing took place on 26th January, which the Chairman and Mrs Richards attended. Mr Beattie explained his case at length. The issue of traffic was mentioned and while the site at present does not cause any problems with traffic there is a concern that should permission be given this will not be the case. The plot is used for a horticultural business but it is the extra non-horticultural vehicles that will be the problem. A decision will be given in due course.</p> <p>TVN.07241/3 – Erection of storage building and provision of manege – Broad Road. The Chairman has again asked Mrs Smith to remove the unsightly vehicles from the site.</p>				

Monxton Parish Council Minutes (Abridged version)

MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

The Chairman told the council that she had recently attended a presentation by TVBC concerning 'Development Control and the 2004 Act.' The seminar was to present future planning regulations and some changes, most of which were not relevant to Monxton. The Chairman did advise that once planning permission is granted, work must commence within 3 years instead of the current 5 year period.

JENNIFER RICHARDS RESIGNS FROM THE MONXTON PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs Jennifer Richards announced her resignation from the Parish Council. The chairman accepted her resignation with regret and the council expressed their gratitude and thanks for all her hard work and support over the past years. A vacancy will be posted shortly on the village hall notice board, on the website and in Monxton Matters.

This is your village magazine please let us have your feedback.

The magazine is co-funded currently by the Monxton parish Council and by the Black Swan and costs around £700-£800 per year for six issues of 140 copies/issue. We want your feedback to enable us improve the magazine and provide a better service to the community.

Please tick one of these boxes.

Tick here.

- 1. I like Monxton Matters and want it to continue.**
- 2. I would be happy if this magazine ceased to exist.**
- 3. I don't care one way or another.**

What other items would you like to see in the magazine?

Please circle.

- 1. External; advertising as per the Parish magazine.**
- 2. Personal adverts from parishioner in Monxton & the four parishes.**
- 3. Letters/articles from parishioners.**
- 4. Please advise any comments or suggestions.**

Yes No
Yes No
Yes No

Please cut out this section and put into an envelope addressed to the Editor and send it anonymously by handing into the Black Swan for the attention of the Editor Monxton Matters.

Open Air Summer Party at the Village Hall Saturday 2nd July

A village party will be held this summer to raise money for good causes with an open invitation to neighbouring parishes. This party would take the form of a barbeque with live music and a disco. Contact Mike Cleugh on 710276 for more info or offers to assist.

A Nautical treat for some lucky “Monxtonites” Aboard HMS Sutherland



From left to right: Emma Horrell, Chrissie Williams, George Bacon, Liz Haslam, Captain Philip Haslam, Mary Lloyd-Williams, Bill Horrell, Richard Williams, Di Darbyshire, Tony Darbyshire, Rod Greenwood and Phil Brandwood. Also present but not in the photograph were Melanie Bacon, Jane and Simon Ranger.



On Friday 7 January 2005 a number of the regulars at the 'Mucky Duck' had the great privilege of being invited aboard HMS Sutherland by the Captain, Commander Philip Haslam, who lives with his wife Liz in Ampport.

This opportunity arose because the ship had been selected by the Royal Navy to represent the Senior Service at the Annual Boat Show held this year at the Excel Centre in London Docklands. The lucky members of the party left the pub car park in a coach expertly organised by Chris Brandwood at 16:00 hrs and arrived in London in good time for the official Cocktail Party held on the flight deck of HMS Sutherland.

This was followed by the opportunity to meet members of the crew, a conducted tour of the bridge, and a farewell 'night-cap' served in the Captain's Cabin. As the pictures indicate, a brilliant time was had by all and the local party of villagers are very grateful to Phil Haslam and his crew for the wonderful experience and their generous hospitality.

A Potted History of Dene Cottage



Dene Cottage, located at the far end of Green Lane, is the second to last house on the left as you leave the village in the direction of Grately. It sits between Farm Cottage to the left and Beechurst to the right.

It is believed that the house was built in the 1740's and is a little unusual as in that it is attached to Beechurst, which was built some 100 years later. The two houses were once connected through a door that joins the respective dining rooms of each property; this doorway has since been sealed. The house has a thatch roof and cob walls, which contrasts with Beechurst's Victorian brick and tile construction.

In the 1970's, the house was extended to the side and rear to provide an additional bedroom and space for modern conveniences such as a bathroom and kitchen! The word Dene means 'wooded valley', which describes the cottage perfectly as it backs onto steep bank with the garden actually sitting higher than the roof line of the cottage.

From the patio area at the rear, a short brisk walk up a winding path takes you to the garden, where you can see fantastic views of Monxton, Amport and the fields beyond. The current owners moved in some two years ago and have had to undertake some significant internal modernisation in order to bring the cottage up to today's standards.

DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd MARCH 2005 at 8.00 pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 12th May 2005.