




# Monxton Matters

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## Refurbished Village Hall Officially Re-Opened by the Mayor of Andover



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## **Update on Goodman/Tesco's Application for Development of a Megashed at Andover Airfield**

As you may be aware, the Northern Area Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> December was postponed because various issues have not been resolved to the satisfaction of TVBC.

### **Road and Traffic Issues**

It is understood from HCC that the current situation is as follows:

- 1) HCC Highways have accepted Goodman's October 2007 estimate of 1660 two-way HGV movements per day (i.e. in trips + out trips) as the likely maximum daily trip rate arising from Unit 4 (Tesco's distribution centre).
- 2) HCC have insisted that Goodman continue to assume their July figures of 100 AM outbound/250 PM inbound as the maximum peak hour HGV flows associated with Unit 4 in order to ensure that the revised 100-Acre junction is robustly designed. Note that Goodman, in response to earlier HCC traffic objections, produced revised figures in October that were a small fraction of these estimates made in July.
- 3) These figures, and the light vehicle traffic estimates based on the latest proposed development mix in the Business Park, have now been fed into Goodman's Transyt model of the junction.
- 4) HCC says it is satisfied that the junction can handle the AM peak but still has concerns about the PM peak, particularly the length of the queue expected on the approach to the western over-bridge signals and its potential to block the entry to the A303 w/b on-slip. HCC say they also have concerns that the queue on the short link between the two over-bridges will block back and hamper the entry to the eastern over-bridge from the north.
- 5) HCC has also told Goodman that a queue of 160 vehicles on the Weyhill Road would be unacceptable.
- 6) The Highways Agency have concerns about the merging of HGV traffic entering the A303 e/b owing to the short distance between the 100-Acre e/b on-slip and the A343 (Salisbury) off-slip. The latest plan is to use a demand management system, similar to that on the M42, which uses cameras on gantries over the A303 to spot gaps in the traffic and then to control entry of HGVs onto the A303 by means of traffic lights on the slip road.
- 7) Unfortunately Goodman still appears to have made no proposals to prevent car traffic entering the Business Park via the village's south-west of Andover and Monxton Road. They have confirmed that the vehicle number plate recognition and control system will only apply to vehicles entering the Business Park that have three or more axles.

### **Noise Issue**

Goodman's report on the noise impact of the development, contained in the October Environmental Statement, was considered so full of errors and omissions by TVBC's Environmental Health Dept (EHO) that they asked Goodman to rewrite it. The revised report has not been received yet and the EHO will not be making his comments and recommendations until it has been.

**Statement issued for public information by the STOP Alliance,  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

# Monxton & Amport Village Hall

## Weekly Programme and Forthcoming Events

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

Day	Time	Activity	Contact Name
Monday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Monday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Tuesday	9:45am - 11:45am	Jo Jingles - toddlers activity class	Becky - 01980 626562
Tuesday	2pm - 3pm	Badminton	
Wednesday	8:30am - 1:30pm	Baby Sensory Class	Lin Day 01722 320779
Wednesday	2pm - 4pm	RAGS	
Wednesday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Thursday	9:15am - 11:15am	Music with Mummy - baby and toddler music class	Nicky Derrick - 01264 720452
Thursday	Afternoon	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	
Monday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	

### Events

December 16 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12:30	Mince pies after church service	Booked by Jean Wood
December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday 15.00	Film Night Nativity Story Amport Church tea will be served afterwards	Caroline Unwin 01264 772375
January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday 8.00pm - 10.00pm	Meeting of Monxton Parish Council at the Village Hall	Contact Jules Douglas 01264 711126
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday 7.00	Film - Atonement	Caroline Unwin 01264 772375
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 7.00	Film - Elizabeth the Golden age	Caroline Unwin 01264 772375
April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 7.00	Film called "Evening"	Caroline Unwin 01264 772375

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF  
The Monxton Parish Council  
TUESDAY 13th November 2007**

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

**MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)**

**FOOTPATHS**

The Chairman advised the meeting that she had received a letter from a Sunnybank resident concerning the old allotment area and the fact that the gate has been locked again. Since the meeting the clerk has spoken with Ms Astrid Wood of the Estates Department in TVBC. She informed the clerk that the area and boundaries have to be kept secure until planning permission is granted and the site can be developed.

**A new Footpath representative is needed for the village. If anyone is interested please can they contact the Parish Clerk on 711126, or call Katrina Saville please call 01264 710597**

**FINANCE**

The current disposable bank balance stands at £5,983.81 as £2,000 has been set aside for improvements to the village hall.

£500 has been set aside for improvements to traffic calming.

The Precept has also been decided for the coming year 01/04/2008-31/03/2009. The figures showing the second draft dated 13 Nov 2007 were circulated to all Councillors.

There will be a 5% reduction for this period due to the fact that the election costs, which were included in last year's precept, have not been spent.

The precept was approved by all councillors.

Mr Eaglesham told the meeting that he has had the accounts back from the External auditor who has not raised any queries. Cllr Mrs Pat West congratulated Mr Eaglesham on this as this confirmed he had done an outstanding job.

**FINANCE (continued)**

The Clerk informed the council that she had spoken to Mr Darbyshire regarding tree works which needed to be carried out on the village green. A written quote will follow shortly.

Mr Eaglesham advised the members that he had been given designs of the village and dwelling locations. The Parish Council agreed that these should be framed for historic purposes.

Cllr Pat West advised that a grant for up to £500 could be applied for to cover these and the tree works needed to be carried out on the green.

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from Amport School Governors requesting a financial contribution towards the building fund.

The council wanted to know further details as to what the LEA contributions were and also contributions from Amport Parish Council.

Following the meeting the clerk has spoken to Amport Parish council and has been advised that they will be donating £3,000 and will consider a further donation of £2,000. Amport currently have a population of 1143. This will be followed up at the next meeting.

**MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS**

Mr Chaffey mentioned that there are 2 Sycamore trees next to 11 Sunnybank which need attending to. The Clerk will contact TVBC. Mrs Saville mentioned that she had received a letter from Mr and Mrs Tenick of Broad Lane advising that they wished to hold a concert next summer on their land. The Parish Council agreed to support this event.



## PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	07/01121 DLO	No objection	Pending consideration	
2	07/02657/TREEN - Beechurst	No Objection	No objection	
3	07/02790/FULLN - Beechurst	No objection	Permission by TVBC	
4	07/02066/FULLN – Pegasus stables	No objection	Permission by TVBC	

### Notes:

1. Councillor Tim Southern offered his advice with listed building applications.

2. All planning applications can be accessed on line at [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)

3. On the day of the meeting four tree applications were received by the Parish clerk, they were circulated during the meeting and will be responded to in due course.

### ANDOVER AIRFIELD SITE – Goodmans/Tesco development

This application number 07/01951/OUTN can be accessed via [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk) – go the planning page and public access. There is also a link on the Monxton website to this issue.

## Monxton Parish Council Matters continued.....

### MATTERS ARISING

#### Playground on the Village Green

The clerk told the meeting that having spoken with the current landlord of the Black Swan it would be very doubtful that the Brewery would allow a playground area to be built on the village green. The area is fairly small and a fence would need to be constructed around the play zone to keep the dogs out. Insurance, maintenance and liability is also a concern. It was agreed by the council that this would not be pursued.

On the same subject the clerk will speak with Hyde Housing to find out the situation on these matters with regards to the new affordable housing scheme and planned small play area.

#### SUNNYBANK – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

There was nothing to report at the meeting. Since the meeting the clerk has been advised that there have been severe delays with planning discussions but an agreement has been made with the planner on what they agree to be an acceptable design for the site.

Hyde Housing hope to submit the planning application the during November. There have been some small changes to the design, regarding the roofs. They have a landscape architects layout to address the planting and habitat location. Once the application has been submitted Hyde Housing will be meeting with the Parish Council again.

# **Monxton and Amport Village Hall Update**

**The Monxton Village Hall was completed and first used in 1967. Kitchens were, at that time, innovations. Today, expectations have progressed significantly, in terms of facilities, size and presentation.**

**Thanks to the floor space in the storeroom adjacent to the present kitchen (originally the 'Committee Room'), the kitchen area, together with the outdated hall lighting lent themselves to much needed improvements.**

**With the invaluable Capital Grant from Test Valley Borough Council, Community Partnership Funding from Hampshire County Council and a grant from Monxton Parish Council to add to the funds already held by the Village Hall Management, we were able to commission John Chapple Builders Ltd. and Hayward and Spanswick, Electrical Contractors Ltd. of Monxton, to undertake the necessary refurbishment project.**

**Much of the early overall planning and direction of the development was expertly carried out by Robert Davies of Monxton, with help from Members of the Hall Management Committee.**

**We now have, since the completion of the refurbishment scheme on 5th. September, a much admired Village Hall kitchen, and an impressive Hall lighting system. The whole Hall has been brought into the 21st. Century. These in turn will it is hoped, lead to an enhanced interest in the Hall and thereby attract a wider range of Hall lettings.**

**The planned 'Opening' of the Hall took place at 6pm. on Thursday, 22nd. November 2007.**

**Councillor Mrs. Pamela Mutton, Mayor of Test Valley Borough Council, Councillor Mrs. Patricia West, Immediate Past Chairman of Hampshire County Council and Mrs. Katrina Saville, Chairman, Monxton Parish Council kindly accepted an invitation to represent Test Valley Borough Council, Hampshire County Council and Monxton Parish Council respectively on this occasion.**

**Parishioners of Monxton and Amport will be most welcome to join the Hall's Management Committee and friends at this celebration.**

**Graeme Leslie,  
Chairman, Monxton and Amport Village Hall Management Committee.**

# New Refurbished Monxton and Ampport Village Hall Picture Gallery



## Monxton Neighbourhood Watch Team



The team from left to right comprises: Joan Leslie, Carol Pratt, PC Bill Williams, Liz Allen, Sue Kerrison, Robert Davies. Here in Monxton, to help us with home and vehicle security, the Hampshire Constabulary provides the following:

1. Police Crime Reports, which include advice about crime prevention, are issued each week and posted on the village web site as well as the notice board at the village hall. These reports give details of criminal activity in this part of rural Hampshire and often make surprising reading.
2. The mobile police station is parked outside the village hall for an hour at 10am on the second Friday of each month and our local policemen encourage us to visit them.

### **The Monxton Neighbourhood Watch Group**

The Monxton Neighbourhood Watch Group met recently and were delighted that PC Bill Williams, our local beat policeman, was able to join us for an informative discussion about security and crime prevention. It was a sociable and entertaining event, at which Bill Williams answered questions from the Group Members about local policing, discussed particular priorities and concerns and stressed the need to report anything suspicious to the police by calling 999. He explained how reluctance by some people to call 999 is hampering the fight against crime.

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