



# *Monxton Matters*

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## **Announcing Robin Aisher The New Amport and Monxton Village Hall Chairman & Penny Kitson - Events Secretary**



Penny Kitson will take over as Events Secretary - Village Hall from 1st February from Diana Jones  
Contact phone number is 01264 771227 penny.kitson168@mod.uk.



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## ANDOVER AIRFIELD SITE

Mrs Saville (MPC Chairman) on behalf of the village and Monxton Parish Council (MPC) has sent a response to TVBC regarding our objections to the new application.

Both Monxton and Abbots Ann Parish Councils have raised the following issues to Mr Steve Jenkins of Hampshire CC.

### **Facilities for drivers to park up after delivery**

At the meeting between the Parish councils, Goodman and the co-op on 13<sup>th</sup> October, the parish councils were assured that there would not be a problem caused by parking lorries, before or after delivery. However, the parish councils are concerned that the submitted plans do not provide for drivers (both Co-op and suppliers' drivers) to park-up for a number of hours after their delivery and after their legal time at the wheel.

As well as parking, there also needs to be washing/toilet facilities for the drivers. Without such a provision the parish councils are concerned that there will be a potential for a nuisance to be created in the local roads and lanes. The potential nuisance could be exacerbated by the fact that some of the lorries will be refrigerated and therefore generating noise even when stationary.

A similar problem will presumably occur when phase 2B units are built, which raises the question whether the whole site, which is now in effect a storage and distribution park needs to have a single parking/washroom facility for all occupants' lorries and their drivers.

### **Traffic through villages.**

This was also a topic of concern raised at the meetings with Goodman/Co-op. Although the parish councils are satisfied with the prohibited route system (which HCC has put in place) to inhibit traffic from the business park going through the villages, the parish councils remain concerned that the revised 100-Acre junction will have a knock-on effect that could cause non-business park traffic to divert through the villages.

The traffic analysis so far carried out by Goodman looks at the effects during the morning and evening peak hours, when it is concluded that there will be less delay than at present. However, it is common experience, that outside of the rush hours one can at present drive straight through this junction in any direction without any delay. This will not be possible when the junction is reconfigured to include multiple sets of traffic signals – there will be a high chance that traffic will be delayed from whichever direction the junction is approached. For this reason non-business park traffic (to for example the DLO or shops/businesses in Andover) will prefer alternative routes (rat-runs) through Monxton or Abbots Ann that will avoid the 100-Acre junction altogether.

Monxton and Abbots Ann Parish councils are therefore requesting that HCC to request Goodman to carry out an analysis of the likely effects of the revised junction on local traffic flows, with particular emphasis on Monxton and Abbots Ann, outside of peak hours.

This application was discussed at the northern Area Planning Committee on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January at Beechurst and **received** planning permission. Goodman hope to commence works in May.

**Goodman, the developer, and the Co-op, the tenant, have agreed to put in place a Development Monitoring Committee, which will be attended by their representatives and local parish representatives, including Monxton PC.**

## Monxton & Aport Village Hall Weekly Programme and Forthcoming Events

**To book the hall for an event please call Penny Kitson - 01264 771227**

Day	Time	Activity	Contact Name
Monday	9:30am - 10:30am	Yoga Class	Jane 01264 773429
Monday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Monday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Tuesday	9:30am - 1:30pm	<b>** NEW ** 'Wake Up' Toddler Activity class (ages 1 - 3)</b>	Katy Hayes 01722 411083
Tuesday	2pm - 3pm	Badminton	
Tuesday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Wednesday	8:30am - 1:30pm	Baby Sensory Class	Lin Day 01722 320779
Wednesday	2pm - 4pm	RAGS	
Wednesday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Thursday	9:15am - 11:45am	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	Niccy Bull – 01264 323442
Friday	Morning	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	Penny Kitson - 01264 771227
Friday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Friday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Saturday	All day	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	

### Events

Date	Time	Event Description - Contact
Mon 08 Feb – Sun 14 Feb	Performances as advertised	Aladdin Pantomime - John Baxter
Tues 16 Feb	TBC	Café Service
Tues 23 Feb	7.30 pm	Film Night Unwins
Sat 27 Feb	2 pm onwards	Jumble Sale Brenda Gower
Tues 02 Mar	8 pm	Parish Council meeting
Tues 09 Mar	7.30 pm	4 Parishes Art Society
Sun 21 Mar	1015 am	Church Coffee
Tues 23 Mar	7.30 pm	Film Night - Unwins
Fri 26 Mar	5 pm – 9 pm	Aport School Disco
Sun 28 Mar	1200 – 1 pm	Church Coffee

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF  
The Monxton Parish Council Meeting  
TUESDAY 12TH January 2010 at 8.00PM.**

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

**MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)**

**FOOTPATHS**

Following the discussion about “dog unfriendly” stiles at the last MPC meeting our footpath representative (FR) got in touch with the footpath representative on Amport Parish Council. The stiles discussed were not in Monxton and were not on land belonging to Manor Farm. The result is that nothing will be done about these stiles as landowners are not obliged to provide stiles that dogs are able to get through.

“FR has looked up the exact wording in the Parish Countryside Access Reference Guide and it reads “.....there is no obligation on the landowner to make allowance for dogs to get through stiles”. Similarly there is no obligation by the landowner to provide gates/gaps that allow the passage of pushchairs, wheelchairs or powered scooters although Hampshire County Council do encourage landowners to provide these gates/gaps where possible when replacing existing ones (or erecting new ones which require permission granted by the County Council and these will only be authorised for the purpose of keeping livestock in).

FR discussed with Manor Farm the replacement of the stile at the top of the field above the llamas’ field. It is his intention to have livestock in this field and so it may not be possible to erect a dog friendly stile. He is aware of the broken rail of the surround of the kissing gate near the new shed. The finger post at the Broad Road end of “Penny” path is broken – FR reported it and it has now been repaired.

There had been “fly tipping” by the railway bridge on Broad Road at the end of the track. Apparently this is about the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this has happened recently and it had previously been cleared by a member of Amport PC until they realized that the ends of this track are actually in Monxton and not Amport!

Having inspected the site and ascertained that it was mainly builder’s rubble, TVBC were contacted, who removed it within 24 hours.

FR has requested a large sign to be erected stating that “fly tipping” is illegal which TVBC may or may not agree to do.

People are still not keeping to the footpaths and tracks across Manor Farm. Also a holly tree/bush was cut down before Christmas on land belonging to Manor Farm. It was particularly sad as some of this holly was destined for the church.

The above is taken from the report written by Mrs Allen, the footpath representative (FR).

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

The clerk confirmed that she has spoken with Hampshire Highways concerning the general state of the roads in the area with particular reference to the erosion on the bend by Monxton Manor and Corner Cottage. There is a question on the road boundary which needs to be confirmed.

It was agreed that the anti-slip surface on the approach to the bridge in both directions over the brook has eroded and that Hampshire Highways may therefore be able to resurface this entire section. However, at the time of the site visit (November 2009) the clerk was advised the earliest this would happen, if approved, would be summer 2010.

All jobs are carried out under priority order and following the recent spell of very cold weather all jobs are subject to a long delay.

It was mentioned that the swings provided by Hyde Housing on the new development at Sunnybank are very small and not what was agreed. The clerk will contact Hyde Housing to discuss this matter.

**FINANCE**

The precept for the year ending 31/03/2011 was proposed giving a 1.4% increase, which is very low by recent standards. The current bank balance is £8,505.07. A sum £3,000 continues to be set aside for improvements to the Village Hall, while £1,000 continues to be set aside for improvements to traffic calming. This leaves a disposable income of £4505.07.

## PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	09/02038/lbwn – School house – external works	No objection	Permission	None
2	09/01691/fulln – Willow Glen-erection of bridge over watercourse	No objection	Permission	None
3	09/02408/fulln – Bushmills – erection of single storey rear extension	No objection	Pending consideration	None
4	09/02356/fulln – Manor Farm – amendment to Grain store	No objection – concerns made	Pending consideration	None
5	09/02574/fulln – Elmsleigh, Monxton Road, erection of 2 storey side extension	No objection	Pending consideration	None
6	09/02578/treen – Hutchens	No objection	Pending consideration	None
7	09/02646/lbwn and 09/02292/fulln – Monxton Manor- alterations, extension and conversion of stables	No objection – concerns made	Pending consideration	None
8	09/02251/treen – 1 Manor Farm cottages, various tree applications	No objection	No objection	None

**Notes:** Mrs Richards of Monxton Mill expressed her concern about application 09/02356 with reference to the noise level from the ventilation in the doors and the possibility of relocating one of the doors to the back of the building therefore diverting any noise from the ventilation towards the back fields.

- 1. Councillor Tim Southern will provide advice with listed building applications.**
- 2. All planning applications can be accessed on line at [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)**

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH** - Mr Davies addressed the meeting.

Mr Davies advised that he recently attended a Neighbourhood Watch meeting with other co-ordinators in Longstock, along with the police and representatives from HCC Trading Standards service, where cold calling was discussed. Since the meeting Mr Davies has enquired as to whether Monxton would be appropriate to join the “No Cold Calling Zone” scheme.

At the meeting the re-organisation of rural policing in the small communities was mentioned. The mobile police unit has been permanently withdrawn. PC Bill Williams has now been re deployed elsewhere and PC John Viney is now looking after the villages. PCSO Rachel Cassells is the main point of contact for Monxton. The Community Newsletter is also likely to be withdrawn, although Cllr Lashbrook is fighting to keep this going as it is an excellent form of communication. The clerk will write to PC Glen Curtis of Stockbridge Police station in support of this publication and will also contact TVAPC.

Crime continues to be on the increase due to the economic climate, although Monxton remains relatively crime free, except that a garden stone was stolen from the village and a house was broken into in the village and jewellery stolen. With the new structure in place the rural communities should notice more regular patrols.

Mrs Saville thanked Mr Davies for his continuing support.

## Monxton Matters Announcement

Due to the low response to the last notice this is the FINAL request for you to advise if you wish to receive a printed copy of Monxton Matters. Please complete and return this page to either Mike Cleugh, Rectory Cottage, Monxton or for those who live in Sunnybank please return to John Chaffey at No 11 Sunnybank by the end of February. If the majority of villagers want to receive a printed copy we will continue to get it printed, otherwise we may need to make arrangements to allow some villagers to request a copy of the minutes from the Clerk or view them in the village hall.

In order to reduce the cost to the parish council and parishioners of printing Monxton Matters, which costs approximately £600 per year to print six issues, (10% of the Parish council tax you pay each year), we have decided to request that villagers confirm if they are happy to receive their copies by down loading from the Monxton web site <http://www.monxton.org.uk>, or if they wish to receive a printed copy.

In the event that we get a poor response for paper copies, we will only publish the full version of Monxton Matters on the Monxton Web site, and a black and white text copy will be made available to those without internet access.

Given it is free to download in full colour from the Monxton Web site and many people have the Internet this is your final opportunity to make your views known.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Black Swan Events 2010  
Valentine's Weekend - 13th & 14th February  
Spring Gift Fair in aid of Naomi House Children's Hospice - 4th March  
Mexican Night - 27th March

***Monxton Neighbourhood Watch has received the following notice from the Hampshire Constabulary***

**Advice on the security of domestic heating and agricultural fuel.**

With the spiralling cost of all oil fuel types, it is not surprising that the theft of these commodities is rising throughout the country.

For obvious reasons, bulk fuel is probably the most attractive target. Therefore, this advice is aimed at that section of our community; farmers, householders and businesses; particularly those in rural communities, who have heating or fuel oil, such as diesel stored in external tanks.

The following advice may help improve the security of your supply:

- The simple act of keeping your yard or drive gates closed and securely locked may prevent a theft.
- Ensure gates and fences are in good repair.
- Consider installing closed circuit television (CCTV) along with suitable lighting.
- The location of storage tanks can be a critical factor.

Ideally, oil tanks should be situated within sight of your home while at the same time being difficult to see by the general public. Consider:

- Plant hostile shrubs (thorny) round your oil tank e.g. Pyracantha, Berberis, Ilex or even Gooseberry.
- The tank valve, rather than the vulnerable hose and nozzle, should be locked as should be any inspection or filling hatches. Install lockable caps with crop-proof padlock/fittings.
- Regularly check your fuel levels so that you can easily spot if the level quickly drops (this can be done electronically).
- If you are installing or re-siting an oil tank, consider securing the tank in an alarmed, ventilated, brick or block built, locked structure.
- Check if your oil is covered under your household or business insurance.
- Record the details of any strange vehicles and their occupants seen in your area.

**Should you need to discuss any of these security measures, please contact your local Crime Prevention Officer by 'phoning 0845 045 45 45.**