



Monxton Matters

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The STOP Campaign gains a New Weapon To fight the Megashed The Adbike!



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Recent news from the STOP Campaign!

Northern Area Planning Meeting to determine the Goodman/Tesco MEGAshed development at Andover Airfield last month was postponed again

The planning meeting which was to be held at The Lights, Andover Monday 25th February to determine the MEGAshed proposal was postponed for the second time due to outstanding objections from Hants County Council that the developer has failed to address.

Additionally the developer and the proposed tenant TESCO have also failed to provide TVBC with a revised noise assessment, required as their first submission was based on incorrect figures and judged to be sub-standard. Questions also remain on air quality, lighting impact and environmental health issues.

“STOP! is delighted that Hants County Council is taking its time to consider and challenge the evidence that Goodman and TESCO has submitted to support this application,” says Rhonda Smith Chair of STOP!

“Hants County Council has told us that they still have major concerns about the potential number of HGVs from the proposed development using unsuitable roads, with the developer’s plans for controlling them unworkable. The travel plan has also been described by Hants County Council as ‘well below par for a development of this importance’.”

In addition, the Highways Agency has yet to deliver a formal response to TVBC.

Currently, TVBC will not speculate as to when the Northern Area Planning Meeting will be re-scheduled, although it will be held at The Lights to accommodate the large number of objectors to the plan. To date more than 2,200 letters of objection have been sent in to Mrs Winter, Head of Planning at TVBC.

“Letters of objection may still be submitted,” confirmed Rhonda Smith, “with many objectors also approaching their local Councillors to make their voice heard. More than 600 people attended our STOP! meeting at John Hanson School, Andover last night, with 300 attending such a meeting for the first time, evidence that opposition to this proposal is still growing.”

The STOP! Alliance was out in force on Saturday again in Andover High Street continuing to spread the message with their new AdBike and their ‘Love Andover’ campaign message. Signatures to the STOP! Petition are now approaching 6,000, representing around 15% of the total population.

Actions for YOU

We need to continue to build our ‘evidence base’ of public opposition

1. Send in your **letter of objection** if you have not yet done so – and one for every member of your family. They all count and the individual voice counts for a lot. Click here for help with your letter http://www.stopmegasheds.co.uk/How_to_object/How_to_Object.htm
2. **Communicate directly with your local Councillor** – even if you believe they may already be for or against the MEGAshed. They need to hear from you – **NOW!** Click here for contact details <http://www.stopmegasheds.co.uk/Contacts/TVCBCouncillors.htm> Email, write, phone – do any or all!
3. **Refresh your posters!** New ones now available on the website to download.

Thanks for your support to date – take heart from the cancelled meeting but there is still a long way to go!

Rhonda Smith – Chairman STOP Campaign

Monxton & Aport 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	9:30am - 10:30am	Yoga Class	Jane 01264 773429
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	11:30am - 12:30am	*** NEW - 'My Fit Mummy' an aerobics class for mummies ***	Vanessa Horton 07960 385886
Friday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Saturday	All day	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Sunday	Morning (twice a month)	Coffee after Church Service	

Events

6 th April Sunday	11am	Coffee after church service	Booked by Jean Wood
April 18 th	Friday 7.00	Film called "Evening"	Caroline Unwin 01264 772375
20 th April Sunday	9:30am	Coffee after church service	Booked by Jean Wood
27 th April Sunday	12am	Coffee after church service	Booked by Jean Wood
May 13 th	8 - 9 pm	Annual General Meeting of Monxton Parish Council - All villager welcome	Katrina Saville Chairman

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
The Monxton Parish Council
TUESDAY 11TH MARCH 2008 AT 8.00 pm**

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

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At the last meeting it was agreed that some historical pictures showing the village and locations which have been found should be framed. Although this has not been followed up since the last meeting, it is hoped that during the next financial year, the council may be able to obtain a grant towards the cost of framing these pictures.

Mr Chaffey mentioned the 2 sycamore trees adjacent to 11 Sunnybank. The clerk will contact Test Way housing again and also Dermot Cox of TVBC to see if these trees can be replaced. In the summer it will be impossible to use the parking spaces underneath.

FOOTPATHS

Mrs Liz Allen had provided a report to the Parish Clerk prior to the meeting which was read out. Mrs Allen had been contacted by Mr Alewood concerning the footpath going to Abbotts Ann from Broad Road starting between the chicken farm and Prospect Farm. Mr Alewood has managed to speak to the landowner about the slurry which had been churned up on the footpath and road and this has now been addressed. The Abbott's Ann footpath representative has also been informed.

Mrs Allen has also spoken with Mr Hopkins of Manor Farm, Monxton, who will now liaise with the ROW officer to obtain new signs for his land.

The path from Hook Lane has also been looked at. Both ends are in the parish of Monxton although the path itself is in the Amport Parish. This path has been cleared and widened and is now easily passable.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr Davies addressed the meeting and said that there had been no reported crimes in the village since the last meeting. Cllr Tim Southern did however mention the theft of oil from people's oil tanks in the area and advised that one should remain vigilant.

FINANCE

The following cheques have been written since the last meeting

Having received advice from HAPTC, Monxton Parish Council will be giving a £500 donation to the Amport School building Fund, under S137. This donation will be given at the start of the next financial year. The clerk will write to the school to confirm this donation.

The Council has also approved the following payments which will also be paid at the beginning of the next financial year.

£106 for HAPTC Affiliation fees
£141 for Audit Commission
£13.50 for LCR magazine

The current disposable bank balance stands at £5,082.11 as £2,000 has been set aside for improvements to the village hall.

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

PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	07/01121 DLO	No objection	Pending consideration	Permission subject to the 106 agreement
2	07/03614/treen – The Cottage, High Street	No objection	No objection	
3	07/034521/FULLN – Sunnybank development	No objection	Permission	Subject to 106 agreement
4	07/03196/FULLN Ridgeways, Broad Road	No objection	Permission by TVBC	
5	08/00230/FULLN The Morrells	No objection	Pending consideration	
6	08/00191/treen – Village Green	No objection	Pending consideration	
7	08/00318/treen – Old Hoyles	No objection	No objection	

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

ANDOVER AIRFIELD SITE – Goodmans/Tesco development

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

ANDOVER AIRFIELD SITE Planning application To Build a Megashed by Goodmans/Tesco

This application number 07/01951/OUTN can be accessed via www.testvalley.gov.uk – go the planning page and public access. There is also a link on the Monxton website Home page to access information regarding this issue.

The Chairman handed out a copy of the letter, which the Council will be sending to TVBC concerning the noise level which will be generated from the proposed development during the night.

Monxton and Ampport Village Hall Update

VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman advised that the Village Hall is running very well, however the oil tank needs to be replaced soon. The boiler is to undergo a service and the toilets will shortly be redecorated. The village hall committee is also looking to replace some of the wooden tables.

The Village Hall AGM will take place on the 22nd July. The current Chairman of the Hall Management Committee, Mr Graeme Lesley, will be stepping down at the AGM, so a new Chairman needs to be found.

The Monxton Parish Council
AGM
will be held on Tuesday
13th May at 8pm
at the Village Hall.

This is your opportunity to provide feedback on what the Parish Council is doing in your name for the community. Please ensure you attend.

Monxton Neighbourhood Watch

Heating oil alert.

The upsurge in the cost of oil has made domestic heating oil stored in garden tanks an attractive target for thieves. There have been several thefts of large quantities of heating oil in rural northern Hampshire, including at least two in Monxton. Most oil tanks are provided with the means to fit a padlock but the Police say that a surprising number remain unlocked.

Recently the Police were notified that a householder in a nearby village became aware of a significant increase in heating oil consumption. The only logical explanation was that somebody was carefully and regularly siphoning the tank, presumably to transfer the proceeds to their own tank. It is understood that after fitting a padlock that household's oil consumption returned to normal.

The Police urge everybody to lock their oil tank and, where possible, to consider screening it from the road.

What should you do if you see something suspicious?

There have been instances of criminal activity in Monxton recently – though fortunately the village still has a low crime rate when compared with other communities. To help maintain, or hopefully improve on, the current low crime rates please report anything suspicious to the Police without delay. To assist eyewitnesses the Police have issued the following guidance.

A suspicious person.

If you see somebody acting suspiciously around a house, building or vehicle please note or try to remember the following: -

1. Male or female and how many.
2. Approximate age, weight and height.
3. Hair colour and any distinguishing marks.
4. What clothes and shoes they are wearing and any visible labels.
5. Ethnicity.

Remember that tackling a criminal yourself is not a good idea.

Suspicious vehicle

If you see a suspicious vehicle please note: -

1. Registration number
2. Make and model.
3. Colour and approximate age.
4. Any markings.

Other information.

If you see something that does not fall into the above categories but relates to crime or disorder please try to note: -

1. What was said /done.
2. When and where it was said/done
3. Why it was said/done.

Perhaps these guidelines appear to be “stating the obvious” but eyewitnesses frequently miss or fail to notice many of these vital pieces of information – and this can frustrate the fight against crime.

**Robert Davies. Monxton Neighbourhood Watch.
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The Village Hall Report & Retirement of the Current Chairman

Monxton Amport Village Hall Management Committee report of its recent meeting.

At its recent Meeting the Monxton Amport Management Committee were appraised of the satisfactory state of the Hall's finances. The recent Spring Jumble Sale was a success in realising £400.00. The Management's expressed its appreciation to all who had assisted in working at the Jumble Sale. It was noted with pleasure to learn that three social activity bodies have expressed an interest in hiring the Hall on a regular basis.

The Committee continues to receive favourable comments on the impressive refurbished kitchen facilities. There is no doubt that the presentation of the Hall is attracting interest.

The Management Committee is awaiting receipt of quotations for the refurbishment/replacement of the Hall's Heating system. A Heating Engineer's comment that an extended and thorough servicing of the unit might be all that is required at this stage was welcomed. The all too evident deterioration of the seams to the present steel Heating Oil tank necessitated prompt and urgent action to replace it and this will be undertaken without delay.

Consideration is being given to replacing the Hall's heavy wooden tables with much lighter and more modern units. As and when the new lightweight tables are acquired, the wooden tables will be stored to be available for hire for open air events.

It is planned that six of the wooden tables will be stored at St. Mary's Church, Amport in readiness for events at Amport. The purchase of new tables will be considered at a future date as the over outlay would be dependent on what finance might be required in respect of a possible replacement/refurbishment of the Hall's Heating System. The planned improvements to the toilets are also dependent on funds.

The Annual General Meeting of the Hall is to be held on Tuesday 22nd. July 2008. The Chairman, Graeme Leslie has indicated that he wishes to retire as a Member of the Management Committee. A vacancy on the Committee therefore arises.

The Committee is anxious to seek a Parishioner from either Monxton or Amport to fill this vacancy. A telephone call to Graeme Leslie (710253) would be most welcome.

Graeme Leslie
Chairman Village hall Committee.