



Monxton Matters

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Monxton Needs You to Attend the Planning Control Meeting on the 1st December

The STOP! Campaign

Would like to Invite all Parishioners to attend the

TVBC Planning Control Meeting

Which will reconsider the Application for a Megashed

By Goodmans on the 1st December at 5.30pm

at the Lights in Andover

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An Update from the STOP Campaign

Andover Airfield – What's the latest and what do you need to do?

Since the last issue of Monxton Matters we have had a roller coaster ride of news and events, which started with the STOP meeting at John Hanson School on the 30th October, which was well attended and had Sir George Young and Lord David Howell as speakers against the Goodmans development. See pictures on back page.

We then had a flurry of activity from Tesco who wrote letters and emails to TVBC councillors warning them that they would pull out of the development if the section 106 agreements were imposed and demanded they be abandoned or significantly reduced.

These of course are the only safeguard against Goodman/Tesco to protect our roads from HGVs and our health from excess noise and pollution. We understand that this has caused some upset among councillors and may have been a counter productive to their objectives for which we can only thank them for what appear to many as their bully boy tactics.

We then had the announcement from Goodman that they had terminated their agreement with Tesco and were free to find another tenant meanwhile advising the council that they would uphold the section 106 agreement despite the fact that the planning application had been refused on the 1st September planning meeting. Goodman made this announcement the day before the GO campaign was held at the Lights and despite the publicity on Andover Sound and in the Andover Advertiser they only managed to get 48 people attend including many STOP supporters who went out of curiosity.

So the fight moves on to the Planning Control meeting on the 1st December, which based on our calculations will be a close run event with probably no more than 1-2 votes holding the balance.

What we need YOU to do is fill out the objection card which has been put through your letterbox and attend the meeting on the 1st December. More available at the Black Swan.

If you have donated already – THANK YOU! – but consider donating again and also persuading your friends and neighbours to contribute.

Please make your cheques payable to StopMegaSheds and send to Rectory Cottage, Monxton, Andover SP11 8AH or go to the website for more details to donate by bank transfer.

Best wishes & thanks in anticipation of your continuing support.

StopMegaSheds Campaign team

<http://www.StopMegaSheds.co.uk>

Monxton & Ampport 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	10:15am - 2:15pm	** NEW ** 'Wake Up' Toddler Activity class (ages 1 - 3 years)	Katy Hayes 01722 411083
Tuesday	2:15pm - 3pm	Badminton	
Wednesday	8:30am - 1:30pm	Baby Sensory Class	Lin Day 01722 320779
Wednesday	2pm - 4pm	RAGS	
Wednesday	7pm - 9pm	STOP! Alliance Meeting (booked to the end of December)	Mike Cleugh 01264 710276
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	Niccy Bull - 01264 323442
Friday	Morning	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Friday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Saturday	All day	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Sunday	Morning (twice a month)	Coffee after Church Service	16 th & 23 rd November
Sunday	Afternoon / Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	

Events

11 th November Tuesday	7pm	Four Parishes Art Society	Booked by Elizabeth Roberts
25 November,	7 for 7.30 pm	Film Night "Before the Rains". This is a Merchant Ivory film set in India in the 1930s with Linus Roach and Jennifer Ehle.	Caroline Unwin 772375
13 th December Saturday	10am	Christmas Bazaar	
19 th December Friday		Bingo Night	Booked by Graeme Leslie
21 st December Sunday	5pm	Mulled wine after Carol Service	Booked by Jean Wood
13 th January 2009 Tuesday		Parish Council Meeting	

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
The Monxton Parish Council Meeting
TUESDAY 4th November 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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Councillor Eaglesham mentioned that new village pictures are being drawn up by the Flower Festival Committee.

The Chairman advised the council that the land currently being used as a 'green waste land' does not belong to anybody. An article will be put in Monxton Matters to ask residents not to use this as a waste site.

FOOTPATHS

There was nothing to report.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The chairman read out a report given to her by Mr Davies, highlighting the fact that there have been no reported incidents of criminal activity since the last meeting.

Mr Davies advised that Sarah and Paul Norton will now be replacing Carol Pratt (who recently moved out of the village) as the new representatives for this area.

VILLAGE HALL

The floor is to be resurfaced soon and the committee is looking into the disabled access for the building.

FINANCE

The council noted that it has also received the 2nd half of the precept, an amount of £2,605.00.

The chairman and Councillor Eaglesham signed the bank statement, cash book and accounts.

Councillor Eaglesham advised the meeting that he has prepared the precept for the period 01/04/2009 to 31/03/2010 and proposed a **3.8%** increase totalling £5,415.00, which is significantly below inflation.

Councillor Eaglesham advised that he has claimed back £365 in VAT but that there is a new form, which must be completed before seeking to recover any future VAT refunds.

SUNNYBANK – Affordable Housing Scheme

At the time of the meeting, the council had not been informed of any developments as the 'slow worms' were still present on site.

However since the meeting, the council has been advised that works will commence during the week of the 17th November and last for approximately 44 weeks.

Residents will be kept informed and there will be a contact person on site during this period.

PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	08/02051/LBWN	No objection	Pending consideration	
2	08/01635/LBWN Monxton Manor	No objection	Permission by TVBC	
3	08/01554/FULLN – Brewery House	No objection	Application withdrawn	
4	08/02447/FULLN - Millcroft	Pending consideration		
5	08/02441/treen – Pillhill Lodge	No objection	Pending consideration	
6	08/01910 /LBWN and 08/01902/FULLN-	No objection	Pending consideration	

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.

Hampshire County Council - The older driver skills scheme

This is an informal, confidential driving appraisal - not a test - which was developed to help older drivers:

- update their skills
- gain confidence
- return to driving after recovering from illness, or
- adapt to a new vehicle.

The scheme aims is to offer help and advice, which will enable older person to continue driving - with improved safety. It is delivered from the person's home, using their car, on a route to reflect their normal driving pattern. Following the practical drive, each person is given a comprehensive de-brief, when any concerns and necessary remedial actions are discussed, with a detailed written report sent shortly after the appraisal. Overall, the appraisal takes up to one and a half hours and costs £25.

For more information visit our road safety website or telephone Winchester (01962) 874600.

MPC Additional Matters

MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

Dog fouling has been reported as being a problem in the village, especially around the chalk Pit Lane area. The Parish clerk will ask for some signs to be put up and an article will be put in Monxton Matters to remind dog walkers to clean up after their dogs.

Mrs Saville confirmed that she has yet again spoken to Hampshire Highways concerning the road conditions/surfaces on Broad Road. They admitted that recent repairs carried out on the road had not been done adequately and that they would be inspecting the road again and would follow up with necessary works/improvements.

30 MPH SCHEME

A meeting was recently held between Mrs Saville and Mrs Douglas of Monxton Parish council and Lara Smith of Mott Gifford to discuss the 30mph village scheme, under which Monxton falls.

It was agreed that new signs will be erected as you enter Monxton, by Sunnybank which will replace the current signs. They will have 30mph on a bright yellow background, with Monxton name plates beneath them. One sign on each side of the road. The Parish council may chose to add gate ways at a later stage, but this will need to be paid for by the council. There will also be repeater signs as you proceed down the road towards the high street.

The engineers have also been asked to look at the 30mph signs on Abbots Ann Road, as you come down the hill into the village, it has been suggested that they be moved to the brow of the hill to warn that vehicles are entering a village and to slow down. This is only a request and has not yet been agreed.

The Parish council did recommend that Broad Road be looked at but due to the low housing density along this stretch, it was not an option for this current scheme

Monxton Parish Council

The next meeting will be on the 13th January 2009

At

Monxton & Ampport Village Hall

Village Hall Events Not To be Missed

Saturday December 6th

Village Christmas Dinner Party, "A Taste of Christmas".

This is a 3 course dinner, preceded by mulled Pimms and followed by coffee. There will be a cash bar with a choice of wines and soft drinks and a Christmas themed raffle will end the evening.

Tickets are selling well, so, if you would like to join in, please book soon, by calling Linda on 01264 710403.

Saturday December 13th, from 10.00am to 12.30pm

The Christmas Bazaar

Father Christmas is visiting in his grotto and there is a free sherry and mince pie for adults, also an interesting selection of stalls, including: Wooden Christmas decorations, jewellery, flowers, nail painting, bric-a-brac, Phoenix Christmas cards, wooden products, preserves and paintings.

December 19th, at 7.00 for 7.30 on Friday
Bingo

For those with a competitive spirit, there will be a Bingo evening and fun is promised with mince pies, nibbles and soft drinks, plus the almost certain knowledge that this is an activity at which anyone over 40 has more chance of winning than if they play those infernal video games!

Quiz Night Report

This is a note to say many thanks to David and Jane Baugh and their helpers on the Quiz Night a few weeks ago. This was a very close call in the end, as all the teams were pretty evenly matched.

However, the numerically disadvantaged St Mary's team of 5 were the eventual winners. The event raised an excellent £260 towards next year's Flower Festival.

Events at the Black Swan

What's on at the Swan

I am sure you may be aware The Black Swan has a new Landlady who has enthusiastically taken up the new role and looks forward to being part of the local community here in Monxton.

She has been involved in the hospitality for over 14 years and The Black Swan brings fresh and exciting opportunities. Anyone visiting The Black Swan recently will have seen the new changes new menu and the variety of new events scheduled.

Nicky is keen to make The Black Swan a focal point of the local community and hopes to work together to make it an ongoing success.

The new website www.theblackswanmonxton.co.uk is now up and running with details of all our menus. The blackboard outside the pub also shows a programme of any planned theme nights.

Should you have suggestions or wish to contact Nicky at her e-mail address nicky@theblackswanmonxton.co.uk.

Calendar of Events

Christmas Eve

Open until come and join us for a cozy
Christmas beverage

Open Christmas Day

Pre-booked meals only – the bar will be open from
midday – 2.30pm

Boxing Day

Hot and cold buffet lunch (advisable to book), served
midday until 1.30pm, bar open until 2.30pm.

New Year's Eve

We will be enjoying New Years Eve celebrations
in style with a BBQ at 10pm

New Year's Day

Champagne recovery brunch (booking advisable)
bar open until 2.30pm.

Take-Away Fish and Chips
Sunday Carvery for only £9.00