



Monxton Matters

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**The Megashed Takes Shape
Look forward to the Trees being Planted!**



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Proteus and Monxton & Amport Village Hall present:

A Theatre production of



Tuesday 14th December 4.15pm

“Far out to sea the water is as blue as the petals on the loveliest cornflower and as clear as the purest glass. But it is very deep, deeper than any anchor rope can reach. Down there live the mermen....”

Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale is brought to life by Proteus in their unique style fusing physical theatre, circus, music and film. Beautiful, poignant, funny and full of fishy fun, this production is a brand new version of this beloved classic, suitable for the whole family.

Written & Directed by Mary Swan/Devised by The Company / Music by Paul Wild/ Designed by Sam Pine

Dear All,

It has been a long time since the Village Hall has organised a touring Theatre Company and this production should be fantastic for all the family during this festive period. Please give this your support as success will determine future events.

The production will last approximately 80-100mins and we will be having an interval where refreshments will be available and the raffle will be drawn.

Best Seats in the House - mats in front of chair seating for up to 30 children.

Tickets £6 from: Penny Kitson: penny.kitson168@mod.uk / 771227 (pm) or Amport School Office. Cheques made payable to: “Monxton & Amport Village Hall”

Village Hall Dates for Your Diary

Date/Time	Activity	Contact Name
Sun 28 Nov: 12pm	Church Coffee	Jean Wood
Sat 4 Dec: 2-4pm	Christmas Market - We are aiming for a lovely atmosphere with a wide variety of seasonal stalls, bran tub, raffle, complimentary sherry and mince pie and live music from The Rhythm of Life.	
Mon 06 Dec: 7pm	Coffee, Cakes and carols	Charmian Howarth
Wed 08 Dec: 7pm	Film Night	Caroline Unwin
Tue 14 Dec: 4.15pm	The Little Mermaid	Penny Kitson
Wed 15 Dec: 7pm	Carol Service	
Fri 17 Dec: 7pm	Christmas Bingo	Rose Wareham

Monxton and Ampport Village Hall Bookings Diary

Regular Bookings:

Day	Time	Activity	Contact Name
Mon	9:30am – 10:30am	Yoga Class	Jane Borley 01264 773429
Mon	Afternoon	AVAILABLE	
Mon	Evening	AVAILABLE	
Tue	Morning	AVAILABLE	
Tue	2pm – 3pm	Badminton	Brenda Gower 01264 710538
Tue	7:30pm – 10pm	Pipe Band	Iona MacDonald 07545142924
Wed	8:30am – 1pm	Baby Sensory Class	Imogen Day 07762 364132
Wed	2pm – 4pm	RAGS (Art Group)	Renata West 01264 889507
Wed	Evening	AVAILABLE	
Thu	9:15am – 11:45am	Music with Mummy	Nicky Derrick 01264 720452
Thu	Afternoon	AVAILABLE	
Thu	6:15pm – 9:15pm	Shuffles & Splits	Louise Ray 01264 356042
Fri	8:30am – 1pm	Baby Sensory Class	Imogen Day 07762 364132
Fri	Afternoon	AVAIL until Jan 11	
Fri	Evening	AVAILABLE	
Sat	All day	AVAILABLE	
Sun	Morning	Coffee after Church	Jean Wood 01264 710518
Sun	All Day	AVAILABLE	

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
The Monxton Parish Council Meeting
TUESDAY 2nd November 2010 At 8.00PM

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

Members present:

Katrina Saville	Chairperson
Mike Cleugh	Vice Chairman
David Eaglesham	Treasurer
John Chaffey	Councillor Sunnybank
Cllr Pat West	Hampshire CC
Liz Allen	Footpath Representative
Sarah Dowding	
PC Roger Kitson	Village PC
Sue Corney	Clerk MPC

The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting held on 7th September 2010, having been previously circulated, were confirmed as correct and signed by Katrina Saville, Chairperson.

Benches for village green

The village green belongs to Enterprise Inns. Sue Corney will contact the brewery to request permission to site a new bench there.

Cllr Pat West highlighted the opportunity of using the councillors' devolved budget, as the bench is in memoriam of a beloved villager. Katrina Saville will provide costings to Sue Corney.

Sue Corney will submit the necessary paperwork to apply for the grant. (Cllr Pat West kindly offered locating the forms, if necessary) Katrina will contact Nick Simon regarding the plaque.

Memorial Plaque for Graeme Lesley

Wording and sizing (6"x9") for the plaque was agreed. Katrina Saville to order

FOOTPATHS REPORTS

Bridleway 7 – A complaint was received regarding its narrowness. Pete Watson, HCC has agreed with the concern and Kurt has offered to make it wider next year. The complainant has been informed and appears happy with the resolution.

"Disabled" friendly kissing gates - have been installed and the footpath has been cut back. Liz Allen has received positive feedback. The cost was underwritten by HCC.

Liz Allen will pass a radar key to the Snows. Liz Allen will hold the other key, although a deputy needs to be arranged for times when Liz Allen is unavailable.

It was agreed Liz Allen should request another gate ASAP (located to the left of the farmyard gate). To make the footpath from the farmyard to Little Cottage disabled friendly would require a further 2 gates to be fitted at a cost of £800-900 for both.

If further funding becomes available this will be considered with the following alternatives regarding installation including....

- put on an angle, and remove some hedging
- request some land from the Manor
- apply for money under the Small grants scheme.

Footpath No 5 – cutting of grass – Quotes have been received (£100-150 per cut). It is expected one cut a year will be required in May, although provision should be made for an additional cut in July if the Summer is particularly wet. Liz Allen to obtain 3 quotes for this work.

Maps of Monxton footpaths – It was requested that Liz Allen get a Disk from TVBC if possible and pass to Katrina Saville for holding. Mike Cleugh will put a link on the website to the map on the TVBC site.

Signage – various footpaths – Kurt made the request and Pete Watson has agreed, to avoid people walking across his land. Liz Allen to keep updated of status.

PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	10/02458/FULLN – Meadow Lodge – Erection of Porch	No objections	Pending	
2	10/02469/TREEN – Rectory Cottage – Fell T1 Birch	No objections	Pending	
3	10/02462/TREEN – Garden Cottage – T1 Beech – Fell T2 Beech – reduce crown by 3m	No objections	Pending	

- 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**

FINANCE

The current bank balance is £10,663.73

This leaves a disposable income of £10,243.73

There are 79 households in Monxton. The precept was presented; It was proposed, seconded, signed and adopted.

The precept has increased slightly by 1.7% which equates to a £1.10 increase.

The 2011-12 income over expenditure is £5,580.

The Chairperson signed the set of accounts as at 30/10/10.

Sarah Dowding was unanimously co-opted onto the Parish Council on the 2nd November. Everyone extended their thanks and welcomed Sarah to the team. Sarah moved to the village in 2010 and lives at the Old School House on Ampport Road.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Written report received from Robert Davies.

No criminal activity reported.

A reminder was given to be vigilant over the Festive Season and winter months.

Bill Williams, Monxton Village PC has moved onto the Kings Sombourne beat.

The Parish Council were pleased to welcome PC Roger Kitson. Rachel Cassells will continue as our PCSO. Neighbourhood Watch welcome packs have been given to new residents. Robert Davies would be pleased to visit any newcomers to the village.

It has been recognised that the Welcome packs need updating. Mike Cleugh will speak to Robert Davies for the current version being distributed, and offered to update.

PC Roger Kitson introduced himself and said he was very pleased to be serving this area. He will be working hard to keep the area safe, and reminded everyone of the contact numbers for non-urgent calls – either 101 or 0845 045 45 45

PC Kitson can be contacted on roger.kitson@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Mike Cleugh agreed to add PC Kitson's details to the website.

Speeding issues – Cllr Pat West raised the concern of speeding (70mph) on Red Post Lane. There was a discussion on the best solution, and the following will be investigated for viability.... Use of shared speed indicator signs (SIDS), which flash when speeds of over 30mph are detected. TVBC sets up posts and signs for the 2-week periods - There is a cost associated with this. Cllr Pat West to forward contact details of other local Parish Council Chairpersons.

Katrina Saville will contact Charlton and other parish councils re: feasibility and understanding the associated costs. David Eaglesham to be aware an allowance will need to be included in the precept to cover costs.

Anyone in the village should email PC Kitson to raise any concerns regarding speeding.

ANDOVER AIRFIELD SITE

Please contact Ian Spencer, Project Manager of McLaren with any complaints on 07768 720855.

Concern was raised over the street lighting at the make shift roundabouts (Monxton side) with respect to the visibility of the changing road layout and cars approaching at speed.

There is also an amount of chalk being left on the road. Concerns should be raised with Stephen Jenkins, with a copy to Cllr Pat West. Email - jenkins.stephen@hants.gov.uk

Katrina Saville will find out if and when the road by the development will be closed between 15/11 – 13/12.

Additional MPC Matters

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW PARISH CLERK

The Chairman confirmed that Sue Corney has been appointed as the new parish clerk.

SUNNYBANK

1. Playground Inspection update

David Eaglesham passed a letter from Allianz to Sue Corney. Sue Corney to confirm inspection requirements with Allianz before booking the Inspection. John Chaffey will contact Hannah to confirm she is still happy to be part of the Village Inspection Team. John will also drop a request to other residents asking for volunteers.

2. Traffic calming update

Sue Corney to obtain an update from Cllr Pat West

3. Sunnybank email address

John will write to Sunnybank residents to update the village email distribution list.

4. Salt Bins

Cllr Pat West informed the meeting that TVBC will be locating the salt bins in the village shortly – the bins are sealed and lockable.

A responsible person needs to be appointed to ensure the bins remain full. Salt is kept at Micheldever.

Cllr Pat West will forward information regarding litigation to Katrina Saville.

5. Dog Bins - have not been installed at the entrance top the track and by the path coming down from the houses from the bank.

Sue Corney to check status with Jules

6. Burning toxic materials – John Chaffey will contact Environmental Health re Mr Bennett burning mattresses and other toxic materials.

7. Bus Stop maintenance – Hampshire Highways are now maintaining the spaces surrounding both bus stops, now bus stop signs are in place.

BUS SHELTERS

An up-to-date quote was obtained from Littlethorpe of Leicester Ltd, and sent to Chris Fisher, S106 HCC Funding, for consideration. The cost of shelters and installation stands currently at £23,500.

NEW PARISH CLERK

This position has now been filled by Sue Corney who the council welcomed to the role.

The next meeting of the Monxton Parish Council
will be the 11th January 2011

**Received from Denmead Neighbourhood
SMARTWATER
IDENTIFICATION OF BURGLARS AND STOLEN PROPERTY AND A
DETERRENT TO BURGLARY**

SMARTWATER is a colourless inert water-based liquid which contains DNA-style coding. It is normally provided either as a paint-on product for property marking or for commercial and larger organisations, as an anti-intruder spray system. Existence of SMARTWATER marking is detected under ultra-violet light, so that items that have been marked and intruders who have been sprayed are identified as such. There are millions of separate SMARTWATER codes, which allow an individual code for a specific location (ie your home), which provides positive evidence of a link between the location and property or any individual marked by the spray.

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SMARTWATER warning signs are provided for display at properties where it is in use and there is a substantial campaign to advertise SMARTWATER to the criminal community as a deterrent. In many areas where it has been deployed, the reduction in burglaries has been well in excess of 50%.

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Companies, organisations and individuals can purchase the product direct from the SMARTWATER company. Neighbourhood Watch members may obtain a very substantial discount by purchasing through the Neighbourhood Watch system.

It should also be worth asking your home & contents insurance company what premium discount they will give you for using the product.

Brian Turner of Denmead Neighbourhood Watch (Denmead is near Portsmouth) is actively promoting the use of SMARTWATER in village properties. Denmead Neighbourhood Watch is working direct with Hampshire Constabulary and the SMARTWATER Company. It is intended that a new order will be placed at the beginning of December 2010 provided that there are sufficient takers. Your requirements should be in to Brian Turner direct by 26 November by email at bturner@dircon.co.uk or by post to Pipers Hill, Closewood Road, Denmead PO7 6TR.

Robert Davies at Monxton Neighbourhood Watch (r.gdavies@yahoo.co.uk 01264 710403) is able to provide an indication of the discounted Neighbourhood Watch price information for SMARTWATER.