



Monxton Matters

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Andover Airfield – Tesco **STOPped by **STOP** and Supporters
and COOP will now take ½ the MegaShed**

**Tesco – We won the battle and they have gone
away!!!!!!**

**Coop – the new applicant. They say that they
want to abide by the current S106 agreement
and will bring local jobs.**

Let's make sure they do!!!!!!



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STOP Megasheds Update

Keeping a close eye on developments on the Andover Airfield site

You will have heard by now that Goodman have signed a deal with Co-op to build a regional distribution centre on the Airfield site and that a planning application will be submitted soon to TVBC. We have now had sight of a letter from Tesco that confirms they will definitely not be coming to the Airfield, due to the conditions imposed on the site – achieved largely with the help of your selves via STOP!

There do seem to be a number of positives surrounding this new situation and application:

900 jobs are promised by Co-op – the same number as promised by Tesco in half the space!

With a much smaller shed there is more ground space available for mixed buildings and businesses – which may not be put off by a distribution business of this size as a neighbour. All conditions and the terms of the hard fought Section 106 legal agreement (now signed) will apply in full to the Co-op Distribution Centre and the whole site. This includes the limitation on HGV numbers, noise barriers, road schemes and routing plus the support for education/training initiatives.

The Co-op's proposed Shed is about half the size of the one designed for Tesco with 70 loading bays (the Tesco MEGAshed had 300 bays). The number of anticipated truck movements at c 600 a day is less than half the number proposed with the Tesco MEGAshed (1440) due to its current network of stores.

Public consultations have been promised by Co-op and Goodmans before the application is submitted with a promise of engagement with all local communities. A meeting with Parish Councils and 'representative bodies' will be organised before the public consultation starts. (The Parish Council meeting is set for 13th October). It's the Co-op – and by all accounts they do have a better reputation as a 'good neighbour' and as a 'better employer' than the previous proposed tenant. It may be that its environmental credentials are also sounder than its bigger competitor.

However, there are two key concerns:

Goodman's new layout plan for the whole site which we have seen still designates most of the rest of the site as storage and distribution (aka 'B8') albeit in different sizes of buildings, making the total allocation of storage and distribution (aka 'B8') more than the one TESCO huge shed.

Unlike the previous applications, the Co-op Shed has a refrigeration unit – scheduled to be placed at the north of the site. An environmental impact assessment is promised and careful attention will need to be paid to the noise impact on nearby housing. But of course this is still a SHED and a distribution centre operating 24/7/365 with significant truck movements – albeit smaller numbers than the previous main shed on the site. Examination and interrogation of the HGV and staff traffic plans, the noise and environment impact assessments and landscaping arrangements will still be required.

As ever, the devil will be in the detail!

What is STOP!'s proposed position?

With the Co-op proposing to occupy a smaller percentage of the site, there is a real opportunity to continue to press for the mixed Andover Business Park as originally agreed at Outline and embedded in the Andover Vision and to help provide a more sustainable mix of employment opportunities.

To press home delivery of the mixed Business Park to TVBC Councillors and particularly planning portfolio holder Cllr Martin Hatley (also Deputy Leader of TVBC) who has already been quoted as saying that as Co-op "will be occupying a smaller site on the airfield so there will be extra space available for some smaller buildings and hopefully it will mean *there will be a wider range of employment opportunities* which a lot of people were asking for with the previous application." To press Goodman to market the rest of the site for mixed use and not solely for storage and distribution. To work with you to ensure we use this opportunity to develop the Airfield in the best and most sustainable way for Andover, north-west Hampshire and its growing population. To press for full information from Co-op and Goodman on this proposed shed and its impact. To press for full information from Goodman on their plans for the design and marketing of the rest of the site. To work with Hants County Council as before and with TVBC as appropriate to secure access to complete information. To keep you informed so you can engage with this issue as appropriate.

Our mandate came from you before to STOP - 'Stop Tesco's Over-sized Plan'. With that objective now achieved, we believe we need to reaffirm our mandate and also consider changing our name to reflect the new application and the positive focus of delivering the Mixed Business Park, the kind of development we have always supported. Can we reinvent ourselves and move from STOP! to START! – 'See The Airfield Redevelopment Through'? That's not to say we are giving this new proposal the green light now – our position is a cautionary AMBER light until full details are known and we have Goodman's commitment to a marketing plan that reaches out to a range of business sectors.

We will let you know the dates of the public consultations and any further new information as soon as we do. Do watch the website for breaking news. With continued best wishes.

Rhonda

Monxton & Ampport Village Hall

Weekly Programme and Forthcoming Events

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	9:30am - 1:30pm	'Wake Up' Toddler Activity class (ages 1 - 3 years)	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	
Friday	Afternoon	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Friday	Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Saturday	All day	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	
Sunday	Morning (twice a month)	Coffee after Church Service	
Sunday	Afternoon / Evening	AVAILABLE FOR HIRE	

Events

9 th Oct Friday	7pm	Film Night	Caroline Unwin
13 th Oct Tuesday	7:30pm	Village Hall AGM	
18 th Oct Sunday	10am	Church Coffee	
23 rd Oct Friday	7pm	Quiz Night	David Baugh
25 th Oct Sunday	12am	Church Coffee	
10 th Nov Tuesday	7pm	Parish Council Meeting	
15 th Nov Sunday	10am	Church Coffee	
17 th Nov Tuesday	7pm	Film Night	Caroline Unwin
22 nd Nov Sunday	12:00	Church Coffee	
24 th Nov Tuesday		Church Café Service	David Baugh
5 th Dec Saturday	2pm - 4pm	Christmas Bazaar	(provisional date)
6 th Dec Sunday	12am	Church Coffee	

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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF

The Monxton Parish Council Meeting TUESDAY 8th September 2009 AT 8.00PM.

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

SUNNYBANK – AFFORDABLE HOUSING SCHEME

Mrs Saville confirmed that the development has been completed and that the clerk and herself have been along to look at the new dwellings. The dwellings have been completed to a very high standard and all 4 properties have been allocated to families with local connections.

Three have gone to families with connections to Monxton and the last to a family who has connections to Amport. The official handover is scheduled for 23rd September although this is yet to be confirmed.

There have however been several complaints made by local Sunnybank residents concerning the 'bin shelter' which has been constructed at the entrance. Monxton Parish council wishes to advise these residents to take photographs and complain directly to Hyde Housing and to Ben McGraw at Andover Sound.

Further complaints have also been received about the trees over hanging the current parking spaces resulting in cars being unable to park in these spaces. Since the meeting the clerk has spoken with Testway Housing who own this land and asked them to liase with Cllr Chaffey and organise a site visit.

It has also been suggested that this contribution could be used towards applying for a new speed indicator sign which measure the number of vehicles and speed of vehicles using the road. There is a current scheme where parish councils can share the purchase of such a monitoring device. The installation and monitoring is carried out by TVBC.

The clerk will contact Cllr Phil Lashbrook about this matter. The Parish council will put together a list of suggestions as to how this money could be used and send it to Paul Jackson, Head of Planning at TVBC.

FOOTPATHS

There was nothing to report

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr Davies confirmed that there had been no incidents in the village since the last meeting and that there was nothing to report.

FINANCE

The current bank balance is £9,927.68

£3,000 continues to be set aside for improvements to the village hall and £1,000 continues to be set aside for improvements to traffic calming.

MATTERS BROUGHT BEFORE THE MEETING BY PARISH COUNCILLORS

It has been suggested that a 'dog waste bin' be placed at the end of the footpath by the new houses at Sunnybank. Since the meeting the clerk has requested this from TVBC.

The clerk has been requested to talk to Mr Darbyshire regarding the branches which are over hanging the telephone wires on the village green.

PLANNING MATTERS				
Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	08/02447/FULLN - Millcroft	Objection by MPC		Appeal dismissed
2	09/00954/FULLN – 2 Manor Farm cottages	No objection	Permission	
3	09/01737/lbwn – The school house	No objection	Pending consideration	
4	09/01668/lbwn and 09/01667/fulln – The Stables, Broad road	No objection	Pending consideration	
5	09/01639/treen – Portway Cottage	No objection	Pending consideration	
6	09/01636/treen – Rectory Cottage	No objection	Pending consideration	
7	09/01600/treen – Abbotts Mead	No objection	Pending consideration	
8	09/01298/fulln – Elmsleigh	No objection	Refused by TVBCu	See below
<p>Application 09/01298 was refused by delegated powers at TVBC due to the application being against the Borough Local Plan Review 2006 policy SET12 and DES06.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Councillor Tim Southern offered his advice with listed building applications. All planning applications can be accessed on line at www.testvalley.gov.uk 				

Monxton Parish Council Meetings 2009

10th November



Black Swan Events Calendar



20th / 21st June Monxton Flower Festival Barbecue 12 until 6.00pm both days
24th October - Sausage & Pie Evening
14th November - Indian Evening

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RURAL SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW UPDATE

The clerk read out the minutes received from the TVBC BOUNDARY REVIEW meeting she attended on the June 30th 2009.

In summary, TVBC is required to reconsider how settlement boundaries should be determined for planning purposes. The current 'brown line' arrangement has been identified by Inspectors as being too prescriptive and prevents infilling etc which in turn they believe leads to a reduction in vitality of villages and use of its facilities.

The adopted approach would have no impact on the use of 'exception' sites for affordable housing etc.

The chairman and Cllr Chaffey have recently attended a meeting with a TVBC planning officer concerning this issue. Cllr Mrs P West confirmed that most Parish councils are opting for Option 2, which is 'to draw the envelope line tightly around gardens/houses etc'. This option will clearly identify where development may be accepted.

The Parish council will respond by the end of September deadline.

The proposed schedule is outlined below:

October/November 2010 – Public consultation of the draft boundary reviews

June/July 2011 – Submission of the document to the Secretary of state

January 2012 – Examination in Public

May/April 2012 – Receive Inspectors report and adoption of document

BUS SHELTERS

It was agreed that the 2 bus shelters in the village are in a very bad state and need replacing.

The Parish council will suggest that the S106 contribution from the Sunnybank development can be used towards this project.

The area around the bus shelter at Sunnybank will be trimmed shortly.

Since the meeting the clerk has contact TVBC to request a new wheelie bin to be place next to the bus shelter at Sunnybank.