



Monxton Matters

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Monxton and Amport 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 7th September 2010 At 8.00PM

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

Disturbance from night helicopter movements seem to have eased. The Chairman will find a contact should the problem recur.

The Chairman has details of a Small Grant Scheme for country side paths, kissing gates etc., and will get more information to see if we can use it to get new benches for the village green area. A suggestion was made of stainless steel benches for longevity and ease of maintenance. The suggestion of memorial plaque for Karen Simon on one of the new benches was made and agreed unanimously.

FOOTPATHS

The following report was submitted by Mrs Liz Allen:

'I was asked to speak to the land owner about cutting Penny Path, footpath no.732, which I did and was informed that it had already been cut once and as the field was about to be harvested no further action was taken.

'I was also asked to try to arrange to improve the state of the paths going east and west of Manor Farm house (i.e.footpaths nos. 502, 5 and 6). Peter Watson, the footpath officer, and I had a meeting on site and it was agreed that he would try to get funding for "disabled" kissing gates to be erected on footpath 5 at the junctions with the farm yard and with footpath 6 to enable machinery to gain access to the footpaths for cutting purposes and also so that people with pushchairs could walk along this footpath, thus allowing them to avoid walking along the road to the school. Peter has now informed me that the kissing gates should be installed during September.

Could the Parish Council possibly give a donation to Hampshire Council for this work? Hampshire Council are responsible for cutting the surfaces of footpaths but as they have only 2 men for the whole of the Test Valley area and our footpaths are considered to be very good compared to many in the area we are way down the pecking order for them to be cut by Hampshire Council .

FOOTPATHS continued

Consequently I asked David Wells to give us an estimate for cutting footpaths 502, 5 and the 3 sides of the field that has footpaths 5/6 going around it. If David were to cut these footpaths next year he would charge approximately £100.

(Hopefully Pete will get his men to give these footpaths a quick mow when they are doing the kissing gates.)

The footpaths 5/6 around the grass field by Manor Farm house have also been somewhat overgrown with brambles and we have endeavoured to cut the worst of these back.

Since the last PCC meeting I have walked all the Monxton footpaths except 10a, 1a and b, 2, 503 and 3 – the last 5 footpaths near Prospect Farm and which all interlink or one another. I will walk these on my return from holiday.

The Committee agreed to ask Liz Allen to approach David Wells to confirm how frequently the paths would be cut for the proposed £100 annual fee. Liz was also be requested to get costs for replacement of the styles with Kissing Gates (footpath 5). Committee noted that 3 quotes would be required for all works.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

No reported crimes in Monxton Parish since the last meeting. The previously Weekly Reports from police are now Monthly, and these can be received by email.

Since the last meeting Robert Davies has visited the new residents in Glebe Cottage, Nepawa, Brewery House and Corner Cottage.

There was an article in Andover Advertiser about tagging diesel fuel in farmyards as a theft preventative measure. Domestic Fuel Warning Labels are available and this will be followed up by Robert.

PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	10/01902/extn Beechurst			
2	10/01836/fulln, 10/01857/lbwn The Stables			Objection in part
3	10/02008/treen The Willows			No objection

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

Wanted New Parish Councillor

Due to recent departures from the village of Jock Glover there is a vacancy for a councillor in Monxton.

Anyone interested should call Katrina Saville MPC Chairman on 01264 710597

VILLAGE HALL

The following report was submitted by Mr Robin Aisher:

‘Our next Village Hall Meeting is on Friday 10th September but in the meantime work has been carried out on the short ramp to help people who have difficulty going up the steps who are visiting the hall as well as ladies with prams.

‘Hall bookings are holding up well which enables us to show a small surplus at end of year accounts 31st March 2010.

‘Other work is in hand concerning improving the parking arrangements.’

Matters to be raised by the Chairman at the Village Hall meeting – Ramp angle too steep, also the question of storage area for archiving Parish Council information.

MPC FINANCE

The current bank balance is £7919.23

£3,000 is set aside for improvements to the village hall.

£1,000 is set aside for improvements to traffic calming.

This leaves a disposable income of £3,919.23

The Parish has, once again, passed the financial audit with no official comments.

The Committee expressed their thanks to the Treasurer and to David Hodgson for their efforts.

Additional MPC Matters

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW PARISH CLERK

The Chairman confirmed that Mrs Kelley Fennell resigned due to personal circumstances and the parish council is now seeking a new clerk.

Mrs Kelley Fennell has now stood down as Clerk, so the issue of a replacement needs to be addressed urgently. The Chairman has approached a number of local Parish Council Clerks, and is currently awaiting their responses.

The vacancy is to be added to the Monxton website.

If there is no response for the position then an advertisement slip to be created for distribution within the village (could be combined with local councillor recruitment ad slip), and an advert will be placed with HALPC.

SUNNYBANK

Playground Inspection update

Kelly Fennell has agreed to train for the playground inspection role. The Chairman will ask her to contact Nick Adams to arrange this.

The insurance status is still unknown, the Chairman will speak to David Eaglesham

Traffic calming scheme

This is currently with Hants Highways, however all mails are with prior Clerk and not available to the Councillors. Chair to follow this up with Cllr Pat West and Jules Douglas.

The condition of the bus stop opposite Sunny Bank has still not been addressed re over growth and flooding. Councillor Chaffey to chase this matter.

ANDOVER AIRFIELD SITE

The Chairman visited in the site in August along with councillors from Abbots Ann and Penton Mewsey, and reported that it was a very impressive site being run with great efficiency. The two items raised i.e. late working hours and mud on the road, have been addressed very promptly.

A monthly newsletter from Goodman should be due soon, which will be distributed when received. The Maclaren Site Manager – Ian Spencer 07768 720855 – is happy to be contacted for all items.

BUS SHELTERS

Nothing to report, no money available for renewal at present. Maintenance has been investigated but not felt to be cost effective, it was expected the S106 monies from the Sunnybank development were to be available however these have been fully utilised on the traffic calming measures. Hopefully Airfield S106 funds should be available in time.