



Monxton Matters

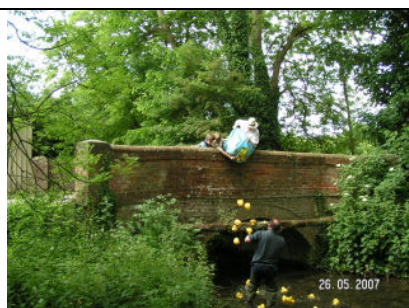
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Announcing the 2008 Duck Race will be Held on Monxton Village Green at 10.00am on Saturday the 21st June

The Duck Race has been an annual event for many years and this year will be organised by Linda Peters, Pauline Drage, Mike Cleugh and the Black Swan.

We need Monxtonites to assist in providing help on the day and stalls with Monxton made articles including plants and garden produce. Please go to the web site for more details <http://www.monxton.org.uk>

Pictures below are from the 2007 event



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An Update from the STOP Campaign

Andover Airfield – where are we at with Goodmans, Tesco & TVBC?

STOP PRESS: Nesting Skylarks found on the Airfield – Brown Hares also recorded. Goodman, Tesco, TVBC and all appropriate agencies notified.

At the time of going to press, there is still no confirmed date for the Northern Area Planning Committee meeting at which this application will be discussed – although there is a tentative date of Monday 9th June booked at The Lights.

Still outstanding are the conclusion of the Highways Agency discussions with Goodmans on the application of onerous conditions regarding traffic from the whole site (capping, monitoring), and with Hants County Council on the same issue, plus who pays for the system now and in the future.

STOP! and many others remain unconvinced of the workability and affordability of the proposed HGV monitoring and capping – one that has until now only be used in ports and railheads. Do we want to be a Guinea-pig site for such a system? The answer must be a resounding NO!

Serious concerns remain with NOISE, LIGHT, LANDSCAPE, ENVIRONMENT assessments - considered by many experts as 'sub-standard' for a development of this size and its potential cumulative negative impact, and the fact that there is no HEALTH assessment.

See the STOP! website www.stopmegasheds.co.uk for summaries of key concerns.

What can YOU do now? Lots – choose at least ONE thing you will do in the next two weeks:

1. Write to TVBC Planning with your objections to the Revised documents
mwinter@testvalley.cov.uk
2. Write/speak to your local Councillor
3. Write to TESCO direct via Juliette.bishop@uk.tesco.com
4. Write to Goodmans direct andoverairfield@goodmanintl.com

Demand NO NIGHT-TIME WORKING and a full HEALTH ASSESSMENT in your response.

27 Parish Councils, 2,500 formal objectors, 6,500+ petitioners cannot be wrong in their assessment of and opposition to the Cumulative Negative Impact of this Over-Sized Plan.

Make sure you add your voice NOW and in the FUTURE. STOP! and all its supporters are in this for the long term – please stay with us! While we have received approximately £6,000 in donations to-date we still need more, **Pledges are now being taken for financial support** in order to ensure us access to expert opinion as and when required – **please help NOW**. Call Mike Cleugh on 01264-710276 for more information or go to the website to register to make a pledge. Every little helps!!!

Thanks in anticipation

Rhonda Smith

For and on behalf of the STOP! Core Team and all its Supporters

Monxton & Amport 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

10 th June Tuesday	7pm	Four Parishes Art Group	Sue Ryan
15 th June Sunday	11am	Coffee after church service	Booked by Jean Wood
21 st June Sunday	10.00am-12.00pm	Duck race on the Village Green and BBQ at the Black Swan	Contact Pauline Drage 01264 710420 or Linda Peters on 710403 for more info
22 nd June Sunday	12am	Coffee after church service	Booked by Jean Wood
22 nd July Tuesday	7:30pm	Monxton and Amport Village Hall AGM	
27 th July Sunday	12am	Coffee after church service	Booked by Jean Wood

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF
The Monxton Parish Council Annual General Meeting
TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2008 AT 8.00 pm**

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

MATTERS ARISING (Abridged version)

The full council were present for the AGM and also present were:

Cllr Tim Southern, TVBC
Mr Chris Buchan-Hepburn, Hyde Housing
Mr Roger Chung, Drew Smith Limited
Sergeant Bill Williams, Hampshire Police

**FINANCE – STATEMENT OF PARISH
COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR 2007/2008**

Mr. Eaglesham (having circulated a copy to each parishioner present) went through the accounts for last year. Mr Eaglesham explained that the accounts had been approved and signed at a meeting of the Parish Council earlier that evening.

The chairman had signed both the cash book and accounts.

The total balance in hand as of 31/03/08 is £7,582.11

Out of this amount, the Parish Council continues to set aside £2,000 for improvements to the Village Hall and £500 for any further improvements to Traffic Calming.

This leaves a current disposable balance of £5,082.11

AFFORDABLE HOUSING – SUNNYBANK

The Chairman invited Mr Buchan-Hepburn and Mr Roger Chung to address the meeting.

The development has gained committee approval and organised a 106 agreement. At present the site is undergoing an ecological reptile survey, and the slow worms which have been discovered will need to be relocated before the building can go ahead. It is estimated that the project may take up to 62 weeks, although it is thought 52 weeks is a more realistic figure.

Drew Smith, the contractors are in discussions with the planners at TVBC regarding the brick colours, materials which will be used and landscaping features etc. They are also finalising highway and junction issues. The detailed construction drawings have been approved.

Mr Chung confirmed that there will be minimum disruption to the residents of Sunnybank, as work on the site will be during normal working hours. There will be a manager on site during these hours, residents will be constantly kept informed and there will be regular meetings on site. Building works will probably commence towards the end of June, beginning of July and the Parish Council will receive notification of this. All Sunnybank residents will receive notification as to when the works will commence.

The buildings will be a fairly modern design, 1 ½ storeys high, be energy efficient, have heat recovery ventilation. They will be of angular design, tile and brick, with timber frames, rain water butts with lots of trees being planted and landscaping undertaken. There will also be a path and steps down into Monxton Lane from the development.

Considerate contractors are used which means they must work to certain regulations.

Drew Smith are aware of the 7.5 ton limit over Red Post Bridge and will forward such restrictions to their suppliers.

During the construction period the site will be fenced off for security and safety reasons.

Any complaints received during the construction period will be addressed by the site manager. Mrs Saville thanked Chris and Roger for attending the meeting.

PLANNING MATTERS

Item	REF/DESCRIPTIONS	Parish Council	TVBC	Comments
1	07/01121 D & E - DLO	No objection	Permission subject to conditions	
2	07/034521 – Affordable Housing at Sunnybank	No objection	Permission	See above
3	08/00230 replace by 08/00888 – Morrells Farm	No objection	Pending consideration	
4	08/00191 – Village Green trees	No objection	No objection	
5	08/00318 – Old Hoyles	No objection	No objection	
6	08/01018/LBWN and 08/01017 – Neepawa Cottage			
7	08/00696 – The School House	No objection	Going to Planning control meeting 10 th June	

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.

VILLAGE HALL Update

Mrs Saville mentioned that the boiler had been service, a new oil tank had been erected and 2 quotes have been received for necessary works need to improve the toilets. The village Hall committee AGM will take place on 22nd July and new committee members are required. Light weight tables have also been ordered; the current heavier ones will either be stored or given to the church.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Mr Robert Davies addressed the meeting and also introduced Sergeant Bill Williams. There was little to report as there have only been 5 crimes in the village in the last year. In the area, the main problem appears to be the theft of oil. Mr Williams requested that all residents should monitor their oil tanks morning and night so that if a theft should take place, a pattern could emerge as to what time of day these thefts are occurring.

Report by the Chairman of Monxton Parish Council

Mrs Saville read out her report as follows:

“My first year heading up the Parish Council has come to an end, and a very busy 12 months it’s been. We’ve seen a very successful Summer Fiesta last July, which raised £200, half of which was donated to Ampert School, and the other half to the STOP campaign.

A further donation of £500 to the school from Parish funds has been agreed, to go towards their building works. This was felt to be appropriate given the rising numbers of village children now attending the school.

We’ve considered 10 planning applications, including one for a new business in the village – Pegasus riding stables on Broad Road, which I’m happy to say is now up and running.

We have also dealt with 10 tree applications, one of which was submitted on behalf of the PC, to attend to the state of the trees on the village green. The works have been carried out today on this application.

With the departure of Sue Ryan and Roland Colbourne at the last AGM, we’ve had 2 new councillors on board – Jock Glover and John Chaffey. Many thanks to them for their contributions.

We also have a new Footpaths rep, Liz Allen, who took over in January following Harriet’s move. Thank you Liz for stepping in.

Robert Davies is still doing an admirable job running NHW. Many thanks to him and his cohorts for keeping us informed and aware. Crime in the village has thankfully been very low again, although we must remain vigilant.

The Village Hall has undergone a series of improvements, and now has updated lighting and electrics, and a superb kitchen. Our thanks to Graeme and his team for keeping this important village amenity running so well. The work was funded by Village Hall funds and grants from TVBC and MPC.

At Sunnybank, plans have now been passed for 4 homes which will be available to rent, all for occupation by those who can show a strong link with the village. Work is due to begin on site shortly. We have a promise from Hyde Housing to keep disruption to Sunnybank residents during construction to a minimum, and an on site manager will be available if any questions or problems occur.

As part of this development we will get a play area, which, given the birth rate in Monxton, should be very well utilised!

We’ve not forgotten Broad Road, and are still pushing for proper passing places to be provided. Hampshire Highways are very reluctant to give a timing for this, but assure us it’s on the list. If it’s a matter which concerns you, then do contact Highways yourselves – the more of a nuisance we are, the more likely we are to get it done sooner.

The issue which has undoubtedly taken the most time this year is the Airfield development. We now have a small but dedicated team of campaigners from across several local parishes, who have been working extremely hard to keep the land at the Airfield for the purpose laid out in the local plan and the Andover Vision document, that being a mixed use business park which would bring positive benefits to the Andover area.

We've had meetings with the developer, attended by representatives from many local parishes, meetings with the planners, meetings with Hampshire Highways and the Highways Agency.

There have been those working tirelessly on the application documentation, of which there is masses, finding flaws and asking difficult questions.

One task has been to raise public awareness of the application, to which end there have been several Saturday stalls in Andover High Street, use of the wonderful Adbike, public meetings and demonstrations, with TV, local and national newspaper coverage. We regularly appear in the pages of Logistics Manager Weekly now.

As a result of this work, we now have over 6000 petition signatures and over 2000 letters of objection to TVBC. The planning department have been coerced into putting up a public display of the plans in Beechhurst foyer. Goodman has been forced to have a major rethink about the site layout, and has had to make considerable changes to certain aspects of their plans, although unfortunately the Tesco warehouse and distribution centre still remains.

The latest is that the developer submitted revised documents in March and April, addressing noise and air quality, traffic monitoring and a green travel plan. We're still awaiting the announcement of planning meeting date, but planning have still not had a formal response from Highways Agency, so cannot yet set a date.

Monxton Parish Council together with Penton Mewsey PC have arranged an info evening for Borough Councillors on 22nd May, at which we will present them with our views and concerns. After all, they are the ones who vote.

Sincere thanks to all those who've given so much time and effort to this cause. Hopefully at next year's AGM I'll be telling you a tale of victory over Goodman.

A few more thank yous are required. Firstly to David for his excellent work looking after the Parish accounts. This year he managed an audit with no queries – which is practically unheard of, and a reduction in the precept.

I must thank Mike for keeping everyone informed of what's going on through Monxton Matters and the village web site. I know he spends a vast amount of time on these, and would like to say how much I appreciate it.

Finally a big thank you to Jules, our clerk, who works furiously in the background keeping everything running smoothly.

On a final note, I'm very pleased to say that there will be a Monxton Duck Race this year, though a little later than usual, on 21st June."

Monxton Parish Council May 2008



Monxton Parish Council - AGM (May 2008)

From left to right: Jock Glover (Councillor), Mike Cleugh (Vice Chairman), Katrina Saville (Chairman), Jules Douglas (Clerk), David Eaglesham (Treasurer), John Chaffey (Councillor)

Announcing the Death of Michael David Ross

29th March 1924 – 16th May 2008

A memorial service is to be held on Friday 30th May at St Mary's Church Monxton

We are all very sad to hear that Michael Ross died last week and give our condolences to his family including his sons William and Matthew.

Michael was always willing to help out at local events and was responsible for ensuring the timely delivery of Monxton Matters to all those who live in the Western parts of Monxton. He will be missed by all who knew him.