



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council
06 July 2026; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Clarke; Cllr Hand; & Cllr Piper

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Small (HCC; arrived 7.59pm; left 8.23pm); Cllr Lee (WCC; left 7.54pm) and one members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.31pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
3053	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of all villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
3054	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Wale. Apologies also received from PCSO Wheeler-Osman.	
3055	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
3056	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
3057	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. There were no comments from members of the public.	
3058	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
3059	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix A). Additional points discussed as follows: Village Design Statements are being phased out as formal supplementary planning documents. PC may wish to consider producing a Community Plan instead.	
3060	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix B). Additional points discussed as follows: - Cllrs raised the issue of lack of support from HH regarding traffic calming, especially SIDs. Clerk to send background info to Cllr Small. - Cllr Small was asked to find out the level of surplus in S106 funds held by HCC.	Clerk
3061	Mins of previous meeting (01/06/26)	Agreed as a true record.	

3062	Clerk's progress report	Parish Lengthsman Agreement - schedule for 2026/27 as follows: 13/10/26; & 01/02/27. Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - no update. Flooding on road near Kings Rest - reported to HH 13/10/23. Response 'could not locate defect'. Likely that they visited when there was no road flooding but didn't look into the cause of previous flooding. Suggest wait for next flooding, take photos & re-submit. [In the latest flooding, this area was not bad, so perhaps there is not a serious issue here?] Useful/Emergency Info Leaflets - WCC Small Grant fund awarded £150. On-going. Clerk & Cllr Encke to consider whether this could accommodate an emergency plan for the village. Drain clearance - E-mail sent 05/02/25 to Gina Chandler (HH) re blocked drains throughout Village. Response received from HH via Cllr Wallace 23/05/25 - 'We have made several attempts to identify and clear the various drainage features on Green Lane, with limited success. The site is currently with our colleagues in the Planned Maintenance team to develop and design a scheme to permanently resolve the issue.' No update. BASS Projects SIDs - application submitted 06/05/26. Response received 08/05/26. None of the locations suggestions are deemed to be suitable. Clerk has written to, and received a response from, Dr Danny Chambers MP. He has written to HCC (awaiting a response) and will address concerns over speeding motorbikes on the B2150 to the Police & Crime Commissioner. Site visit with Danny to take place at first opportunity. Clerk responded 29/06/26 to HH with examples of local SIDs where stringent rules (eg off-road space for operative to park car; 1.5m verge etc) have not been applied. Clarification & site visit requested. [UPDATE: HCC has replied to Danny. Clerk has responded accordingly.] CMV Parish shared P/T Ecologist/Nature Recovery Officer - e-mail re queries identified at 05/01/26 meeting sent to Cllr Lee 20/01/26. Response received & forwarded to cllrs. No progress at present time. Village Entrance Gates - progressing. On the main agenda. Remove from report. Issues with Footpath 30a - Clerk has contacted landowner to ask for fp to be restored. Diversion likely to be due to Highways drain awaiting repair. Data audit - Clerk investigating what needs to be done.	Clerk
3063	New policy - risk management	Resolved: that the PC has approved the new Risk Management policy. The Delegation policy will be considered at the next PC meeting.	Clerk
3064	Updated/New Terms of Reference	Resolved: that the PC has approved new terms of reference for the following committee/working groups: • Parish Resilience WG • Hambledon Greening WG	

3065	Delegation arrangements for July/August 2026	Resolved: that the PC has approved the delegation arrangements for the period between the July and September PC meetings, as follows: • payment of accounts - to be approved by the Chair & Clerk, under delegations stated in the PC's Financial Regulations and Standing Orders. • responding to planning consultations - consultation to be conducted via e-mail; comments to be drawn up by Planning Committee Chair (Cllr Clarke) and the Clerk, & submitted by the Clerk. Any applications considered potentially 'contentious', or where other PC members do not agree to the comments recommended, will require discussion at an extraordinary PC meeting, unless the Planning Case Officer is able to grant an extension to beyond the date of the Sept PC meeting.	
3066	Village entrance gates - S115 Agreement	Resolved: that the PC approves the initial payment of £1,020.00 to HCC for the legal fees associated with drawing up the S115 agreement to install the village entrance gates. This is more than originally estimated by HCC Highways (circa £750.00), and there may be additional fees associated with obtaining land registry documentation, and/or additional time spent on the case. The estimated final figure is between £1,020.00 and £1,275.00.	
3067	Bank account	Bank balance - £84,971.04 @ 30 June 2026; bank statement 199 (01 June to 30 June 2026) has been forwarded to cllrs.	
3068	Savings account	Resolved: that the PC has authorised the Clerk to open an Instant Access Savings Account with Unity Trust Bank PLC, and agrees upon an initial deposit of £50,980.65 (full unallocated SS fund). Clerk to check charges for withdrawal.	Clerk
3069	Q1 Financial Statements & Reports	Resolved: that the PC has approved the Q1 2026/27 financial statements and reports, including the corresponding bank reconciliation (see Appendix C). Cllr Clarke to stand in for Cllr Wale as Finance WG lead for as long as required.	
3070	Payment of accounts	Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary June 2026 £1,070.38 Mrs J C Tester Clerk O/T & expenses June 2026 £257.46 <u>[NOTE: this has been amended from £248.96 on the agenda following the purchase of a new MacBook charging cable.]</u> NEST Clerk pension June 2026 £106.63 Hambleton V/H Hall hire June 2026 £32.50 Biffa Recycling bin collection June 2026 £127.44 JH Tree Services Ltd Village maintenance June 2026 £375.00 Dr J Walker Green Man beds expenditure £365.90 Alice Goodwin-Hudson Tennis expenditure £tbc <u>[Amount unconfirmed at time of meeting, so cllrs approved expenditure up to £10.00]</u> Moritz Flohr Tennis coaching June 2026 £80.00 Alfie Goodwin-Hudson Tennis coaching May 2026 £20.00	Clerk

3071	Planning applications	• SDNP/26/02290/TCA - Little Symonds, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RW. T5 - Lime Fell down to ground level. [Abridged.] [NO COMMENT.] • SDNP/26/02186/TCA - Little Symonds, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RW. [Abridged.] [NO COMMENT.] • SDNP/26/02059/TCA - Bethel, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RY. [Abridged.] [NO COMMENT.] [Cllrs Encke & Hand to stand in as Planning Committee members in the absence of Cllr Wale & in light of the resignation of Mark Mills-Goodlet.]	Clerk
3072	Planning apps received after 30/06/26	None received.	
3073	Planning decisions	Noted, with the addition of the following: • SDNP/26/01446/TCA - Hambledon Village Hall, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RW. To fell 1no sycamore tree that is putting pressure on the old flint wall and making it bulge out that will cause damage or injury if the wall fails. [RAISE NO OBJECTION] • SDNP/26/01780/HOUS - 6 Stewarts Green, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SU. Two storey side extension. [APPROVED] • SDNP/26/02290/TCA - Little Symonds, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RW. T5 - Lime Fell down to ground level. [RAISE NO OBJECTION]	
3074	Safer Streets WG	Report received (see Appendix D). Points discussed as follows: • Cllr Hand to replace Mark Mills-Goodlet on Safer Streets WG.	
3075	Litter picking equipment	Resolved: that the PC has approved the purchase of litter-picking equipment (using CIL funds) as follows: The Safety Supply Co • 15 x long-sleeved hi vis vests • 15 x hi-vis over-trousers • 30 x gloves • 30 x hoops • 4 x traffic cones • Eco-friendly bags (x75) Safety Sign Warehouse • 4 x traffic signs (1050mm x 750mm 'SLOW DOWN, LITTER PICKING') Total cost incl. delivery £904.90 + VAT.	Clerk
3076	Recreation & Sport WG	No report received. The Clerk gave an update on tennis coaching, as follows: • Alice G-H has confirmed that parents/guardians of all children taking part in coaching sessions have signed the declaration form and these will be passed to the Clerk. Alice to monitor new attendees and ensure that forms are completed before first session. • It has been decided that it is not practical at the current time to produce a monthly coaching schedule.	

3076 cont.	Recreation & Sport WG cont.	- Mima & Rosanna have now taken over coaching from Alfie & Moritz. To complete appropriate Safeguarding training (paid for by the PC) as soon as possible. Alice G-H to supervise sessions until this training has been completed. Still to action: - Clerk to seek advice from insurance co. re public and employer liabilities. - Clerk/Cllr taking over from Cllr Mills-Goodlet to create document with points of procedure to follow for coaches/supervisor (eg regarding safeguarding; H&S etc). Cllrs Encke & Piper to temporarily replace Mark Mills-Goodlet on this WG (Cllr Encke to lead).	Clerk Clerk/Cllr Encke/ Cllr Piper
3077	Annual playground inspections	Resolved: that this item is postponed until the annual playground inspection reports are received.	
3078	Tennis court booking system	Resolved: that the PC delegates changing the tennis court booking system to the Clerk and Cllrs Encke & Piper, with the following caveats: 'Mycourts' (free app) should be considered first. GDPR and integrity of the software need to be top priorities. - If this is not suitable, sign up to Google Workspace (£11.80/month/user). - Retain LTA membership for now as it is not due for renewal until Jan 2027, and no reimbursement will be given if it is cancelled mid-term. Clerk to look at whether this membership offers any insurance over and above the PC's standard cover and, if it does, whether a replacement would be required should membership be discontinued next year.	Clerk/Cllr Encke/ Cllr Piper
3079	VH play area basketball post/net	Resolved: that the PC delegates the purchase/installation of a replacement basketball post/net to the Clerk and Cllrs Encke & Piper, with the following caveats: - Design - post to be screwed to the installation plate which is embedded in concrete e.g. https://www.pesmenpol.com/basketball-structures-for-outdoor-use/463-single-post-basketball-structure-strong-for-backboard-105x180-cm-or-90x120-cm-screwed-to-the-concrete-foundation.html (This will enable the post to potentially be moved and re-installed elsewhere in the future should the need arise.) £4.5k (excl. VAT) maximum spend (purchase & installation). - Three comparable quotes to be obtained & contractor chosen for best value for money. - Funds to be transferred from the Safer Streets 'pot'.	Cllr Encke/ Clerk
3080	Hambledon Greening	Report received (see Appendix E). No further points were discussed.	
3081	Reports & Issues	- Cllr Mills-Goodlet has resigned from the PC. This will be formally noted, and thanks given, at the Sept PC meeting. - Cllr Encke has provided a brief update from the Parish Resilience WG (see Appendix F).	
3082	Date/time of next meeting	Monday 7th September 2026 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm.	

3083	Co-option of parish councillor	Resolved: that the PC gives public notification of the recent vacancy and, following the statutory period (14 working days), should no bye-election be required, advertise the two vacancies for co-opted seats.	Clerk
3084	Confidential matters	No confidential matters were discussed.	

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

APPENDIX A

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

Winchester City Councillor Report July 2026
Cllr Malcolm Wallace (mwallace@winchester.gov.uk)
Cllr Danny Lee (dlee@winchester.gov.uk)
Cllr Suzanne White (SWhite3@winchester.gov.uk)

Grant Funding Opportunities

District Small Grant Scheme - open

To provide small-scale, one-off grants of up to £700 to local voluntary/not for profit groups and organisations.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/small-grant-scheme>

Winchester CIL funding - closes for applications 10/07/26. A further bidding window opens in November 2026.

The funds are aimed at community led schemes with allocations between £10k and £200k. The following types of infrastructure and facilities are eligible for CIL funding:

- Education facilities
- Healthcare facilities
- Energy and carbon reduction schemes / climate change mitigation
- Open space provision
- Built facilities, indoor / outdoor sport, recreational and informal leisure and social facilities
- Green and blue infrastructure
- Community and cultural facilities
- Active travel and movement infrastructure

Find more details on the Winchester City Council website:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations>

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

The Government plans to replace the existing two-tier council system across Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight with five new unitary councils. Under the proposals, the new authorities would take on all local services currently split between county and district councils, with the new system due to become fully operational from 1 April 2028. No immediate changes to services are planned while transition arrangements continue. For our area, which sits within Winchester City Council, we would become part of the new **Mid Hampshire Unitary Authority**, alongside most of East Hampshire, Test Valley and the New Forest. As part of the submission to Government, Winchester City Council has put forward an outline warding proposal, which—unless amended by Government (which is considered unlikely)—is expected to form the basis of future local representation. The current proposal includes the following wards:

- **Bishops Waltham** – 3 councillors (based on the existing county division)
- **Itchen Valley** – 3 councillors (based on the existing county division)
- **Meon Valley** – 2 councillors, covering the parishes of: Corhampton and Meonstoke, Droxford, Exton, Hambledon, Shedfield, Swanmore, Warnford and West Meon
- **Whiteley and Curdrige** – 2 councillors, covering Curdrige and Whiteley
- **Winchester Downlands** – 3 councillors
- **Winchester Eastgate** – 3 councillors
- **Winchester Southern Parishes** – 3 councillors (excluding the parish of Newlands)
- **Winchester Westgate** – 3 councillors

The legal process to establish the new councils is expected to be confirmed by Parliament in Autumn 2026. Existing councils will continue to deliver services until the new arrangements come into effect. However, Hampshire County Council is currently challenging the Government's decision on reorganisation, and this may yet have an impact on the overall process and timescales. Local elections scheduled for May 2027 will instead be replaced by elections to the new councils. Those elected will initially serve on a "shadow council", helping to prepare for the transition. The new unitary councils are expected to formally take over on 1 April 2028, when the existing councils will be abolished.

Key dates

- **Autumn 2026** – Final decision confirmed by Parliament
- **May 2027** – Elections to new (shadow) councils
- **1 April 2028** – New councils formally take over services

Hampshire & Solent Combined County Authority

The Hampshire & Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA) was formally established in early June 2026 following Parliamentary approval, marking the transition from a proposal to a functioning organisation. The HSCCA brings together Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and the Isle of Wight Council to work jointly on strategic priorities such as transport, skills, housing and economic growth. An initial Board is now being formed, with the first formal meeting expected in July 2026, as the Authority begins to put governance arrangements and priorities in place. The Authority will oversee a long-term investment programme (around £1.3 billion over 30 years) to support infrastructure and economic development across the region. As previously reported, a directly elected Mayor will lead the Authority in future, with the first election now scheduled for May 2028. Work is now moving into the delivery phase, with early priorities being developed. The [HSCCA Website](#) remains the main public source of information during this period and includes further detail on the Authority's proposed responsibilities, governance arrangements and the future role of the Mayor. Your Councillors continue to highlight the need to the forming HSCCA and existing Local Authorities of the importance of considering 'natural capital' as strategic infrastructure when Strategic Development Strategies are scoped for future Growth Plans.

Next Winchester District Local Plan 2026-2044

On 30th June, Winchester City Council's cabinet considered a report on the Notice of Intention to Commence Plan Preparation. The government's new legislation requires Local Plans to be prepared within 30 months, with the notice of intention to commence plan making to be issued by 30th June 2026. The government has not yet provided guidance on transitional arrangements for authorities affected by Local Government Reorganisation and so to be legally compliant, Winchester City Council have continued to publish the Notice of Intention to Commence Plan Preparation by the 30th June on the current administrative boundary. The Council will now engage with other Mid Hampshire authorities to explore opportunities for collaborative or joint plan-making and shared evidence gathering for the proposed mid Hampshire geography <https://www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk/local-plan-2026-2044>

Housing

Winchester City Council tenants can get involved in workshops and activities as well as the TACT (Tenants and Council Together) board to have a say in shaping the future of their housing services.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/housing/get-involved-tenant-partnership/housing-improvement-workshops-and-tact-tenants-and-council-together#upcoming-housing-improvement-workshops>

The Housing Improvement Workshops are regular interactive sessions where tenants, shared owners, and leaseholders work alongside council officers to co-design better housing services. Each workshop covers one of the following themes:

- **Safety & Quality Workshop** - How safe and well-maintained is your home? What is your experience of repairs and maintenance?
- **Transparency, Influence & Accountability Workshop** - Do you feel heard? Is our service fair, open, and responsive to your concerns?
- **Neighbourhood & Community Workshop** - Is your neighbourhood safe and well looked after? How effectively is anti-social behaviour addressed?
- **Tenancy Workshop** - Are our lettings, tenancy support, and allocations fair and effective?

Rural Housing week 6th-10th July

The week will showcase how genuinely affordable homes help people remain in the communities where they work and have family ties, while supporting local services, resilience and long-term economic growth.

There's a webinar on 7th July to discuss the impact of the new Social and Affordable Homes Programme for rural housing, changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, and the opportunities and challenges for rural housing stakeholders in the current environment.

<https://www.housing.org.uk/our-work/rural-housing/rural-housing-week/>

Local Environmental Data for Central Meon Valley

Friends of the Earth has recently published a short environmental data briefing for every ward in England, including Central Meon Valley. The report brings together a range of national statistics to provide a local snapshot of climate, nature and environmental pressures in our area. Some of the findings are particularly relevant to our rural communities.

- On **climate and energy**, the report highlights that **145 homes in Central Meon Valley are currently at high risk of flooding, rising to an estimated 222 in future. It also notes that the ward experienced temperatures of 33.7°C during the 2022 heatwaves, underlining the increasing impact of extreme weather.**
- Energy efficiency is another area of focus. **Around 58% of homes locally are below EPC Band C**, meaning many properties are poorly insulated and more expensive to heat. In total, around 2,350 homes are identified as needing improvement.
- Air quality is generally within national limits but still above the latest World Health Organisation guidance for fine particulates, with levels of **PM2.5 measured at 6.5 µg/m³**, compared to the recommended 5 µg/m³. The report also emphasises that environmental challenges such as poor air quality or extreme weather can have a greater impact on more vulnerable residents, including those on lower incomes or with existing health conditions. While this is a national report produced by Friends of the Earth rather than the Council, it provides a useful evidence base for understanding local conditions and identifying areas where action—whether at national, local or community level—could make a difference. Residents who would like to explore the data in more detail, or see how our area compares with others, can do so via the Friends of the Earth website. Your Councillors are actively tracking, engaging with and seeking to influence emerging issues so that environmental pressures on our communities are minimised. This is especially important as Hampshire and the Solent move towards new governance and planning arrangements through devolution, Local Government Reorganisation and other legislation. We will continue to stay informed by drawing on key data from future-proofing events, including the HIOWWT co-hosted Future-Proofing our Economy: Nature, Growth and Resilience event with other leading local organisations.

Beat the Heat

Practical heatwave advice can be found from UKHSA's "Beat the Heat" guidance and the NHS "Heatwave: how to cope in hot weather" pages.

www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice/beat-the-heat-staying-safe-in-hot-weather &

www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather

The Energy Saving Trust also provides helpful advice on keeping homes cooler while saving energy, including closing curtains and windows during the hottest part of the day, ventilating at night or early morning when it is cooler outside, and improving insulation so homes stay cooler in summer as well as warmer in winter. energysavingtrust.org.uk/tips-to-keep-home-cool-this-summer

Portsmouth Water's Draft Drought Plan public consultation

The Drought Plan sets out how Portsmouth Water would ensure customers continue to receive essential water supplies alongside balancing the needs of the local environment, even during prolonged periods of dry weather. All water companies in England and Wales are required to develop and update their Drought Plan at least every five years. Customers are now invited to give their feedback on the plans through the public consultation, open now until 14th August 2026: <https://www.portsmouthwater.co.uk/drought-plan/>

Meon Valley Community Bus

The Meon Valley Community Bus Association website has all the current timetables and information regarding private hire: <https://meonvalleybus.co.uk/>. They are also producing information leaflets for residents in the area covered by the bus. To find out more or apply to volunteer, contact Steve Houlding at mvcba1985@gmail.com

Winchester City Council Community Hubs

Join us for a FREE cuppa and a bite to eat at one of our Community Hub at Wickham or Winchester. Have a friendly chat with our officers about any issues relating to benefits, housing, and wellbeing. For informal guidance, information and sign-posting for anyone looking for support around the cost of living.

- Alresford: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 10:00 – 12.00pm at St Gregory’s Church, Grange Rd, Alresford SO24 9HB.
- Wickham: Every 1st Monday of the month | 2.30pm - 4.30 pm. Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, Fareham PO17 5AL.
- Winchester: Every 3rd Thursday of the month | 10.30am - 12.30pm. Unit 12 Community Food Pantry, Winnall Valley Rd, Winchester SO23 0LD.
- Winchester: Every 3rd Monday of the month | 10.00am - 12pm. The Carroll Centre, Somers Close, Stanmore, Winchester SO22 4EJ.

Live Longer, Better: Movement classes for over 65s

Winchester City Council are offering local exercise and movement classes for adults aged 65 and over at various locations in the district through the Live Longer Better project. These include low-level exercise classes and ‘dance for health’ classes. Current sessions take place locally at:

- Carroll Centre (Stanmore)
- Chesil Lodge (Winchester)
- Weeke Community Centre
- Wickham Community Centre

Find out more details here: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/sport/live-longer-better>

Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)

CRF has been launched by the Government and provides assistance for low income households who are experiencing a financial shock, or at risk of falling into crisis. Support will focus on four areas:

- Crisis payments for urgent financial needs
- Housing support, delivered by District Councils
- Financial resilience services to help residents budget, manage money and avoid future crises
- Community funding to strengthen local support network

From April to June 2026, Hampshire County Council, will work in partnership with Citizens Advice to deliver the scheme and enable individuals, if eligible, to be able to access support. A longer term scheme is expected to be launched over Summer 2026. Further information:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/crisis-resilience-fund/crisis-support>

Crisis & Resilience Fund Housing Payment (DHP replacement) - Winchester City Council

From 1 April 2026, the ‘Crisis & Resilience Fund Housing Payment’ replaces ‘Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP)’, providing additional support with housing costs. Following a Motion by your Councillors, approved by Full Council, payments received under the War Pensions Scheme and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme are fully disregarded. Hitherto these schemes prevented local Servicemen in receipt of these payments from the benefits of this housing support.

My Home Made Better

An initiative launched by the Hampshire Environment Centre

[My Home Made Better](#).

The aim is to inspire residents with one-to-one advice, case studies, videos, online resources, open homes, events and webinars, all designed to help individuals make more informed decisions about their properties. There is free training available for people who would like to become local ‘energy champions’, who will then be able to provide energy efficiency information to help residents improve their homes. Contact Stuart Mills at WinACC for more information stuart.mills@winacc.org.uk

Other Home Energy Efficiency Opportunities

The following offers advice and support. But please carefully check eligibility for grants as they will depend on the type of home and your circumstances.

- [The Energy Saving Trust](#) . Guidance for the type of insulation for properties..
- [Energy Company Obligation \(ECO4\) scheme](#) - supports energy efficiency measures for homes in fuel poverty.

Note. There is a higher grant (recent 2026 change) for switching to Air Source Heat Pumps. Up to £9,000 → for homes currently using oil or LPG heating (off-gas properties). This uplift is targeted at rural/off-grid homes, where switching costs are higher. More info at: What does the UK government's heat pump grant actually mean for oil-using households' bills? | Nesta

County Councillor Grant Scheme

The County Councillor Grant Scheme opened on 1st July 2026. It gives me an annual budget of £5,000 to allocate to local projects, initiatives, or organisations across the division. I'll share more details next month once the scheme is live. If you have a project in mind which requires between £100 & £1,000, please do get in touch.

Summer Camps (HAF)

Families across Hampshire can now book free holiday activity sessions as the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme returns for summer 2026. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260623HAFsummer>

Skills Boot Camps

Skills Bootcamps help Hampshire residents and local employers grow by developing valuable, sector specific skills that meet real workforce needs. Designed in partnership with employers, they support both personal career development and business growth, offering a clear path into new roles or progression opportunities. Unemployed learners are guaranteed a job interview on completion. Open to Hampshire residents aged 19+, courses can run from 2 to 16 weeks and are designed to be flexible to suit a range of circumstances. Opportunities may be available for those who are employed, self-employed, unemployed, considering a career change, or returning to work. You'll also receive personalised support throughout your journey, including CV guidance, mentoring, coaching and pastoral support, helping you move forward with confidence. The website will be moving from the Hampshire County Council Website in early July to a new home: <https://www.prosperityhampshire.org.uk/skills-bootcamps>

My County Council Responsibilities

I have been appointed to the following Hampshire County Council committees and panels:

- Children & Young People Select Committee
- Regulatory Committee (planning, rights of way, common land and environmental licensing) as a deputy.
- Corporate services as a deputy
- Hamble Board as a deputy.

Hampshire County Council Leadership.

The council is being run by the Conservatives with support from Reform.

Local Government Reorganisation

HCC Cabinet has made the decision to pursue the next steps in a judicial review of the government's decision on Local government reorganisation. The indication from the legal advice received by the NFDC, suggests a very weak legal argument for this. The review is estimated to cost HCC a minimum of £500k. The executive at HCC have refused to publish the advice they have received. Since Keir Starmer's resignation, The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has said it "remains committed" to the timeline for local government reorganisation.

Composition of Hampshire County Council

The number of councillors representing each party at County Council:

- 27 Conservative Councillors
- 26 Liberal Democrats
- 20 Reform
- 1 Labour
- 1 Green
- 3 Independent & others

As always, if there are any issues that the Parish Council would like me to investigate or pursue with HCC, please let me know.

APPENDIX C

Q1 2026/27 Financial Reports, Statement & Bank Reconciliation

HAMBLETON PARISH COUNCIL					
Q1 Financial Report					
31 Apr 2026 to 30 Jun 2026					
		Actual to 30 Jun 2026	Annual Budget	Actual-v-Budget	Notes
RECEIPTS					
	Precept	29,508.50	£59,017.00	50.0%	
	Other Income				
	Tennis Fees	£801.00			
	MAF Reclaimed to date	£341.81			
	SDNP CIL	£450.00			
	Grants and Donations - see Schedule 1	£200.00			
	Total Income	£31,201.31			
EXPENDITURE					
Parish Council Funded Expenditure					
	Staff Costs				
	Clerk's Salary	£1,951.93	£14,710.00	24.9%	Her salary minus £13.44 printing/i-cloud allowance
	Clerk's Expenses	£74.23	£10.00	91.8%	Majority of spend mileage allowance for 2 x Winchester trials & Newbury HALC workshop
	Clerk's Pension	£91.20	£410.00	21.0%	
	Clerk's Training	£0.00	£100.00	0.0%	
	Administration - Clerk's Office	£120.00	£480.00	25.0%	
	Printing & iCloud Allowance	£11.44	£100.00	11.4%	£4.48/month
	HMRC	£312.08	£1,400.00	21.4%	
	Sub Total	£4,570.84	£17,340.00	26.3%	
	Councillors' Costs				
	Councillors' Travel & Expenses	£0.00	£10.00	0.0%	
	Councillors' Training/Seminars	£240.00	£200.00	120.0%	
	Sub Total	£240.00	£210.00	94.0%	
	Administration Costs				
	Meeting room hire	£110.50	£48.00	22.6%	
	Insurance	£0.00	£1,619.00	0.0%	
	External auditor fees	£0.00	£315.00	0.0%	
	Internal auditor fees	£270.00	£279.00	96.8%	
	Web-site	£480.00	£495.00	97.0%	
	APWA	£164.11	£127.00	124.3%	Overspend, but 1st year of a different format & required quantities unknown. Budgeting should be easier next year.
	Remembrance Sunday Wreath	£0.00	£30.00	0.0%	
	Community Christmas tree	£0.00	£200.00	0.0%	
	Sarah Service Charges	£21.00	£72.00	21.2%	
	T	£0.00	£175.00	0.0%	
	Parish Online Subscription	£80.00	£83.00	94.4%	
	Sub Total	£11,125.71	£4,893.00	21.5%	
	Grants				
	TS Tenacity	£0.00	£100.00	0.0%	
	Hambleton Village Scout Group - Remembrance Sunday	£0.00	£100.00	0.0%	
	Churchyard Maintenance	£0.00	£600.00	0.0%	
	VH Grounds Maintenance	£0.00	£728.00	0.0%	
	Unallocated	£0.00	£1,000.00	0.0%	
	Sub Total	£0.00	£2,428.00	0.0%	
	Subscriptions & Affiliations				
	HALL & HALL	£439.00	£501.00	87.6%	
	SLCC	£0.00	£300.00	0.0%	
	CO Registration	£0.00	£50.00	0.0%	
	Sub Total	£439.00	£751.00	58.5%	
	Running Costs				
	Parish Maintenance	£137.50	£4,200.00	21.3%	
	Defib Training & Maintenance	£0.00	£400.00	0.0%	
	Glebe Land Rent	£0.00	£600.00	0.0%	
	Glebe Land Maintenance	£0.00	£700.00	0.0%	
	Stewarts Green Playground Maintenance	£0.00	£200.00	0.0%	
	Village Hall Playground Maintenance	£185.50	£1,000.00	34.6%	
	Playground Inspections	£0.00	£160.00	0.0%	
	Hambleton Greening Campaign	£118.72	£1,500.00	21.2%	
	Sub Total	£11,641.72	£8,750.00	18.8%	
	Tennis Expenditure	£360.00			

	Saler Streets Expenditure	£47.58			
	Other Funded Expenditure				
	Earmarked Reserves - see Schedule 2	£0.00			
	VAT to be reclaimed for payments in FY 26/27	£179.84			
	Sub Total	£479.54			
	Total Expenditure	£9,346.48			
Assets					
	Unity Trust Bank a/c @ 30/06/26	£84,964.04			
	Fixed Assets	£968,225.34			
	Sub Total	£1,053,189.38			
Schedules					
Schedule 1 - Grants & Donations Received					
	Tennis	£0.00			
	Playground	£0.00			
	Saler Streets	£200.00			£100 Iron Hart Sec for plants for Green Plan bed.
	Sub Total	£200.00			
Schedule 2 - Earmarked Reserves	Spent "TD"		Unspent		
	Flood/Resilience Reserve	£0.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	
	Denmead & Hambledon Ed. Trust Grant - Tennis	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	Denmead & Hambledon Ed. Trust Grant - Tennis
	Info booklet project	£0.00	£150.00	£150.00	WCC Small Grants Fund
	SDNPA CIL funding	£0.00	£900.00	£900.00	
	Sub Total	£0.00	£4,060.00	£4,060.00	
Signed:					
Joanna Tester (Parish Clerk & RFO)					
Dated (Minutes Ref.):					

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL
Q1 Financial Statement
01 Apr 2026 to 30 Jun 2026

Bank balance at 30 Jun 2026	£84,964.04	
Less uncleared payments	£0.00	
Less tennis fund	£2,621.12	
Less running costs Jul to Sept 2026	£6,876.26 (£54,017 minus £25,265 - £33,712) divided by 4 = £8,428 per quarter (£2,813/month)	
Less total value of Saler Streets fund	£60,335.02 See 'BASIS Fund Q1' for breakdown	
Total funds available	£15,128.65	
Income due Sept 2026 (Balance of precept)	£74,508.50	
Earmarked reserves		
Parish Resilience Reserve	£3,000.00	
Hambledon and Denmead Ed Trust	£10.00	Held on their behalf for use by the PC
Info booklet project	£150.00	WCC Small Grant Fund
SDNPA CIL funding	£900.00	
Total earmarked reserves	£4,060.00	
Committed expenditure		
	£0.00	
Total committed expenditure	£0.00	
Unallocated reserves	£11,068.65	This equates to circa 3.9 months' worth of running costs. HALC recommends maintaining general reserves between 3 and 12 months' worth. (Running costs based on £2,813/month.) This is at the lower end of the recommended range, but should not be cause for concern given the high levels of non-allocated, accessible funds within the Safer Streets 'pet', and the balance of the precept due at the beginning of Sept.
Signed:		
Joanna Tester (Parish Clerk & RFO)		
Dated (Minutes Ref.):		

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL DASS Fund			
Q1 Report 01 Apr 2026 to 30 Jun 2026			
		Notes	
Income			
Precept			
BBF from 2025-26	£35,357.67		
From 2026-27 precept	£25,265.00		
Grants/donations			
Hort Soc Green Man beds	£200.00		
Total income year to date	£60,822.67		
Expenditure			
Plants for Green Man beds	£487.65		
Total expenditure year to date	£487.65		
Balance	£60,335.02	Total value of DASS fund	
Committed			
Reserve for Green Man Beds Maintenance	£330.13	Maintenance by Hort Soc (£1,117.73 b/f from 2025/26 less plants @ £487.65; plus £200 Hort Soc donation = £638.13)	
Total committed	£330.13		
Expected expenditure			
Entrance gates S115 licence	1,320.00		
Entrance gates supply	6,304.24		
Entrance gates installation	£1,300.00		
Total expected expenditure	£8,924.24		
Unallocated funds	£50,990.65		

HAMBLEDON PC BANK RECONCILIATION JUNE 2026

Balance as per bank statement (no 199) at 30 June 2026			
BANK ACCOUNTS			
Unity Trust Bank PLC Current T1 AC ...349	£84,964.04		
Less unpresented payments	£0.00		
Add unpresented cheques	£0.00		
		£84,964.04	
CASH BOOK			
Opening balance 01 June 2026	£87,729.44		
Add PC receipts to 30 June 2026	£0.00		
Add Tennis receipts to 30 June 2026	£0.00		
Less PC payments to 30 June 2026	£2,624.40		
Less Tennis Payments to 30 June 2026	£140.00		
		£84,964.04	
RESERVES			
EAR MARKED			
Tennis	£2,621.12		
Hambledon & Denmead Ed Trust (Tennis)	£10.00		
Safer Streets	£59,504.89		
Green Man beds	£830.13		
Hambledon Greening	£1,181.28		
Running costs (to 30 Sept 2026)	£6,879.25		
Info booklets grant (WCC)	£150.00		
SONPA CIL funding	£900.00		
Parish Facilities reserve	£3,000.00		
		£75,075.67	
GENERAL *			£9,887.37
* this figure differs to that on the 01 Statement by the value of the Hambledon Greening 'pot' - for the purposes of this reconciliation, HG has been counted as a ring-fenced reserve, but in reality, some funds (excluding donations to HG) could be released from it if necessary.			
Signed:	(Joanna Tester, RFO, Hambledon PC)		
Dated:	Miss ref:		

APPENDIX D

Safer Streets WG Report July 2026 Cllr Clarke (Chair)

Village Entrance Gates

HCC Legal Services have made contact regarding drawing up the S115 licence. The fee is estimated to be between £1,020 and £1,275 (cf HH previous estimate of £750). The PC has been invoiced for £1,020, but there is potential for extra to be charged. They require Land Registry title documents, which we do not have, and so there will be a fee for them to obtain these. Since HCC carry out a consultation, it may be pertinent to wait until we have confirmation that the licence has definitely been approved before ordering gates and securing a contractor to install them.

SIDs

Following the vetoing by HH of all of the PC's suggested locations for SiDs, information was sent to Dr Danny Chambers MP. Danny received a reply from HH, which was forwarded to all councillors. Jo has responded to the comments made, but it is highly unlikely to alter anything. Awaiting feedback from Danny regarding discussions with the PCC on the increase in speeding motorbikes through the village (especially following the installation of average speed cameras on the A32).

Separately, a detailed list of six SID locations in local parishes, where stringent rules on siting have not been applied, has been sent to the Traffic Management Team for comment. It has been requested that a site visit is carried out with SS WG members/Clerk to ascertain locations where devices may be approved. Awaiting a response.

APPENDIX E

Hambledon Greening WG Report July 2026

Jane Piper:

- HGC is very happy to welcome Jane Piper as our new PC liaison and we are very much looking forward to working with her.

Repair Café:

- The next Repair Café will be in Hambledon on Saturday July 18th. This will be a slightly shorter session finishing at 11.30am due to an unexpected need for the church to be used for a wedding blessing.

Greening Campaign Adaptation Resource:

- The first training day for this project took place in Liss on June 14th and 8 members of the village went along. About 30 were at the meeting from the 4 communities involved and we were presented with the aims and first steps of the programme.
- We will be conducting the first event linked to this project at the Summer Show on Aug 22 when we will showcase the Adaptation project. We aim to talk to Hambledonians about their memories of key weather events in the past as a way of drawing conclusions about likely parallels and changes in weather events and its cascading effects in years to come. The Met Office will look at the stories we collect for the next training day in September which a smaller group will attend.
- HGC is interested to talk to the PC about the nature of the Resilience Plan mentioned in the last agenda. We have asked Jane Piper to look into the implications of this agenda item and whether there is any room for a dovetailing these two topics since we would very much like to support any plans to help our community mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Speltham Down surveys:

- Local NT volunteer Barry Proctor will lead two butterfly surveys on July 27th and August 26th at 11am.
 - Sadly we had to cancel a planned wildflower survey on June 23rd due to the unseasonable heat.
- We are grateful as always for your support, both financially and at our events.

Dr Penny Mahon (Secretary of Hambledon Greening Campaign)

APPENDIX F

Parish Resilience WG Update July 2026

Southern Water confirmed at the recent village APM that they have acquired funding to complete the lining of about 75km of sewer pipes on upper West Street at some point before the end of their current funding cycle. They still have a small amount of investigative work to do and they are not yet able to commit to when the whole job will be done - although they were very keen to get it finished before the next flood season. It remains to be seen whether this will resolve the problem of an overburdened pumping station and therefore the requirement to close the Fareham Road.