



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambleton Parish Council
03 Mar 2025; 7.30pm; Hambleton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Silcock (Acting-chair); Cllr Clarke; Cllr Mills-Goodlet; & Cllr Daly (arrived 7.36pm).

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr White (WCC; arrived 7.41pm; left 8.31pm); Cllr Lee (WCC; arrived 7.41pm; left 8.38pm); Cllr Wallace (WCC & HCC; arrived 8.51pm; left 9.18pm); Jan Jarvie (FAG); Nick Davis (SW); Floyd Cooper (SW); Duncan Clarke (SW); & one member of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2576	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of David Butler, Vic Stewart, Margaret Richards and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2577	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Encke, Hand & Lamb.	
2578	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2579	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2580	Public questions & comments	<p>Councillors agreed that standing orders could be suspended for time sufficient to allow for Southern Water (SW) discussion to take place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoP offered thanks to the Clerk for support with City Fibre (CF)/Green Man bed situation. Shocked at complete lack of communication from CF and its sub-contractors. • Discussions with SW covered the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Plans to tackle groundwater infiltration in sewerage pipes at joints using Tubogel (30-yrns lifespan). ● Water Research Centre - tests other companies' products. Have tested Tubogel to 5m hydrostatic pressure. In Hambleton, the deepest sewer is circa 2.8m (Bury Lodge Pumping Station (BLPS) area). ● SW has identified circa 750m of pipe that requires sealing & this is expected to take place in autumn of this year (dates not yet confirmed). 	

2580 cont.	Public questions & comments cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ‘Inundation’ refers to surface water ingressing the system through manhole covers. PC needs to identify manhole covers which are regularly inundated. JJ confirmed every one from Green Man down to BLPS. Send info to SW and they will arrange sealing work. Noted that there is the issue of HH not sufficiently maintaining gullies which results in flooding on the roads and water ingress via manhole covers. ● SW estimate that the pipe-sealing work could be completed in 15-20 days, depending on access. Communication is absolutely key to ensure efficiency etc. ● Hambledon is roughly in the middle of the priority list. At the level of ‘sewer rehabilitation’. ● When will SW know more detail on when work will start? [Not yet known]. The PC would like info before APM & would need 2-3 weeks to disseminate info before work starts. ● JJ advised that during laying of Big Pipe, cameras were put down SW pipe between OFTR & Hook Vinney (Bitumen pipe; laid between 1959 & 1960; estimated then to last for circa 25 years). It was evaluated as being in very poor condition. SW advised that the solution would be to jet the pipe then re-line under pressure to push out deformities. ● BLPS had a health check pre-flooding season and is in good working order. ● May be useful for SW to meet with JJ & a PC rep on site to tap into local knowledge. 	
2581	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2582	District councillor’s report & questions arising	<p>Report received (Appendix A). Additional discussion around the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devolution. • Motion passed to require WCC to carry out feasibility study for putting solar panels on 5000 of their houses across district. • Grants - get plans together & submit asap. 	
2583	County councillor’s report & questions arising	<p>Report received (Appendix B). Additional discussion around the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentages for WCC/HCC/PCC/PC tax have all now been agreed. Communication expected to come out this month. • PC noted that it would be useful if an HCC note could be put in Hambledonian article re issues with finances. • Motion passed on stopping advertising on high-carbon goods. • PC thanked Cllr Wallace for his intervention with HH re BASS work. • Entrance gates - Cllr Wallace will support if resistance is encountered with request to purchase/install gates independently. 	
2584	Flood Action Group	Report received (Appendix C).	
2585	Mins of previous meetings (03/02/25)	Agreed as a true record.	

2586	Clerk's progress report	<p>Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - no update.</p> <p>Large puddle on pavement outside 13 West St/The Cross Tree - HH reported back 'no maintenance work required'. E-mail sent 05/02/25 to Gina Chandler (HH) re blocked drains throughout Village. No response. Chased 27/02/25. [UPDATE: response received; member of the Highways Customer Support team has reported online on PC's behalf.]</p> <p>Southern Water issues - work carried out 16/01/25 to seal x2 manhole covers on the Fareham Road near to the pumping station, to reduce surface water infiltration. E-mail correspondence with Nick Davis re surface vs groundwater infiltration. Clerk is trying to arrange a meeting (Teams or in-person) but finding a mutually convenient day/time is proving difficult. [UPDATE: SW reps in attendance this evening.]</p> <p>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.</p> <p>BASS WG - damaged bollards at East St pinch-point. Two of the three bollards have been replaced with narrow, non-reflective posts. Contact has been made with Tracey Webb (HCC) via e-mail & Tracey has taken measurements for the reflective strips during site visit with Cllr Silcock 25/09.</p> <p>Big Pipe outlet ditch (blockage due to collapsed bank where RTA happened) - Cllr Wallace has raised a further request following closure of the original one without any work being carried out. Added to the contractor's work programme 08/01/25.</p> <p>Blocked gullies opposite OFTR - reported to HH online (build-up of debris inhibiting drainage of water spilling out of SW manhole covers). Response was that the issue was SW's and had been passed on.</p> <p>Useful/Emergency Info Leaflets - WCC Small Grant fund awarded £150. Clerk to take forward when time allows.</p> <p>Auto Speedwatch device - Hambledon Speedwatch data (from inception) was received July 2024 but probably not containing the detail required to compare with Ampfield data. Remove from report.</p> <p>Bench Repairs - replacement of missing/loose planks on VH bench has taken place. Remaining work due to take place as soon as weather conditions allow.</p> <p>Villager drop-in 'surgeries' - no progress to date. Cllr Daly & Clerk to take forward when time allows.</p>	
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2586 cont.	Clerk's progress report cont.	<p>Drain clearance - Cllr Mills-Goodlet provided contact details for Gina Chandler (HH) who had previously been helpful in sorting drain clearance outside of his property. E-mail sent 05/02/25. Chased 27/02/25. [UPDATE: response received; member of the Highways Customer Support team has reported online on PC's behalf.]</p> <p>Debris on East St/Vineyard access road junction - Hannah Marks at HV has spoken with Joe (Ops Director) and James Osborn. Water pipe had been damaged by landscapers which caused the mud & chalk to move down the hill. Should now be fixed. Cattle grid has been installed to stop the water and debris flowing down the vineyard track and appears to be working well so that should solve issue going forward. Remove from report.</p> <p>CIL funding - no progress to date. To start applications asap.</p>	
2587	Review of Standard PC Documents	<p>Resolved: that the PC has reviewed and approved the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standing Orders • Financial Regulations • Risk Assessment 	Clerk
2588	Bank account	Bank balance @ 01 Mar 2025 - £38,236.16 (Cllrs have been provided with bank statement 183, 01 Feb 2025 to 28 Feb 2025.)	
2589	Grant request	Resolved: that the PC refuses the grant request from Citizens Advice Winchester District for £300.00 to support its new Wickham Advice Hub, based in Wickham. Councillors agreed that precept funds should not be used for supporting charities, especially where operations are not based in or close to the Village [Cllrs voted 4 for; 0 against].	
2590	Payment of accounts	<p>Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary Feb 2025 £964.97</p> <p>NEST Clerk pension Feb 2025 £78.63</p> <p>Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire Feb 2025 £112.50</p> <p>Biffa Recycling bin collection Feb 2025 £52.85</p> <p>JH Tree Services Ltd Village maintenance Feb 2025 £375.00</p> <p>Moritz Flohr Tennis coaching Feb 2025 £60.00 (amended from £40.00 on agenda; revised invoice received)</p> <p>Alfie Goodwin-Hudson Tennis coaching Jan 2025 £100.00</p> <p>Martyn Kille Reimbursement for tennis subs overpayment £35.00</p>	Clerk
2591	Planning applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDNP/25/00577/LIS - Tower House, High Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RS. Replace post-1960 single glazed windows with double glazed windows. [NO OBJECTION.] 	Clerk
2592	Planning apps received after 25/02/25	SDNP/25/00742/HOUS - Hole Barn, Hoe Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RB. Erection of detached garage and garden store building with room over. [NO OBJECTION.]	Clerk
2593	Planning decisions	Noted.	
2594	BASS WG	Report received (Appendix D).	

2595	BASS Community Funded Initiative application	Resolved: that the PC has noted and approved the draft BASS Community Funded Initiative application. Cllr Clarke questioned whether a TRO is required for the gates installation. If so, will need to combine with TRO for other changes requested (speed limits and HGV signs etc.).	Clerk
2596	Tennis WG	No report received this month. Clerk informed councillors that the court was cleaned/moss treated 28/02/25. Continuing to liaise with Alice G-H and coaches re training/DBS etc.	Clerk
2597	Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp WG	No report received.	
2598	Hambledon Greening WG	Report received (Appendix E).	
2599	Village maintenance contract & standing order	Resolved: that the PC is content with the current arrangements for village maintenance with JH Tree Services and permits the Clerk to set up a standing order for the £375.00 monthly payment.	Clerk
2600	SDNP Local Plan consultation	Resolved: that the PC approves the draft consultation responses as proposed by the Planning WG. Clerk to submit online.	Clerk
2601	WCC Local Enforcement Plan consultation	Resolved: that the PC approves the draft consultation responses as proposed by the Planning WG. Clerk to submit online.	Clerk
2602	Hampshire and The Solent Devolution consultation	Resolved: that the PC appoints Cllrs Encke & Hand, and the Clerk to prepare recommended responses to the Hampshire and The Solent Devolution consultation to bring to Full Council meeting in April 2025.	Clerk/ Cllr Encke/ Cllr Hand
2603	Impact damage to George House bollards 14/12/22 - uninsured losses (£250 policy excess)	Resolved: that the PC does not pursue a judgement against the third party responsible for the damage to the GH bollards in Dec 2022, given that costs would likely be disproportionate to the level of losses (£250). [Background: the PC's insurer has confirmed that it will not be doing so. (<i>The court fees and legal costs associated with obtaining judgment will be disproportionate to the level of losses Hiscox would be seeking (£1,000) and are unlikely to be recoverable from the defendant insurer.</i>)]	
2604	APM 2025	Resolved: that councillors agree upon Thursday 15th May (7.30pm; Hambledon VH) for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Parish.	Clerk
2605	Date of Annual Meeting of the PC & monthly full council meeting May 2025	Resolved: that the Clerk will re-canvass councillors to ascertain the most convenient date for the 2025 Annual Meeting of the PC and monthly full council meeting May 2025. (Monday 5th May is a bank holiday, and the AMP is booked for the following week.)	Clerk

2606	Reports & Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest incident of livestock worrying in the Village - dog attack on a pregnant ewe 21/02/25. Police and Dog Warden have been contacted by the landowner. • Damaged curb stones & verge on Brook Lane side of Three Corners has been reported to HH by residents. • CityFibre works - one of the Green Man beds has been destroyed by the groundworks. Clerk is chasing sub-contractor, CCN Communications, for compensation to cover the cost of replacement topsoil and plants as a minimum. Quote for plants has been obtained and sent to CCN. There is a possibility that the underground box and man-hole cover could be moved to an adjacent position, which would make reinstatement of the bed much easier. Complaints have also been sent to CityFibre and HCC (as landowner) via Cllr Wallace. Numerous complaints have been received from residents regarding lack of advance warning, lack of any communication, blocking of driveways, damage to verges, grassed areas not levelled and re-seeded etc. These have been forwarded to CCN. • A number of sightings have been made over the past week of youths riding motocross bikes on the Glebe Field. There is some damage to the grass but this should repair by itself. The incidences have been reported to the Police with photographic evidence. • Hambledon History Group has provided the PC with outline plans for Village events this year to mark VE-80 and VJ-80. • Clerk liaising with volunteer organisers re suitable March/ April date for the village-wide litter-pick. • The Government has recently published its revised Telecare National Action Plan (TNAP) which will require major UK broadband providers to go further to protect vulnerable telecare users when upgrading legacy phone lines to new digital networks. 	Clerk/ Cllr Silcock
2607	Date/time of next meeting	• Mon 7th April 2025 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm	
2608	Confidential matters	No members of the public were in attendance & no confidential matters were discussed.	

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed:

Cllr Silcock (Acting-chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

APPENDIX A

Winchester City Councillor Report Mar 2025

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Devolution/Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Devolution consultation:

The Government has launched its Devolution consultation and is asking for views on the formation of a Mayoral Combined Authority for Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution-consultation>

Two extraordinary Council meetings will be held on 19 March (Full Council) and 20 March (Cabinet) to consider the submission of draft outline LGR and Devolution proposals to the Government. **The papers will be published to the Council website on 10 March.**

Any questions about the LGR and Devolution from the public webinar (3 March) or the published proposals, contact your Councillors. You can also ask questions in person at these Council meetings by registering your question at least five working days in advance.

Local Plan Updates

Winchester

Examination update. The inspector has recently issued the Matters, Issues and Questions for the Winchester Local Plan and Guidance Note. The hearing sessions for the Examination will be opening at 10am on Tuesday 22nd April. <https://www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk/examination-page>

Anyone may attend the hearing as an observer, but only those who have made representation(s) seeking to change the Plan have a right to appear before, and be heard by, the Inspector.

Your Councillors will be watching closely to ensure there are no **major modifications that undermine** the vision and objectives to tackle climate and nature emergencies and create a greener District, living well, homes for all and a vibrant local economy. It is hoped to adopt this latest new Local Plan by December 2025.

Work on the subsequent Local Plan required to meet the new National Planning Policy Framework published in Dec 2024 (uplift in housing numbers etc) has commenced with the publishing of a timetable. The aim is to adopt this Local Plan in 2028 assuming there is no delay in the secondary legislation being published in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act. See timetable - [Local Plan Timetable - Winchester City Council](#)

SDNP

Review of current Plan - consultation closes on 17 Mar 2025

The consultation aims to ensure the SDNP is up-to-date and addresses important issues such as nature recovery, climate change, affordable housing and helping local communities thrive.

To have your say on the full Local Plan Review - see <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/have-your-say-on-south-downs-national-parks-local-plan-review/>

The SDNP Partnership Management Plan is being updated at the same time. <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/partnership-management-plan/>

Enforcement

Winchester City Council's Local Enforcement Plan sets out their approach to planning enforcement, including how alleged cases of unauthorised development and breaches of planning control will be investigated etc. This proposed plan is open to public consultation until **20th March 2025**, and you can comment on the draft plan by completing the survey:

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/development-management/enforcement-local-plan/>

Landlines Going Digital by 2027 & Telecare After 3G Switch-Off

By 2027, landlines will go digital as the old copper network is phased out, raising concerns for telecommunication services, especially in rural areas like CMV, where blackouts and poor or no mobile coverage are common. While battery backups will offer short-term support, prolonged outages may leave residents without a way to contact emergency services.

Two related issues:

- Telecare: The switch from 3G to 4G requires major broadband providers to protect vulnerable users under the new Telecare National Action Plan. [Telecare National Action Plan: protecting telecare users through the digital phone switchover - GOV.UK](#)
- Emergency Planning services: Need to function in CMV's weak or no signal areas during major incidents?

Councillors have raised these concerns again and requested a copy of providers' full-fibre rollout plans for our wards.

Council to Explore Solar PV for Council Homes

Following a successful Motion raised by your Councillors, the Winchester Council will investigate installing solar PV on council homes. A feasibility study will inform the 2026/27 budget, with potential savings of £3m and 2 tonnes of carbon if 75% of 5,000 homes are upgraded. This lowers tenants' bills and supports the Districts 2030 carbon neutrality goal.

Mayor of Winchester Awards 2025

The successful nominees have been contacted and invited to attend the awards ceremony, which will take place on Thursday 13 March 2025.

Winchester District Community Solar Support Scheme

This scheme is finishing at the end of March but there is still time for community building committees (such as a community centre, sports building, scout hut, faith building etc) in Winchester District, who are thinking about having solar panels installed, to access help and advice about the process.

The scheme provides free help with all aspects of having solar panels installed – technical advice, a feasibility study, support to develop and implement a fundraising plan and template tenders for installer quotes – find out more and see case studies at <https://www.winacc.org.uk/community-solar-support-scheme>.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund - 1 Apr 25 to end of Mar 26

Application details and eligibility criteria to be announced soon.

To allow early thinking about potential projects it might be useful to review the successful allocation made over the last three years to a diverse range of projects spread across the district. Previous achievements by organisation/businesses and project description can be found at: [UK Shared and Rural England Prosperity Funds - Winchester City Council](#)

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..
- [GB Insulation Scheme](#) – eligible if the property has an [energy performance certificate \(EPC\)](#) of D to G and is in Council Tax bands A-D in England.
- [Energy Company Obligation \(ECO4\) scheme](#) - supports energy efficiency measures for homes in fuel poverty.
- [Warmer Homes/HUG2](#) - Warmer Homes provides fully funded insulation, solar panels and other energy efficiency measures for owner-occupiers and private renters living in low-income, off-gas households. The scheme is supported by Winchester City Council and is available until March 2025.

Devolution

Hampshire County Council has been accepted onto the Government's fast-track Devolution Priority Programme. A public consultation on the proposed new Strategic Authority for Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight is open from now until 13 April at: [Hampshire and the Solent devolution consultation - GOV.UK](#)

Elections for Mayor of the new Strategic Authority are planned to be held in May 2026. As well as promoting the interests of the wider region to central Government, the Mayor will work with local council leaders to make strategic decisions for our region in areas such as transport, skills and employment support, housing and planning, and tackling climate change. Due to selection for the Devolution Priority Programme, the Government has also determined that the County Council's elections, originally scheduled for May this year, should be postponed for 12 months. Any by-elections, if required during this period, would continue to go ahead as normal.

Local Government Reorganisation

Alongside devolution, the County Council has committed to progress with developing proposals for local government reorganisation in the area. Reorganisation will completely change the landscape of Hampshire's local councils by replacing the current two-tier council system, with a number of new unitary (all-purpose) councils. Interim plans for reorganisation of Hampshire & the Solent region are required to be submitted to the Government by 21 Mar 2025 and final proposals for new Unitary Authorities by 26 Sep 2025. Following submittal of the plans, there will be a public consultation. If the new Unitary Authority organisation is agreed, elections for new, Unitary Authorities Councillors are anticipated to be held in May 2027. Elections are held one year before the new Unitary Councils come into force so that councillors can help with setting-up the new authorities. It's anticipated that existing County and District councils will be dissolved and replaced by the new Unitary Authorities in April 2028. More details on both devolution and reorganisation can be found at:

[Devolution and local government reorganisation | About the Council | Hampshire County Council](#)

Hampshire County Council Funding

At the meeting of the full County Council, a 4.995% increase in Hampshire's portion of the council tax was approved from April this year alongside further savings proposals needed to help move the Authority towards delivering its core purpose and help address ongoing budget pressures in the years to come. The increase will generate an extra £50 million of vital revenue income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire in 2025/26 and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England. As raised previously, increasing social care support needs are key cost drivers for the council:

- Every month in Hampshire there is a net increase of 30 people living in care homes who become reliant upon the County Council to pay their costs - even at the most basic level of care these 360 people add a further £18.7 million of cost to our budget each year.
- Every month there are an extra 200 applications for Education Health and Care Plans - the first step for children to register for Special Educational Needs (SEN) support. That exponential rise is the reason the budget for Home to School Transport (for which SEN children qualify for free) has increased from £24 million per year at the end of the pandemic to £105 million in 2025/26.

Therefore, even with the council tax increase, the Council will have to use even more reserves to help plug this year's budget gap. Repeatedly having to use our reserves to balance the budget is not a sustainable position. They can only be spent once, then they're gone. Over £700 million has been cut from the Council budgets in the last ten years, and whilst the Council is continuing to look for further savings, there is little left to find, and by 2026/27 reserves will be exhausted.

Advertising and the Climate Emergency

Encouraging the consumption of high-carbon goods and services by allowing corporate polluters to promote their products or greenwash their image, whether on billboards, in the media or via sports or cultural institutions, is simply not compatible with the need to urgently reduce CO2 emissions. The UK House of Lords, the UN Environment Programme and the World Health Organisation have all flagged the need to address high-carbon advertising to promote sustainable behaviour change, protect public health and ensure a habitable planet. At the full council meeting on 13-Feb, Hampshire County Council took a huge step towards banning high carbon products from the county's advertising platforms by supporting my motion on low carbon advertising. Another small, but important, step forward.

Saab Campus Opening

On 4-Feb, Saab celebrated the opening of their new advanced UK manufacturing facility. The site, in Segensworth North business park, is developing, manufacturing, and supporting Saab's radar systems and market-leading underwater robotics portfolio. The radar systems developed here help protect our Armed Forces. Whilst the underwater vehicles are transforming operations using innovative electrical technology in uncrewed robotic vessels. These underwater vehicles are used in a variety of applications, and so the technology needs to be flexible to the varying demands and the punishing operating environment. The site supports up to 400 skilled jobs and provides local opportunities for apprenticeships. The site opening was a

great opportunity to meet with the site leaders, members of the teams who are working to develop these world-leading technologies, and with representatives from the Armed Forces who operate the radar systems in the field.

Key Month for new North Whiteley Secondary School

Funding approval of £46.7 million for the new 900-place secondary school in North Whiteley is due to be confirmed at the Hampshire County Council Decision Day on Friday, 7 March. The site for the new school was secured as part of wider approvals for the development of North Whiteley. The new school, anticipated to open in 2027, is intended to meet the predicted demand for secondary school places across Whiteley, with scope to expand to a 1200-place school if needed, in the future. Plans for the new school include a three-storey main building providing classrooms, drama studio, and assembly and dining halls, with a separate two-storey sports block featuring a four-court sports hall and multi-use activity studio. The main building will also include a Resourced Provision for 15 children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This type of provision is a specialist environment within a mainstream school for children with SEND. Outside, the site will provide two all-weather sports pitches, grass playing fields and a multi-use games area. The school's sports facilities and assembly hall will be available for community use outside school hours. The site will include a range of measures to reduce carbon emissions and ensure resilience to climate change, as well as improvements to the local footpath and cycle network to encourage families and staff to walk and cycle to school. The request to approve the spend for the project follows an earlier four-week public consultation seeking feedback on the school building plans. This took place in September 2024, ahead of a planning application being submitted. A planning decision is expected in spring 2025; subject to this, work is anticipated to begin on site this summer and to complete in summer 2027. Full details of the [plans for the new school building](#) are available on the County Council website.

New Special Needs School for Whiteley

More children with severe learning difficulties are set to benefit from specialist school places following confirmation from Government that dedicated funding is to be made available for a new special school in Whiteley, to be called Windmill Academy. Over recent years, the demand for SEND provision has significantly increased, placing immense pressure on resources. The new special school is being developed in partnership with Solent Academies Trust. Windmill Academy will teach 135 pupils aged 4 to 19 and is planned to open in September 2028. The £18 million project will be funded by the Department for Education as part of its national drive to increase special needs places. Planning approval for the new school is needed before construction can begin.

Whiteley-Segensworth Walking and Cycling Improvements

Approval to progress the A27 Segensworth Walking/Cycling Link scheme is due on Monday 3 March. The main objective of the scheme is to complete a north-south pedestrian and cycle route over the M27 to connect Whiteley and Segensworth, and thereby reducing the level of severance created by the motorway and providing better accessibility between these two regionally significant employment areas by active modes. The plans for the scheme include:

- New section of shared-use path adjacent to the southbound A27 Segensworth Link
- Provision of 100m long ramp down from the A27 to the existing shared-use path beneath the A27, and realignment of the 'junction' between the ramp and path to improve visibility
- Length of new retaining wall at the toe of the existing A27 embankment along approximately half the length of the new ramp
- Replacement bridge parapet (provision of temporary parapet agreed with National Rail in the event that delivery of the permanent parapet is delayed by the approvals process)

The £3 million cost of the scheme is being funded from grants (Active Travel England), developer contributions and Hampshire County Council integrated transport funding. Construction is anticipated to start in early 2026, and complete in autumn 2026.

Botley Bypass Event

Work has now started on the final phase of the Botley Bypass following approval by Hampshire County Council. The County Council has appointed contractor, Milestone Infrastructure (part of M Group Services' Transport Division), to deliver this scheme which is expected to be completed in late summer 2027. A 'Meet the Contractor' information event is being held on Thursday 13 March. Hampshire County Council along with Milestone Infrastructure will be present to address any questions. This event aims to provide comprehensive information about the Botley Bypass scheme, including an overview of the phasing plan, ecological and environmental considerations, and objectives for delivering the project. Event Details:

- *Date:* Thursday, 13 March
 - *Time:* 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
 - *Location:* Deer Park School, Community Hall Sports Centre, Sika Avenue, Hedge End, SO30 2HT
- To book your place go to: [Botley Bypass Meet The Contractor Event Tickets](#), Thu 13 Mar 2025 at 16:30 | Eventbrite

Regular updates are provided on the scheme webpages: [Botley Bypass | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council](#)

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) Chalk Stream Campaign

Nearly half of Britain's biodiversity has been lost since the industrial revolution, and the UK is now ranked is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world. However, we still retain some fantastic natural assets such as our globally rare chalk streams. 85% of these precious habitats are found only in England and they contain are some of the most biodiverse and ecologically significant freshwater ecosystems in the world. The Meon River is one of those key chalk streams, but it is under threat. Whilst local volunteers are working hard to maintain this habitat, Government action is needed to protect and enhance these precious streams for future generations and to protect the rare biodiversity which depends on them. Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust has joined forces with 215 local councillors to send a powerful open letter to Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP and Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP, urging the Government to strengthen protections for the UK's chalk streams within planning policy.

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.

- [Energy Saving Trust](#) – Guidance for the type of insulation for properties
- [Great British Insulation Scheme](#) – Eligible if the property has an energy performance certificate (EPC) of D to G and is in Council Tax bands A-D in England
- [Warmer Homes](#) – Warmer Homes provides fully funded insulation, solar panels and other energy efficiency measures for owner-occupiers and private renters living in low-income, off-gas households. The scheme is available until March 2025.

Thermal Imaging Cameras

A thermal imaging camera, under the right conditions, can reveal where heat is being lost from your home. Your local Community Action Group (for example, SWaCS – Sustainable Waltham Chase and Swanmore) may have one you can borrow. If not, you can reach out to Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis (WinACC) at homes@winacc.org.uk to find out more.

APPENDIX C

FAG Report Mar 2025

Overview

We are still motoring along the minor Winter conditions thus far in the flooding season. There have been a few fluctuations in the aquifer status, and there are no current signs that limited cellar flooding could occur (see EA Report below). The FAG will continue to monitor the situation, and work closely with the Environment Agency, and other climate conditions from various sources, and will await further information from the Environment Agency if there are any changes of note.

01/03/24 BHD 67.280 AOD Whitedale 58.160 AOD
01/03/25 BHD 53.350 AOD Whitedale 48.090 AOD

Risk Situation

Unfortunately, the main risks remain as they were last month, and we await a response from Hampshire Highways as to of the outlet channel and the ditch sides, and we have been advised of possible attention by Southern Water, with a meeting on 3/03/25.

Environment Agency

The FAG continue to liaise with Tom Woods, and his latest information was received on the 28th of February, in a letter to me *“I thought I'd give you a quick update on the current groundwater situation; In February, 79 mm of rain has been recorded at Worlds End. This is 131% of the long-term average rainfall expected for this month. The vast majority of this has been recorded in the last 10 days. This caused groundwater levels in Hambledon to begin rising on Monday 24th February. At Broadhalfpenny Down, the level has risen by 3.35 m but looks to be peaking today. At Whitedale Farm, the level has risen by 1.34 m so far.*

The weather is expected to be mostly dry for the next 10 days. I'd expect the groundwater level at Whitedale Farm to peak towards the end of next week. When it peaks, I expect the level will be between 3 and 4 metres below the level we would expect cellar flooding to occur to a small number of properties in Lower West Street.

Long range forecasting is difficult. Currently, it looks like unsettled weather may return to the area during mid-March. If this rain is heavy and persistent then groundwater flooding impacts in Hambledon could occur towards the end of March or early April. However, if average rain is recorded, then it is likely that groundwater flooding impacts will be avoided in Hambledon. I will continue to monitor the levels and forecast and will keep you updated."

Flood Action Group

Not a great deal has been happening with respect to the Winter weather situation, and there hasn't been many contacts from Villagers with respect to what's happening during the current flood season. We continue to encourage ongoing two-way discussion with the Parish Council and residents, and in sharing ideas about ways to keep people better informed about possible risks, and information about the ongoing need to "stay prepared," and keep an eye on the changing conditions.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jan Jarvie

APPENDIX D

BASS Report Mar 2025 (Cllr Chris Silcock)

You are abreast of the latest having seen Malcolm Wallace's email following his meeting with Tracey Webb (Traffic East). In simple terms HH:

- Will accede to gates at Park if additional (tbd) calming measures are instituted between Park and Dower House. I am sure we can think of something.
- A TRO covering changes to speed limits is acceptable, although we still need to jump through speed data hoops, verification of a need for proposed changes and consultation by HH.

So, comparatively positive. I will formally thank Malcolm on Monday for his good work.

Jo will send you the BASS CFI form to peruse. It is the first formal step in the process to get changes made (gates etc) where we are funding them in the absence of HH funding. I have completed the boxes with Jo. Please also read the text below the boxes. I will discuss this on Monday. If you are content to proceed I will suggest that formal communication with HH is now done through Jo to give the application greater formality.

APPENDIX E

Hambledon Greening Report Mar 2025

Repair Café and Recycling:

- The last Repair Café in Denmead on Feb 15th was extremely busy. The next Repair Café will be in Hambledon on March 15th.
- The AGM will be held at Denmead Community Centre on Tues April 1st at 7pm. It has been suggested that Greening Denmead and the Hambledon red bin receive funding from the generous donations received at the cafes.

Climate Fresk workshop March 17th:

- We currently have 15 definite attendees at this workshop including representatives from HGC, the Church, the Parish Council and the list includes at least two young villagers. We are still waiting for a response from the school and Vineyard so are hopeful we will have a full complement.

Retrofit:

- The Warmer Homes Retrofit Advice surgery on Sat Feb 22nd was a great success with two experts speaking to at least 12 people each. One of our experts had to cancel but we managed to fit everyone in. Stuart Mills from WinACC also came along to advertise their new funding initiative My Home Made Better.

Local accessibility:

- We are grateful that the Parish Council discussed footpath access on Green Lane at their last meeting and that Jo reported back in really helpful detail about the very real challenges preventing progress on this.

National Greening Campaign:

- Sue Crossley attended the meeting on Jan 27th 2025 with a range of professional bodies and two Greening Campaign groups – Hambledon and Ringwood - to discuss the Greening Campaign 2030 strategy for Hampshire. Terena Plowright would still like Hambledon to be involved in the Climate Adaptation strategy which is their next initiative to secure further Lottery funding. She will contact the PC in due course.

Future Energy Landscapes Forum:

- Energise South Downs has been running several of these workshops around Hampshire over the past year and HGC is considering whether it would be a useful exercise for Hambledon since it very effectively raises questions about the benefits and realities of community energy. We are looking at a possible date in autumn.

Biodiversity:

- The film Six Inches of Soil on the vital importance of soil health is getting significant and very positive press as a result of local showings at Bedales and Perins recently. HGC is liaising with Hampshire Market Garden and Rushmere Farm for a showing in May. We would like to follow the film with a panel discussion. More later...

We are grateful as always for your support.

Dr Penny Mahon

(secretary of Hambledon Greening Campaign)