



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council
07 Oct 2024; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Hand (arrived 7.44pm); Cllr Silcock; Cllr Lamb; Cllr Clarke.

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Lee (WCC; left 8.46pm); Cllr White (WCC; left 7.43pm); Cllr Wallace (WCC & HCC; arrived 8.15pm; left 8.47pm) & Jan Jarvie (FAG).

Meeting started at 7.32pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2432	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Eric Heath and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2433	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Daly. Apologies also received from PCSO Wheeler-Osman.	
2434	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None	
2435	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2436	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. There were no members of the public in attendance.	
2437	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2438	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (Appendix A). Additional discussion around the following: • Council Plan has been updated. • Air Quality Strategy consultation now open. • Essential Digital Skills - some VHs are organising as a workshop. Posters will be made available. • Traffic & Transport Forum - agenda currently being put together. • Hampshire Local History archives. Hambledon History Society is aware. • Councillor surgery drop-in at The Vine 08/11/24. • Carbon Neutrality Action Plan - any comments? • Home Energy Efficiency evaluations.	

2439	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (Appendix B). Additional discussion around the following: • Future services. Decisions will be made at Cabinet next week. • Bus service could be at risk - HPC member noted recent correspondence from Newlands PC regarding future risk to D2 service. Cllr Wallace confirmed that no financial support would be available from HCC. • Generic guidance re flood risk. • Big Pipe: • HPC member confirmed that circa 17 tonnes of silt was removed from the BP outlet in Sept. but there is approx another 80 tonnes remaining. Cllr Wallace to feed this back to HCC.	
2440	Flood Action Group	Report received (Appendix C). Additional discussion around the following: • Risks - largest risk is ditch bank collapsing. JJ surveyed last week. Since then, part of the bank and associated hedge has fallen into the ditch. HPC members confirmed that this was caused by an RTA 04/10/24. Clerk to report to HCC online. Cllr Wallace to also report via his HCC contact.	Clerk
2441	Mins of previous meetings (02/09/24)	Agreed as a true record.	
2442	Clerk's progress report	Parish Lengthsman Agreement - remaining visits for 2024/25: 08/11/24; & 06/02/25. Cllrs to suggest work for Nov visit. Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - no update. Large puddle on pavement outside 13 West St/The Cross Tree - HH reported back 'no maintenance work required'. No update. WCC work at The Gardens - work has been completed. Road name sign now completed. Remove from report. Southern Water issues - meeting took place 26/04/24. Draft report sent 01/05/24 to councillors and SW attendees. No response from SW. Chased 29/05/24 & 27/06/24. No response. New contact Jess Hanman (Stakeholder Engagement Manager). Site visit to look at damaged verges etc on Fareham Road conducted 06/09/24. To be discussed agenda item 2440. 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. 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. Remembrance Sunday No bugler found. [Cllr Silcock confirmed that he would not be available on the day but had organised for Paul Quinn to cover any duties.]	

2442 cont.	Clerk's progress report cont.	Big Pipe outlet ditch: • E-mail sent to HH (via Cllr Lumby) re condition of ditch banks. Paula Edwards advised that Geotech team have already conducted site visit; report to be provided to PC idc. • E-mail sent to Paula Edwards 19/09 requesting (on behalf of resident) that maintenance work on BP outlet ditch be extended to ditch running between field and Hook Vinney. Also repeated request for latest geo-tech report and comparative photos to be sent. Awaiting response. 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. Useful/Emergency Info Leaflets - WCC Small Grant fund awarded £150. Clerk to take forward when time allows. Auto Speedwatch device - Hambledon Speedwatch data (from inception) was received July 2024 but probably not containing the detail required to compare with Ampfield data. Cllr Silcock to advise. Hambledon Walks Booklet - advice has been requested from Derrick Whapshott re demand for hard-copy booklets; & indication of whether Walking Group would be able to help with walking the routes and checking that existing info (on PC website) is still accurate. Awaiting meeting - Cllr to volunteer to take the lead. [Cllr Hand.] Tennis Court Notice Board - Cllr Clarke to update. [Due to be delivered this week.] Bench Repairs - Manshed unable to commit therefore JH Tree Services' quote has been accepted. Cleaning at VH - work due to be completed w/c 30/09/24 (delayed due to illness & equipment issues).	Cllr Silcock Cllr Hand Cllr Clarke
2443	Q2 Financial Report & Statement	Resolved: that the PC has approved the Q2 2024/25 Financial Report & Statements.	Clerk
2444	Asset register	Resolved: that the PC has approved the updated asset register.	Clerk
2445	Bank account	Bank balance @ 01/10/24 - £65,830.05 (Cllrs have been provided with bank statement 178, 02 Sept 2024 to 30 Sept 2024.)	
2446	Bank account signatory	Resolved: that the PC approves the addition of Cllr Clarke as a signatory on the PC bank account, with access to view the account, submit & authorise (VSA). This level of access is provided to allow business continuation should the Clerk lose access for any reason. Any payments submitted by Cllr Clarke must be authorised by two alternative signatories on the account.	Clerk
2447	Virements	Resolved: that the PC has approved the following virements into the play equipment fund: • £500.00 unspent from Summer Fun Day contingency; • £265.22 unspent from D-Day contingency; and • £98.50 unspent from playground inspections (budgeted for two; only one needed).	

2448	Payment of accounts	Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary (Sept 2024) £923.50 NEST Clerk pension (Sept 2024) £75.14 Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire Sept 2024 £32.50 Biffa Recycling bin collection Sept 2024 £62.28 JH Tree Services Ltd Village maintenance Sept 2024. £375.00 Carter Jonas LLP Glebeland rent 2024/25 £600.00 Absolute Cleaning Surface & play equipment cleaning/ moss treatment at VH £390.00 K Knight Engineering 2 x street name signs (Lashley Meadow & The Gardens) £2,060.00 Murray Mahon Reimbursement for HG solar panels evening 25/09/24 £55.25 <u>The following is in addition to payments listed on the agenda:</u> The Royal British Legion Donation for 2024 £30.00 Moritz Flohr Tennis Coaching (Sept 2024) £60.00 Alfie Godwin-Hudson Tennis Coaching (Sept 2024). £60.00	Clerk
2449	Planning applications	• SDNP/24/03682/LIS - 3 Rosecroft Cottages, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SA. 1) Removal of existing stud wall and built in wardrobes between main bedroom and ensuite bathroom. 2) Replacement of stud wall laterally in order to: a) Allow opening up of currently bricked up window frame which faces onto the existing stud wall. b) Re-shape ensuite bathroom to allow for addition of bath and separate shower cubicle and provide natural light from two windows. c) Extension of current airing cupboard to create a walk-in wardrobe. 3) Opening up of existing bricked-up window frame and installation of timber window to match existing adjacent windows. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/24/03821/FUL & SDNP/24/03822/LIS - Chidden Farm, Chidden Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4TD. Change of use of existing former agricultural buildings to office use together with associated alterations, the formation of a new vehicular access, and new external landscaping and parking. [STRONG OBJECTION - Hambledon PC fully endorses all concerns raised within the WCC Landscape Officer's report. However, if minded to approve, the Parish Council respectfully requests that it is taken to Committee and careful consideration is given to conditions imposed on any such approval.] • SDNP/24/03641/HOUS - Dragons Hill, Green Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SX. Demolition of rear extension and front office space of main house. Proposed construction of rear extension and rebuilding of front office space of main house. Proposed construction to main house to have pitched roof at front of the house and 2nd story loft conversion at rear of the building. Demolition of garage space and rebuilt in matching style. Car port to built near entrance of site on existing hard standing. [NO OBJECTION.]	Clerk

2449 cont.	Planning applications cont.	SDNP/24/03935/TCA - Harwood House, Hambledon Road, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4QN. A3 - Removal of Ash Tree suffering from Ash dieback. A4 - Removal of Ash Tree suffering from Ash dieback. A5 - Removal of Ash Tree suffering from Ash dieback. [NO COMMENT.]	
2450	Planning apps received after 01/10/24	None. (It was noted that the PC has received a consultation notification for SDNP/24/03971/CND - Hambledon Vineyard, but the Case Office has granted an extension to allow it to be discussed at the Nov 2024 PC meeting.)	
2451	Planning decisions	Noted.	
2452	BASS WG	Report received (Appendix D). Additional discussion on the following point as follows: Cllr Silcock to provide spec for entrance gates to Cllr Clarke. Cllr Clarke to ask contacts for quotes.	Cllrs Silcock/Clarke
2453	Tennis WG	No report received this month. Clerk advised the following: - Responsibility of managing coaches & ClubSpark admin has been handed over to Alice Goodwin-Hudson (AG-H). - DBS: AG-H to check if existing DBS is acceptable, otherwise a new application will need to be made. Both coaches will now require DBS checks. - Safe-guarding: As for DBS, above. - Notice-board: Cllr Clarke arranging. - Court cleaning/repairs - three quotes received as follows: - Coloured Courts £2,980 + VAT - Colour Works Coatings £2,890 + VAT - Tennis Court Services £2,420 + VAT (Cllrs agreed that this quote offered best value for money. Clerk to check references and, if satisfactory, book in work for spring 2025)	Clerk
2454	Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp WG	No report received. Clerk commented as follows: VH surface/equipment cleaning completed w/c 23/09/24.	Clerk
2455	Replacement junior swings/surfacing at the Village Hall	Resolved: that the PC discusses the potential to replace the junior swings and corresponding safety surfacing, and instructs the Clerk to seek quotes.	
2456	Hambledon Greening WG	Report received (Appendix D).	
2457	Reports & Issues	None.	
2458	Date/time of next meeting	Mon 4th Nov 2024 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm.	
2459	Confidential matters	No members of the public were in attendance.	
2460	Co-option of PC Members	Resolved: that the Clerk should, given that no new applications for the vacant position have been received, re advertise and place on the agenda for the Nov 2024 PC meeting.	Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

Changes to bin collections

Winchester City Council (WCC) are changing some of their collection routes to increase recycling and reduce carbon emissions. These changes may affect the bin collection schedule. All residents should have received a new bin collection calendar and a letter telling them if and how the changes affect them. Please note: There is a one-week gap between the old calendar ending and the new one starting. It's business as usual until 7 October, so just keep putting your bins out on your usual collection day until the new calendar starts.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling/changes-to-household-bin-collections> Residents can put their postcode in on the WCC website to find out their bin day and any extra collections that are happening. Link to the site here: <https://tinyurl.com/MyNewBinDay>

Winchester City Council - Local Plan- last chance for contributions

The public consultation **closes on 13 Oct 2024**. You can find all the information on our local plan website [Have your say - Winchester](#) District Local Plan

Essential Digital Skills for residents - new free scheme

The aim is to tackle digital exclusion and support the basic digital skills of the Winchester district residents, which in turn supports the district's overall skills and increases employability. The scheme will support and train basic digital skills to the district's residents, such as booking GP appointments and keeping in touch with friends and family online. It is free of charge to Winchester district residents and funded under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Running from 7th Oct - end Jan 2025. There are three elements to the programme:

- one-to-one bespoke sessions based in the location where the resident is located at a time that is convenient to them, including their home (when required)
- workshop sessions visiting existing community groups for example Winchester Beacon: they can decide the theme of the workshop based on their attendees needs
- the completion of accredited Office courses.

For more information:

<https://employers.workadvisor.co.uk/workadvisor-training/essential-digital-skills-training/>

If local village halls are interested in hosting workshops for residents, this can be arranged.

W.C.C. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

An EDI group is mapping current provision to identify any gaps and to develop more effective relationships with communities. There will be a focus on disabled people (particularly people with learning disabilities, neurodiversity and sensory impairments) and the LGBTQ+ community. Please let us know of any groups that cover disability or LGBTQ+ that you know of in your area that could be added to the list.

Hampshire's local history archives

Hampshire Archives Trust (H.A.T.) are carrying out a survey of organisations, including local history groups, to find out the extent of the archives and help groups digitise them. This will help preserve these valuable documents for the future and make them available to the public and researchers. If you have a Local History Group or an individual with valuable local history documentation, then please encourage them to complete the survey - <https://form.jotform.com/240853136127049> This will help H.A.T. digitise and manage the archive. H.A.T. also provide grants for local archive/history projects: <https://hampshirearchivetrust.co.uk/grants>

More info: <https://www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk/news/24583747.huge-heritage-survey-underway-catalogue-hampshires-archives/>

Southern Water's revised draft Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP)

looking at our future water needs from 2025-2075, including leakage reduction, water usage reduction, water recycling, pipeline expansion etc. You can have your say to help develop the final plan through the consultation open until 4th December 2024. Find out more here: <https://waterresources.southernwater.co.uk/>

There are also in-person consultation events and webinars.

- A local in-person - The Courtyard, Guildhall Winchester - Wed 16th Oct 3pm.-7.30p.m.
- Webinar for Hampshire: Thur 21st Nov 2024 - 6.30p.m.-7.45p.m. (sign up on the website mentioned above)

Recording available after the event.

Carbon Neutrality Action Plan(CNAP)

The delivery progress of the Winchester District's Carbon Neutrality Action Plan (CNAP) will be discussed by Councillors in early November. If you have any early questions/concerns about this Plan please **contact your Councillors by end-Oct**. The latest details on the CNAP can be found via the link below.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/climate-change-and-energy/carbon-neutrality-action-plan>

Other key Plans.

2024 is a significant year for updating key WCC Plans. The Council has started the updating process of the new 'Council Plan for 2025-2030' (Council business delivery) which will sit alongside the CNAP and the new Local Plan (for Planning) from 2025. Your Councillors will contribute to the updating of the Council Plan through the 'Health and Environment Policy', 'Economy and Housing' and 'Scrutiny Committees'. The key question is - What has changed or needs to change since the last Plan?

[-https://www.winchester.gov.uk/assets/attach/34055/Council-Plan-2020-2025-Winchester-City-Council-online.pdf](https://www.winchester.gov.uk/assets/attach/34055/Council-Plan-2020-2025-Winchester-City-Council-online.pdf) Any contributions and/or concerns can be passed to your Councillors.

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.

Consultations:

Winchester city council Air Quality Strategy survey- closes 27th October 2024

The Council's draft Air Quality Survey sets out how air quality can be improved across the district, with ambition to go beyond national air quality targets to improve public health as much as possible. Give your views on these commitments by completing the survey:

<https://winchester.citizenspace.com/major-projects/air-quality-strategy-survey/>

Up-coming District Councillor Surgeries:

An opportunity for local residents to meet their district councillors to discuss local issues:

Soberton - 21st October 11 a.m-12.30 p.m The White Lion

Hambledon- 8th November 10 a.m.-11/30 a.m. The Vine

APPENDIX B

Hampshire County Councillor Report Oct 2024

Cllr Malcolm Wallace (malcolm.wallace@hants.gov.uk)

By-Election Announced for Bishops Waltham Division

Hampshire County Council has announced that a by-election will be held on Thursday 31 October 2024 in the Bishops Waltham electoral division, following the retirement of the local authority's former Leader, Councillor Rob Humby. The names of the candidates nominated to stand for election will be published on 7 October. Residents who have not registered to vote will need to do so by Tuesday 15 October. You can register online, at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Decision Due this Autumn on Future Services

Earlier this year a public consultation was held which invited people's views on 13 proposals to reduce and change some local services to help the County Council deliver savings towards the £132 million recurring budget gap that the County Council originally anticipated it would face from 2025/26 onwards. Since that time, because demand and costs have continued to rise, the financial shortfall from 2025/26 onwards is now expected to go up to at least £175 million. During September, Select Committees examined the consultation results and savings recommendations, together with analysis of the potential impact on residents of the proposals if they go ahead. Ten of the recommendations were accepted (some with minor modifications) and 3 were rejected. The rejected proposals were cuts to passenger transport, school crossing patrols & Household Waste Recycling Centres. However, these are only recommendations. Final decision being made by the Cabinet 14-Oct.

Check your Flood Risk Ahead of Winter Rainfall

Around 400,000 households in Hampshire are at risk of flooding and with the potential for increased rainfall because of climate change, particularly during autumn and winter. Hampshire County Council has created a

new online tool to help people check their flood risk to help protect homes, land, and businesses. The [online community toolkit](#), available on the County Council's website, is designed to provide communities, parish and town councils, householders, landowners and businesses with information on flooding and where to find advice and support, plus where to report flooding for assistance. Reporting incidents of flooding also helps organisations to develop measures to reduce the flooding in high-risk areas. At least eight of the last 12 months have seen above average rainfall with the highest number of named storms on record. Checking your flood risk takes just a few minutes. If you find your property is at greater risk, you can sign up to receive warnings from the Environment Agency about possible flooding from rivers, the sea or groundwater, together with advice on the practical steps you can take to be prepared. This could include joining a local Community Flood Action Group which supports residents to reduce flood risk in those areas where flooding could be the most severe, keeping a supply of sandbags, or checking your insurance cover is up to date. Now is also a good time for homeowners and landlords to do checks on any drains or water channels on their property, taking action to remove blockages from their private land. This can make a big difference in helping excess water to flow away naturally.

Schools Consulted as HCC proposes Closure to Education Catering Service

Hampshire County Council is proposing to close its Education Catering service by 31 March 2026, and is consulting with schools and nurseries which use the service on two potential options to meet their catering needs in future:

- For schools and nurseries to arrange their own catering provision. (There is an active, well-established private sector market of school food providers operating successfully in Hampshire, from which schools can select).
- To provide a managed outsource of the service which schools and nurseries could buy into. This option would see the County Council procure and manage the supply of meals from alternative providers, on behalf of schools and nurseries.

Hampshire Expands the Number of School Places for Children with Special Educational Needs

More children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) are set to benefit from local specialist school places as Hampshire County Council increases the provision at two schools in Fareham and the New Forest, as well as a nursery in Gosport. Most of the 31 new places at Heathfield Special School, Pennington Church of England Junior School, and Haven Nursery School will be available immediately.

Solar Together – HCC's Group Buy Scheme for Solar Energy

The solar energy group-buying scheme enables residents to invest in solar panels for their homes, fitted by pre-vetted installers, to reduce reliance on the national grid and lower their energy bills, as well as boost local renewable energy generation. Through Solar Together, over 28,400 solar panels have already been installed in Hampshire – it is estimated that these installations alone will reduce carbon emissions by 59,205 tonnes over 25 years – equivalent to taking over 32,600 cars off the road during the same period. Those interested need to register online at www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether by 18 October for a free and without obligation quote.

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.

County Councillor Grants

Groups and organisations can apply for funding for both revenue (one-off) and minor capital projects. Revenue grants should generally be used to support short term project related costs. It is expected that the grants will benefit a wide range of groups/activities: for example, vulnerable children or adults, young people, facilities for older people, community facilities, parish councils (but only for specific projects), schools' minor traffic or safety works, local environment projects, and community safety. More details are available on the County Council website. The 2023/24 County Councillor grant scheme is open until 29 February 2024.

APPENDIX C

FAG Report Oct 2024

Overview - we are now in the 2024/25 Flooding Season in Hambledon, with a “changeable” Winter weather forecast to consider. Our planning activities will be based upon the full-year cycle, taking into account the

widening scope of the effects of climate patterns. In our monitoring of the aquifer levels for the start of the season, the current numbers are much the same as last year:

02/10/23 BHD 43.040 AOD Whitedale 34.117 AOD

01/10/24 BHD 43.070 AOD Whitedale 34.045 AOD

More rain is being forecast for the week of 7th of October, which will take time to trickle down to increase the levels. The aquifer levels will be monitored on a routine basis by the FAG, and important control points where there are approaching risks will be reported through the Hambledon Parish Council (HPC), and the Flood Action Group. The current trigger points for BHD and Whitedale will be reviewed by the Environment Agency, and adjusted to reflect new data.

Maintenance of Defences

There have been a number of overdue maintenance activities undertaken on the flood defences around the bottom of West Street by the owners, Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Hampshire Highways, in the past few weeks. The main focus was on the condition of the Big Pipe (BP) itself; the ditch running from the Old Forge Tea Room (OFTR), down past Hook Vinney; the settlement basin and dam; the ditch bottom and sides (East and West); and the hedges on the field and road sides (B-2150), but not the green verge. A good deal of the effort was influenced by the length of time it took to seek a method to clear the pipe itself from the Green Man down to the headwall. The overall effort was carried out by an experienced subcontractor team using appropriate care and machinery to address the requirements of each element.

As of 28th Sept all of the completed aspects were clear and in good order, however, the Sunday night rains on the 29th brought over 35 mm of sudden flow into the system, and our inspection on 1st October revealed a heavy amount of silt and debris in the settlement basin, much of which was washed out of the BP with the pressure. This included a sizeable build-up in the ditch; a significant sloughing of both banks, along with a substantial collection of vegetation stretched over its length. The current condition really needs to be reported to HCC to ensure they assess the situation to see if there is a requirement for any further action. We do not believe the current status will curtail flow to a great extent at this time so it's not urgent. But, it should also be noted there was no mowing/clearing of the verge, forcing pedestrians to use the main road.

Risks

All risks are continually reviewed, categorised, and tracked throughout any flooding events. The two major risks are being carried forward as they remain potentials on the list as there is no confirmation of closure:

- 1) Flooding of roadways and properties with sewerage contamination due to leaks, water inundation, poor drainage; and failure of foul piping materials due to age and lack of capacity. We've seen no changes or improvements to any of the sewage systems, including damage repairs to the areas around the Bury Lodge Pumping Station, and there is no evidence of any corrective actions planned for this flooding season. The risk probability continues to be high, the disruption and hassle is very high, and available information to date indicates a lack of budget moneys until 2026. When the aquifers reach the trigger points and the water starts to bubble up from manhole covers, Fareham Road will have to be closed once again for an indeterminable period of time.
- 2) The completion of maintenance activities associated with the BP system are a welcome improvement, but there is still the major element of sloughing and erosion of the ditch banks that will continue with the volume of water flowing over raw earth. The possible extent of further damage is not known, given the unpredictable nature of climate effects.

Updating the Flood Action Plan (FAP)

Communication with appropriate entities, such as the Environment Agency and relevant emergency services, will be established and maintained in accordance with the Hambledon FAP, available on our website, along with a Risk Management Plan, both of which will be reviewed and updated as a part of our current reconsideration of the documentation set. The listing of Properties that Flood will be reviewed and updated to reflect changes in ownership, or other information such as raising the vulnerability level of occupants. The list will continue to have limited access, e.g. Need to Know.

The FAG will continue to monitor the situation throughout the flooding season, and provide information to the HPC and the village via emails, notifications to flooders, and the Hambledonian. As always, we invite suggestions and support from all friends and residents of the village.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Jarvie, Flood Action Group

APPENDIX D

BASS Report Oct 2024 (Cllr Chris Silcock)

- I finally met up with Tracey Webb, the NEW head of HH (our 4th point of contact in the last 12 months). She had previously visited with Andy Sweeney so knew the patch. We reviewed our wish list and then walked/drove the site. She:
 - approved the locations of each of our proposed gates and gave clear directions as to their installation (we/the contractor will, eg need a licence to install).
 - gave me further info on applying for speed changes - I await the HCC CFI lead to get in touch (I have chased) to begin the process. The 'process' could take 9 months or up to 18 - there has to be consultation among the public and also authorities (our consultation was insufficient in itself). She DID agree that a 40MPH on the Clanfield side of Park was a no-brainer and she also AGREED that it would be best to site the B2150 gate on the road FROM Droxford before Brook Lane, ie further up the hill. She acknowledged that this would make Brook Lane a 40MPH, which she thought was reasonable.
 - In short, some positive responses (ahead of consultation...)
- I looked more closely again at responses to our APM survey (John alerted me to an error in my XLS) and there was a clear majority for 'rustic gates'. These will be oak with split chestnut. I have spoken to George Crossley to warn him off that we will be asking for a quote from him. We will need two more quotes at least. I am drawing up exact sizes and shapes.
- I have spoken to Mary Stone and Teresa Negus re designs for the gate, who might be the best person/artist to create a welcome sign etc. John Thornton is taking this forward. The PC will be asked to approve the gate signage etc.
- I have contacted another company that hires out/sells Speed detection and recording devices (the previous one I spoke to offered one way/daytime only devices). We will need to decide etc whether to hire a 24/7 omni directional device to test its efficacy ahead of, potentially, spending >£5k to buy a device that is then ours to use wherever we wish 24/7/365. I did NOT ask Tracey Webb about installing our flashing Speed Warning sign but have since done so.
- Tracey Webb took photos of the verge at Three Corners that is being badly torn up by Alstom lorries. Jo has lodged a complaint online...

APPENDIX E

HAMBLEDON GREENING WG REPORT Oct 2024 Dr Penny Mahon (Secretary of Hambledon Greening Campaign)

Greening Fair: Sat Sept 14th

- We had over 260 people attend the Fair and around 20 different stallholders. Despite cancellation from a few organisations for various reasons, we were very pleased with the range and enthusiasm of the large number who came along and the weather was perfect. The speakers - Bean Beanland of the Heat Pump Federation, Helen Finch and George Crossley - were excellent and many productive conversations were had on the back of their topical presentations. All in all, it was another very successful event and much thanks to all who were involved in organising it as well as to those who supported.

Repair Café and Recycling:

- The next one is in Hambledon on October 19th, 10-12pm.

Retrofit:

- We had eight people come to speak about their solar panels for our 'speed-dating' event in The Vine on Wednesday Sept 25th: Martyn Kille, Daniel Nelson, Dave Tester, Val and Julian Fawcett, Pete and Lou Hurley (from Swanmore) and Tom Hobson via video link from Sweden! There were also 17 Hambledonians who came along to find out more about the technology and many commented on how useful they found the evening and how informed the speakers were. Many thanks to all who attended!

Biodiversity:

- Nine HGC supporters met with two National Trust rangers and two NT volunteers on Monday Sept 30th at 4pm to continue our mapping of the flora of Speltham Down. This is something we plan to do twice a year and we feel we have established a good relationship with the new ranger who sees our enthusiasm for this unique chalk grassland within the village.
- We are continuing preparation of our section of the business plan re the use of North Glebe land.

We are grateful as always for your support.