



DRAFT MINUTES
Hambledon Annual Parish Meeting
23 May 2023, 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Encke, Quinn, Mason, Silcock, & Dyson; & circa 21 parishioners

In attendance: Mrs Joanna Tester (Parish Council Clerk); Cllr Danny Lee (WCC); Cllr Malcolm Wallace (WCC); Mr Jan Jarvie (Flood Action Group); and Mrs Sue Crossley (Hambledon Greening).

Apologies: Cllrs Hand, Lamb & Dyson (HPC); Cllr Hugh Lumby (HCC); Pat & Stephen Crew; and Fran & Jeremy Pennant (residents).

Meeting started at 7.30pm

	Item	Discussion and Decision	Action
1	Chair's Welcome, Introduction & Review of the Year	Cllr Encke welcomed Villagers, gave apologies for absence, & advised that the format would follow the pre-issued agenda. Cllr Encke then delivered the PC's 'review of the year'. The main points were as follows: • Thanks to Cllr Paul Quinn (previous Chair) & John Thornton (previous cllr); welcome to new cllr, Verity Lamb. Also thanks to Vicki Weston (previous WCC cllr). • Re-build of the VH playground now complete. • Hambledon Greening - new recycling bin for hard plastics in its trial period; hugely successful Greening Festival this month. • Better Streets WG now amalgamated with Traffic & Pedestrian Safety WG - Beautiful & Safer Streets (BASS). • Thank you to members of Flood Action Group. Big Pipe worked well to keep surface water under control. Concerns remain re inadequacy of sewage pumping station on Fareham Road. PC arranged site visit with Flick Drummond MP but is still awaiting action to be taken & continues to lobby for improvements. There were no questions to the Chair Full speaking notes - see Appendix A.	

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2	Report from Finance Working Group	Cllr Silcock gave a summarised breakdown of the PC's 2023/24 budget, including two illustrative graphs: • main budget components (by %); largest being for projects; & • components of running costs. Villagers were also provided with a precept comparison between Hambledon and nine other Winchester parishes. A copy of the slides is available in Appendix B. Public question received as follows: • Why is the PC renting the Glebeland? Cllrs responded that the PC rents from Portsmouth Diocese (and pays for maintenance on) the piece of land above the Church carpark, which includes the tennis court and the recreational/football area above that (which is also used for village events such as the bonfire/fireworks night).	
3	Reports from WCC, HCC & our PCSO (if available)	WCC Cllr Wallace delivered a verbal report; main points as follows: • Three district cllrs for this ward. • Busy year, esp with cost of living crisis; housing issues; rubbish. • Greening issues high on the agenda. Motion passed earlier in the year to stop Southern Water pumping more sewage into the waterways. • Cllr Danny Lee elected in May 2023. • Cllr Lee introduced himself & gave a brief background. Public question received as follows: • Why are there three district cllrs? Cllr Wallace confirmed that WCC has large wards so three district cllrs in each ward. WCC Cllr Pearson's report is attached (Appendix C). HCC Cllr Lumby & PCSO Wheeler-Osman were unable to attend the meeting. No reports submitted.	

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4	Consultation on Parish Open Spaces	Cllr Quinn gave a brief introduction to what the SDNPA Local Plan Review is and how the Park has asked for Town and Parish Councils to assist them with developing the evidence base for this review. The purpose of the Open Spaces study is to understand how much public open space is available across the National Park and identify any shortfall. Villagers were shown a draft copy of a table compiled by the PC (see slide 3 of presentation), and comments were received as follows: • Glebe field - dog walking should be added as a 'good point'. • Speltham Down - possible improvement could be more control of the spread of saplings. • Speltham Down - it was clarified that the Down was bought for the National Trust through 80% funding by HCC and 20% contribution from villagers. • Unused land at Stewarts Green - Cllr Wallace may be able to escalate. Clerk to send details. • Mason's field - it was clarified that in 1985 the Village voted to use this as a village green, but the idea was blocked by WCC. • Village Hall playground & green spaces - Youth Hut area should be included in this; and pre-school and car-parking should be added to the 'used for' column. • Old Barn Crescent should be added as an open space.	Clerk

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5	Consultation on Parish Priority Statement	Cllr Quinn confirmed that the PPS is in the context of the Village Design Statement (VDS), which will form the majority of the parish's submission. Villagers were posed a number of questions under the following headings, and responses were recorded: Vision for the Future - Three Key Changes (slide 5) • Amelioration of traffic issues • No large vehicles through the village (by-pass required); • Greening of the village centre; • Parking solutions • Sustainable, active travel (buses; safer walking/cycling routes) • Renewable energy solutions • Solar panels on every house; • Communal ground-source heating. • Affordable housing • Scope for young people to find an affordable house in the village. Type & Level of Development in Hambledon (slides 6&7) • Affordable housing • 'Donkey Field' • Greening/community energy initiative • North Glebe Field Specific Areas to be Protected (slide 8) It was agreed that this is covered by the VDS. Types/Size of Homes We would Like in Our Community (slides 9 & 10) Smaller, more affordable housing. Natural Environment (slide 13) • Cllr Quinn requested that the HG working group consider opportunities and come back to the PC in 4-5 weeks. • Cllr Lee commented that there are local nature recovery strategies in operation e.g. via HCC. • Link in with improving pedestrian access along Green Lane?	

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	Consultation on Parish Priority Statement Cont.	Infrastructure (slide 16) • Travel priorities • Electric vehicle charging (Village Hall Committee has discussed this but it is complicated. Is the demand there? Would villagers be happy with additional vehicles coming into the village to use it? VH would like to hear the views of parishioners.) • Waste & water infrastructure • Sewage issues need to be resolved. • Broadband • Needs to cover the whole village. • Mobile signal • Poor signal is an issue for many residents (and can impact on businesses too). • Dependent on mobile phone provider. • Homes with poor WAN signal can't have a smart meter. • Planning permission was granted some years ago for a mast to be erected on the hill opposite Stewarts Green. Unfortunately, nothing has been taken forward (it was noted that there was a Government scheme at the time which rewarded companies for obtaining planning but gave no penalty for not actually putting up the mast). Full presentation available in Appendix D.	
11	Open forum	No points were raised by members of the public.	Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

APPENDIX A

Chair's Report of the Year

GOOD EVENING AND WELCOME TO EVERYONE TO THIS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MY NAME IS TERESA ENCKE AND I HAVE BEEN THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR ABOUT 9 OR 10 MONTHS.

THANKYOU ALL FOR COMING. AS YOU WILL SEE FROM THE AGENDA THERE WILL BE A VERY BRIEF OVERVIEW FROM MYSELF FOLLOWED BY REPORTS FROM VARIOUS BODIES AND SOME INFORMATION ABOUT CONSULTATIONS ON THE OPEN SPACES OF THE PARISH AND ON THE PARISH PRIORITY STATEMENT.

ONCE THAT IS ALL COMPLETE, THE FLOOR IS OPEN TO EVERYONE TO DISCUSS ISSUES AND RAISE IDEAS. THE TIMING FOR THIS IS A BIT OPEN ENDED BUT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A GLASS OR WINE!

THE PC WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND ITS GRATITUDE TO PAUL QUINN WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY THE CHAIR FOR MANY YEARS AND WHO IS NOW THE DEPUTY CHAIR - HOPING TO GUIDE ME!

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ANOTHER LONG-SERVING MEMBER - JOHN THORNTON - WHO FINALLY RESIGNED EARLIER THIS YEAR AFTER A LONG SERVICE AND WHO IS REPLACED BY VERITY LAMB - WHO WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME .

ALSO WITH US TODAY ARE DANNY LEE AND MALCOLM WALLACE - TWO OF OUR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS FROM CENTRAL MEON VALLEY WARD. I BELIEVE THAT MALCOLM WILL GIVE US A BRIEF REPORT LATER ON.

AS ALWAYS THIS PAST YEAR HAS BEEN ONE OF CHALLENGES AND TRIUMPHS. PERHAPS THE BIGGEST TRIUMPH HAS BEEN THE RE-BUILD OF THE PLAYGROUND IN THE VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING AND HAS NOT BEEN WITHOUT ITS CHALLENGES DURING THE BUILD - INCLUDING THE WEATHER. THE SCARS ARE STILL VISIBLE ON THE GRASSED AREA AND THIS IS SOMETHING THE PC AND VH ARE CONTINUING TO DEAL WITH. THE FORMAL OPENING WAS LAST WEEK BY FRED DINEAGE WHO GAVE A SHORT SPEECH, A BIT OF A STORY AND HAD SOME FAN PHOTOS TAKEN!!

HAMBLEDON GREENING HAS BEEN ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY, WITH THE NEW RECYCLING BIN IN ITS TRIAL PERIOD IN THE VH CAR PARK AND THE HUGE SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL ALONG WITH THE ECO-CHURCH ALSO LAST WEEKEND.

THE BETTER STREETS WORKING GROUP (NOW CALLED BEAUTIFUL AND SAFER STREETS) CONTINUES TO WORK TO UPDATE PARISH SIGNAGE AND TO FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT REGARDING THE SPEED, VOLUME AND SIZE OF THE TRAFFIC THROUGH OUR STREETS INCLUDING OUR NARROW LANES. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE THIS IS A LONG HAUL DISCUSSION WITH MANY INTERESTED PARTIES.

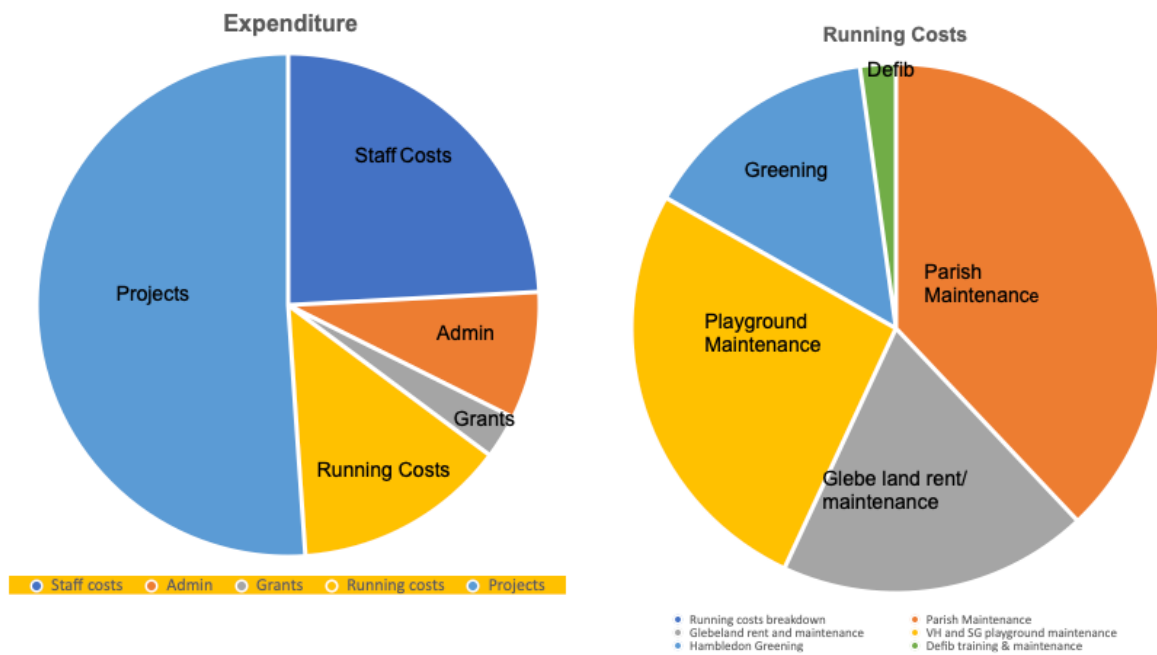
HAVING SURVIVED THE SIGNIFICANT RAINFALL OF WINTER WITHOUT THE AWFUL UPHEAVALS OF 2014. WE MUST THANK THE DILIGENCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FLOOD ACTION GROUP AS WELL AS THE ABILITY OF THE BIG PIPE TO KEEP OUR SURFACE WATER UNDER CONTROL. HOWEVER, CONCERNS REMAIN ABOUT THE INABILITY OF THE LOCAL SEWAGE PUMPING STATION TO COPE WITH THE EFFECT OF THE RAINFALL. WE MANAGED TO ARRANGE A VISIT TO INSPECT BY FLICK DRUMMOND MP, THE AFTERMATH OF THE ISSUES BUT WE STILL AWAIT ANY SIGNIFICANT ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THIS PROBLEM FROM OCCURRING AGAIN. THE PC CONTINUES TO LOBBY FOR IMPROVEMENTS.

APPENDIX B

Finance WG Report

Hambledon - Budget 2023/24

Income		
Parish precept	49,907	
Expenditure		
	£	%
Staff costs	12,060	0.24
Admin	4,097	0.08
Grants	1,400	0.03
Running costs*	6,850	0.14
Projects	<u>25,500</u>	<u>0.51</u>
	49,907	1.00
*Running costs breakdown		
Parish Maintenance	2,600	0.05
Glebe land rent and maintenance	1,300	0.03
VH/SG playgrounds maintenance	1,800	0.04
Hambledon Greening	1,000	0.02
Defib training & maintenance	<u>150</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	6,850	0.15
Projects		
Playground upgrade	25,000	0.50
Coronation party	<u>500</u>	<u>0.01</u>
	25,500	0.51



Winchester District Comparative Precepts

	Band D	increase
HAMBLETON	97.04	14.70%
CURDRIDGE	95.16	29.80%
HEADBOURNE WORTHY	66.27	29.30%
ITCHEN VALLEY	45.38	-0.70%
MICHELDEVER	76.04	4.00%
OLIVERS BATTERY	53.54	5.00%
OTTERBOURNE	56.05	-1.30%
TWYFORD	151.90	2.60%
WONSTON	60.11	1.60%
DENMEAD	181.00	5.40%
WINCHESTER AVERAGE	99.41	

The last three years must be the most extraordinary period that most of us can remember. Fortunately global pandemics rarely occur. The last, or so history records, was an Influenza Pandemic that followed the First World War. That killed millions of people world wide. Fortunately scientists discovered vaccines very quickly for Covid-19 and its variations. ‘Lockdowns’ were

imposed in many countries – not always popular, but these along with the vaccines seemed to have contained its worse excesses, but it seems now to be endemic – like the common cold and so it is still with us! “Take care, avoid crowds, and test” is now the mantra.

Council Bodies

Council
Health and Environment Ctte
Planning Ctte
North Whiteley Development Forum
Joint West of Waterlooville Planning Ctte
Licensing and Regulation Ctte (Deputy)

Outside Bodies

River Hamble Harbour Management Ctte
Winchester District Board of the Council to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

Meetings, and other business went on-line, and the majority of the Council officers were directed to stay at home and use the internet for their work. Journeys from home to Winchester (and other venues) stopped! Some preferred that style of working, and still do, but it has its disadvantages as most homes do not have an extra room to set aside for an office. No doubt you had similar trials (pets and children?) in your day-to-day life.

The work of your local Councils continues although many meetings are now ‘on-line’ using Microsoft Teams, or Zoom, indeed some, like the “Briefing/Training” sessions, still are. The main committees mention above are now ‘face-to-face’.

So, what does a Councillor do? Effectively we are a link between yourselves and the ‘officers’ in Winchester, indeed sometimes with local people and organizations within the Central Meon Valley Ward. In many ways we, in this Ward are fortunate with ‘relatively easy access’ to local shops for food and easy access to the countryside for healthy exercise.

My main Committee interests are listed above. You will see that all are linked, in some way, with the Environment. To me that means the countryside!

Even Planning which essentially involves houses or work places; the environment is an essential consideration. Are the houses and work places that we build suitable for the changes brought on by the “climate emergency”. Declared by most back in 2019. In my other life I was a teacher/examiner of geography and history. We taught about the need for “green lungs” in our urban areas; and about “Spaceship Earth” with its closed environmental systems – not too different from our planet only with a very much bigger crew!

Advances in meteorology produced detailed data over the period from the 1960s taught us that certain gases, especially methane and carbon dioxide warm up quickly. Warm air evaporates water and cooling over land produces rainfall; warmer air equals more violent weather conditions, and a rapidly changing climate.

It follows that flowers and plants generally, especially trees when they take in water and then transpire water vapour and oxygen (via photosynthesis) are an essential part of our environmental system. We argue that housing developments must have green plants, and open spaces – “the green lungs” that we all need. We are very aware that we must insulate our buildings, reduce draughts, and reduce heat loss through our windows. We also plan for ‘solar farms’. We have just granted planning permission for a ‘farm’ of over 53,000 solar panels close by Bishop’s Waltham. Unfortunately this means a loss of farmland, usually pasture!

We need the electrical energy for 21st century life and the use of “fossil fuels” is not deemed to be a viable alternative. It has been Winchester’s policy for several years that ‘fracking’ to extract methane gas not be permitted in Hampshire, and Winchester District even though we have been aware since the geophysical research in the 1990s that there are possible ‘traps’ containing water/oil/methane some two kilometres down!

Water supply and its disposal is another issue for the health and environment committee. Technically we use more water in Hampshire than rain provides. At present we draw water from rivers and the aquifers underground; but we have a growing population in South Hampshire and those supplies are increasingly being stretched. Much of the infrastructure for the supply of water, and its disposal is antiquated and so we have supply failures and burst sewerage piping. Sudden downpours of rain into the system is overwhelming hence leaks of ‘fountains of sewerage’! Southern Water tell us that they haven’t paid dividends to their shareholders since 2017. The money has all gone back into the infrastructure. Portsmouth are establishing a large reservoir north of Havant – Thickets Reservoir- because their wells are not as productive as in the past. Budd’s Farm may see a water recycling plant to add to our water supply. All future housing (planning) must be able to use “grey water” in the cure. Why are we using fresh water to flush the ‘loo’?

One of the issues that we pursue with the River Hamble Harbour Management Cttee is polluted water (especially nitrates and dissolved phosphorus) from farmland (fertilizer), and from sewerage outflows. Are our rivers and beaches to be safe for bathing etc and for fishing in the future?

Health and the Environment Cttee also considers Waste Collection and Recycling. Local Authorities collect the waste while Hampshire County Council, via Integra disposes of it by selling it to be recycled or dispose of it via incineration to produce electricity. Very little goes into landfill. The garden waste is turned into compost using “wind-rows”. This is much better for food production than that from anaerobic digesters because compost from the latter may contain meat and this may contaminate the land even though the methane gas produced can be used for electricity generation.

The Winchester District Planning Policy Cttee of the C.P.R.E. is concerned with the preservation of our beautiful countryside from ill-considered development that damages our environment. They usually have an input into any debate about development - from housing to solar farms. They rightly argue that ‘brownfield’ land should be redeveloped before the countryside is “desecrated” by housing. They also, are in the “green lungs” lobby (my words!)

Alongside all of this I help, and sometimes, advise residents: problems with planning enforcement, drain overflows, highways issues e.g. potholes in our country lanes, the state of pavements in our villages and act as a liaison between residents and the officers up in Winchester – both City, and Hampshire!

Troubling issues relate to overgrown hedges and blocked drainage pipes, and swales. It is amazing what some put down their drain – nappies, toys, and fat!

This is a growing issue throughout the District with 'burst' sewers in Winchester (High Street), Colden Common, Brambridge, Hambledon, and Waltham Chase. Part of the problem in those areas that have 'older housing' is that storm water is directed into the sewer system. These sudden influxes of storm water burst out of the inspection covers carrying with it sewerage.

SDNP Revision of the Local Plan

Hambledon input

Parish Council May 2023

Slide 1

Open Space Assessment

- Identify current OS provision
- Evidence of OS quality
- In order to protect the existing and provide new OS through policy

Slide 2

Open Space	Hectares	Typology	Used for?	Good points	Bad and possible improvements	Access	Landowner
St Peter and St Paul Churchyard	3	Cemetery and Churchyard	Buriels Public access Footpath	Managed ecologically. Green open beautiful space Tranquility	Removal of a large red cedar in due course	Church lane	Church of England
Glebe Fields	2	Amenity Greenspace	Tennis Football Village celebrations	Community space Tennis facilities Used by Primary School	None	Church lane	Rented by Parish Council
Church Car Park	1	Open Access LAnd	Car Park	Parking is tight in Hambledon	Rough in places, access via small private road through churchyard	Church of England	
Speltham Down	7	Natural and Semi natural green space	Pubic recreation Sheep grazing	Large open space for villagers	Management could be better	West St and Speltham Hill Rd	National Trust
Stewart Green open space	1	Amenity green space	Residents of Stewart's Green Children playing	Easy access for residents	Install play equipment for older children	Stewart's Green	WCC
Unused land at Stewarts Green	0.5	Natural and semi natural green space	Nothing	Potential for renaturing and public access	Mismanaged by WCC	Stewart's Green	WCC
Field to West of Glebe land	7	Grazing Land	Grazing	Access, size, agricultural buildings	Turn into a public access space for allotments, outside learning and worship space	Hog Lane	Church of England Portsmouth Diocese
Mason's Field	3	Agricultural land	Fallow	Access	None, potential as 'village green	West St	Private
Donkey Field	5	Agricultural land	Grazing	Access Green gap in linear development	None	East St	Private
Village Hall playground and green space	1	Children's play equipment	Childens Play Support of VH events	Access]New equipment installed by Parish Council	None	West St	Village Hall Charity
Broadhalfpenny Toen	6	Amenity Greenspace	Cricket	Very historical site for cricket wit memorial installed	None	Hyden Farm Lane	Broadhalfpenny trust
The Gardens	0.1	Amenity Greenspace	Verge	Access for residents of the Gardens, central to the village. WCC say they want to improve the area	Inertia by WCC	West St	WCC

Slide 3

What size of home is needed locally?

- Eg 2, 3 or 4 bedroom homes
- Any other requirements?
 - Eg energy performance, renewable technology.

Slide 16

Slide 8

What type of homes would you like to see in our community?

- Eg affordable homes, self build, specialised care, elderly care.

Slide 10

Public Spaces

- What are the important green spaces in our Parish?
- Any opportunity for nature recovery?

Slide 13

Slide 15

Parish Priorities Statement

Used to set priorities in the National Park

- This is in the context of our Village Design Statement which involved whole village input and review - which will form the majority of our submission.
- The SDNP asks a number of questions.
- Consultation today may lead to further sessions if thought necessary.

What is our vision for the future?

- What are the three key changes we would like to see in Hambledon over the next 15 years?
- When should they happen?

Slide 5

What type and level of development would you like to see in Hambledon?

- Eg homes, employment, community facilities.

Slide 6

Infrastructure

What local infrastructure does Hambledon need and where are there shortfalls or a lack of provision?

- Eg travel priorities
- Roads, parking
- Community buildings need
- Waste and water infrastructure
- Broadband
- Renewable energy
- Mobile signal

Are there any specific areas we want protected for other uses?

- What are the reasons for not developing?
- Where exactly?

Particular features of buildings of local character

- Eg building materials, boundary treatments.
- Important points from the VDS.

Are there any areas of local character which are particularly important to the local community?

- Suggest we lean on the VDS for this area, but anything to add?

Natural Environment

Opportunities to make nature bigger better and more joined up.

- Eg connecting two areas of woodland or the restoration of a local pond.