



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council  
01 June 2026; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Wallace (WCC; left 7.59pm); Cllr White (WCC; left 7.59pm); and two members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.34pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
3018	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of all villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
3019	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Mills-Goodlet.  Apologies also received from Cllr Lee (WCC).	
3020	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
3021	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
3022	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. Comments from members of the public on the following items/issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greening - National Adaption Phase <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sue Crossley introduced Terena Plowright (Greening Campaign).</li> <li>Climate change (due to whatever cause) means that we need to adapt. The campaign has been building up to this for circa 10 years. Working with Oxford Uni &amp; Met Office. £150,000 funding for each. Asked to pick four communities to work with. Hambledon has been selected (mainly due to its history of flooding etc). Will be considering historical events of climate change &amp; how this has affected the community, then look forward at projections, responsibilities, and mitigation plans.</li> <li>Three workshops - training members of the community. Subject to PC approval, will run workshops under Met Office guidance. Over the next circa 18 months. Flooding is a major focus. Looking at what could go wrong and how it might be prevented. (Cf emergency planning/resilience plan.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

3023	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
3024	District councillor's report & questions arising	<p>Report received (see Appendix A). Additional points discussed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criteria for Small District &amp; Greener Faster grants has changed and PCs are no longer able to apply.</li> <li>• Planning consultation - very few apps will go to Committee. PCs and WCC councillors will not be able to ask for an app to be taken to Committee. Expected to come in end of October 2026.</li> <li>• Waste water contacts sheet has been sent out to PCs. Cllr Wallace thanked for this.</li> <li>• PC member asked Cllr Wallace for feedback on AMP - very positive.</li> </ul>	
3025	County councillor's report & questions arising	No report received.	
3026	Mins of previous meeting (14/05/26)	Agreed as a true record.	
3027	Clerk's progress report	<p><b>Parish Lengthsman Agreement</b> - schedule for 2026/27 as follows: 10/04/26; 30/06/26; 13/10/26; &amp; 01/02/27. Cllrs to advise on work for 30/06/26 visit. Suggestions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20s Plenty sign (Church Lane, by Primary School) - foliage to be cleared back.</li> <li>• Footpath 30a (Cllr Hand to send photos to Clerk) - Clerk to contact landowner to ask for fp to be restored.</li> </ul> <p><b>Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane</b> - no update.</p> <p><b>Flooding on road near Kings Rest</b> - 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 &amp; re-submit. [In the latest flooding, this area was not bad, so perhaps there is not a serious issue here?]</p> <p><b>Useful/Emergency Info Leaflets</b> - WCC Small Grant fund awarded £150. On-going. Clerk &amp; Cllr Encke to consider whether this could accommodate an emergency plan for the village.</p> <p><b>Drain clearance</b> - E-mail sent 05/02/25 to Gina Chandler (HH) re blocked drains throughout Village. Response received from HH via Cllr Wallace 23/05/25 - 'We have made several attempts to identify and clear the various drainage features on Green Lane, with limited success. The site is currently with our colleagues in the Planned Maintenance team to develop and design a scheme to permanently resolve the issue.' No update.</p> <p><b>BASS Projects SIDs</b> - application submitted 06/05/26. Response received 08/05/26. None of the locations suggestions are deemed to be suitable. Clerk has written to, and received a response from, Dr Danny Chambers MP. He has written to HCC (awaiting a response) and will address concerns over speeding motorbikes on the B2150 to the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner. Site visit with Danny to take place at first opportunity. Clerk to respond to HH with examples of local SIDs where stringent rules (eg off-road space for operative to park car; 1.5m verge etc) have not been applied.</p>	Clerk

3027 cont.	Clerk's progress report cont.	<p><b>CMV Parish shared P/T Ecologist/Nature Recovery Officer</b> - e-mail re queries identified at 05/01/26 meeting sent to Cllr Lee 20/01/26. Response received &amp; forwarded to cllrs. No progress at present time.</p> <p><b>Village Entrance Gates</b> - application submitted 18/03/26. Awaiting response from HH. (PC's dissatisfaction with HH's level of support and speed of responses has been expressed to Dr Danny Chambers MP.)</p>	
3028	Annual Governance Statement 2025/26	<b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has completed and approved the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2025/26.	
3029	Accounting Statements 2025/26	<b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has approved the Accounting Statements for the financial year 2025/26.	
3030	Annual Internal Audit Report 2025/26	<p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has received and approved the Annual Internal Audit Report for the financial year 2025/26, and acknowledged the recommendations made within that report, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of required standard documents - will be completed annually in May.</li> <li>• Review of independence/competence of IA &amp; confirmation of appointment - see item 3031 (to be repeated annually).</li> <li>• High reserves - mainly due to HH obstructing SS projects. PC may wish to move some funds into other projects and/or an interest-bearing account.</li> <li>• Public rights dates to be minuted - see item 3032 (to be repeated annually).</li> <li>• Data audit - to be done by Clerk and all cllrs. Clerk to research and send info to cllrs.</li> </ul>	Clerk/All Cllrs
3031	Internal Auditor	<b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has reviewed the independence and competence of its internal auditor (Do the Numbers Ltd), and confirms re-appointment for the current financial year.	
3032	Period for the Exercise of Public Rights	<b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has approved Wed 3rd June to Tues 14th July (inclusive) as the period for the exercise of public rights. This is a period of 30 working days including the first 10 working days of July.	Clerk
3033	Conflict of Interest with BDO LLP Form	<b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has approved the form confirming that it has no conflict of interest with BDO LLP (external auditor).	Clerk
3034	Statement of Internal Control	<b>Resolved:</b> that, based on the recommendation made within the internal audit for 2025/26, the PC has adopted a statement of internal control.	
3035	New policies	<p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has approved the following new policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant Aid</li> <li>• Training &amp; Development</li> </ul> <p>The following policy will be considered at the next PC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delegation</li> </ul>	Clerk

3036	Updated/New Terms of Reference	<p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has approved updated/new terms of reference for the following committee/working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Committee</li> <li>• Finance WG</li> <li>• Safer Streets WG</li> <li>• Village Maintenance WG</li> <li>• Recreation &amp; Sport WG (to incorporate the existing tennis WG ToR)</li> </ul> <p>The following ToR require additional work with members and will be considered at the next PC meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Resilience WG</li> <li>• Hambledon Greening WG</li> </ul>	Clerk
3037	Bank account	<p><b>Bank balance - £87,728.44 @ 31 May 2026;</b> bank statement 198 (01 May to 31 May 2026) will be forwarded to cllrs as soon as it becomes available.</p>	Clerk
3038	Payment of accounts	<p>Mrs J C Tester <b>Clerk salary May 2026</b> <b>£1,070.38</b>  Mrs J C Tester <b>Clerk O/T &amp; expenses May 2026</b> <b>£204.30</b>  Mr R Clarke <b>Expenses May 2026 (AMP purchases)</b>  <b>£106.63</b></p> <p>NEST <b>Clerk pension May 2026</b> <b>£103.15</b>  Hambledon V/H <b>Hall hire May 2026</b> <b>£72.50</b>  Biffa <b>Recycling bin collection May 2026</b> <b>£101.95</b>  JH Tree Services Ltd <b>Village maintenance May 2026</b>  <b>£375.00</b></p> <p>Do the numbers Ltd <b>Internal audit 2025/26</b> <b>£270.00</b>  HALC Ltd <b>Training for Cllrs Piper &amp; Wale</b> <b>£288.00</b>  <u>[Note: this payment is in addition to those listed on the agenda as the invoice was received after its publication.]</u></p> <p>Moritz Flohr <b>Tennis coaching May 2026</b> <b>£100.00</b>  <u>[Note: this is an amendment to the agenda figure of £60.00 since it includes coaching 30/05/26 which took place after the agenda was published.]</u></p> <p>Alfie Goodwin-Hudson <b>Tennis coaching May 2026</b> <b>£40.00</b></p>	Clerk

3039	Planning applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDNP/26/01780/HOUS - 6 Stewarts Green, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SU. Two storey side extension. [NO OBJECTION.]</li> <li>• SDNP/26/01823/LIS - Court House, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RX. Demolition of modern stud walls around a WC, a short length of brick wall and the insertion of a sauna cassette and WC/shower room. [NO OBJECTION.]</li> <li>• SDNP/26/01699/TCA - St Peter And Paul Church, Church Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RS. T1 - Yew - owned by churchyard. Reduce southern canopy by 1.5m back to suitable growth points to maintain clearance from dwelling. Finishing cuts no greater than 50mm in diameter. Please note this application is in conjunction with The Old Vicarage. [NO COMMENTS.]</li> <li>• SDNP/26/01700/TCA - The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RP. T2 - Yew + T3 - Yew. Reduce east side of canopy overhanging garden of Churchgate House by 1.5m back to suitable growth points. Finishing cuts to be no greater than 50mm in diameter, to maintain overhang. Please note this application is in conjunction with one for St Peters + St Pauls Church. [NO COMMENTS.]</li> </ul>	Clerk
3040	Planning apps received after 26/05/26	None received.	
3041	Planning decisions	Noted.	
3042	Annual meeting of the Parish	<p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has reviewed the Annual Meeting of the Parish, held 21st May 2026, and discussed the following issues arising that require further action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No issues/actions required. Good news received re SW funding for 750m of pipe lining.</li> <li>• One member of the public complained, but generally very positive feedback on the less formal structure of the event.</li> <li>• Circa 60+ residents attended, which is better than previous years.</li> <li>• Cllrs agreed that the same format will be used next year, with the following small adjustments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move back to main VH, rather than use Pavilion (for more space).</li> <li>• Allow more time for set-up (made more difficult this year due to residents arriving early).</li> <li>• Set up more chairs for those that need to sit down (will be easier in a larger space).</li> <li>• Chair to give a brief welcome/intro to councillors 10-15 minutes after the start.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
3043	Safer Streets WG	<p>No report received. Points discussed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues with SIDs approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllrs to send photos to Clerk of SIDs in local parishes (to be sent to HH and Dr Danny Chambers MP).</li> <li>• Clerk to make contact with Upham PC re their issues with HH re-licencing village entrance gates.</li> <li>• Cllrs questioned whether rules have recently been changed? This question can be asked of HH.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>All Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p>

3044	Litter picking equipment	<b>Resolved:</b> that approval of the purchase of litter-picking equipment (using CIL funds) is to be deferred to July PC meeting, to allow the Clerk more time to research options and suppliers, and potentially also look at donations from businesses whose products create a lot of the waste, such as McDonalds & Red Bull.	Clerk
3045	Recreation & Sport WG	Report received (see Appendix B).	
3046	Annual playground inspections	<b>Resolved:</b> that this item is postponed until the annual playground inspection reports are received.	
3047	Tennis coaching	<p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has reviewed and approved the plan for tennis coaching summer 2026 onwards, as per the Recreation &amp; Sport WG report, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alice G-H to supervise Mima and/or Rosanna for any sessions that they coach.</li> <li>• Mima and Rosanna to complete appropriate Safeguarding training (paid for by the PC) as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Alice/coaches to ensure that parents/guardians of <u>all</u> children taking part in coaching sessions have signed the declaration form. All declaration forms should be passed to the Clerk.</li> <li>• Alice/coaches to ensure that the names of all children taking part in coaching sessions are recorded in the diary provided by the Clerk. This must be kept locked in the tennis shed.</li> <li>• A coaching schedule should be drawn up by Alice/the coaches and provided to the Clerk and parents/carers at the start of each month. Last minute changes to be communicated via the tennis WhatsApp group.</li> <li>• All coaches, when they reach the age of 17, must obtain DBS clearance (paid for by the PC) as soon as possible.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, the following actions are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to seek advice from insurance co. re public and employer liabilities.</li> <li>• Clerk/Cllr Mills-Goodlet to create document with points of procedure to follow for coaches/supervisor (eg regarding safeguarding; H&amp;S etc).</li> <li>• Clerk to re-iterate to Alice the importance of the parent/carer declaration forms &amp; to ensure all are held by the PC.</li> </ul>	Clerk
3048	VH play area basketball post/net	<b>Resolved:</b> that a decision on the basketball post/net is postponed whilst the Recreation & Sport WG members (to be assisted by Cllr Encke)	Cllrs Mills-Goodlet & Encke/ Clerk
3049	Hambledon Greening	No report received. National Adaption Phase discussed during item 3022.	
3050	Reports & Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application to record a footpath from fp 13 to fp 15 in Hambledon (DMMO 1141) - notification received from HCC that this is approaching the top of the waiting list &amp; to send any additional information. Clerk requested and received confirmation that Dec 2025/Jan 2026 correspondence with Harry Goodchild has been noted on the file. Nothing further to add at this stage.</li> </ul>	
3051	Date/time of next meeting	Monday 6th July 2026 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm.	

3052	Confidential matters	No confidential matters were discussed.	
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**The meeting closed at 9.11pm**

**Signed:**

**Cllr Encke (Chair)**

**Dated:**

**APPENDIX A**

**Signed:**

**Joanna Tester (Clerk)**

**Dated:**

**Winchester City Councillor Report June 2026**  
 Cllr Malcolm Wallace ([mwallace@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:mwallace@winchester.gov.uk))  
 Cllr Danny Lee ([dlee@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:dlee@winchester.gov.uk))  
 Cllr Suzanne White ([SWhite3@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:SWhite3@winchester.gov.uk))

**New Mayor of Winchester**

Cllr Jamie Scott was elected as the 827th Mayor of Winchester for 2026/7. The Mayor’s charities this year are Winchester Hospice and St John’s Ambulance. Requests for the Mayor to attend a community event of opening ceremony can be made to the Mayor’s secretary: [mayorsecretary@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:mayorsecretary@winchester.gov.uk)

**Grant funding opportunities**

**District Small Grant Scheme- now open**

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

**Greener Faster Grants- opening soon**

Project funding contributions of up to £1,000 available to help organisations become more sustainable and to reduce their carbon emissions.

**Winchester CIL funding - two bidding windows in 2026, June and November**

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

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

Find more details on the Winchester City Council website: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations>

**Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)**

The Government has selected the five-unitary-authority model for local government reorganisation in Hampshire. Preparations are now underway to develop the Implementation Plan and governance arrangements for the new councils. Under the preferred option (Option 1A), a new Mid Hampshire Unitary Authority will be created, comprising the current areas of Winchester, Test Valley, New Forest and East Hampshire, together with associated boundary changes affecting some parishes. Councils are required to provide information to prepare the Structural Change Order for Parliament by end-June 2026. This will include warding and parish elections requirements. The Structural Change Order expected in Autumn 2026 will establish the legal requirement for the formation of new councils, abolish the existing councils and provide the transitional arrangements. Existing councils will remain responsible for services until 1 April 2028. The Order will replace any scheduled local elections in May 2027 with all out elections to the new Hampshire councils. Councillors will be elected for a first term of five years until 2032, serving most of their first year on the ‘shadow council’.

**Summary of timelines for Local Government Reorganisation.**

Milestone	Description	Date
Structural Changes Order Made	Legislation laid before Parliament to enact approved changes	Autumn 2026

Transition arrangements in place – Shadow Unitaries established	Existing councils will continue to deliver services whilst preparing for vesting day for new councils.  Elections to shadow unitary councils	1 April 2027
New Unitary Authorities Established – Vesting Day	New councils formally come into existence and assume powers. Existing Councils are abolished.	1 April 2028

## Planning

The direction of travel under the new English Devolution framework and the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Act 2026 is towards more strategic planning, larger governance areas, stronger mayoral powers, and reduced planning autonomy at district and future unitary authority level. Your County Councillor will provide further updates as the implications become clearer. One of the most significant changes is the reintroduction of strategic planning above individual council boundaries through Spatial Development Strategies (SDSs). These strategies will address housing, employment land, transport, infrastructure, energy, nature recovery and major growth locations across wider geographic areas rather than individual districts. While Local Plans will continue to exist, they will increasingly be required to align with the higher-level strategic framework established through SDSs. We expect to hear more in due course regarding the development of the Spatial Development Strategy, which is likely to be one of the foundational County Combined Authority's earliest and most important areas of work. Alongside these reforms, the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 will guide more prescriptively how future Local Plans are prepared and how planning applications are determined. This includes changes to the delivery of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) and wider planning decision-making processes. In the meantime, progress on the next two Local Plans affecting the Central Meon Valley ward, taking account of recent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, is outlined below.

### Next South Downs Local Plan

The final consultation before the plan is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination is now open for public comment. This consultation stage differs from previous consultations on the new Local Plan, as the Planning Inspector will be interested in comments related to the Local Plan's **soundness** and **legal compliance**. The consultation is open until **23 June 2026 (closing at 23.59)**. You can view and respond using the consultation platform at <https://southdowns-consult.objective.co.uk>. More information about the consultation, including details of drop-in events and how to respond is available [here](#).

### Next Winchester District Local Plan 2026-2044

Work has already commenced on the next Local Plan in line with the government's updated 30 month plan making process. Publication of the scoping consultation (Regulation 20) is targeted for June/July 2026 to deliver a new Plan by March 2029. <https://www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk/local-plan-2026-2044> The government's new National Planning Policy Framework is expected to be published and officially take effect in Summer 2026. Following the major draft reform consultation that ran until March 10, 2026, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is finalizing the policy for release. The updated NPPF, which will align with the rollout of a new 30-month statutory local plan-making system, shifts to a new 'rules based' system with more national, standardised decision-making policies.

### Community Buildings Forum for Winchester District Buildings (Thursday 25 June, 1:30-3:30pm)

The Communities Team are hosting a **Community Buildings Forum for Winchester district buildings on Thursday 25 June, 1:30-3:30pm**. The forum will be held at Colden Common Community Centre and is an opportunity to learn, network and share ideas and challenges. The forum is for anyone involved in running a community building in Winchester district. There will be a range of speakers and plenty of time for practical discussions led by participants. The last forum was well attended with over 40 people from buildings across our district. Discussions will include how volunteers can support local community buildings, with advice on how to recruit and retain volunteers. There will also be a talk on the latest funding available. Link to sign up to attend:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/winchester-district-community-buildings-forum-tickets-1989665060757>

### Portsmouth Water's Draft Drought Plan public consultation

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

## Housing

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

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

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

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

The next one in our area is:

Neighbourhood & Community	Keeping Our Communities Safe from Exploitation – How can we recognise and prevent issues like cuckooing?	Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 11:00am – 12:30pm	<a href="#"><u>The Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishops Waltham, Southampton, SO32 1ED</u></a>
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### **Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)**

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

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

From April to June 2026, Hampshire County Council, will work in partnership with Citizens Advice to deliver the scheme and enable individuals, if eligible, to be able to access support. A longer term scheme is expected to be launched over Summer 2026. Further information: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/crisis-resilience-fund/crisis-support>

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

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

### **Meon Valley Community Bus.**

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

### **Winchester City Council Community Hubs**

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

#### **Where and when:**

Alresford: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 10:00 – 12.00pm at St Gregory's Church, Grange Rd, Alresford SO24 9HB.

Wickham: Every 1st Monday of the month | 2.30pm - 4.30 pm. Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, Fareham PO17 5AL.

Winchester: Every 3rd Thursday of the month | 10.30am - 12.30pm. Unit 12 Community Food Pantry, Winnall Valley Rd, Winchester SO23 0LD.

Winchester: Every 3rd Monday of the month | 10.00am - 12pm. The Carroll Centre, Somers Close, Stanmore, Winchester SO22 4EJ.

### **My Home Made Better**

An initiative launched by the Hampshire Environment Centre [My Home Made Better](#). The aim is to inspire residents with one-to-one advice, case studies, videos, online resources, open homes, events and webinars, all designed to help individuals make more informed decisions about their properties. There is free training available for people who would like to become local 'energy champions', who will then be able to provide energy efficiency information to help residents improve their homes. Contact Stuart Mills at WinACC for more information [stuart.mills@winacc.org.uk](mailto:stuart.mills@winacc.org.uk)

### **Other Home Energy Efficiency opportunities**

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

- [The Energy Saving Trust](#) . Guidance for the type of insulation for properties..
- [Energy Company Obligation \(ECO4\) scheme](#) - supports energy efficiency measures for homes in fuel poverty.
- Note. There is a **higher grant** (recent 2026 change) **for switching to Air Source Heat Pumps**.
- Up to £9,000 → for homes currently using oil or LPG heating (off-gas properties)
- This uplift is targeted at rural/off-grid homes, where switching costs are higher.
- More info at: [What does the UK government's heat pump grant actually mean for oil-using households' bills? | Nesta](#)

## **APPENDIX B**

### **Recreation & Sport WG Report June 2026 Cllr Mills-Goodlet**

Due to being snowed under at work I haven't been able to move any further forward on attempting to gain court sponsorship apart from costings for the advertising banners. I would like to write to companies that advertise in the Hambledonian to ask whether they would like to pay for a court-side sponsorship banner. This would raise funds for the court resurfacing when that is due.

A more immediate situation has arisen with the availability of the two tennis coaches Moritz and Alfie. They are unfortunately in a position where they cannot commit to coaching so we are looking at other options. Rosanna and Mima GH are trained and ready to take over, but there are some reservations on safeguarding of the children being coached and for the welfare of the girls while they are at the court. With this in mind the following points will be in effect until all safeguarding training is completed.

- Alice G-H to supervise Mima and/or Rosanna for any sessions that they coach.
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- A coaching schedule should be drawn up by Alice/the coaches and provided to the Clerk and parents/carers at the start of each month. Last minute changes to be communicated via the tennis WhatsApp group.
- All coaches, when they reach the age of 17, must obtain DBS clearance (paid for by the PC) as soon as possible.

It has been agreed that the coaching will remain on a Saturday as Sundays don't sound like a viable option.