DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council
02 June 2025; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:
Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Silcock; Cllr Clarke; Cllr Lamb; Cllr Hand.

In Attendance:
Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Wallace (HCC & WCC; left 8.13pm); Cllr Lee (WCC; left 8.13pm); & one member of the public.

Meeting started at 7.36pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2675	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of all villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2676	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Mills-Goodlet. Apologies were also received from Cllr White (WCC).	
2677	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2678	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2679	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. The following issues were raised: • Ref item 2697 (Village gates) - request that village entrance signs are left in current positions, as here they will serve a defined purpose. Key is to gain best value for money. Removal of central white lines and replacement with side lines @ Park will be another important traffic calming measure.	
2680	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2681	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix A). Additional points discussed as follows: • WCC Local Plan - will this become null and void with devolution? [No. Policies will be really important going forward.]	

2682	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix B). Additional points discussed as follows: • Local Government Reorganisation - every local authority can put their plan forward. A need for them to data share and co-operate. • 'My Home Made Better' Scheme - dedicated tel no; personal advice about how you can improve your own property's energy efficiency. Free service. [Experts? No, not yet. Need to build up the knowledge. But will provide balanced, considered advice. If response is sub-optimal, let WCC/HCC councillors know.] • £69.9m reserves. Where from & what made up from? [Budget from what HCC anticipate will be collected from council tax. Burning through the reserves this year. Won't have much for next year. Min amount? Would need to check. Need to remember that a separate debt is building up for schools.]	
2683	Mins of previous meeting (07/05/25)	Agreed as a true record.	
2684	Clerk's progress report	Parish Lengthsman Agreement - schedule for 2025/26: 30/07/25; 05/11/25; & 05/02/25. Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - no update. Large puddle on pavement outside 13 West St/The Cross Tree - see 'drain clearance', below. Linked issue therefore remove from report. Southern Water issues - 20/05/25 site meeting with Floyd Cooper & James Clarke to look at damaged fence (Fareham Road) and manhole covers from Green Man to OFTR. Details/outcomes provided to councillors 21/05/25. 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. Big Pipe outlet ditch (blockage due to collapsed bank where RTA happened) - some work has now been carried out on the BP outlet ditch where the most recent RTA occurred. The main debris has been removed from the bed of the ditch but debris remains on the road-side bank, and the deteriorating condition of this bank is obvious. Photographs sent to Cllr Wallace. Response from HH 23/05/25 that 'works are now complete'. Councillors to advise if they wish to dispute this. 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. Villager drop-in 'surgeries' - no progress to date. Cllr Daly to take forward when time allows.	

2684 cont.	Clerk's progress report cont.	Drain clearance - e-mail sent 05/02/25 to Gina Chandler (HH) re blocked drains throughout Village. Member of the Highways Customer Support team has reported online on PC's behalf. Last updated 25/03/25 - initial assessment has taken place & further investigation will be carried out. Checked 06/05/25 - no change to status. 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.' CIL funding - SDNPA CIL fund application has been submitted for £30k for phase 1 of BASS traffic calming measures. Need to consider WCC CIL fund application. CityFibre works • £1000 received for bed reinstatement. • Adrian Smith still investigating whether chamber can be moved. Last e-mail sent 28/05/25 to chase update.	
2685	Annual Governance Statement 2024/25	**Resolved**: that the PC has completed and approved the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2024/25.	
2686	Accounting Statements 2024/25	**Resolved**: that the PC has approved the Accounting Statements for the financial year 2024/25.	
2687	Annual Internal Audit Report 2024/25	**Resolved**: that the PC has received the Annual Internal Audit Report 2024/25 part of the AGAR. The detailed IA report was not available at the time of the meeting hence this will be deferred to the July 2025 PC meeting.	Clerk
2688	Conflict of Interest with BDO LLP Form	**Resolved**: that the PC has approved the form confirming that it has no conflict of interest with BDO LLP (external auditor).	
2689	Bank account	**Bank balance - £59,480.26** @ 31 May 2025; bank statement 186, 01 May 2025 to 31 May 2025, has been forwarded to cllrs.	Clerk
2690	Payment of accounts	Mrs J C Tester **Clerk salary May 2025 £965.47** NEST **Clerk pension May 2025 £78.67** Mrs J C Tester **Clerk expenses May 2025 £260.10 (overtime - 18 hrs)** Hambledon Village Hall **Hall hire May 2025 £76.00** Biffa **Recycling bin collection May 2025 £88.85** JH Tree Services Ltd **Village maintenance May 2025 £375.00** Roger Davidson **£50.00** **Reimbursement for watering costs of Green Man beds '25** Dr Jo Walker **£50.00** **Reimbursement for watering costs of Green Man beds '25** Dr Jo Walker **£224.20** **Reimbursement for plants for Green Man beds** **The following payment was in addition to those listed on the agenda:** **Mrs J C Tester £134.10** Reimbursement for AMP wine (£34.48 returned; £26.97 received from T. Encke)	

2690 cont.	Payment of accounts cont.	Moritz Flohr **Tennis coaching May 2025** **£80.00** Alfie Goodwin-Hudson **Tennis coaching May 2025** **£80.00** Net World Sports **New tennis court net** **£130.09** (Paid by BACS 29/04/23 but missed on the 07/05/25 agenda/ minutes.)	Clerk
2691	Planning applications	• SDNP/25/02154/LIS - St Margarets, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RX. I wish to replace all the windows at the rear of my property. This includes 5 windows at ground floor level, 2 windows at first floor level and 1 window at attic level. The existing windows are 24mm double glazed with UPVC frames. I wish to replace them with 24mm double glazed windows with Meranti wood frames. The design will be similar. The rear of my property is not directly overlooked by neighbours. I am enclosing photos of the windows I wish to replace. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/25/01989/HOUS - The Hayloft, Speltham Hill, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RU. Sympathetically utilise an open space above my driveway that is connected to my home - my little house has 1 bedroom downstairs and 1 open living and dining room on the first floor. By extending the first floor over the driveway it would create additional living space. [OBJECTION on the basis that there is insufficient information to make an informed decision.] • SDNP/25/01872/HOUS - 25 Stewarts Green, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SU. Front porch extension, hip to gable loft conversion with front and rear dormers. Amendment to previous approved scheme SDNP/20/02418/HOUS. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/25/01771/LIS - Rosemead, Vicarage Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RP. An alteration to the approved drawings for SDNP/23/03507/LIS. The proposal is to change the concealed valley flat roof from lead to single ply membrane (dark grey finish) and to change the bay window flat roof from lead to zinc standing seam (quartz finish). To omit the 2no. roof lights from the east face of the pitched clay tile roof. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/25/02136/TPO - 2 Coachmans Halt, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RN. T1 Helen Brown has viewed this tree whilst discussing the other tree that has been recently removed large conifer to be removed to ground level due to continued decline. The tree is in poor condition and continues to loose large branches. It is not viable to reduce the canopy due to the species and the severity of the reduction to make it safe. The tree is close to both property and life and posses a severe risk. Replant with a beech tree. [NO COMMENT.]	Clerk
2692	Planning apps received after 27/05/25	None received.	
2693	Planning decisions	Noted, with the addition of the following: • SDNP/25/01314/PA3R - Park Farm, Agricultural Building, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SB. Change of use from agricultural to mixed commercial (Class E). PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED.	

2694	Annual Meeting of the Parish	**Resolved**: that the PC has reviewed the Annual Meeting of the Parish, held 15 May 2025, and concluded that there were no issues emerging that require further action.	
2695	Flood Action Group	No report received. Discussion took place regarding gaining info from Jan Jarvie re volunteers, vulnerable residents etc. Clerk to request info from JJ.	Clerk
2696	BASS WG	No report received.	
2697	Village Entrance Gates	**Resolved**: that the councillors have considered the brief provided by Cllr Silcock in advance of the meeting (see Appendix C), and agreed upon the final design spec for the village entrance gates, as follows: A. Glasdon full spec: gates made of rigid, wood effect material in white (circa 50 year lifetime); integral sign; gates installed by K Knight Engineering (formerly JK Engineering). Final detailed plans to be drawn up and provided to HH, and gates to be ordered once approval given. Kim Knight to be informed.	Clerk/Cllr Silcock
2698	Tennis WG	No report received. The Clerk informed councillors that Alice Godwin-Hudson completed the online safeguarding course 13/05/25. Coaches to book separate sessions asap.	
2699	Play WG	No report received & no additional updates.	
2700	Hambledon Greening WG	Report received (Appendix D). Cllr Lamb raised the following question: • Devolution and Strengthened Nature and Climate Duties: has the PC's response, drafted by HGC, been sent to Danny Chambers MP? [The Clerk confirmed that it had been sent and receipt acknowledged.]	
2701	Reports & Issues	None.	
2702	Date/time of next meeting	• Mon 7th July 2025 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm. Cllr Hand gave his apologies.	
2703	Confidential matters	No members of the public or press were present and no confidential matters were discussed.	

The meeting closed at 9.28pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

APPENDIX A

Winchester City Councillor Report May 2025

Cllr Malcolm Wallace (mwallace@winchester.gov.uk)
Cllr Danny Lee (dlee@winchester.gov.uk)
Cllr Suzanne White (SWhite3@winchester.gov.uk)

Winchester City Council's Local Area Energy Plan (LAEP)

Winchester City Council is using a new digital tool called LENZA to create a digital local area energy plan (LAEP) for the district. A local area energy plan is recognised as the best way of making sure local energy use is as green and efficient as possible. It can help identify the best locations for renewable technologies such as solar panels and electric vehicle charging points, and where the most suitable locations for renewable energy generation sites are in the district. Winchester's LAEP will be developed in collaboration with

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) Distribution and Advanced Infrastructure Technology Limited.

Future Energy Landscapes workshops

Energise South Downs have been organising workshops to support communities' understanding about the different possible renewable energy projects and helping them consider what mix of renewable technologies might be appropriate and acceptable to local people and their landscape. Energise South Downs are hosting Future Energy Landscapes in many communities across the South and have been supported with funding from several local authorities including East Hampshire District Council, Winchester City Council and South Downs National Park Authority. If your community would be interested in hosting a Future Energy Landscape workshop, you can find out more about the project and express your interest here: https://esd.energy/future-energy-landscapes/

Devolution

Devolution work is progressing to deliver a Mayor-led Strategic County Combined Authority covering Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton & IOW after Mayor elections in May 2026.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

In parallel with Devolution, Councils across Hampshire are working towards options for structural change to reshape local governance and streamlined services for new Unitary Authorities.The aim is for councils to define the configurations for potential Unitary Authorities, replacing existing two-tier arrangements. The proposals have to be **submitted to** Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 26 September 2025. Hampshire County Council and East Hants District Council have pulled out of the "collective" 15 Local Authorities group and are working separately on LGR having stated that "the most effective and sustainable form of local government for our residents and communities, utilising an evidence-based and defensible methodology, rather than individual organisational preferences". Ultimately, the importance of aligning LGR with devolution is manifest. And all proposals will need to demonstrate how new unitary structures will support devolution arrangements and interact with the Mayoral Strategic Authority. This includes ensuring 'sensible' population ratios and governance arrangements with optimal service delivery. Your Councillors have several concerns about the approach for Devolution and LGR and a number of issues that it is believed will not deliver the right type of reorganisation unless addressed:

· Distancing decision-making from local communities and undermining local identity.
· Undermining local place-based services effectively delivered by smaller councils that remain embedded within their communities.
· Diluting democracy. Contrary to Government claims of excessive Councillors numbers, district Councillors serve smaller wards, with a national average of 2,874 residents per councillor compared to an average 4,630 in unitary councils. Ensures better access and understanding of community needs.
· Lack of community support. Current process risks overlooking or disregarding local residents' views, which could erode public trust and legitimacy.
· Missed opportunities. An aggressive timeline neglects broader reforms needed across local public services to reduce inefficiency and enhance accountability.
· Environmental Duty gaps. A future Mayor-led County Combined Authority will oversee strategic planning without mandatory climate duties and with weak nature responsibilities—highlighting the critical gap in statutory environmental obligations for all local and public authorities.

We note our local MPs are being encouraged to consider:

1. **Tabling a Westminster Hall Debate** on local government reorganisation.
2. **Tabling an Oral Parliamentary Question** on local queries about local government reorganisation at monthly MHCLG Question Time.

We hope to see the above issues raised by our MP. Many of these risks have already been raised by our Local Authorities and local interest groups to Ministers. An additional Cabinet meeting has been arranged for Thursday 25 September. This meeting is to agree to the Council's LGR submission following consideration at Full Council on 24 September 2025. Parish Councils and the public can raise questions at these meetings.We will keep you informed on Devo/LGR progress. The latest public information is at: https://www.winchester.gov.uk/no-listing/devolution-and-local-government-reoganisation
If you have any questions about the LGR and Devolution, contact your Councillors.

Southern Water publishes Final Draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024
Southern Water's Final Draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024 (WRMP24) sets out long-term strategies to ensure reliable water supplies amid rising pressures from climate change, drought, and population growth, with the South East experiencing its driest spring since 1852 and an anticipated need for nearly 5 billion extra litres of water daily by 2050. In Hampshire, efforts focus on reducing leakage (already cut by 18%), improving water efficiency, and developing new sources such as the Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project, which will treat and store purified recycled water to support drought resilience. With a current shortfall of 166 million litres per day during severe drought, the project aims to reduce abstraction from sensitive chalk streams like the Test and Itchen and is expected to be operational by 2034. Temporary Drought Permits or Orders may be needed in the meantime, though this is considered unlikely before the mid-2030s. Southern Water is investing over £50 million in environmental mitigation, has dropped water import plans due to ecological risks, and emphasises the role of continued community engagement shaped by public feedback. To read the full plan, visit our dedicated webpage.'

A lack of water creates multiple problems beyond inconvenience and discomfort for the public. With groundwater abstraction, albeit to be constrained during droughts, Nature still suffers. Natural England have therefore designated compensatory measures for the River Test and River Meon under the Lower Itchen and Candover Augmentation Scheme Drought Orders. The aim is to offset potential adverse effects on the integrity of the River Itchen SAC during periods of drought to maintain the coherence of the national river site network. The need for these drastic measures has the strong support of the Office for Environmental Protection and Wildlife agencies as our national biodiversity is in a dire state and only 1 and 7 habitats are in a good ecological state, including aquatic. Help Southern Water to share ways on how everyone can use water wisely via your networks – more information can be found a**t Save a little water.**

Winchester Local Plan Update
The hearing sessions for the Local Plan Examination will complete on 6 June 2025. All of the hearing sessions are recorded and are available to view on the Local Plan website: Local Plan Examination - Winchester District Local Plan There will be a public consultation on any Major Modifications before the publication of the Local Plan in Dec 2024. 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 already commenced with the publishing of a timetable. The aim is to adopt this Local Plan in late 2028 - Local Plan Timetable - Winchester City Council

District Small Grant Scheme- now open
Grants of up to £3000 are available for not-for-profit organisations. This year's funding priorities are 'Healthy Communities' and 'Greener Faster'.
https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/small-grant-scheme

The River Meon Conservation volunteers received a District Small Grant last year to fund tools and equipment for their river monitoring work.

Rural England Prosperity Fund 25/26 - closes for applications 11th June 2025
Open for applications for not-for-profit and businesses with the themes of Community and Place, Local Business Support and People and Skills. https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/uk-shared-prosperity-fund

Interested community groups or businesses with a project they want to discuss are encouraged to contact the economy team at prosperity@winchester.co.uk for advice and information about how to apply.

Support for sustainable travel
Winchester City Council's Sustainable Travel Officer Anna Heron is offering support to help promote sustainable travel. This includes advice on community travel planning and collecting data to show what travel initiatives might be needed as well as help with travel events or funding for travel initiatives. Please contact aherron@winchester.gov.uk for more information.
Mayor of Winchester's Charity Event – A Talk on Churchill & Hampshire – Friday 13 June 2025, 7pm, Abbey House
For more information on how to get tickets please visit: ticketsource.co.uk

My Home Made Better
A new initiative has now been launched by the Hampshire Environment Centre.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

Local sustainability groups will be sharing this information with residents at some of the local summer fetes. More information can be found here - **https://myhomemadebetter.org/**

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..
● 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.

APPENDIX B **Hampshire County Councillor Report May 2025**

Cllr Malcolm Wallace (mwallace@winchester.gov.uk)

Devolution
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.
Local Government Reorganisation
Under national plans for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), central Government intends to replace Hampshire County Council, 11 district and borough councils across the county, plus the unitary councils of Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight, with a number of unitary local authorities, all delivering the same public services as they do now to help make councils more efficient and effective. All 15 local authorities in the region have been tasked to come up with proposals for how councils should be reorganised from 2028 onwards, evidenced against various criteria. They will then be submitted to central Government this autumn for a final decision.
Leader of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Nick Adams-King said: "Government has recently provided us with helpful feedback on the interim LGR proposals we collectively submitted earlier this year with our local authority partners across Hampshire and the Solent. Westminster has recognised that councils will have differing views on how new unitary councils should be configured in future, which is understandable as each council Leader will have different responsibilities to their residents. Therefore, recognising that multiple proposals may be submitted for our collective geography, Government has asked that we keep working collaboratively using shared data so we're all working from the same foundations, but that we use our individual voice where it is required."
"As council Leaders, we all have an individual and collective responsibility to determine the most effective and sustainable format for local government that will deliver the greatest benefit to our people and local communities. The County Council's duty is to its 1.4 million residents to whom we deliver 85% of the council services people receive across the Hampshire and Solent region. Our services lie at the heart of local communities, they are delivered at every stage of people's lives and deliver a lifeline to those most in need. I care deeply that these public services in future are of the best quality possible and are delivered by strong and financially sustainable unitary councils that are equipped to successfully withstand the major budget pressures that will continue to be felt across many parts of local government. This is the lens through which we now focus our dedicated LGR work so that we can be assured an effective plan will be in place for local government reorganisation in future."

More details on both devolution and reorganisation can be found at: Devolution and local government reorganisation | About the Council | Hampshire County Council

Timeline for Local Government Reorganisation



Consultation on Local Nature Recovery Strategy
The public are being asked for their views on the Draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire which sets out a series of biodiversity priorities to help reverse nature's decline.
Produced in conjunction with a wide range of organisations*, the draft strategy maps the most valuable existing habitat for nature, setting out proposals for creating, restoring and enhancing habitats, and suggests priorities and targets for nature's recovery.
The public consultation is open until 23 June.
Among a broad range of suggested priorities and actions, the draft strategy includes proposals that could:
• shape how future funding for farming and land management is used
• help local planning authorities to understand locations important for conserving and restoring biodiversity
• identify the highest priority areas for habitat creation and connectivity
• provide guidance on actions on farmland and woodland to achieve nature recovery and move towards more sustainable farming practices
• help guide local communities with funding applications for nature recovery projects
• suggest potential measures for embedding nature into urban infrastructure, such as stormwater management

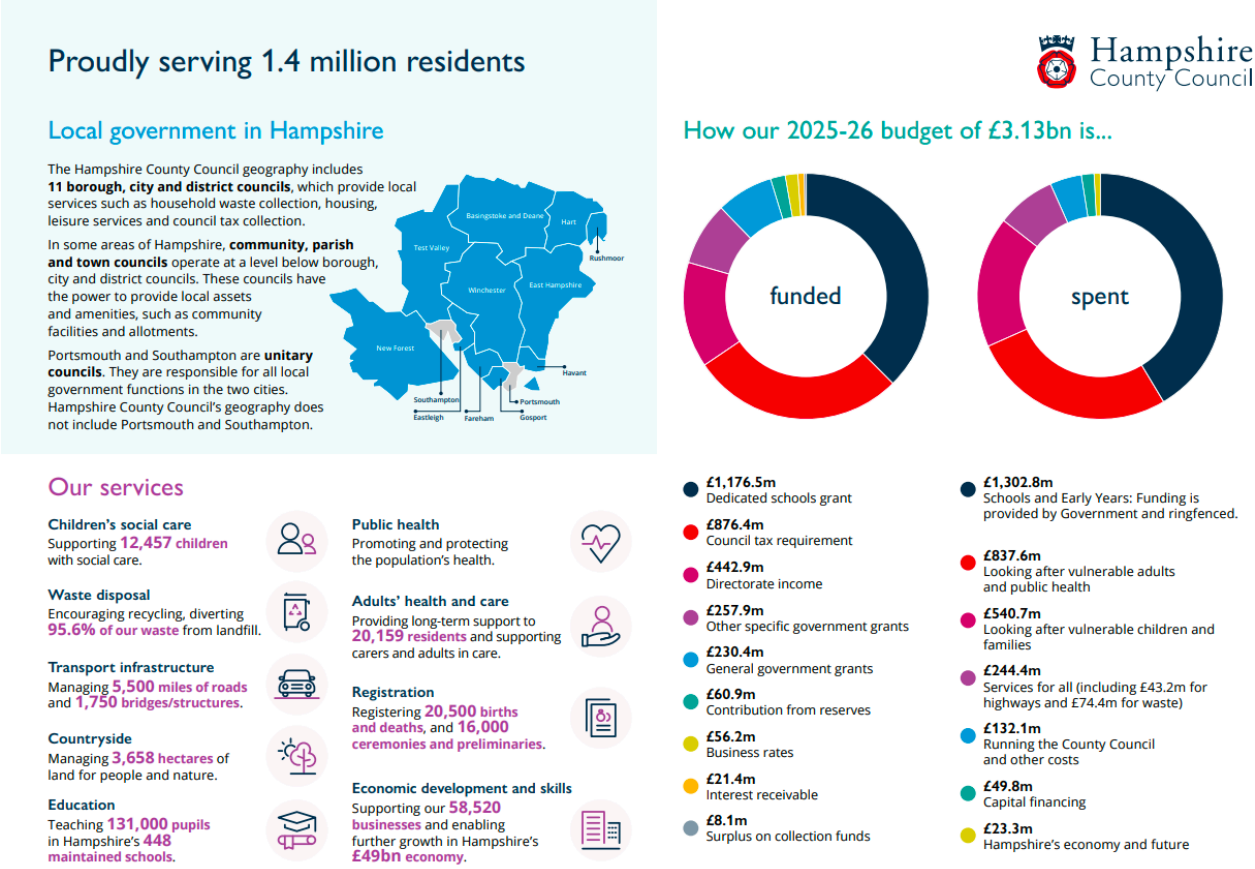
Having a Local Nature Recovery Strategy is crucial for preserving Hampshire's rich biodiversity and ensuring a sustainable future for our communities. By working alongside local partner organisations, in a joined-up and co-ordinated way, we stand the very best chance of restoring natural habitats, protecting wildlife, and enhancing the beauty of our countryside for generations to come. We now want to hear from the public and local communities on the range of proposals we are putting forward, so that when the time comes to consider the final recommendations, we can be assured that everyone with an interest in nature recovery has had an opportunity to have their say.
In 2021, the Environment Act required local areas to produce Local Nature Recovery Strategies. The Government designated Hampshire County Council as the Responsible Authority for delivering the strategy for the whole of Hampshire, including the areas covered by Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, as well as the New Forest and South Downs National Parks (that are within Hampshire).
The draft Strategy has been produced following comprehensive engagement with key stakeholders and local communities across Hampshire to understand what was important to them. An online survey was also available to gauge early thoughts from the public.
The final version of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire is expected to be published by the end of this year. More information about the approach being taken to nature recovery in Hampshire is available of the County Council's website: Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire | About the Council | Hampshire County Council
**Supporting authorities include the local planning authorities of Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils, Hampshire's district and borough councils, the New Forest and South Downs National Parks, as well as Natural England.*

Free Advice to Reduce Your Home Energy Bills
The Environment Centre has launched a ground-breaking service to make our homes warmer, greener and cheaper to run. It's called ***My Home Made Better***, and it offers free and impartial advice on everything from insulation and heating upgrades, to switching to new energy-efficient technologies. Experienced energy advisers will simplify complex information and dispel myths to guide you through your options and help you find the best ways to keep the heat in, lower your energy bills, and make your home more comfortable.

This is how it works:
1. You call 0800 804 8601 (or email) to chat with one of the friendly advisers. Lines are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
2. You'll be asked about your property and circumstances, following which you will receive tailor-made recommendations and your own personalised plan. This will comprise a summary of everything discussed, including recommendations and things to consider before taking your next step.
3. When you're ready, search the independent directory to find local suppliers and installers.

This should be a fantastic new service, and I encourage everyone to make use of it! For more information go to **myhomemadebetter.org**

Energy Efficiency Grants
The following offer 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
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 households in properties that have EPC energy efficiency ratings from D to G. The previous iteration of this program has now closed, but the Government has just announced a further £26 million of funding has been awarded to our local consortium. Whilst the previous iteration of this scheme only funded measures in off-gas households, the new scheme will be open to all fuel types, including on gas households and off gas households



APPENDIX C Item 2697 - Village Entrance Gates (Cllr Chris Silcock; Chair, BASS WG)

1. The PC has is aware of discussions with Hampshire Highways (HH). Three costed options for Village entrance gates are laid out below on which the Parish Council is now asked to make a decision. Funding the gates will be done under Community Funded Initiative (CFI) – ie they are paid for out of our precept money.
2. The gates (4 in total) will be sited as follows:
    a. A pair of gates at Park
    b. A single gate on the Droxford side of the Brook Lane/B2150 junction and
    c. a single gate at the 30mph sign at Hook Vinney.
3. It is believed HH has agreed in principle of HH to the positioning of the gates.
4. In addition, we will seek to have a 40mph sign sited with the gate at Park and also to move the existing 40mph at Three Corners to the new gate position. These two speed initiatives would follow if agreed under a TRO and have been discussed with HH, but it is unclear whether they are fully supportive (despite having been so in the past).

Design of gates.

5. We have three options:
    a. Glasdon full Spec: these are made of rigid, wood effect material (ie plastic) and come with an integral sign as shown in the design attached.
    b. Glasdon plain gates: the gates are of similar construction to the full spec above but the existing Village entrance signs, plus one new entrance sign, would be attached.
    c. Oak, white painted gate: the gates would be of a similar design to Glasdon's but would have the existing/new entrance signs attached (as b.)

6. Kim Knight of Kim Knight Engineering made and installed the existing Village entrance signs. He has quoted to make the fourth entrance sign, to make four oak gates, and to install all the gates, whether Glasdon or oak.

Comparison of costs.

7. The table below shows the costs for each option. Glasdon's prices are confirmed, Kim Knight's are best estimates. VAT has not been added because the PC reclaims it.

	Glasdon Full	**Glasdon Plain**	**KE Oak**
Gates cost	£5,904.24	£4,169.16	£3,200.00
installation	£1,600.00	£1,600.00	£1,600.00
1 new sign @£1100		£1,100.00	£1,100.00
Attach existing signs		£350.00	£350.00
Total	**£7,504.24**	**£7,219.16**	**£6,250.00**

Funding

8. We have £13,851 earmarked to BASS, so there is sufficient to meet this first phase.

Comparison of options

9. A number of issues/variations need to be considered:

    a. Materials: Glasdon gates are made of wood effect plastic whilst the Knight gates would be made of oak (treated and painted white). Oak could be said to be more in keeping with Hambledon's rural setting compared to more urban environments.
    b. Maintenance/longevity: Glasdon gates are deemed to have a life of 30 years. Kim Knight says that, properly maintained, oak gates have a life of 50 years. Periodic maintenance will be required for both types and would need to be budgeted.

c. Signage: The design of the Glasdon full spec gates is similar to our existing entrance signs but several points should be noted:
    i. the Glasdon sign (1650mm x 1000mm) fully fills the space between both posts, left to right and top to bottom – see attachment A;
    ii. secondly, the Glasdon sign includes the wording 'Welcome to HAMBLEDON Please drive carefully'.
    iii. The existing entrance signs are noticeably smaller (1160mm x 500mm) so when mounted on the gate, the result would look cobbled together and would thereby have less effect in calming traffic. In addition, the absence of any request to 'please drive carefully' would further reduce the intended aim of slowing/calming traffic.

d. A recast third option: of course, we could size the oak gates to the existing signs. This is possible and would suggest a gate that is c1400mm wide x c1000mm high, with the additional 500mm used to attach the twinning sign and a further sign, to be constructed, asking motorists to drive carefully. Smaller gates would be less imposing visually. The additional signage costs would be largely offset by having smaller gates.

e. Costs: It can be seen that the most expensive option is the full spec Glasdon gates. The cheapest option is oak gates with existing Village entrance signs attached. The difference is £1,254.24. The fourth option has not been fully costed but is likely to be close to the KE Oak option.

f. Calming points: Presently, the entrance signs are much closer to the Village centre and do not therefore include most of Green Lane (Three Corners to Lashley Meadow) nor Park to the Vineyard within their 'village boundary'. It is intended that the traffic will be slowed down to 40mph at Park meaning that all roads within the immediate approaches to our Village are 40mph or 30 mph. Speed signage will be reinforced by gates. What the existing entrance signs in their current positions would do is to further reinforce the message that the motorist is entering a residential area.

Follow on steps

10. As discussed, the aim is to measure the effect on traffic of the gates once installed by tasking Ampfield Traffic to repeat their traffic analysis. This will then reinforce/inform further decisions on the need for speed changes. The last set of analysis cost c£1,200.

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that the Parish Council elects either Option A, the full spec Glasdon gates or the recast third option (see 9d) if oak gates with repurposed signs is desired.

APPENDIX D **Hambledon Greening Report May 2025**

Repair Café and Recycling:

- We had a very successful repair Café in May. The next Repair Cafés will be in Denmead on Saturday June 21st from 1-4pm and in Hambledon on July 19th from 10-12pm.

Six Inches of Soil film May 16th:

- HGC, in collaboration with Hampshire Market Garden and Rushmere Farm, showed this inspiring film on soil health and sustainable farming methods on May 16th and we had a very engaged audience of 51 who asked a range of interesting questions of the three panellists. We are grateful to the Vineyard and Hartridge's for supplying drinks for this very stimulating occasion.

Devolution and Strengthened Nature and Climate Duties:

- HGC has written a response to send to Danny Chambers MP.

Biodiversity:

- HGC supporters have been informed of the dates for the two butterfly surveys in July and August.

We are grateful as always for your support.

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