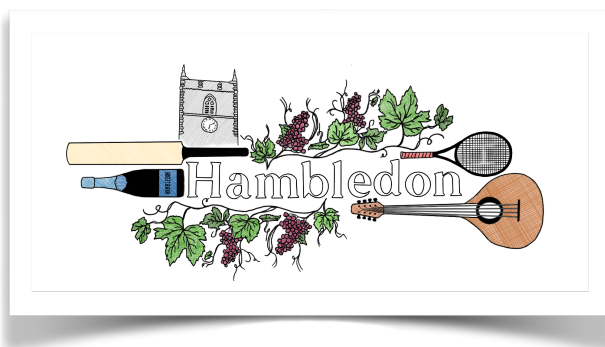




DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council

To Incorporate the Annual Meeting of the PC and the Ordinary May 2024 Meeting of the PC
09 May 2023; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall (Pavilion)

PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Silcock; Cllr Lamb; Cllr Clarke

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Wallace (HCC & WCC; arrived 8.07pm); Cllr Lee (WCC; arrived 8.07pm); Cllr White (WCC; arrived 8.07pm); & four members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2304	Election of Chairman for 2024/25	Resolved: that Cllr Encke is elected as Chair of the PC for the year 2024/25. [Cllrs voted unanimously for.]	
2305	Chairman's Acceptance of Office Forms	Cllr Encke duly signed the Chairman's Acceptance of Office form.	
2306	Election of Vice-Chairman for 2024/25	Resolved: that Cllr Silcock is elected as Vice-chair of the PC for the year 2024/25. [Cllrs voted unanimously for.]	
2307	Resignation of Councillor	Resolved: that councillors have acknowledged the resignation of Sam Dyson and formally express thanks for his work on the Parish Council.	
2308	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Ken Davies and Christina Ruthven-Stuart, and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2309	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Hand.	
2310	Disclosable pecuniary interests	Cllr Clarke declared an interest in item 2329 (SDNP/24/01595/LDE) & will refrain from commenting and voting on this planning application.	
2311	Requests for dispensations	None received.	

2312	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. - Denmead parishioner living in World's End commented on the effects of the Fareham Road Closure. Road will be opened 17/05/24. Would like to join FAG. Clerk to look into whether this is possible. - Hambledon parishioners gave background info regarding item 2329; planning application SDNP/24/01726/HOUS.	Clerk
2313	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2314	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received post-meeting (see appendix A). Additional points discussed as follows: Winchester District Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) consultation runs 13/05/24 to 07/07/24. No funding right now but going forward it should make it easier to get funding. Clerk will be sent details. To go out on Village e-mail etc.	
2315	County councillor's report & questions arising	No report received. It was acknowledged that Cllr Wallace has been elected as the new County Councillor for the Meon Valley.	
2316	Mins of previous meeting (08/04/24)	Agreed as a true record.	
2317	Delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, staff and other local authorities.	Resolved: that no amendments are required to current arrangements.	
2318	Review of the terms of reference for committees.	Resolved: that no amendments are required to the terms of reference for committees.	
2319	Election of members to existing committees (C)/working groups (WG)	Resolved: that the PC approves the appointment of the following cllrs (lead councillor in bold type) to existing committees (C)/Working Groups (WG): - Planning (C) - Cllr Clarke; Cllr Silcock - Finance (WG) - Cllr Silcock; Cllr Hand - Beautiful & Safer Streets (BASS) (WG) - Cllr Silcock; Cllr Clarke - Footpaths (WG) - Cllr Hand - Village maintenance & Lengthsman (WG) - Cllr Hand - Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp (WG) - Cllr Lamb - Flood Action Group (WG) - Cllr Hand - Tennis (WG) - Cllr Silcock - Hambledon Greening (WG) - Cllr Lamb Clerk to update website with the above details.	Clerk
2320	Arrangements with other local authorities	Resolved: that the PC postpones approving the Lengthsman Scheme contract with Soberton PC (Lead Parish) for the period 01/04/24 to 31/03/25 until it has been drawn up and received.	Clerk

2321	Representations on external bodies	Resolved: that the PC approves the following cllrs to represent the PC on external bodies: • Vineyard Liaison Group - Cllr Hand • Hambledon School - Cllr Encke	
2322	General Power of Competence	Resolved: that the Clerk aims to complete the CiLCA qualification this year, with the expectation that Hambledon and West Meon PCs will share the cost. However, one of the pre-requisites is for a majority of cllrs to be elected members and this now cannot be the case until elections in 2026.	Clerk
2323	Arrangements for Ordinary Meetings & Next Annual Meeting	Resolved: that the ordinary meetings of the PC will be held on the first Monday of the month, with the exception of August 2024 (no meeting held in August). The annual meeting of the PC will be held in May 2025, date to be confirmed. All meetings to take place in VH Meeting Room @ 7.30pm.	
2324	Clerk's progress report	Parish Lengthsman Agreement Schedule for 2024/25 confirmed as the following: 16/04/24; 04/07/24; 08/11/24; 06/02/25 Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane Cllr Lumby chased again (originally chased HH in Jan 2023 on behalf of the PC and HH confirmed that they would revisit the site with the intention of patching the affected area by the junction). Rattling manhole covers work has been completed. Remove from report. Village maintenance Contract with JH Tree Services has been signed; start date 01/05/24. To be removed from report. Speed limit reminder device & batteries to be passed to Cllr Clarke for storage. Remove from report. 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. Awaiting road name sign from JK Engineering. Southern Water issues meeting took place 26/04/24. Draft report has been sent to councillors and SW attendees. 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 Reported to HH online 06/11/23; enquiry reference number 21698987. Apparently, 'works completed' in Nov 2023. However, the solution appears to be traffic cones which is not a satisfactory long-term solution. Clerk to ask Cllr Wallace (HCC) to assist. Two more bollards (on opposite pinch-point) have been run into and damaged. Reported online to HH. Remembrance Sunday TS Tenacity has confirmed not available. Jan Zawada has not been able to find a bugler so far. D-Day 80 (06/06/24) Cllr Silcock has provided update. Draft poster has been completed. 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. • Land Registry search has confirmed that HCC does own the ditch. 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. Village Useful & Emergency Info Leaflets WCC Small Grant fund awarded £150. Clerk to take forward when time allows. Cast metal bollard outside of George House Awaiting update from JK Engineering re cost to repair tarmac. SDNPA CiL Funding CiL application submitted. Brief details as follows: • £24k. • To cover 50% of stage 1 costs of BASS proposed measures (entrance gates; planting; HGV access signs; speed limit signs; & associated HCC traffic orders). • Outcome not expected until autumn 2024 earliest.	

2325	Bank account	Bank balance - £77,179.86 @ 01 May 2024; bank statement 171, 02 Apr 2024 to 01 May 2024, has been forwarded to cllrs.	Clerk
2326	Finance regulations	Resolved: that the PC has approved the updated Financial Regulations as per the draft copy provided to councillors and based on the new template provided by NALC.	Clerk
2327	Annual playground inspections	Resolved: that the PC has reviewed the annual playground inspection report & the Clerk will send a copy to Village Maintenance contractor for necessary repairs to be made.	Clerk
2328	Payment of accounts	Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary (Apr 2024) £923.50 NEST Clerk pension (Apr 2024) £75.14 HALC HALC/NALC annual subscription 2024/25 £431.00 Parish Online Annual subscription 2024/25 £96.00 X-Net (Services) Ltd [formally Kimcell Ltd] Annual website service charge - hosting, support & backup £576.00 Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire Apr 2024 £31.50 Biffa Recycling bin collection Apr 2024 £49.82 WCC Playground inspection 2024 £65.94 HMRC Q4 2023/24 PAYE/NI £125.28 St Peter & St Paul PCC Hambledon Advertising for BASS in Hambledonian Apr/May 2024 £100.00 Murray Mahon Hambledon Greening flag (reimbursement) £131.62 Alfie Godwin-Hudson Tennis Coaching (Apr 2024) £40.00 Moritz Flohr Tennis Coaching (Apr 2024) £80.00	Clerk
2329	Planning applications	• SDNP/24/01656/HOUS - 8 The Maltings, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4AE. Part single, part two storey rear extension, loft conversion, flue installation and replacement windows. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/24/01726/HOUS - Homedown, Green Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SY. Alteration of existing Ground Floor swimming pool room to Kitchen and Living accommodation within existing building footprint. [SUPPORT: Hambledon PC is very happy to support this application which will clearly result in an improvement to the visual amenity of the area. The proposal will also support multi-generational living within the Village, which the PC views as highly important.] • SDNP/24/01595/LDE - Habens Stables, Habens Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4AD. Construction of stable block, containing 4no stables. [NO COMMENTS.]	Clerk
2330	Planning apps received after 02/05/24	None received.	
2331	Planning decisions	Noted, with the addition of the following: • SDNP/24/00780/HOUS Braemore Lodge APPROVED	
2332	BASS WG	Report received (see appendix B).	Clerk

2333	Auto Speedwatch Device	Resolved: that the PC postpones a decision on purchasing an automatic speed-watch device from AutoSpeedWatch until further investigation has been undertaken regarding the potential to move the device from site to site.	Cllr Silcock
2334	Tennis WG	No report received. The Clerk informed the PC that Frank Luard will be stepping down from the role of running the tennis court/children's tennis lessons. Councillors formally expressed thanks for the time and effort that Frank has dedicated over the past years. Clerk to advertise for someone to take over the role asap.	Clerk
2335	Flood Action Group	No report received this month.	
2336	Play & playground Re-vamp WGs	No report received & no additional updates.	
2337	Stewarts Green Play Equipment	Resolved: that the PC appoints Ava Recreation to supply and install play equipment at Stewarts Green, as follows: • Climbing unit; basket swing; & triple chin-up bars. • Robinia wood with steel feet. • Grass matting safety surfacing. • Post-installation safety inspection. • £25k + VAT. • Lead-time 6-8 weeks.	
2338	Hambledon Greening WG	Report received (see appendix C). Cllr Lamb also reported the following: • Talk on WCC's strategies for waste and recycling to be given by Campbell Williams (Lead for Environment Services, WCC) in the Village Hall on May 23rd 6 -7.30 pm.	
2339	DNP Renewable Energy Consultation	Resolved: that the PC has considered the feedback and recommendations received from Hambledon Greening (see appendix E), and responds to the consultation accordingly.	Clerk
2340	Reports & Issues	• Meeting with Southern Water reps 26/04/24. • Clerk has been contacted by Buriton PC regarding forming a collaboration of PCs to challenge SDNPA on how it intends to take the essential requirements of the Village Design Statement (VDS) into its revised Local Plan. Government changes to the planning system mean that there will be no supplementary planning documents (SPDs; of which the VDS is currently one) once the SDNPA has completed the review. This appears to mean that all VDS (and all other SPDs) will be relegated to simply 'a material consideration', not carrying as much weight in the planning system. Councillors have indicated support. [Update: Burton PC (Doug Jones) has corresponded with Mike Hughes (SDNPA's Interim Head of Planning) to suggest that communities with adopted VDSs would probably be willing to work together with SDNPA officers. Mike Hughes is supportive of the idea but SDNPA will need to consider the practicalities later this year. It was also noted that there is some uncertainty as to whether or not the Government will publish all the necessary guidance for the new system in time. If not, the Local Plan would be done under the old system and VDSs would still be SPDs.]	

2341	Date/time of next meeting	• Annual Meeting of the Parish - Thurs 16th May 2024 at Hambledon VH; 7pm. • Mon 3rd June 2024 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm.	
2342	Confidential matters	No members of the public or press were present and no confidential matters were discussed.	

The meeting closed at 9.14pm

Signed:

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

Dated:

APPENDIX A

Winchester City Councillor Report May 2024 (Cllrs Malcolm Wallace; Danny Lee & Suzanne White)

NEW TOPICS

Local Elections

The results can be found at: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/news/2024/may/local-election-results-2024>
Suzanne White was elected as your third District Councillor to represent the Central Meon Valley. The new Winchester Mayor will be elected w/c 13 May 2024 along with new Councillor appointments to all Council Committees.

Winchester District (not City) - Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

The Winchester District LCWIP public engagement will start on Monday 13th May at midday, for a period of 8 weeks until the 7th July 2024. During the 8-week engagement period, residents will be able to view the draft document using an online consultation platform – ViewPoint. This will provide Hampshire and Winchester Council staff with feedback on the cycle routes, core walking zones and the LCWIP draft document. If digital access is not easy for residents, paper copies of the consultation will be available in the Winchester City Council offices. Public feedback will help to refine the document and the prioritisation process. Please promote widely once the information is released to the Council web site.

Flooding - Southern Water (SW)

Cllrs Wallace and Lee joined a bilateral meeting between Hambledon Parish Council and Southern Water on 26 April 2024 to hear first-hand about the outline flood mitigation plans intended for Hambledon. Post the bilat meeting Cllr Wallace and Lee were able to signpost SW to many other local Parish ground and surface water flooding issues across the Central Meon Valley. We will keep Parishes posted about any intended actions to address the issues.

ON-GOING TOPICS

Rural England Prosperity Funding (REPF)

Rural businesses and not-for-profit and community groups have until 27 May 2024 to apply. Organisations can apply for between £15,000 and £40,000, with commercial businesses required to match fund their projects. For more information about the funding, including priority areas for investment, timing and other considerations, visit www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-businesses/uk-shared-prosperity-fund.

Meon Valley Transport Forum

The Forum completed before the local elections to identify common issues and concerns prompting opportunities for collaborative action has now been widely shared. A way forward to address/mitigate (where possible) the issues identified is now being raised with appropriate agencies and HCC (Highways).

Phase out of Landline

Confirmation of what steps the Council is taking to mitigate any risks in local emergency preparedness plans

plus wider implications for residents where poor or no mobile network coverage is available is still being pursued.

Grants

- **Free Low Carbon Assessments for Winchester District Businesses** – Winchester Council is working with GEP Environmental to offer local tourism and creative businesses a free carbon footprint assessment and bespoke carbon reduction action plan to identify interventions to reduce energy, water, waste, and transport emissions, whilst highlighting funding opportunities. For full information go to: [FREE low carbon assessments for tourism and creative businesses - Visit Winchester](#)

Going Green Faster & Help with Cost of Living

- **Homes** – Residents can apply for grants of up to £25,000 for energy efficiency improvements to their property under the [Warmer Homes](#) program. Homes who are likely to be eligible to receive support:
 - are low income, are off the gas grid and have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) between D and G
- **Energy bills and protecting the environment**
 - Paying bills, Keeping homes warm and Energy Efficiency Advice - see [Energy - Winchester City Council](#)
 - More information about keeping warm and well at home - from 'The Hampshire Environment Centre' - enquiries@environmentcentre.com or by phone 0800 804 8601
- **National** – A new website has been launched that provides information on Government support that is available: [Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#) – see also (www.gov.uk)
- **Local** – In addition, Winchester Council has launched a website providing information on local resources: [Cost of living support and information - Winchester City Council](#)
- **The Great British Insulation Scheme**
 - Government scheme to enable households to add insulation to their homes to make them easier to heat for less. The scheme is aimed at two main groups:
 - Those living in homes with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating D-G and within council tax bands A-D
 - Householders receiving qualifying benefits and living in homes with an EPC rating of D or below.
 - More information: [Great British Insulation Scheme \(ECO+\)? - Energy Saving Trust](#)
- **Hampshire Forest Partnership (HFP) - create a local forest plan for your parish**
 - **HFP** - set up so communities can get involved in caring for woodlands and planting more trees. Also setting up a focus group of partners to collaborate with HFP to deliver projects.
 - If you are interested in joining our partnership - email treeplanting@hants.gov.uk
- **Shoots Along the Routes - Trees to follow roads and create green corridors.** Free trees to landowners and land managers to create over 630 kilometres of new green networks across the county.
 - For further information contact Kate Morgans, Principal Landscape Architect, via email kmorgans@winchester.gov.uk or phone 01962 848 069.

Business

- **Business Support** – There are currently LOTS of funding opportunities available to help businesses with the transition to net zero. See: [Support for sustainable businesses - Winchester City Council](#)
- **Businesses or sole traders** in Winchester district can keep up to date with topics from funding, events, and information. Sign-up at: [Winchester Business Bulletin - Winchester City Council](#)
- **Networking** - [Business Networking - Winchester City Council](#)

Groups

- **Community Support for Ukraine (information and help)** – For latest information see: [Winchester City Council pledges support for Ukraine - Winchester City Council](#)
- **Climate Groups** – There's a range of sustainable groups and organisations within the Winchester district at: [Climate groups - Winchester City Council](#)

APPENDIX B

BASS Working Group Report May 2024

As you know the Hambledonian carried a centre page spread on BASS proposals. We have received 4 comments via email to the Clerk, all about build-outs/chicanes - keep the OFTR build-out (3), move the Dower House chicane to permit Vineyard lorries to turn LEFT out of the Vineyard more easily. A villager (from Garland Cottage!) witnessed a lorry struggling.

It is the APM next week and I will lead on this, with Teresa's permission.

- We will have a map showing WHERE we plan to introduce changes, WHAT those changes might be and the ROM cost (thank you Rob) for the whole project over 5-10 years. Villagers can look at it beforehand.
- I will stress that the AIM is to recover some calm in the Village traffic and make our roads safer/more pleasant for pedestrians and cyclists.
- We will adopt an incremental approach (as advised by HCC): try eg gates, measure the effect using a Speed Device, modify, move on to next stage/not as appropriate.
- Cost is >£115k and this will be found from CiL (thanks to Jo for applying already to SDNPA) and the precept year on year, as decided by the PC. I will stress that the PC today cannot bind tomorrow's PC with a spending commitment, but the PC today would like to hear views and gauge the level of support for the project/proposals. I won't ask those attending to say Yes/No to spending £X on any specific measure but I think it is important that we say publicly what the ROM cost might be for the entire shebang.

Unfortunately, the electronic voting system has been sold so we will need to gauge peoples views from comments.

I am expecting some questions/comments about the existing traffic monitoring that is being done (the team was out yesterday). I will acknowledge what they have achieved but make the point that their monitoring is not 24/7 and is dependent on volunteers who will not go on for ever. BUT it can work alongside/be supported by the BASS work and by the BASS speed measuring device that we will deploy to assess effectiveness and also to identify hot spots/repeat offenders, the better to target the team's data gathering. In short, not either/or but and/and.

Once/provided we get general support, the WG will get HCC back and we can start implementing the plan. I am hoping for lots of comment but also for a well-behaved discussion of the issues and opposing views.

APPENDIX C

Hambledon Greening Report May 2024

Repair Café and Recycling:

- The next Repair Cafe and recycling collection will be held in Hambledon Church on May 18th, 2024 from 10am-12pm.
- The Denmead and Hambledon Repair Café AGM took place on Monday April 8th at Denmead Community Centre. Penny Mahon and Rachel Houlberg attended from Hambledon. It was agreed that £250 would once again be donated towards the renting of the red recycling bin from the donations received, for which thanks were expressed. Penny also encouraged the committee to encourage Denmead to rent their own red bin since ours is getting filled so quickly due in part to usage by Denmead residents!
- Advertising is ongoing for the talk on WCC's strategies for waste and recycling to be given by Campbell Williams (Lead for Environment Services, W.C.C.) in the Village Hall on May 23rd from 6 -7.30 pm. We encourage members of the Parish Council to attend and spread the word.
- Blister packs are now being recycled at large Boots stores.

Community Energy:

- The committee discussed the recent SDNP consultation survey on renewable energy and have suggested some possible responses for the PC to consider as requested by Jo Tester. They have been sent to Jo for discussion at the next PC meeting.

Retrofit:

- The first of three events in The Vine took place on Wednesday April 17th where eight Hambledon heat-pump owners circulated around tables of 15 interested villagers, who said they very much appreciated hearing the varied experiences of the owners of both ground and air source heat pumps.
- The two later events will focus on EVs and solar panels and will take place on Wednesday June 19th and Sept 25th.

Biodiversity:

- Sue Crossley has had no further contact from Lee Hulin of the National Trust re surveys of Speltham Down so she will follow up this month.
- Penny Mahon attended HCC's Parish Pollinators networking event on Saturday May 25th at Bishop's Sutton and gave a report on Hambledon Greening's past and current biodiversity activities. Listening to the great work being done by other towns and villages across the county, there is clearly more we could be doing and we will follow up some of the contacts made that morning. See report below.

We are grateful as always for your support.

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of Hambledon Greening Campaign)

HGC's report to Parish Pollinators Networking event 25th April

Hambledon Greening is part of the national Greening Campaign and we began our journey in 2020. We have since become a working group of the Hambledon Parish Council and receive a budget of £1000 a year to use on greening projects. The initial phase of our campaign, entitled Rewilding, which linked us with HIWWT as our sponsor, included a number of wildlife-related activities such as delivering wild flower seed packets to every house in the village, working with the village primary school on insects and providing them with a composter, a wild flower walk on Speltham Down, a stand at Hambledon Horticultural Show where HIWWT made bug boxes with children, and a story competition for children – A Story for the Earth – judged at the first Hambledon Greening Fair which we run in conjunction with Hambledon Eco-Church.

Since then, other phases of the Greening Campaign, such as retrofit, recycling, food and food waste and community energy, have meant we have been spread thin and unable to focus with such intensity on biodiversity projects. But we have continued recommending citizen-science projects such as the Big Butterfly Count, the Big Garden Birdwatch and Bumblebee surveys through our Facebook page as well as having a strong biodiversity presence at our annual Greening Fair with groups like HIWWT, Woodland Trust and a local hedgehog rescue, while Hambledon Eco-Church regularly plants large areas of wild flowers in the church yard and has had bat and tree surveys conducted there.

More recently HGC have been in touch with the National Trust to ask if we could help them do some flora and fauna surveys of NT Speltham Down, a beautiful section of chalk downland in Hambledon. Lee Hulin, NT lead for Speltham, has agreed to this and we are currently waiting for him to contact us with dates and times. This we hope could reenergise our supporters in terms of biodiversity projects.

We also have a representative on the Parish Council sub-committee BASS (beautiful and safer streets) which is looking among other things at ways to improve the biodiversity of the verges lining the roads into Hambledon and one organic farmer in the parish is a member of the South Downs Cluster Partnership, promoting biodiversity: he is actively promoting volunteer participation in biodiversity studies and data collection to establish species present and trends over the years, thus encouraging biodiversity growth. The village also conducts an annual Litter Pick.

APPENDIX D**DNP Renewable Energy Consultation****A response from recent HGC committee (Will Galgey, Nigel Foster, Sue Crossley, Penny Mahon)**

2. Not sure what name you want to use so we'll leave that to the PC.

3. 10

4. 10 to all (we're inclined to answer 10 to all, as all 10 may be appropriate in one or more locations in the National Park. A more nuanced answer may be to score small scale hydro lower as we're less sure there would be suitable sites within the NP, but we are not experts on small scale hydro).

5. General comment: A comprehensive switch to renewable energy across the National Park is likely to require some combination of all of these technologies but we have some comments on specific types:

- solar panels: within conservation areas, rear of houses only would be ideal.
- Heat pumps: we support heat pumps but see an urgent need for more government support for the high capital costs.
- small scale hydro: N/A in our village
- biomass crops: it was felt that food production was more important currently.
- biomass woodland: good in principle but limited woodland locally.
- anaerobic digestion: potential impact on views and access. Not really appropriate here.

6. Hambledon Greening Campaign's high-level hypothesis is that, within the parish of Hambledon, there is potential for solar farms, solar panels and heat pumps, and there may be potential for biomass crops/ woodland residues, anaerobic digestion and battery storage. An expert-led survey and assessment would be required to validate this hypothesis.

7. It is unclear from the question's wording whether they are looking for what we generally understand to be barriers of each tech, or what we would consider the barriers to be in our specific community. We have gone with the latter. We also think we should list grid capacity and connection as one of our top 2 barriers for most of them, given what we have learnt. We could also list lack of supportive planning policy as a top 2 barrier for many of them.

- Wind turbines: Grid capacity & connection; Lack of supportive planning policy; aesthetic landscape sensitivities
- Solar farm: Grid capacity & connection; Lack of supportive planning policy
- Solar panels on roofs: challenge of scaling to a sufficient number of properties; cost and difficulties with associated retrofitting
- Heat pumps: upfront costs per household; marginal cost savings vs alternatives such as oil; viability in older housing stock
- Small scale hydro: Lack of viable hydro sources in the area; grid capacity & connection
- Biomass crops: land area required; human resource required to farm/manage the crops
- Biomass use of woodland residues: scale required to be viable; human resource required to manage the woodlands
- Anaerobic digestion: human resource required to manage/run the plants; aesthetic landscape sensitivities
- Battery storage: Grid capacity & connection; aesthetic landscape sensitivities

8. Reducing our dependency on carbon as a source of energy in the area; reducing our emissions of carbon and other pollutants; energy self-sufficiency/security within the local community; reduced energy costs per household

9. Not sure we have specific examples, at least from our community. The solar panels on the Village Hall roof would seem to have some cost advantages but not aware of other benefits.

10. Yes, absolutely supportive. But we also think the Village Design Statement/local plan should probably contain something along these lines in order for us to be able to access planning permissions if any opportunities arose in the future.

11. Yes.

12. No we are not aware but Energise South Downs may.

13. Yes, absolutely.

14. Again, Energise South Downs would have this information.

15. We feel it is true to say that here is some strong grass-roots interest and provisional support for renewable development within the community of Hambledon. There is also deeply-felt frustration at the institutional barriers to progress: grid connection & capacity; planning policy; national and local government funding/subsidies.

16. Use our address if it helps: hambledongreeningcampaign.sec@gmail.com