



## DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council  
12 Feb 2024; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

### PRESENT:

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

### In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Lee (WCC; left 8.12pm); Cllr Pearson (WCC; left 7.59pm); Cllr Lumby (arrived 7.34pm; left 8.12pm) Jan Jarvie (FAG); and two members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

| Item No. | Item                            | Discussion & Decision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Action |
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| 2216     | Co-option of Parish Councillor  | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC approves the co-option of Rob Clarke.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |
| 2217     | Acknowledgements                | Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |
| 2218     | Apologies                       | Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Mason.<br><br>Apologies also received from Cllr Wallace (WCC); & PCSO Wheeler-Osman.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
| 2219     | Disclosable pecuniary interests | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |
| 2220     | Requests for dispensations      | None received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
| 2221     | Public questions & comments     | Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. Questions/ comments as follows:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hannah Marks (Wine Club Manager; Hambledon Vineyard (HV)) introduced herself as the new liaison for the Village. New MD has been appointed &amp; will join HV in April.</li> <li>Jo Walker (member of the PC's HV liaison WG) commented that initial talks had gone well and that the new owners were keen to build strong relationships with the Village.</li> </ul> |        |
| 2222     | Resume standing orders          | Agreed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |        |

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| 2223 | District councillor's report & questions arising | <p>Reports received from Cllrs Wallace &amp; Lee (Appendix A) and Cllr Pearson (Appendix B). Cllr Lee commented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation on proposed changes to acute hospital services in and around Basingstoke and Winchester - <a href="https://hampshiretogether.nhs.uk">hampshiretogether.nhs.uk</a> MoPs can book to attend a number of in-person listening events taking place across Hampshire - next events in Winchester district:</li> <li>• Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham on 22 February 6.30pm - 8.30pm</li> <li>• Hope Church, Winchester on 6 March 2pm - 4pm</li> </ul> <p>Clerk to e-mail info to villagers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable housing - if needed in Hambledon, could speak to SDNPA/WCC to look at feasibility. [HPC Cllr suggested that could be raised by parishioner/s at the Annual Meeting of the Parish.] DEFRA supporting housing for rural communities. Charity ACRE - facilitate the process for PCs.</li> <li>• Southern Water have a meeting with WCC in circa 2 weeks' time. No schedule received by Hambledon as promised in Jan 2024. Has been listed as an agenda item.</li> <li>• Rural England Prosperity Fund will re-open 15/05/24.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Pearson commented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warmer Homes grant - £1k left in district fund. Applications need to be submitted asap.</li> </ul> | Clerk |
| 2224 | County councillor's report & questions arising   | <p>Report received (Appendix C).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Silcock informed Cllr Lumby that the BASS meeting with HCC reps was very useful &amp; productive. Cllr Lumby asked to pass on further thanks.</li> <li>• Clerk to e-mail Cllr Lumby re potential funds from County Councillor Grant Scheme for SG play area.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Clerk |
| 2225 | Police/PCSO report                               | <p>No report received. PCSO Wheeler-Osman is hoping to attend the APM.</p> <p>The Clerk advised councillors that the PCSO is unable to provide a regular report but crime stats are available to view via <a href="https://police.uk">police.uk</a> and Hampshire Constabulary websites listed under our area.</p> <p>Councillors agreed that this standing agenda item should be removed.</p> <p>Clerk to include website details in next Village e-mail.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Clerk |
| 2226 | Mins of previous meetings (08/01/24)             | Agreed as a true record.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |

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| 2227 | Clerk's progress report | <p><b>Parish Lengthsman Agreement</b> Final visit for 2023/24 took place 07/02/24. No update at the current time re schedule for 2024/25, although lead PC in the cluster has confirmed that the scheme will continue for the foreseeable future.</p> <p><b>Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane</b> - Clerk has asked Cllr Lumby to chase 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).</p> <p><b>Rattling manhole covers</b> - Clerk has asked Cllr Lumby to chase again (ref Paula Edwards/Cllr Lumby correspondence June/July 2023).</p> <p><b>Village maintenance</b> Agenda item 2238.</p> <p><b>Speed limit reminder</b> - batteries received. Cllr Silcock &amp; members of TPSWG considering possible placements etc. Cllr Silcock to discuss with BASS members. Clerk has requested that device &amp; batteries are used or stored elsewhere due to space limitations. Cllr Clarke advised that he would be able offer storage until device required.</p> <p><b>Large puddle on pavement outside 13 West St/The Cross Tree.</b> HH reported back 'no maintenance work required'. Clerk has asked Cllr Lumby for assistance.</p> <p><b>WCC work at The Gardens.</b> Cllr Lamb to update cllrs during agenda item 2234.</p> <p><b>Southern Water issues</b> - letter to Environmental Health (copied to HPC Cllrs; HCC &amp; WCC Cllrs; &amp; Flick Drummond MP) sent 19/09/23. Cllr Lee has been liaising re media coverage etc. Jan Jarvie to update Cllrs.</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. Clerk has asked Cllr Lumby if he is able to assist.</p> <p><b>Damaged bollards at East St pinch-point.</b> 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 has asked Cllr Lumby to assist.</p> <p><b>Remembrance Sunday</b> Cllr Silcock to update re TS Tenacity's availability. Cllr Encke to add note in July Hambledonian article re everyone welcome to join parade. Clerk to update re bugler. Need to have bugler even if band not available.</p> <p><b>D-Day 80 (06/06/24)</b> History Group held an Open House meeting 11/01/24. Cllr Silcock to provide update. [History Group would like to do educational exhibition in Scout Hut. Oral records could be included. Overlord may be able to do a drive-through. Could align with exhibition. Refreshments to be provided. Church service on the Sunday. Awaiting confirmation by Church Wardens. History Soc. will update PC on what they think they can do and when - either this year or next. Cllr Encke suggested that the film <i>The Longest Day</i> could be screened.]</p> <p><b>Training requirements</b> Clerk &amp; Cllrs Hand and Encke attended planning training with Steve Tilbury 01/02/24. Cllrs to consider training needs for 2024/25.</p> | Cllr Clarke |
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| 2228 | Bank account                           | <b>Bank balance @ 01/01/24 - £53,438.21</b> (Cllrs have been provided with bank statement 167, 02 Jan 2024 to 01 Feb 2024.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| 2229 | Payment of accounts                    | <b>Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary (Jan 2024) £923.50</b><br><b>NEST Clerk pension (Jan 2024) £75.14</b><br><b>Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire (Jan 2024) £48.50</b><br><b>Biffa Waste Services Ltd [Direct Debit set up for hard plastics recycling bin @ VH.] Jan 2024 £64.98</b><br><b>Apply Farms Sales Ltd Mulch (Green Man beds) £155.00</b><br><b>Hambledon PCC Churchyard maintenance grant 2023/24 (approved May 2023) £600.00</b><br><b>HMRC Q3 Tax/NI £324.65</b><br><b>HCC Grant to Hambledon Primary School for composter (Hambledon Greening) £50.00</b><br><b>Parish Council of Durley Planning Training 01/02/24 £75.00</b><br><b>Alfie Goodwin-Hudson Tennis Coaching (Jan 2024) £80.00</b><br><b>Moritz Flohr Tennis Coaching (Jan 2024) £60.00</b> | Clerk                 |
| 2230 | Planning applications                  | SDNP/24/00393/TPO - Dragons Hill, Green Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SX. T1 beech to be removed to ground level due to overhanging drive and the garage, poor specimen and growth direction due to large trees in the woodland. T2 sycamore tree to be removed to ground level due to poor specimen and laterally growth over buildings etc. T3 sycamore tree to be removed to ground level due to poor specimen and laterally growth over buildings etc. T4 hazel to be coppiced for regrowth due to poor specimen and lateral growth. [No objection.]                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Clerk                 |
| 2231 | Planning apps received after 06/02/24  | None received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| 2232 | Planning decisions                     | Cllr Silcock requested that approved planning app. SDNP/23/03064/HOUS (5 Park Farm) is checked re permission for garage.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Clerk                 |
| 2233 | Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (HMWP) | <b>Resolved:</b> that Cllr Clarke reviews the Regulation 19 consultation on the partial review of the HMWP 2040 and provides feedback to the Clerk for online submission.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Cllr Clarke/<br>Clerk |

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| 2234 | FAG WG                    | <p>Report received (Appendix C). Jan Jarvie reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations at Bury Lodge Pumping Station are on-going.</li> <li>• HCC Community Emergency Plan. Very risk-based. Would greatly expand scope of Village Flood Action Plan but has down-sides: good as an ‘umbrella’ document but not prescriptive. More of a generic plan. Need to compare the two documents. HPC Cllrs asked where a Hambledon Community Emergency Plan would be ‘held’. It was confirmed that it would be the responsibility of the Hampshire &amp; Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum, HCC, Winchester.</li> <li>• Cllr Lee commented that need joined-up thinking between SW and HCC (lack of maintenance on the Big Pipe by HCC could impact downstream on SW infrastructure etc).</li> </ul> |                                        |
| 2235 | Village Flood Action Plan | <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC postpones the review of the Village Flood Action Plan to the March 2024 PC meeting, and in the meantime the FAG WG (Cllr Mason) arranges a meeting to discuss &amp; formalise revisions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Cllr Mason                             |
| 2236 | BASS WG                   | <p>Report received (Appendix D). Cllr Silcock commented as follows:</p> <p>For APM - presentation of proposal of what is going to change in the Village - speeds; environment etc; predicted costs; &amp; over what period. Use of a voting system (in 2018, a villager provided electronic voting kit for).</p> <p>Storyboard - potentially for display at Hort Soc Spring Show.</p> <p>Hambledonian article - to inform villagers that the BASS WG has a number of proposals &amp; are keen to hear what people think. Encourage to attend the APM in May. Insert in Hambledonian?</p> <p>Cllrs discussed the potential merit of also offering an on-line questionnaire to capture the views of a wider demographic. Cllr Silcock to investigate.</p>                                                                              | Cllr Silcock                           |
| 2237 | SDNPA CIL Funding         | <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC agrees on the following project for the 2023/24 round of the SDNPA CIL funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BASS WG ‘wish list’. But should this be restricted to the first tranche of work (i.e. village entrance gates) only, or encompass work planned for over the next 5+ years? Cllr Silcock and Clerk to look into terms and conditions of CIL fund &amp; Cllr Silcock to send ‘wish list’ to Cllr Clarke to obtain estimates.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Clerk/<br>Cllr Silcock/<br>Cllr Clarke |
| 2238 | Tennis WG                 | <p>Frank Luard has reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coaching on-going but reduced to two hours only.</li> <li>• Numbers slightly down over the winter; will advertise through the Primary School in the spring.</li> <li>• Collections are 41 households paid and 55 (of which 23 didn't use or pay last year) to be chased in a few weeks.</li> <li>• Will need to do a moss removal on the court this year.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                        |

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| 2239 | Play & Playgrounds<br>Re-vamp WG               | <p>Stewarts Green play equipment - the Clerk reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site visit by Sawscales Play Jan 2024.</li> <li>• Quotes received for clamber stack and basket swing; separate figures for mulch vs artificial grass surfaces.</li> <li>• To ask Ava Recreation for a revised quote comparable with above.</li> <li>• Consultation with SG residents to be carried out.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Clarke confirmed that he would seek a further quotation through one of his contacts.</p> <p>Ref playground checks - Clerk will carry these out on a fortnightly basis.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr<br/>Clarke</p>                 |
| 2240 | Village<br>Maintenance                         | <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has reviewed quotes received from two potential contractors to carry out general village maintenance, and appoints Hoe Cross Farm Ltd (on an initial 12-month contract).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Clerk/<br/>Cllrs<br/>Silcock<br/>&amp; Hand</p>  |
| 2241 | Hambledon<br>Greening WG                       | <p>Report received (see Appendix E).</p> <p>Cllr Lamb reported the following on WCC plans for The Gardens:</p> <p>Plan has been received. Appears to retain much of what is currently there, with the addition of a tree and a couple of raised beds. HCC salt bin to be moved to adjacent to the bus shelter; new WCC salt bin to be positioned at the far end of the grass area. To respond to WCC as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When was the consultation with residents carried out? Could responses now be out of date?</li> <li>• What leeway is there for amending the plan?</li> <li>• How much is it going to cost?</li> <li>• Could the PC add additional funds/features?</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Cllr<br/>Lamb</p>                                |
| 2242 | Village Useful &<br>Emergency Info<br>Leaflets | <p>[Background: Clerk &amp; Chair attended the Hampshire Parish &amp; Town Councils Resilient Communities and Places Workshop 11/01/24. East Boldre PC showcased its 'Welcome to New Residents' leaflet, complete with Community Emergency Plan insert. Closing date for this round of the grant scheme is 29/02/24; maximum grant £1k. Clerk contacted Paul Quinn (Church Warden) to enquire whether a welcome pack/info on the Village is still provided by the PCC to new residents. Paul confirmed that not sure what is currently available &amp; Church would be happy to support a new initiative.]</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC should investigate the potential to produce a general/emergency information leaflet which will be provided to all residents. Clerk to look into costs for design, printing and distribution, and apply to cover these via the WCC District Small Grant Scheme. Cllrs Encke &amp; Lamb to assist Clerk.</p> | <p>Clerk/<br/>Cllr<br/>Encke/<br/>Cllr<br/>Lamb</p> |

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| 2243 | Reports & Issues          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The date for the Annual Meeting of the Parish has been changed from Wed 15th May to Thurs 16th May. Time to be confirmed. Village Hall has been booked.</li> <li>Members of the Hambledon Vineyard Liaison Group have been in contact with new owners (already discussed - item 2221).</li> <li>Application by AQUIND Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the AQUIND Interconnector Project - letter has been received from the Secretary of State giving rationale for the continuation of the application's re-determination. <a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-005144">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/document/EN020022-005144</a>. Subsequently, the SoS has announced that the deadline for the MoD to submit its representation is 08/03/24 (<a href="https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/">https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/south-east/aquind-interconnector/</a>).</li> </ul> |  |
| 2244 | Date/time of next meeting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mon 4th Mar 2024 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm. Cllr Lamb gave apologies.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| 2245 | Confidential matters      | No members of the public were in attendance. No confidential matters were discussed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |

**The meeting closed at 9.39pm**

**Signed:**

**Cllr Encke (Chair)**

**Dated:**

**Signed:**

**Joanna Tester (Clerk)**

**Dated:**

## **APPENDIX A**

**WCC Cllrs Wallace & Lee Report Feb 2024**  
**Cllr Malcolm Wallace ([mwallace@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:mwallace@winchester.gov.uk))**  
**& Cllr Danny Lee ([dlee@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:dlee@winchester.gov.uk))**

## **NEW TOPICS**

### **Meon Valley Transport Forum**

- We are working to schedule a meeting to bring together local Parish Councillor Transport/Travel portfolio leads to share common issues and concerns that might benefit from a combined effort of thinking and action. Please reply to Cllr Lee's email with the names of your Parish Councillor(s) who lead on all aspects of transport and travel who can join the first forum which we are planning to hold in the last two weeks in February or first week in March 2024.

### **2024 May of Winchester Community Awards**

- Nominations are now open for the 2024 Mayor of Winchester's Community Awards. This is a great opportunity to recognise individuals and organisations who have made a real difference in the district. Hambledon Greening Group were amongst last year's winners.
- The closing date for nominations is Sunday 18 February and the awards will take place on Thursday 7 March in the Guildhall Winchester. Nominations can be submitted at: [Mayor of Winchester's Community Award 2024 - Winchester City Council - Citizen Space](#)

### **Fly-Tipping**

- The Council has made two successful prosecutions for fly-tipping in the past two months. Moreover, latest data shows that fly tipping across the Winchester District was down 40% in 2022/23 (to 1,038 incidents) compared with 2021/22. So, progress... but challenges remain.
- If anyone witnesses fly-tipping, or has video evidence of someone fly-tipping, please report it online at [Fly-Tipping - Winchester City Council](#) or contact the city council's Customer Services Team on 0300 300 0013.

## Warmer Homes Programme

- Reminder to encourage eligible residents to apply for the Warmer Homes programme – see attached flyer. This is a great program for getting FREE upgrades to improve your home's energy efficiency. A number of local residents are already benefitting from this scheme. Don't miss out!

## Pollution of the Environment from Wastewater

- We have raised questions in Full Council about the unacceptable situation over the last 12 months with residents suffering from flooding, sewage in the streets and wider environment due to poorly maintained infrastructure. ([Public Pack](#))[Questions from Members of the Council Agenda Supplement for Council, 17/01/2024 18:30 \(winchester.gov.uk\)](#)
- The Strategic Planning team are now seeking a 'Statement of Common Ground' with Southern Water with need for a commissioned Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.
- The Planning team continues to raise matters of concern in the community with Southern Water directly. Additional guidance has been inserted into the new Local Plan to reflect the changing climate patterns.
- Any concerns and issues not hitherto raised please send to your Councillors.

## Hampshire

- **Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan** – Residents, businesses, public organisations, the voluntary sector and other stakeholders are being asked to comment on an updated Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan ahead of the Plan's examination by the Government's Planning Inspectorate. Views can be submitted until 5-March.  
Note: The application to develop a quarry just outside Waltham Chase highlights the importance of this policy.
- **Future Services Consultation** – Hampshire County Council has launched a public consultation inviting people to provide their views on the future of some local services, as part of steps by the Authority to help meet a £132 million budget shortfall by April 2025. Locally, the proposed changes could include: closing the Bishops Waltham recycling centre; withdrawing funding for community transport services; removing all bus route subsidies; cutting the Concessionary Travel Scheme for older and disabled residents; reducing the school transport service; and postponing highway drainage improvements, which could increase the risk of flooding. The consultation is open until 31-March.

## ON-GOING TOPICS

### Grants

- **Small Grants Scheme** – WCC District Small Grant Scheme one-off grants of up to £1,000 to local voluntary/not-for-profit groups and organisations for one-off expenditure on projects, equipment, and other items to help organisations to do more, reach more people, or provide better services. Fund application closes: 28 Feb 2024 or sooner on full allocation of budget
  - [District Small Grant Scheme - Winchester City Council](#)
- **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](mailto: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](http://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](#)
- **Shoots Along the Routes**
  - Hampshire Forest Partnership will be providing 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](mailto:kmorgans@winchester.gov.uk) or phone 01962 848 069.
- Hampshire Forest Partnership (HFP) - create a local forest plan for your parish
  - Set up so communities can get involved in caring for woodlands, planting more trees and to collaborate with HFP to deliver projects.
  - If you are interested in joining our partnership - email [treeplanting@hants.gov.uk](mailto:treeplanting@hants.gov.uk)

#### **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](#)
  - **Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis** – visit [Search - Winchester City Council](#)

## **APPENDIX B**

## **WCC Cllr Pearson Report Feb 2024**

Wow! So far, the winter has given us a series of challenges ranging from ‘named’ storms to flooding and now very cold temperatures. It is almost embarrassing to say that we have been warned for several decades that changes in the atmosphere albeit small, are making the air warmer. Warm air while crossing a warm Atlantic Ocean absorbs a great deal of water creating ‘turbulence’ or depressions. A series of international reports from the United Nations (IPCC) NASA and various meteorological agencies around the World have been advising us that these changes are coming. The global temperatures are now between 1degree Celsius and 2 degrees Celsius warmer than they were one hundred years ago. Hence the storms and much of the migration north (or south) away from hotter, drier parts of the world.

Our houses now must be designed to be warm in winter, but cool in summer. Insulated homes and double, or triple glazing is becoming a must. This enables us to reduce how much energy our homes need to keep us comfortable. If we live in an area that is susceptible to flooding, then we need flood barriers to keep water out of the house – even to the extent that air bricks need to be higher out of the ground.

Organisations such as WinACC and the Local Authorities point us towards ‘Warmer Homes’. The City Council website can point you in the correct direction. So far, these loans are geared towards people who live in homes that have Energy Certificates lower than D. Older houses could well be in this category. Look into solar panels on the roof, or Air (or Ground) Source heating. Not all houses are suitable, but they may help in your situation.

We are advised that the Environment Agency is spending a great deal of money on flood prevention schemes, but those villages that have problems from rising ground water like Hambledon then help may well come from the County Council. Drain covers need to be kept free of leaves especially in the autumn and winter so they can “do their job”. In the past homeowners got together to do this but parked cars don’t help as the cover they drain inlets.

While we are being (correctly) encouraged to plant more trees, recent events suggest that they come with a long-term warning with a because they absorb carbon dioxide and give off oxygen (photosynthesis). There was a startling number of trees blown over during the recent storms. (Henk). There seems to have been a tornado along part of Belmore Lane that knocked over 40 trees in about half a mile. It was an incredible sight!

Meanwhile 2024 is bringing us some Local Elections, and possibly a National Election (Must be before the end of January 2025). So, the question must be asked – have you registered to vote? New voting forms require your National Insurance Number as well as an identity ‘card’ of some sort e.g. passport or drivers’ licence – note that ID must have your photograph. Voters who dress to conceal their face may be taken to a private booth where the Election Officials may check. This is no different from last year and locally we had few, if any, problems. For those who wish to vote, but are going to be away on business, on holiday or have a long-term illness then the Postal Voting system is still available. Those of us who had them last year – they still apply. Again, all these details are on the City Council website at [Winchester.gov.uk](http://Winchester.gov.uk).

The voting booths are in the same location as last year.

While we know many of the MPs who are standing in the General Election, the Local Election candidates for the Central Meon Valley have not been announced yet.

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## APPENDIX C

## HCC Cllr Hugh Lumby Report Feb 2024

### 1. County Council Budget Consultation

You will no doubt have seen the publicity about councils ‘going bust’ in the last few months. The latest was Nottingham City Council, closer to home Southampton City Council is close to declaring it cannot deliver a balanced budget and Somerset Council is asking the Government to allow them to increase Council Tax by 10% this year to avoid the same situation. Hampshire County Council is not in that position, yet. Unusually for many councils it projects its finances ahead by a number of years. As I have mentioned before, these projections show that while it will be able to balance its budget for the next two years, by 2026 there will be an anticipated shortfall of £132 million. The County Council has a legal responsibility to carry out certain functions. Examples of this are social care costs for older people, support for those with disabilities, the care of vulnerable children and young people and school transport for those who meet the necessary criteria. These mandatory services are increasingly expensive without sufficient government support to fund them fully. Other services are discretionary, the council chooses to do these. HCC therefore has to consider ways by which it can balance its budget going forward, absent government support. As a result, it has now launched its consultation on how it might change its discretionary services to meet that budget shortfall. These include: *School Crossing Patrols* - HCC do not have a legal duty to provide school crossing patrols. It does however have a legal duty to ensure children can travel to school safely. *Winter Gritting Routes* - these have not been reviewed in many years, so it will be testing whether the current network is needed. *Community Transport and Bus Services* - there is no legal duty for the County Council to support community transport or to subsidise bus routes. However, both these can play a vital role in combatting social isolation and enabling access to vital services. *HWRCs* – I talk more about this below. You can read more about the consultation here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation> I do encourage you to take part, do not rely on others to do so.

### 2. Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

Hampshire is the best served county in terms of its waste and recycling centres, we have more per square mile, per head of population and open them longer than any other area. As a Waste Disposal Authority, the county council is obligated to arrange for the deposit of household and garden waste at no charge under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. In 2022/23, residents made 2.1 million bookings, depositing nearly 120,000 tonnes of waste across our 24 HWRCs, costing over £10 million a year to operate. The county council is now consulting on a range of proposed changes to save money, including: - charging for discretionary services (such as premium booking slots, additional services by site staff and chargeable items like gloves and sacks - alternative delivery models, such as handing over management to charities or community organisations or districts or borough managing some sites - reductions to types of waste accepted at some sites - reducing opening days and or hours - Potential reductions to opening hours and days to achieve savings - reducing the

number of sites. In assessing whether sites should be considered for closure, the council has split the sites into four tiers, based upon their size, usage and the cost of running them and is consulting on three options, no closures, just closing Tier 4 or closing Tiers 3 and 4. The tiers are as follows: - Tier 1 are newer, larger sites; these are Andover, Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Gosport, Segensworth, Waterlooville and Winchester - Tier 2 are strategic locations which may need some investment; these are Alton, Efford, Farnborough, Havant and Netley - Tier 3 are smaller, more operationally challenging sites and comprise Aldershot, Bordon, Casbrook (Romsey), Hedge End, Marchwood, Petersfield and Somerley - Tier 4 are the smallest sites, poorest performing and most expensive to run; they are Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Fair Oak, Hartley Wintney, Hayling Island. Not all the proposals may be taken forward but savings will have to be found, especially following the additional £2m per annum cost as a result of the Government's ban on charging for DIY waste, as I mentioned last month. Given so many of the Tier 4 sites are near us, I do urge you to make your thoughts known about this.

### **3. New 20mph policy introduced**

HCC's new policy on 20mph speed limits has now been introduced. It largely reflects the policies we have discussed before. By way of reminder, the new policy allows the council is to introduce speed restrictions where there is a proven safety need for them, for example outside schools. In addition it allows communities to request the introduction of 20mph zones in their own area, subject to meeting specified criteria. One of criteria, as I have mentioned before, is clear evidence of community support as 20mph zones can be very divisive. Secondly, communities will need to fund the introduction of the schemes they request themselves. This should be possible through the use of Community Infrastructure Levy or other forms of developer contributions. Given the financial challenges I have referred to above, the county council does not have the resources to fund these. Communities should also give thought to measures to reduce speed, such as Speed Indicator Devices, which are already working well across the Meon Valley Division.

### **Councillor Hugh Lumby, Meon Valley Division**

#### **APPENDIX D**

#### **BASS WG Report Feb 2024 (11th Jan WG Notes)**

Present: Deborah Paul; Laura Plaisted; Murray Mahon; John Thornton; Jacqui Dixon; Chris Silcock

Apologies: Jo Walker

In attendance: Andy Sweeney HCC; Tracey Webb HCC; Kirstie Currie HCC; Alex Pringle SDNPA

Key points arising from discussion:

#### **1. HCC – 'Healthy Streets'**

- a. This is the new buzz phrase – ie the outcome should be a healthier environment for all (greater freedom/facility to walk/cycle around the Village, less noise, fewer large vehicles etc.)
- b. There is a Foundation Course on YouTube (link to be obtained)
- c. Focus on creating 'safer routes to school' in support of what we are trying to achieve

#### **2. SDNPA advisory document**

- a. Due out in March 2024

#### **3. SDNP CIL**

- a. Bids for funding open 1 Jan -1 Apr. We need to get a bid in to help with funding Gates

#### **4. Gates:**

- a. Alex referred us to Sheet and Liss gates examples.
- b. Discussion on high costs if we used Glasdon.. HCC can install but at our cost. We can source the gates but we must have HCC agreement/sign off and they will then install
- c. Material – can be faux wood or natural wood, colour as we wish
- d. Design of posts leading to entrance at Alice Holt alters perspective and is aimed at slowing vehicles
- e. Only climate hardy planting around gates. 50cm height maximum

#### **5. Signs**

- a. £250 for an engineer to survey site and cost the work. New signs would be subject to a TRO if appropriate (not for advisory signs)

#### **6. 20MPH**

- a. HCC deciding 15 Jan.

- b. Suggested that we map out where we want gates and then where 20MPH would complement them. Must be a min of 150 metres of road to be covered by the limit.
- c. "Setting Local Speed Limits"  
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-local-speed-limits>)  
is a recommended reference document.
- d. Where recorded speeds are 24-26 then 20MPH could be considered – ie if recorded limits are already 20-23 then no change would be made. Repeater signs would be needed if 20MPH instituted.

#### 7. OFTR

- a. Potential cost for changes at the pinch point - £30-50k
- b. Anti-skid road paint – NO! Solid white line + walking figure or coloured resin
- c. Could a bike park be created for the OFTR on the football field adjacent to the Big Pipe outflow? To be investigated.
- d. Marked Footway >= to 1.2m wide (vice hard pavement) possible between OFTR build-out and Bury Lodge Lane

#### 8. Green Man

- a. Coloured tarmac + imprinted faux brick for 'roundabout' - £100k

#### 9. Stewarts Green

- a. Pinch vice build-out - £20-50k
- b. New crossing up to WW path – work would be needed on the hedge to ensure proper visibility of pedestrians for motorists

#### 10. High St

- a. Option for double yellow lines to manage parking rejected.
- b. Visit to site post meeting threw up some suggestions incl bulging the pavements with white lines
- c. Bollard on pavement by Miller's would need to meet minimum dimensions of clearance from the highway (as George House)

#### 11. Large Vehicles

- a. Possible advisory sign could be posted at the Green Man, at a suitable point on East St and at the T-junction of Hambledon Rd and Rushmere Lane. Aim is to prevent oversize vehicles trying to go through the centre and down Speltham/Back Lane

#### NEXT

12. We now need to decide what our priorities are. It is clear from what we were told that making changes to the roads, whether to slow traffic or to improve areas where pedestrian can walk/cross etc., is costly. That said, this is not a one, or two, year project – we need a clear vision of where we wish to end up and then map out how we achieve that over 5, 10, 15 years. We can access funds from SDNPA and HCC but these will not be huge and will likely need us to find matching sums. Key to all this is to sell this vision to our fellow Villagers and to gain their support for funding it over the next 15 years. Our only source of funding is the precept which inter alia goes towards administration, insurance, Village maintenance, playgrounds as well as BASS.

13. As suggested at a previous meeting, I would like to put a costed plan before the Village at the Annual Meeting of the Parish in May. An article in the April Hambledonian is needed.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** Please can we meet up again soon to get some details agreed and so that we can progress towards a document for the Village.

## APPENDIX E

## FAG Report Feb 2024

### Overview

We are now cruising through a period of slow down in the flooding season, but not out of it. Bore Hole readings on 31 January 24: BHD 52.870 AOD, Whitedale 54.001 AOD, both are moving downward, and below the EA trigger points. Comparison on 31/01/23, the readings were: BHD 61.800 AOD, Whitedale 60.576 AOD, much higher at the same point last year, with many cellars flooded. As of this writing, we are not

recommending any rolling-up of flood defences, which is consistent with advice from the EA as the weather risk profile remains uncertain. The FAG will continue to monitor and keep everyone informed until there is stability with the elements.

### **Current Headlines for the End of January**

- There are no flooded cellars on West or East Streets (including Weaverlands), and no over flowing wells. There is still a flood alert in place.
- During the January flooding events, there have been no pumping operations undertaken by residents of the properties subject to flooding. The outflow of the Big Pipe was twice witnessed to be at full capacity, which can be seen by the waterlines on the walls of the catchment basin, however no manhole covers lifted, and there were no signs of any stress to the system upstream. All of the highway gullies functioned well in directing the road water into the BP after they were cleaned, so there was no flooding, only minor puddling.
- Members of the FAG observed the conditions and communicated regularly with property owners with regard to their resiliency measures, and we can report there were only two requests for assistance from us over the last period.
- There have been no maintenance activities carried-out on either the Big Pipe, the catchment basin, or the ditch by HCC or any of its subcontractors. This remains a significant risk, and an urgent requirement for plan of action by HCC when weather permits.
- The hive of activity at the Bury Lodge Station, where the over-pumping has been continuing on a 24/7 basis throughout January continues. There has not been any information or indication from Southern Water as to the length of time the operations might continue, and as usual no plan for when any remedial action that will be taken. Fareham Road remains totally closed, and the cavalcade of tankers shifts the effluent to a higher location from where it gravitates down to the Wallington River to rejoin the water coming out of the village.

### **Latest From the Environment Agency**

*(email to Jan Jarvie) Another quick update from me. Levels are continuing to fall after we've had mostly dry weather for the last 3 weeks. The next five days are looking dry as well so this will continue to fall. You will likely know better but I'd expect cellar flooding impacts to stop occurring over the course of this week. If dry weather is forecast next week, then we will likely remove the Flood Alert for Hambledon. I will be updating the Flood Alert today (text below). As levels are going down and the forecast is looking good, I am not planning on sending this directly to the community. It will update on the Gov.uk website and on Floodline, but residents will not receive messages via phone, email or text. (Tom Woods)*

### **Flood Action Plan**

We received a "signal" from the "Hampshire County Council Emergency Planning and Resilience Team (formerly the Emergency Planning Unit). The former title of Flood Action Plan has also been replaced with - "Community Emergency Plan," to make your community more resilient to a host of emergencies – such as extreme weather, loss of utilities and flooding. We received an explanatory email which included a; *"Community Emergency Plan template, created to help you while preparing for emergencies in your area. We would encourage you to complete this template, and consider the risks, assets and vulnerabilities in your area, and review how you can support members of your community if there were an emergency in your area."* The 20 page template (copy appended hereto) has been prepared by the Local Resilience Forum (LRF), Hampshire & Isle of Wight, The Emergency Planning and Resilience Officer is Nicholas Adlam. A quick scan of the document appears to make sense, and is roughly close to the requirements we used to develop the FAP several years ago. It does suggest it is a deliverable, but does shift the onerous to individual villages to gather all of the required data, which requires a bit of effort to compile and draft, so the HPC needs to consider the way forward. Good idea to have a level of unified consistency, but lacks the force of a mandatory directive, which raises questions about the take-up by all of Hampshire. The driver for this latest plan appears to be shrinking resources, and managing the database may be a problem for HCC.

### **Actions for February**

We are not out of the 2023/24 flooding season, so most of the FAG efforts will be directed to maintaining a watch on the weather profiles, the aquifer levels and any requests for assistance. The experiences of the past few weeks with forecasts and quick changes coming in from all directions keep us in the realm of precision guesswork. We're always available for input for people in the village, and very much appreciate updates and observations.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jan Jarvie  
Flood Action Group

## APPENDIX F

## Hambleton Greening Report Feb 2024

### **Repair Café:**

- The next Repair Cafe will be held at Denmead Community Centre on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 1pm - 4pm.

### **Recycling:**

- The red Biffa bin is proving so popular that it will now be locked as soon as it is full, usually one week after being emptied. A letter has been sent out to all HGC supporters to this effect and to both village newsletters.
- We have been experiencing some problems with misuse of the bin by VH users so Nigel Foster has written to Janet Harrison about this and she is kindly writing to users with a reminder of what should and should not go in the bin.

### **Community Energy group:**

- The community engagement sub-committee of the CE group met on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss ways to develop village interest in CE. It was agreed that some easy initial wins would be to answer questions on retrofit and other carbon-saving measures that could be adopted by villagers. Three events have been planned, which will be advertised in an insert in the next Hambletonian:
  - April: date and venue to be confirmed. An informal meeting of villagers with heat pumps who will present the pros and cons of them to anyone interested.
  - June: date and venue to be confirmed. An informal meeting of villagers with EVs, following a similar format.
  - Sept: date and venue to be confirmed. A final meeting of those villagers with PVs, with the same format.

### **Retrofit:**

- The National Greening Campaign online seminar held on Friday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, as a follow-up to the thermal imaging done over Christmas by HGC volunteers, was supported by 21 attendees and the 4 presentations were very informative.
- There will be an event held on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-1pm in the Village Hall that will be a useful follow-up for those with older and listed buildings in the village. It will be a pre-bookable event and people will be able have a personal appointment with a range of experts on the retrofitting of older and listed buildings. This is being organised by WinACC. There is no cost, but all advice will be verbal and not in writing.

### **2024/2025 budget:**

- The HGC Committee is extremely grateful that our request for a slight increase in our annual budget has been agreed.

We are grateful as always for your support.

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of Hambleton Greening Campaign)