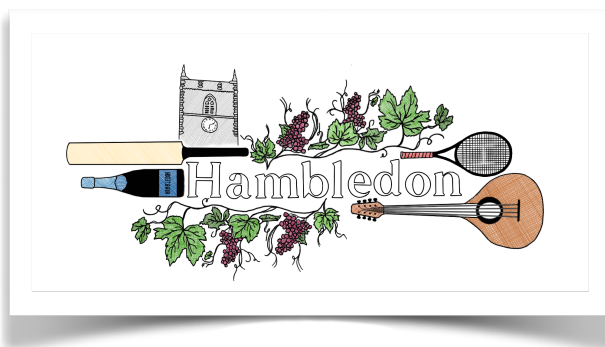




DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council

To Incorporate the Annual Meeting of the PC and the Ordinary May 2023 Meeting of the PC
15 May 2023; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Mason; Cllr Silcock; Cllr Lamb; Cllr Dyson

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Lumby (HCC; left 7.54pm); Cllr Wallace (WCC; left 7.54pm); Cllr Pearson (WCC; left 7.54pm); & Cllr Lee (WCC; left 7.54pm)

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
1956	Election of Chairman for 2023/24	Resolved: that Cllr Encke is elected as Chair of the PC for the year 2023/24. [Cllrs voted unanimously for.]	
1957	Chairman's Acceptance of Office Forms	Cllr Encke duly signed the Chairman's Acceptance of Office form.	
1958	Election of Vice-Chairman for 2023/24	Resolved: that Cllr Quinn is elected as Vice-chair of the PC for the year 2023/24. [Cllrs voted unanimously for.]	
1959	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of all villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
1960	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Hand & Quinn, and PCSO Wheeler-Osman.	
1961	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
1962	Requests for dispensations	None received.	

1963	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. • Speedwatch - member of the public put a case forward for the PC showing support to Hampshire Police for a community-led Speedwatch initiative in the village.	
1964	Resume standing orders	Agreed	
1965	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see appendix A). Additional points discussed as follows: • Cllr Wallace introduced Cllr Danny Lee. • Cllr Pearson reminded cllrs of the WCC energy related grants available. Deadline 31/05/23. To be circulated to villagers. May be a new set of grants introduced by Government after that deadline. Cllr raised concern about potholes in relatively new road surfaces - quality issue with the tarmac? Cllr Pearson confirmed that for potholes generally, HH is using material derived from ash (county waste incinerators), which is not as resilient as tarmac. Known problem. Extra weight of electric vehicles is another contributing factor.	Clerk
1966	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see appendix B). Additional points discussed as follows: • Lorries on Speltham Hill. Cllr Pearson commented that 20s Plenty to come before decision group in Sept, not July as originally expected.	
1967	Police/PCSO report	No report received.	
1968	Mins of previous meeting (03/04/23)	Agreed as a true record.	
1969	Delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, staff and other local authorities.	Resolved: that no amendments are required to current arrangements.	
1970	Review of the terms of reference for committees.	Resolved: that no amendments are required to the terms of reference for committees.	

1971	Election of members to existing committees (C)/ working groups (WG)	Resolved: that the PC approves the appointment of the following cllrs to existing committees/WGs: • Planning (C) - Cllr Mason; Cllr Quinn; Cllr Silcock • Finance (WG) - Cllr Silcock; Cllr Quinn • Beautiful & Safer Streets (BASS; previously Traffic & Pedestrian Safety WG and Better streets WG) (WG) - Cllr Silcock; Cllr Encke • Footpaths (WG) - Cllr Hand • Village maintenance & Lengthsman (WG) - Cllr Hand • Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp (WG) - Cllr Dyson; Cllr Silcock • Flood Action Group (WG) - Cllr Mason; Cllr Quinn • Tennis (WG) - Cllr Dyson • Hambledon Greening (WG) - Cllr Quinn; Cllr Lamb Clerk to update website with the above details.	Clerk
1972	Arrangements with other local authorities	Resolved: that the PC approves the Lengthsman Scheme contract with Soberton PC (Lead Parish) for the period 01/04/23 to 31/03/24. Clerk to sign & return contract.	Clerk
1973	Representations on external bodies	Resolved: that the PC approves the following cllrs to represent the PC on external bodies: • Village Hall Committee - Cllr Dyson • Vineyard Liaison Group - Cllrs Quinn & Mason • Hambledon Connected - Cllr Quinn	
1974	General Power of Competence	Resolved: that the Clerk looks into the details of completing the CiLCA qualification this year, with the expectation that Hambledon and West Meon PCs will share the cost.	Clerk
1975	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 2023 (no meeting held in August). The annual meeting of the PC will be held on the first (non-bank-holiday) Monday of May 2024. All meetings will take place in the Meeting Room of Hambledon Village Hall @ 7.30pm.	

1976	Clerk's progress report	Parish Lengthsman Agreement - No update yet on schedule for 2023/24. Future work - removal of debris on West St, B2150 (Beech Cottage down to Snowdrop Cottage). Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - Cllr Lumby has chased on behalf of the PC and HH has confirmed that will revisit the site with the intention to patch the affected area by the junction. Electricity Supply for Christmas Tree at The Gardens - No update. [REMOVE FROM REPORT.] (Reports & Issues) - Rattling manhole covers - HH claimed that covers did not belong to them so handed over to SW. SW carried out a site visit, which the clerk was able to attend, but concluded that the all of the six rattling covers are owned by HH so the work has been passed back once more. On-going. Village maintenance Cllr Hand has passed contact details for a possible contractor to the Clerk. Work brief & footpath map have been sent. Clerk to chase if necessary. Traffic & Pedestrian Safety WG Speed limit reminder - batteries received. Cllr Silcock & members of TPSWG considering possible placements etc. Reports & Issues - Large puddle on pavement outside 13 West St/The Cross Tree - Clerk has reported to HH online but no response received to date. Footpath 18 resurfacing - No progress. PC to decide whether to look for contractor quotes or not. Pre-approval of payment of invoice - Ava Recreation Ltd Damage to grass -VH grounds. Ava Recreation to return w/c 15/05/23 to rake and put down more seed. If this is unsuccessful, re-turfing to be arranged. A few quotes have been received; best option being circa £430.	
1977	Bank account	Bank balance - £85,304.11 (@ 01 May 2023; bank statement 156 has been forwarded to cllrs).	Clerk
1978	Grant request - Hambledon PCC	Resolved: that the PC approves the grant of £600.00 to Hambledon PCC to assist with the maintenance of the Churchyard.	Clerk
1979	Annual Playground Inspections	Resolved: that the PC agrees on the following actions in response to the annual playground inspection report (received and forwarded to Cllrs 21/04/23): • Clerk to look at all issues and create a list of necessary repairs. It was also noted by the Clerk that the contractor who re-painted the infant swings has been asked to quote for re-painting the ball wall, basketball post, and junior swings.	Clerk

1980	Virement - discretionary awards	Resolved: that the PC approves the amount of £2,000.00 to be vired from unallocated funds with the BASS WG budget into a new new 'village improvement' fund which will allow the PC to approve unexpected grants and expenses. Balance at the end of the financial year to be vired back to the BASS WG budget.	Clerk
1981	Payment of accounts	Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary (Apr 2023) £803.90 NEST Clerk pension (Apr 2023). £64.74 HALC HALC/NALC annual subscription 2023/24 £394.89 Parish Online Annual subscription 2023/24. £96.00 Kimcell Ltd Annual website service charge - hosting, support & backup £576.00 Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire Apr 2023 £20.25 Derrick Whapshott Reimbursement for Coronation expenses - pack & printing for treasure hunt £29.35 Hambledon PCC Gardening/mowing of upper Glebeland for the year 2022/23 £700.00 Biffa Recycling bin collection May 2023 £45.17 Kevin Bentley Re-paint of VH infant swings £30.00 WCC Playground inspection 2023 £51.50 Belinda Johnson Reimbursement for Green Man beds (soaker hose end & staples) £8.98 Mrs J C Tester Reimbursement for purchase of TENS licence (for 07/05/23) and printer paper £25.49 Hambledon Pre-school Grant for iPad purchase (approved 03/04/23) £310.00 Gouchys BBQs BBQ Nb cost of £375 + VAT approved at the April 23 PC meeting but when invoice received it became clear that business is not VAT reg, so PC unable to reclaim VAT of £75.00 £450.00 HMRC Confirmation that final payment for PAYE/NI was £67.12 £67.12 Biffa Confirmation that payment due 30/04/23 was £48.40, not £40.77 as estimated at the 03/04/23 meeting £48.40 Alfie Godwin-Hudson Tennis Coaching (Apr 2023) £60.00 Sam Richie Tennis Coaching (Apr 2023) £60.00 Moritz Flohr Tennis Coaching (Apr 2023) £40.00	Clerk

1982	Planning applications	• SDNP/23/01847/HOUS - 2 Quarry Wood Cottages West Street Hambledon Hampshire PO7 4SN. Alteration to a front porch along with associated works. [SUPPORT.] • SDNP/23/01807/CND Barn at, Rushmere Farm, Rushmere Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire. Removal of conditions 4, 6, 7, 11 and 14 of planning application SDNP/22/02556/FUL. [SUPPORT.] • SDNP/23/01818/TCA - Whitedale House, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RZ. Removal of 4 x sycamore trees. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/23/01846/LIS - 11-12 East Street Hambledon Hampshire PO7 4RX. 'Like for like' replacement of a first floor bedroom flush casement window, horizontal astragal bars, white finished (supplied by Timber Windows of Horndean. The window to be replaced is not of historical interest and the proposed replacement is craftsman made retaining the special character of the conservation area. The replacement window will secure the integrity of the window and improve insulation/energy efficiency. [SUPPORT.]	Clerk
1983	Planning apps received after 09/05/23	SDNP/23/02045/TPO - Ashcombe House Green Lane Hambledon Hampshire PO7 4SX. 3 x no. ash trees with ash die back disease, advised to be felled, please see quote from JH Tree Services.1 of the ash trees is within a TPO area. [NO COMMENT.]	
1984	Planning decisions	Noted.	
1985	BASS SWG	Report received (see appendix C). The Clerk advised that the business owner responsible for the van which caused the damage to the bollard outside of George House has stopped returning calls and e-mails. Clerk and Cllrs agreed that the matter should now be handed to the PC's insurance company to take forward.	Clerk
1986	Speedwatch Scheme	Cllr Silcock gave a summary of what the WG has been doing & an explanation of why things take so long to progress. The WG is focusing on a series of measures including a possible 20mph speed limit through the village; environment changes; traffic speed indicators etc. Proposal: it was proposed and seconded that the PC waits until the current BASS work comes to fruition and then considers where Speedwatch may fit into that overall holistic solution. Resolved: that the PC waits until the current BASS work comes to fruition and then considers where Speedwatch may fit into that overall holistic solution.[Cllrs voted 3 for; 2 against.]	
1987	Tennis WG	No report received.	

1988	Flood Action Group	Report received (see appendix D). Additional points raised by Jan Jarvie (JJ) as follows: • Who is going to write to HCC re maintenance of pipe and ditch? Maintenance schedule should be linked to time of year/temperature/rainfall etc. Cllr commented that PC needs to remember that gutters are the responsibility of WCC; Big Pipe HCC. Who should be chased re failing sewage infrastructure etc?: • mess outside of Tearooms (on B2150) following most recent flood; • damage to sides of road near farm gate on Fareham Road following most recent flood; & • maintenance & repair of sewer opposite TOFTR. [Flick Drummond was supposed to be organising a meeting with interested parties. Cllr Encke to formally write requesting update.] JJ to draft letters to both HCC and Flick Drummond, & send to Chair for finalising. Cllr Mason to oversee. Cllr suggested that FAG is taken off the agenda as a standing item from now until flood season is imminent. Agreed.	Cllr Encke Cllrs Encke & Mason Clerk
1989	Play & playground Re-vamp WGs	No report received & no additional updates.	
1990	Hambleton Greening WG	Report not yet received (will be included as appendix E when available). Main points as follows: • Greening Festival (took place 13/05/23). • Repair Cafe AGM - voted to give £250 from its sizeable profit over the year (from generous donations) towards the Biffa recycling bin. The rest is going towards two bike repair stations. • Biffa bin is being used a lot and has received many compliments from villagers.	
1991	Reports & Issues	• Cllr Danny Lee (Green Party) has stepped forward to replace Mrs Vicki Sherwell (nee Weston) [Independent] as Councillor for Central Meon Valley.	
1992	Date/time of next meeting	• Annual Meeting of the Parish - Tues 23rd May 2023 at Hambleton VH; 7.30pm. • Mon 5th June 2022 at Hambleton VH; 7.30pm.	
1993	Confidential matters	No members of the public or press were present.	

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

NEW TOPICS**Local Elections**

- Danny Lee has been elected as the new Winchester City Councillor for the Central Meon Valley ward. The full district election result was:

FORD Kris The Conservative Party Candidate 889

GREGORY Tom Liberal Democrats 313

LEE Danny Green Party 2168(E)

MCNALLY Antony Labour Party 66

- Following the election, the overall makeup of Winchester Council is now: 30 seats for the Liberal Democrat Party, 12 seats for the Conservative Party, 2 seats for the Green Party & 1 seat for Independent Councillors Election results 2023 - Winchester City Council

Going Greener Faster

- Social Housing Decarbonisation – Winchester City Council has received £534,000 from the Government, which will be match-funded by the council, to improve the energy efficiency of the council's social housing properties which are currently rated D or below for their Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). This will include the installation of a range of performance improvement and energy saving measures.

Planning

- Bishops Waltham Solar Farm – At March's WCC Planning Committee Meeting, permission was granted for a solar farm on land at Locks Farm, Botley Road, Bishops Waltham. The 18MW solar farm will provide enough energy to power 5,500 homes and fits with the Government's goal to increase solar energy capacity five-fold by 2035 (from 14GW to 70GW).

A separate application for a 50MW solar farm on land to the north-east of Denmead is currently going through the planning process. If approved, the Denmead solar farm will provide enough energy to power 15,000 homes.

Upcoming Events

- 01-June – Royal Logistics Corp Freedom Parade in Winchester (inspection by the Colonel in Chief, HRH The Princess Royal) Royal Logistic Corps 30 (RLC30) - Winchester City Council
- 30 June to 01-July – Hat Fair Festival: Winchester's family-friendly festival of street performance and outdoor arts Hat Fair | Outdoor Arts Festival

ON-GOING TOPICS**Going Greener Faster**

- Homes – Residents can apply for grants of up to £25,000 for energy efficiency improvements to their property under the Warmer Homes program. From end of this month, the scheme is only open to off-gas properties i.e. a property where the main heating source is not mains gas. The programme is open to homeowners and private rental tenants, and covers a range of measures from insulation to heat pumps and solar panels. To qualify for the grants your home must currently have an EPC rating of E, F or G (limited funding is available for EPC D rated properties), and either you have a total household annual income of less than £30,000, or you receive a specified means-tested benefit. See

Warmer Homes - Winchester City Council for further details.

- 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
- Travel by Bus – The £2 bus fare cap scheme has been extended to 30 June 2023. Stagecoach and National Express are among the companies introducing the single fare limit in England. See: £2 bus fare cap to be extended and bus services protected with new funding - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Cost of Living Support

- 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
- Local – In addition Winchester Council has launched a website providing information on local resources: Cost of living support and information - Winchester City Council
- Grants for Organisations – Winchester Council has also launched a new Cost of Living Grant scheme aims to help organisations that are supporting people in the Winchester district who are experiencing difficulties due to the rising cost of living. To apply see: Cost of Living Grant Scheme - Winchester City Council

Events

- Community Support for Ukraine (information and help) – For latest information see: Winchester City Council pledges support for Ukraine - Winchester City Council

Funding Opportunities

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Winchester district is set to receive a £1 million boost thanks to funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Between now and 2025 the money will be used to help pay for projects that support the fund's three priorities: Community and Place, Supporting Local Business, and People and Skills. Details on how to apply should be in the next Parish Briefing.
- Small Grants Scheme – The WCC District Small Grant Scheme provides 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. They can apply at any time, with decisions made every three months. See online for details: District Small Grants - Winchester City Council
- Rural Fund – WCC has been allocated a grant for capital projects in the market towns, villages and rural areas of Winchester district in FY2024 & FY2025. The indicative investment plan is split between net zero/climate mitigation projects, community infrastructure projects, culture, arts & tourism development, and green spaces enhancement. See WCC November Parish Briefing for details.

[Cllr Malcolm Wallace \(mwallace@winchester.gov.uk\)](mailto:mwallace@winchester.gov.uk)

Winchester City Councillor Report May 2023 (Cllr Frank Pearson)

As we write this article, we are well into Spring. Roadside flowers of the season are in full bloom and the trees are mid-way through gaining their summer foliage. How many of you, like me, have noticed that trees these days seem to have more and bigger leaves – or is it just that they are all that much older?

Just under half of our 18 years plus adults have been to our various village halls to vote in a new Councillor for the Central Meon Valley. Vicki Weston (now Mrs. Sherwill) has retired from the Winchester Council, although she is still actively a member of Soberton Parish Council.

We would like to thank Vicki for her years of service to the villages of Central Meon Valley. She was a very active member of the City Council making Winchester aware that the rural element of the Southern Parishes is as important as the urban areas in Winchester.

The May Election results were: -

FORD, Kris - Conservative Party	889 votes
GREGORY, Thomas –	313 votes.
LEE, Danny – Green Party	2168 votes
McNALLY, Antony – Labour Party.	66 votes

45.86% of our electorate voted.

The new City Council is 30 Liberal Democrats, 12 Conservatives, 2 Green Party, and 1 independent.

Cllr Danny Lee was duly elected as the third Councillor in our area. Danny lives in Droxford.

Once the “excitement” of the election was over we then had the Coronation ‘weekend for King Charles III, and his Queen Camilla, the beginnings of what is being called the Carolean Era.

It seems that every village within our Ward had at least one celebration. Enthusiastic reports suggest that everyone who attended the villager’s events enjoyed the celebratory picnic in the sun. Major thanks to the Parish Councils and those who sponsored the occasion.

Thanks also to the various ‘Litter Pickers’ who cleared up the event sites. Even though most rubbish was put into the bins there was still overspills.

Continued major issues raised during the Election campaign included ‘fly tipping’ (WCC, HCC and the Police), sewerage ‘overspills’ (Southern Water), potholes (HCC Highways), and planning (WCC).

- We are aware of the sewerage outflows in Hambledon, and Waltham Chase but are there any others that should be added to our list? Southern Water is “full of apologies” for their very poor performance in January/February. Those that receive their water from Otterbourne had no water for several days and the bottled water supply was very difficult especially for many elderly people. To compound the problem there were many sewerage leaks e.g. Hambledon, Colden Common and Winchester High Street!
- ‘Fly tipping’ continues to be outrageous and the City Council continues to be active in its clearance. This service costs Rate Payers some £70-80,000 a year in Winchester District alone. Some is recovered when the offenders are prosecuted.
- Potholes are of increasing concern. In the years that I have lived in the area I have never seen such a massive increase in their numbers. This is a job for HCC (Highways) but financial constraints, and the speed in which they develop means that it is difficult to clear them all up. Please slow down when driving, and report them via either the WCC App., or direct to, (Highways). They are aware if there is a ‘white box’ drawn around them.
- The County tells us that the heavy weight of electric vehicles along with heavy lorries have added to the problem!
- Planning is often an issue. Any issues raised will be followed up by representations to either the planning Dept. or the Planning Cttee.

None of these can be dealt within 24 hrs. but do not let that stop you calling or emailing one of us to try to find a solution.

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APPENDIX B

Hampshire County Councillor report May 2023

Parents in Hampshire who applied on time for a school place for children starting school in September 2023 – either in Reception Year or in Year 3 in a junior school – have been sent the outcome of their application by Hampshire County Council. Over 98 per cent (98.77 per cent) of parents have been offered a reception year place for their child in one of their three preferred choice schools, with more than 93 per cent (93.02 per cent) allocated a place at their first choice of school. Of pupils transferring from infant school to junior school (Year 3), more than 99 per cent (99.29 per cent) received a place at one of their three choices, and over 97 per cent (97.88 per cent) obtained a

place at their first choice of school. Parents are being encouraged at this time to consider how their child will travel to and from school, and whether they may need transport assistance. School transport is available for children who meet specific eligibility criteria, after they reach compulsory school age (five years old). The deadline to submit transport applications is 31 July 2023. For more information about school transport assistance, please visit the [County Council's](#) website.

2. Average speed cameras and 20mph

Just in time for the next motorbike season, the average speeds cameras on the A32 and the A272 are here. The cameras are centred around the West Meon Hut, covering the A32 from West Meon to East Tisted and on the A272 from Bramdean to Langrish. We also expect to see a greater police presence in the wider area. The hope is that this will all deter antisocial bikers from coming to the area. But remember, average speed cameras do not discriminate between locals and visitors, so do remember to stick to the speed limit. And on the subject of speed limits, Hampshire's new policy allowing the reduction in permitted speeds is due to be approved in September. This will include the possibility of 20mph limits, although not on strategic roads like the A32.

3. Pot holes

Potholes and other road defects are one of our biggest issues locally so I thought I would talk a bit about what is being done about them. As I've said before, the weather this winter had the worst possible combination of prolonged heavy rain and sub-zero temperatures. Potholes can form in a number of ways. Aside from general wear and tear, the freeze-thaw action of water when it gets into cracks can rapidly weaken and break open road surfaces, and this is in addition to the hydraulic effect of vehicle tyres constantly going over standing water in cracks and other small surface defects that can also create potholes. This explains why, even though we are moving into summer, potholes are continuing to develop and why some of the temporary fixes are beginning to break down. Given the high number of potholes that have formed this winter, particularly after each of the spells of freezing weather, HCC's Highways team took the decision to carry out more emergency temporary infill repairs to keep roads safe and serviceable - in the time taken to undertake a permanent fix between 4 and 7 temporary infills can be completed. As a result, over 40,000 of these potholes were filled in the three months from December to February. The Government has allocated just under £6million to Hampshire for additional pothole repairs. We anticipate this money being used to fill approximately 39,000 additional potholes over the summer.

4. The Big Fix

The Big Fix is a national campaign to promote the growing number of Repair Cafés across the UK, run by volunteers who teach residents how to fix items at home so that fewer items end up as waste. With 'The Big Fix' campaign running throughout May, Hampshire residents are being encouraged to give old items, gathering dust or potentially destined for the bin, a new lease of life by visiting their local Repair Café, helping themselves to save money and reduce waste. There are 17 members of the County Council's Hampshire Repair Café network which offers training and general advice. Since May last year, the network has collectively run over 90 events restoring over 1,000 items to usable order. The initiative is supported through HCC's waste prevention community grant programme. Locally, we have the wonderful Meon Valley Repair Cafe in Waltham Chase. This is a neighbourhood initiative that promotes repair as an alternative to tossing things out. The initiators organise a Repair Café on the first Saturday of each month from 10 am to 12 noon at Waltham Chase Methodist Church.

5. God save the King!

Its the coronation weekend as I write and what a fabulous occasion it has been, its wonderful to see the communities coming together in celebration. For me, it has also been a great opportunity to see the benefits of some of the grants I have given this year. The new Shedfield pavilion is really tremendous and there was a great party to celebrate its opening - it will be a great asset to the area and I was pleased to give support to it. Whiteley had another wonderful gathering - the queue for the face painting I had supported was very pleasing. And the fabulous bellringers in Droxford with their new grant funded ropes were an inspiration to all that heard them. The new season for HCC grants opens in June, do let me know if there are any good community projects in need of support. Over the last year I have supported projects up and down the division, from village cross cleaning in West Meon to the playground in Hambledon and the youth group in Waltham Chase, not forgetting new loos in Swanmore village hall.

Councillor Hugh Lumby, Meon Valley Division

APPENDIX C

BASS Working Group Report May 2023

Combined Better Streets & Traffic and Pedestrian Safety working groups

It is proposed that the new WG be called the Beautiful and Safer Streets (BASS) WG.

All the current members of the T&PSWG bar one have said they will continue to serve on the new group. They are: John Thornton, Deborah Paul, Jo Walker, Laura Plaisted and Jacqui Dixon.

John Thornton is canvassing his Better Streets WG members to see if they wish to join BASS WG.

Update on current work

Better streets. There are 8 new street signs still to be installed. They are at the foundry. In addition, the damaged bollard in front of George House will need to be replaced in toto vice repaired. The Clerk has details of the driver who damaged it. I am in email discussion with HH about large lorries trying to drive down Speltham Hill and damaging walls/plants etc.

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety. Three members of the WG visited Cheriton last Wednesday; they have similar/worse problems to Hambledon and, like us, Cheriton is in close contact with SDNPA and with Hampshire Highways. A summary follows:

Deborah Paul, John Thornton and I visited Cheriton and met with two of their Traffic WG members to compare notes. They have 12 members on the WG!

Cheriton is very linear. The main road through the village connects the A272 with Alresford so they get a lot of traffic cutting through. They have very few/no pavements so villagers jostle with cars, lorries, farm vehicles etc. They have signed up to 20s Plenty and have heart shaped 20mph signs on the road. They have done a survey, as we did, and they are using one speed indicator device in 4 locations to encourage motorists to slow down; it also tracks speed and numbers of vehicles, giving a readout. They have engaged Alex Pringle at SDNPA as we have and are also engaged with HCC. A consultant employed by SDNPA did a high level report for them on what changes they might make to improve things. Hugh Lumby also works with them.

Like us, they know what they want to improve traffic behaviour etc but can't get HH to agree to spend the money on the various measures suggested in the report - nothing in the budget. Cheriton feels that small rural parishes are being ignored. All in all, we were very much on the same page.

We agreed that parishes should band together to bring pressure to bear. There is a Winchester District parishes forum and I will speak to the chair to see how this initiative can be progressed. We noted that Hampshire will decide on 20mph in June.

Hambledon

The PC agreed at the last meeting to combine the Traffic and the Better Streets Working Groups because there is quite a bit of synergy and crossover. Greening is also represented. The PC will be asked on Monday to agree to the combined group being called Beautiful and Safer Streets (BASS) WG.

We have now done pretty much all we can do in terms of survey, analysis, consultation etc. We are going to meet next week to set down what we want with clear explanations why. The survey and speed data will be key supporting evidence/rationale. Based on our discussions and meetings with Alex Pringle (SDNPA) and Martin Wiltshire (HCC), I believe we want/should be able to get:

- * A 40mph placed before Park a) to stop traffic legally doing 60mph up to the Dower House 30mph and b) to enclose Brook Lane within the 40mph (see below).
- * resiting the existing 40mph at Three Corners back up the Droxford Rd so that vehicles are slowed before the Brook Lane turning (see above). We can expect HH to say signs will also be required on the two lanes leading off Brook Lane.

In addition we want to look at:

- * resiting the existing 30mph near Hook Vinney to a more logical position
- * query 20mph from vicinity of Fairfield to the Green Man
- * query 20mph between Old Forge Tea Room and existing 40mph at Lashley
- * query alterations to chicanes and build-outs to improve effectiveness
- * use of cobbles across the road at key points to reinforce speed changes
- * query use of gates at the three main entrance points (we have our village signs)
- * query a pavement/walkway along Green Lane and from OFTR to Hook Vinney
- * improve signage to stop oversize vehicles using small roads like East and West streets through the centre, Speltham Hill, Back and Glidden lanes
- * planting of trees and shrubs at entrances of and through the village to soften the environment and encourage moderate speeds/better driving

Once we have a plan I will bring it to the PC for your sign off in principle. We will also want to consider how we involve villagers. Then we tackle HH.

Finally, we have the speed warning device (gifted by Swanmore). I have got Cheriton's Risk assessment to work off and will shortly submit ours to HH in order to get a licence to use the device. The WG will need to identify where best to site the posts around the village to get optimum effect. These and the licence will be a cost to the budget (amount tbd).

In summary, we are progressing. This will not be an instant fix but will take time.

Overview

The 2022/23 Flooding Season has now closed, and the Flood Action Group is now following it up by considering the lessons learnt, the ongoing focus on climate change, the review of the Risk Management Plan, and the adjustments needed for the future support we need to be prepared for the next season. This last bout was smaller in size than the 2014 event, though the amount of water we had to deal with was much greater. We did get to experience the huge amount of flow that the Big Pipe systems had to cope with, which significantly increased our confidence in its meeting the overall requirements. There were a few glitches associated with the availability of weather warnings and aquifer information, caused by industrial action leading to a conspicuous lack of support or advice from critical resources. Including the Environment Agency, Hampshire Highways, and subcontractors used by HCC. We hope the troubles were down to one-off consequences this year, and there were workarounds available for the FAG to continue to disseminate information in spite of the gaps.

The largest of the flooding difficulties we experienced, however, were the continuing consequences of the wide-ranging failures of the sewerage system, still requiring urgent remedial action prior to the autumn season.

Maintenance of Resiliency Aspects

The fundamental efficiency of the Big Pipe was compromised to a large extent by poorly managed maintenance activities that were either inadequate, poorly scheduled or left-out due to subcontractor availability, funding and access problems caused by delays. Many of the primary concerns currently remain unaddressed as of this writing, and we've not seen any signs of appropriate action plans, or future procedural improvements to curtail repetition of the overall causes.

We are currently awaiting a plan and schedule for the required actions we expect:

1. Remove silt and debris from the full length of out-flow section of the 1.2 m pipe
2. Clear all debris, silt and vegetation from the Catchment Basin
3. Arrange for a full survey and deliverable report from a qualified person on the present condition of the sides and bottom of the ditch banks from the headwall down to Hook Vinney
4. Provide a plan and schedule for the required remedial actions associated the proposed recommendations
5. Provide an appropriate annual schedule to meet the ongoing maintenance requirements based on scope for changing conditions, not funding

Southern Water and Sewerage

The enormous problems we had during the flooding season remains a very real major risk for a long time to come. It is not necessary to recite all of the ugly memories of the months of discomfort and disgust the majority of Hambledon residents had to live through. And we recognise many people from outside of the village were aware they had to drive through the discharge of raw sewerage. Volumes of emails and phone calls were handled by members of the FAG, and we continue to keep pressure on Southern Water through any channel possible. We enlisted the support of Flick Drummond our local MP, and various councillors, but there are still no responses to date for us to report on.

There are a few things that need to be followed-up on:

Repair damage to the verges adjacent to the Bury Lodge Pumping Station both sides of Fareham Road caused by heavy lorries making wide and frequent manoeuvres with a lack of care.

Repair the 40 m of farmyard fencing and posts run over by tankers, along with damage to the hedging across from the Station.

One of our biggest worries is the need to close roads, and this just happened with no warnings or advice from S/W, and no signs of any supervision or reliable contacts in their organisation. This is another risk needing a solution plan for the future.

The good news is that S/W did manage to clean-up the garden full of loo paper and other stuff at Hook Vinney, to the owner's satisfaction! The bad news is they cleaned nothing up in the football pitch that still bares the scars.

Respectably Submitted By,
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Flood Action Group

APPENDIX E

Hambledon Greening May Report

Repair Café:

- The first Denmead and Hambledon Repair Café AGM was held on Tuesday April 25th at the Denmead Community Centre. About 15 people attended and the committee was re-elected along with two new members. Hambledon is now represented on the committee by Sue Crossley and Toby Finch. It was voted that £250 from the profits from donations for this year go towards the hire of the HGC recycling bin. Denmead will also monitor its use to see if some of the profits could go towards a similar bin in Denmead.

Recycling:

- The recycling rigid plastics bin has now been emptied for the first time and was very full so emptying every two weeks would seem appropriate. The bin now has an HGC sign on it indicating its specific use for rigid plastic items and that no bags be left outside the bin.

Google Survey on village allotments:

- A survey has now gone out to our 109 contacts. This is in connection with our current focus on food and food waste. These have been responses so far:
- Twenty-five responses were received.
- Fifteen people said they would be interested.
- Most thought that £80 for a standard plot was a good price.
- Five respondents said they would be willing to join an organising committee.
- Six respondents said they would be willing to give advice to novice growers.

Community Energy:

- Sue Crossley recently attended an online seminar, organised by Energise South Downs, on the Swaffham Prior renewable Heat Network project. The meeting is well worth watching and the link is below. It features Emma Fletcher, Chair of Swaffham Prior Community Land Trust, who talks through Swaffham Prior's 100% renewable Heat Network project. This was carried out in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council and has two core aims: to get off oil and tackle fuel poverty. Several other villages are now using Swaffham's expertise to initiate projects in their own communities.

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Greening Festival, Saturday May 13th 2-5pm:

- Careful planning has now gone into siting the various stalls and events for the day.
- Advertising for the event is continuing and we hope to see some members of the Parish Council there!

We are grateful as always for your support.

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)