



## DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council  
04 Dec 2023; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

### PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Silcock; Cllr Lamb (left the room at 9.31pm; returned 9.32pm); & Cllr Dyson

### In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Wallace (WCC; arrived 7.42pm; left 8.46pm); Cllr Lee (WCC; arrived 7.42pm; left 8.46pm); Jan Jarvie (FAG); and four members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.31pm

| Item No. | Item                            | Discussion & Decision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Action |
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| 2149     | Acknowledgements                | Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Elizabeth Garfit and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |
| 2150     | Apologies                       | Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Mason.<br><br>Apologies also received from Cllr Lumby (HCC); Cllr Pearson (WCC); & PCSO Wheeler-Osman.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |        |
| 2151     | Disclosable pecuniary interests | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |        |
| 2152     | Requests for dispensations      | None received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |        |
| 2153     | Public questions & comments     | Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins.<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three members of the public commented on planning app SDNP/23/04750/CND: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hoped that the PC would respond with a robust objection, as per original consultation.</li> <li>SDNPA did a good job dealing with the first app &amp; would encourage them to do the same with this one.</li> <li>Supported an objection.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Representative of VH Committee requested an increase in the grant for VH grounds maintenance. VH having to pay an increased amount to contractor, C. Martin (£960 for 2023). Value of carpark and grounds to villagers. Hope to improve the parking area at the back of the carpark - looking to enlarge. Will be costly. Next fee rise will be for villagers/clubs/societies etc.</li> </ul> |        |
| 2154     | Resume standing orders          | Agreed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |

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| 2155 | District councillor's report & questions arising | <p>Report received from Cllrs Wallace &amp; Lee (Appendix A).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HPC cllr asked if WCC cllrs were aware of an update on when the 20sPlenty decision would be made. [Not aware of any delay past Jan 2024. Would need to speak to HCC, Cllr Lumby.]</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Lee highlighted the following point of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Environment meeting 05/12/23 - nature emergency - does Hambledon have any areas of special ecological value? [Speltham Down - National Trust/orchids etc.]</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| 2156 | County councillor's report & questions arising   | Report received (Appendix B). No questions to HCC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| 2157 | Police/PCSO report                               | <p>PCSO Wheeler-Osman reported the following stats for the past month in Hambledon: 1 theft, 1 public order, 1 assault, &amp; 1 suspicious incident for November.</p> <p>Online fraud &amp; cyber event - Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 7-9pm. Cllrs are able to register for a place.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| 2158 | Mins of previous meetings (06/11/23)             | Agreed as a true record.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| 2159 | Clerk's progress report                          | <p>Parish Lengthsman Agreement - schedule for 2023/24 as follows: 07/02/24.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Rattling manhole covers - no update.</p> <p>Village maintenance - Clerk &amp; Cllrs Silcock &amp; Hand walked the Village 30/11/23 to start documenting what regular maintenance needs doing and when. The plan is to re-approach potential contractors with a schedule.</p> <p>Speed limit reminder - batteries received. Cllr Silcock &amp; members of TPSWG considering possible placements etc. No update.</p> <p>Large puddle on pavement outside 13 West St/The Cross Tree - Clerk has reported to HH online but no response received to date.</p> <p>Footpath 18 resurfacing - no progress. PC to decide whether to look for contractor quotes or not.</p> <p>WCC work at The Gardens - Cllr Lamb to update cllrs.</p> |  |

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| 2159 | Clerk's progress report           | <p>Play Equipment Maintenance - repainting of lines on tarmac. Kevin Bentley has advised that the PC would be better to ask for a quote from a specialist who has line-painting machinery etc. Clerk to investigate costs. No update.</p> <p>Southern Water issues - letter to Environmental Health (copied to HPC cllrs; HCC &amp; WCC Cllrs; &amp; Flick Drummond MP) sent 19/09/23. Cllr Encke to update cllrs.</p> <p>Flooding on road near Kings Rest - reported to HH 13/10/23. No update yet.</p> <p>Damaged bollards at East St pinch-point - have been reported to HH.</p> <p>Resignation of Councillor &amp; Co-option - no applicants for co-option. Clerk to re-advertise.</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday post-event report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scouts &amp; school children paraded from VH. No band available.</li> <li>• Bugler did not turn up.</li> <li>• Scouts ran refreshments at the VH.</li> <li>• Arrangements for 2024 need to be made asap.</li> </ul> |       |
| 2160 | Clerk's salary                    | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC approves the increase in the Clerk's salary in line with the Local Government Pay claim 2023/24, and the corresponding increases in employer's pension and NI contributions. Clerk to alter accordingly the Unity Trust Bank's SO for monthly salary payments, with Dec 2023 to incorporate the back pay due.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Clerk |
| 2161 | Stewarts Green Play Equipment     | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has considered potential options for play equipment at Stewarts Green, based on recent info and indicative quotes received from Ava Recreation, and will use these to inform this area of the budget (below). Clerk to seek quotes from other suppliers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Clerk |
| 2162 | Budget/Precept 2024/25            | <p><b>Amended proposal:</b> that the final decision regarding the budget should be postponed until the Jan 2024 PC meeting to allow time for more accurate BASS work figures to be obtained.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the final decision regarding the budget for 2024/25 should be made at the Jan 2024 PC meeting.</p> <p>Cllrs noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village maintenance - quotes need to be sought asap.</li> <li>• Village Hall - grant to be increased by inflation.</li> <li>• HG have asked for an increase from £900 to £1000 to accommodate map printing for Community Energy Initiative (community engagement).</li> <li>• Cllrs in general happy for precept to be raised by CPI.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |       |
| 2163 | Finance WG Member                 | <b>Resolved:</b> that Cllr Encke is approved as a Finance WG member.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       |
| 2164 | Cultivation licence - GH planters | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC renews the HCC cultivation licence for the George House planters at a cost of £196 for three years (from Feb 2024).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Clerk |

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| 2165 | Christmas tree - war memorial | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC purchases a Christmas tree from Christmas Trees at Four Acres (in Droxford) at a cost of circa £95 (based on a 12ft tree; free delivery). To be erected by The Manshed in the Churchyard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Clerk                            |
| 2166 | Bank account                  | <b>Bank balance @ 28/11/23 - £57,750.31</b> (Cllrs have been provided with bank statement 163, 02 Oct 2023 to 01 Nov 2023.)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                  |
| 2167 | Payment of accounts           | <p><b>Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary (Nov 2023) £866.43</b></p> <p><b>NEST Clerk pension (Nov 2023) £69.94</b></p> <p><b>Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire (Nov 2023; to include BASS meetings 07/11/23 &amp; 27/11/23 &amp; Remembrance Sunday) £104.00</b></p> <p><b>Biffa Waste Services Ltd [Direct Debit set up for hard plastics recycling bin @ VH.] Nov 2023 £45.17</b></p> <p><b>Hambledon Scouts Donation towards costs of Remembrance Sunday refreshments etc. £100.00</b></p> <p><b>Orbital Fasteners Ltd Emergency pumps (FAG) x2 £669.60</b></p> <p><b>Alfie Goodwin-Hudson Tennis Coaching (Nov 2023) £60.00</b></p> <p><b>Moritz Flohr Tennis Coaching (Nov 2023) £100.00</b></p> <p><b>(please note that this is an increase of £30.00 from the agenda amount to account for addition of 04/11/23 session)</b></p>                               | Clerk                            |
| 2168 | Planning applications         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SDNP/23/04750/CND</b> - Windmill Down Farm, Church Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RT. Variation of Conditions 4, 9 and 14 and removal of condition 10 relating to planning approval SDNP/ 23/02143/FUL, to allow for changes to the vehicle movements and highway restrictions. [OBJECTION. Based on the Planning Committee's draft response, which Cllr Silcock will tweak; with a line that says 'if minded to approve, HPC request that it be taken to Committee; PC will provide a representative to attend'.] FINAL COPY TO BE SENT TO CLLR WALLACE TO HELP INFORM HIS SUBMISSION.</li> <li>• <b>SDNP/23/04686/LDE</b> - Habens Stables, Habens Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4AD. Conversion of stables and residential use for a continuous period beginning 2nd August 2019. [NO COMMENT.]</li> </ul> | <p>Cllr Silcock</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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| 2168<br>cont. | Planning<br>applications cont.              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SDNP/23/03506/HOUS</b> - Rosemead Vicarage Lane Hambledon Hampshire PO7 4RP. Repurposing of existing garage as new kitchen space with existing rear lean-to space converted to new breakfast dining room. Removal of existing garage door and replacement with Traditional Stable Door and Flush Casement Window arrangement, with retention of existing timber lintel above. Removal of existing felt tiled roof to rear lean-to extension. Demolition of non-original portions of existing rear lean-to extension wall. Addition of new brick courses to top of existing but non- original walls, painted white in keeping with the existing brickwork. Replacement pitched roof construction with handmade clay tiles covering footprint of existing lean-to extension, including 2no. conservation style roof lights to concealed side of pitched roof. Addition of new Bay Window extension to west of the existing rear lean-to. Introduction of stepped garden terraces to improve relationship between rear of dwelling and the naturally raised garden. Addition of new length of flint garden wall to South Boundary, to match the existing flint boundary walls to the west and north. [NO COMMENT.]</li> <li>• <b>SDNP/23/04580/TCA</b> - 2 Hamlet Cottages , East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RY. T1 - fir tree. Fell tree to stump level. Tree is encroaching on house and touching phone lines. Non Native species. [NO COMMENT.]</li> <li>• <b>SDNP/23/04792/TCA</b> - 2 Coachmans Halt , West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RN. T1 cedar tree to have the lowest 4 limbs removed back to stem due to getting low to the ground and to allow more light in to the area, finished height 40m width 8m. [NO COMMENT.]</li> </ul> |  |
| 2169          | Planning apps<br>received after<br>28/11/23 | None received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 2170          | Planning decisions                          | <p>Noted, with the addition of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SDNP/23/04083/FUL</b> - Hambledon Cricket Club, Brook Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4TH. Proposed Changing Rooms. APPROVED.</li> <li>• <b>SDNP/23/01847/HOUS</b> - 2 Quarry Wood Cottages, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SN. Alteration to a front porch along with associated works. APPROVED.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |

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| 2171 | FAG WG | <p>Report received (Appendix C). Jan Jarvie reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radical changes in aquifers. EA wants to remove alert for flooding but water coming into two cellars in Lower West St. JJ has meeting with EA 05/12/23. West Hill (behind West St) is saturated, as are others. To discuss when next alert might go out. Lots of rain forecast. Talking to EA on daily basis.</li> <li>• Sewage situation - EA has been provided with JJ's report on history behind issues. Need to stress necessity of opening communication with SW. Pumping station close to needing over-pumping. In the past, Fareham Road has been closed without warning - need to know in advance.</li> <li>• The Vine - water 3m below floor level. Need to work out how to get hoses from pumps out of the pub and into the drain on the street. New hose has been bought so it doesn't need any connectors.</li> <li>• Beaver Tool Hire pumps - no way to plug directly in to private electricity supply - will need adapters.</li> <li>• Two new pumps have arrived (and have been engraved - 'PC'). Hoping that Ladenburgs will store hoses, pumps etc.</li> <li>• Sandbags still a problem but two areas in the village have been identified where they can be made up. Villagers themselves are responsible for making their own. Will be messy. A few more people have volunteered to assist.</li> <li>• Next alert likely to go out this Friday.</li> <li>• Manor Farm big risk. FAG have made a number of attempts to make contact with owners but no response.</li> <li>• Big Pipe water level is half way up the outlet. Indicates a lot of debris in pipe.</li> <li>• FAG will continue to measure and supply data to EA.</li> <li>• Cllr Lee advised that Cllr Jackie Porter (WCC) has agreed to convene a meeting in the New Year. Cllrs advised that this will be too late. Cllr Lee to liaise with Cllr Porter and organise meeting urgently. Mike James (SW) PC's latest contact.</li> <li>• SW 'Action Tables' need to be challenged.</li> <li>• Sandbags - alternatives have been looked into. Expensive.</li> <li>• Rural England Prosperity Fund - does PC need to match fund? To check with Camilla Sharp (WCC). JJ confirmed that Flood Action Plan states sand bags are property owners' responsibility. If PC was to purchase &amp; lend, issues with insurance &amp; responsibility etc? Logistical problems with storage etc.</li> <li>• When was Flood Action Plan last looked at by HCC? [Two years ago.]</li> <li>• JJ's reports to be forwarded to WCC cllrs.</li> <li>• Cllr Silcock commented that if property owners are responsible, the same must apply to The Vine. Only so much that PC can do in terms of funds &amp; resources.</li> <li>• JJ to suggest to M. Hartridge that a new pump is bought for The Vine.</li> </ul> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
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| 2172 | BASS WG                                   | Report received (Appendix D). Cllr Silcock reported the following:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Start with village entrance gates and see what effect they have.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                      |
| 2173 | Tennis WG                                 | No report received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                      |
| 2174 | Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp WG             | Clerk updated cllrs as follows:<br>Site visit with Ava Recreation 22/11/23 to discuss possible equipment for SG. Indicative figures received (sent to cllrs in advance of meeting).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                      |
| 2175 | Hambledon Greening WG                     | Report received (see Appendix E). Cllr Lamb reported the following re WCC work planned for The Gardens:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of the plan which was put out for contract has been requested. HG happy to donate a tree.</li> <li>• Point of contact with National Trust? [Not on the PC, but villager Simon Dettmer.]</li> <li>• Circa 35 people have asked for thermal imaging of their homes.</li> </ul> |                      |
| 2176 | Annual Parish Meeting 2024                | <b>Resolved:</b> that the APM 2024 will be held on Wed 15th May 2024 and the format will be as follows:<br><br>Broadly, the same as 2023. Refreshments at the start?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Clerk                |
| 2177 | Summer community event - use of Glebeland | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC allows a volunteer-organised community event on the Glebeland early summer 2024, with insurance covered under the PC's policy (subject to no amendments to the premium).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Clerk                |
| 2178 | D-Day 80 (06/06/24)                       | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC will mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, and agrees upon the following plan:<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• planning lead - tbc (see below)</li> <li>• budget - £500.00</li> </ul> Note in next Hambledonian, & village e-mail asking for a volunteer to lead. Overlord (Denmead) to be involved.                                                                                       | Cllr Encke/<br>Clerk |
| 2179 | Training requirements                     | <b>Resolved:</b> that the following training requirements should be met:<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning - Clerk to look into next course.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Clerk                |
| 2180 | Reports & Issues                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Planning &amp; Resilience Focus Group for Hampshire Resilience Forum - current possible dates Thur 14 Dec, and either Tues 09 Jan 2024 or Thur 11 Jan 2024. Cllr Encke &amp; Clerk hoping to attend.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                    |                      |
| 2181 | Date/time of next meeting                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 8th Jan 2024 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm (Cllr Mason away now until Mar 2024 meeting). Cllr Dyson gave his apologies.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                      |
| 2182 | Confidential matters                      | No members of the public were in attendance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                      |
| 2183 | Co-option of councillor                   | <b>Resolved:</b> that since no applications were received, the Clerk should re-advertise with a new deadline date of mid-Jan; to be discussed Feb 2024 PC meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                      |

The meeting closed at 9.40pm



**Signed:**

**Cllr Encke (Chair)**

**Dated:**

**Signed:**

**Joanna Tester (Clerk)**

**Dated:**

## **APPENDIX A**

**WCC Cllrs Wallace & Lee Report Dec 2023**

### **NEW TOPICS**

#### **Go Greener Faster Grants**

- A new council grant scheme has been launched to support not for profit organisations to take action in response to the climate emergency. Project funding can be used to help them, and the communities they support, become more sustainable and to reduce energy use and carbon emissions.
- Grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 are available and organisations are required to secure a minimum of 25% of the total project cost in match funding from other sources. Projects will need to demonstrate they can deliver on one or more of the five pathways set out in the [Carbon Neutrality Action Plan - Winchester City Council](#).
- The closing date for applications is 31 January 2024 and further details can be found at: [Go Greener Faster Grant - Winchester City Council](#)

#### **Community Solar Support Scheme**

- Winchester Council have partnered with WinACC on a new scheme to help community organisations make the switch to solar energy. The scheme will help upgrade community buildings with solar panels, reducing both their carbon footprint and running costs
- Organisations can book a short consultation with WinACC by emailing [solar@winacc.org.uk](mailto:solar@winacc.org.uk)

#### **Rural England Prosperity Fund**

- The latest round of the REPF has been launched. Businesses and community groups can apply for between £15,000 and £40,000 with businesses required to match fund their projects by 50%.
- Proposals should bear in mind:
  - These grants are for capital expenditure only such as construction and equipment.
  - Planning consents need to be in place
  - To be eligible for reimbursement, expenditure must be made after the funding agreement is signed
  - All expenditure must be complete and the project fully delivered by 31 March 2025
  - Businesses must match any grant with an identical sum from other sources
  - Businesses must check that the receipt of funding will not cause them to exceed the limit of £315,000 in subsidies that is permitted over a two year period
  - The absolute deadline for applications is 5 January 2024 but we are strongly encouraging earlier submission as the fund is competitive
- For full information go to: [UK Shared and Rural England Prosperity Funds - 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](#)

#### **Emergency Planning** – Helping communities make plans to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies

- You may find these resources useful:
  - [Prepare your community | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)
  - [Emergency preparedness - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
  - [A councillor's guide to civil emergencies | Local Government Association](#)
  - [Local Resilience Forum | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)
  - [CommunityRiskRegisterbooklet.pdf \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)
  - [WeatherReady - Met Office](#)
  - [Sign up for flood warnings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- If you have any questions, you can email the Hampshire County Council emergency planning team directly on [emergency.planningteam@hants.gov.uk](mailto:emergency.planningteam@hants.gov.uk).

#### **SDNP Quarter 2 Performance & Project Report**

- [Performance & Projects Bulletin: Q2 2023/24 \(office.com\)](#)



## PCC Awards

- Nominations are now open for Hampshire's third annual Police and Crime Commissioner Awards. This is an important event which recognises the outstanding contribution volunteers and partners make to policing, the criminal justice system and the local community.
- A full list of categories is included in the online nomination form: [PCC Awards Nomination Form - 2024 \(Page 1 of 2\) \(office.com\)](#)
- The deadline for nominations is 11 December 2023.

## PCC Precept Consultation

- @hantspcc have just launched their Police Precept Survey for 2024-25 and want you to have your say. This is your opportunity to let the PCC know your concerns and priorities for Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary.
- You can find the survey here: [Precept 2024/25: HIOW OPCC \(alchemer.eu\)](#)
- The consultation will close on 10 December.

## Upcoming Events

- **Winchester Christmas Market, 17-Nov to 21-Dec** – [Winchester Cathedral | Christmas \(winchester-cathedral.org.uk\)](#)
- **Bishops Waltham Christmas Fayre, 07-Dec** – [Bishops Waltham Christmas Fayre](#)

## 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](#)

### 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.

### 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

## HCC Cllr Lumby Report Dec 2023

1. **HCC budget reductions** Public consultations will now begin on the implementation of budget reductions approved by the County Council at its meeting in November, to reduce its £132m budget gap forecast by 2025/26. It identified that £90.4m could be generated through the savings proposals, of which £75m is expected to be delivered by 2025/26, leaving a forecast unmet budget gap of £57m in 2025/26. Increases in fees, changes in how services are offered as well as more use of smart technology are planned as part of the budget-cutting measures. The council also said it would continue to use its reserves, which have dropped by £38m since 2021/22. As part of the plans, school crossing patrols would be removed from routes considered "safe" or where other pedestrian facilities could be installed in order to save £1.1m. All non-statutory local bus and community transport services would also be suspended. I will update you on the consultations as these get underway.
2. **Schools** Hampshire parents and carers with children due to start school in Reception Year or move to Year 3 at a junior school next year, can now apply for their child's school place for September 2024. School applications are open until 15 January 2024. Parents are being reminded to name three schools on their applications, to give them the best chance of being offered a place at one of their preferred schools. Three Hampshire schools (located in Fleet, Chandlers Ford and Eastleigh) are set to benefit from greener energy following the approval of a scheme to install ground source heat pumps and provide low-carbon heating systems. The project is being financed from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme and the council's school buildings improvement budget. The council is separately consulting on proposed changes to the admission arrangements for 2025/26 for community and voluntary controlled schools within its area. Check whether local schools are effected and how to respond, at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/admission-arrangements25-26>. The consultation will run until Friday 29 December 2023.
3. **Roads** The County Council has secured a further £132 million for Hampshire over the next ten years to tackle the issue of potholes and invest in longer term, proactive road maintenance. A ten-year settlement allows the council to plan ahead carefully with more certainty, and to allocate and prioritise resources more effectively. The money will help to tackle the challenges of unprecedented demand, soaring inflation, and the impacts of heavy rain, flooding and sub-zero temperatures. The County Council has already allocated £22.5 million of its own money over the next three years to repair potholes and other defects and this is already helping to make our roads stronger ahead of another potentially difficult winter period.
4. **Mini-forests** Thousands more trees are set to be planted across Hampshire as a permanent reminder of His Majesty King Charles III's Coronation following a successful bid by the County Council for £100,000 from a national funding pot to mark the historic occasion. The national grant has been awarded from the Government's Nature for Climate Fund via Defra's Coronation Living Heritage Fund. The County Council has secured a £50,000 award for the establishment of Coronation micro-woods in urban areas – this applies techniques that enable dense woodlands, usually the size of a tennis court, to grow up to ten times faster than normal. Another £50,000 grant is available for Coronation Community Orchards. Groups or communities interested in planting a mini forest or orchard can contact the Hampshire Forest Partnership via its website. The Forest Partnership's Coronation fund is open for projects that can be planted by March 2025. Three mini-forests have been planted in Hampshire so far, in Havant, near Petersfield and in Hedge End.
5. **New HCC app** The County Council's has launched its new mobile app, 'OurHants', which is available for Apple and Android mobile devices. The intent is to offer many online services through the app, beginning with the full range of County Council web pages, to allow residents to access all services. It also contains new functionality to book appointments for Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs). Details can be saved to make future booking quicker and the app will allow people to see and manage their bookings in one place and will notify the user of any important updates about their booking. So why not give it a try? OurHants - Get it on Google Play OurHants - Download on the Apple App Store

**6. Police** The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Donna Jones, is carrying out a consultation on her precept and priorities for the year ahead. The consultation closes on **10 December**. You can find the survey here: [https:// survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90633344/Precept2024-25](https://survey.alchemer.eu/s3/90633344/Precept2024-25). You can also read Donna's annual report here - <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Annual-Report-2023-Online-Version.pdf>

**7. Seasons greetings** December is here already, I'm not sure where the year has gone! I hope everyone has a great Christmas break and my best wishes for 2024.

Councillor Hugh Lumby, Meon Valley Division [hugh.lumby@hants.gov.uk](mailto:hugh.lumby@hants.gov.uk)

## APPENDIX C Overview

## FAG Report Dec 2023

We're now well into the flooding season, and a lot is going on due to its early arrival. As of this writing the aquifer levels are quite high, and we are monitoring advice from the Environment Agency (Tom Woods), and so far there have been two official flood warnings broadcast. One of the notices from EA regarding Hampshire - "Groundwater will remain high, with the risk of groundwater flooding likely to remain throughout the winter for all communities." Currently, the trend level at Broadhalfpenny Down is slowly going down, and the critical level at Whitedale Farm is slack at 54.475 m, just above the trigger point. Advice from Tom this morning: "As a quick update on the groundwater levels, at Whitedale Farm the level is currently 21 cm below where we expect cellar flooding to a small number of properties in Lower West Street could commence. The rate of rise is continuing to slow (in the last 24 hours it rose 9 cm). Currently it is looking like it will peak around or just below the threshold we would expect cellar flooding." The FAG will notify the EA at the first signs of ingress into cellars as a matter of course.

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| 27/11/22 | BHD 45.210 AOD | Whitedale | 37.785 AOD |
| 28/11/23 | BHD 56.730 AOD | Whitedale | 54.475 AOD |

### Planning Activities at This Stage

Information has been going out to all people on the properties flooding list, and further details will follow as the situation changes. Emphasis has been placed on the need to "plan for worst, but hope for the best," bearing in mind the speed at which things can happen from past experience. There are some things that may be in short supply, such as sandbags, pumps and other protective items. There are a number of actions at the top of our preparation lists, and thus far we're getting good support from volunteers. The plan, as well as other important documentation, is being continually progressed almost by the hour, and includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) The Vine requires assistance from the FAG due to the potential major risks of flooding from the overflowing well. There is a new pub manager with no previous experience with the risks involved. Coordination is required with the property owner, Martin Hartridge, and Jan Jarvie to address the pumping arrangements and the routing of the discharge hoses. Simon Dettmer has volunteered to provide assistance to the manager, as he is familiar with the requirements, given his previous help already this year.
- 2) The supply of Sandbags can become a serious problem, depending on the nature and location of the problem areas. A lot of planning in this regard has been given priority by volunteers sourcing the availability of the bags themselves, the sand required, where the materials can be located, along with ideas as to how they might be filled. Special thanks go out to David Crossley, George Crossley, Neil Mason, Chris Silcock, Simon Dettmer and a few others who have contributed.
- 3) Emergency Equipment – two Tsurumi pumps have been ordered and received. Regarding the power generator, there is still ongoing effort needed to make the selection, and the buy or rent decision. (action Jan Jarvie)
- 4) Verifying and updating of the vulnerable people and properties information register (Caroline Lambert). This is a big and a vital task to enable communication with all villagers when things become a bit hectic, and we must ensure that nobody is missed. More help with getting the information correct and "tested," is needed, in particular with regard to those vulnerable to infrastructure failures, e.g. power outage or sewerage problems.

- 5) Reviewing and updating of the volunteer lists, identifying new people to contact, exploring and documenting the skills available, developing and establishing the requirements for a “war room” if and when the size and extent of the flooding events dictates the need. (Need a project manager)
- 6) Collecting and verifying the contact details for support from outside of the village, such as police and fire services, district councillors, key members of Hampshire County Council, Winchester City Council, Scottish and Southern Electricity. A huge benefit would be to identify a representative named individual that can be available “on the ground” from Southern Water. We had such a person in 1994, 2000 and 2001, who kept us informed of the status of their activities, which really helped to relieve some of the anxiety.
- 7) More Information from HCC – what help can we expect from them during a serious flooding situation? There has been a total lack of response to the major problems we’ve raised with the poor maintenance of our main flood defences, and what can we expect to see in the way of support in dealing with the effects of those failures.
- 8) Keep your thoughts and ideas coming – all input is appreciated! We need to capture hands-on experiences, observations, the lessons learnt, photographs, and ways to improve our efforts, along with future lead volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted By  
Jan Jarvie,  
Flood Action Group

## **APPENDIX D**

## **BASS WG Report Dec 2023**

Here is a short report plus our draft working paper.

The WG has met three times. Having been advised by Ian Janes of HCC, the WG has been identifying problems and potential solutions to improve traffic and pedestrian safety. The attached document [shown below] is work in progress.

The intention is to refine this document, to engage with HCC and SDNP officials to explore what can be done, the cost and also sources of community funding (CFI), and an outline programme for implementation.

As under the Better Streets umbrella, it is proposed that there is wide consultation in the Village on the various proposals in the document and that the Annual Meeting of the Parish be used to engender an open discussion. These measures will have a cost that must be met largely through the Precept so it is important that there is wide endorsement and buy-in. To prepare the ground, it is suggested that two articles be published in the Hambledonian which inform the Village of the work and encourage them to look closely at the detail/comment. I can draft these.

Proposals such as white gates are being costed and will hopefully inform the Budget for 2024/25.

The PC is asked to note current work and the attached document, and is asked to agree to the proposed way ahead for engaging the Village.

### **Hambledon Village improvement**

#### **Overall**

The main aim is to improve the ability of Villagers to walk and cycle safely within Village boundaries, whether for leisure or to go to/from Church, the School, the shop, the Village Hall and the playgrounds. There are many rights of way, including The Wayfarers Walk, which criss-cross the Village, the hangars and the Down along with the quieter roads which feed off the main routes: these are used by walkers, many from outside the Village. The quiet and tranquil enjoyment of the Village is being steadily eroded by too many cars (evidence available), driven above desirable speeds and without care for residents, as well as an increase in the number and size of delivery vehicles.

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| <p><b>1. West end - Fareham Road</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <p><b>Problem:</b> B2150 is <b>60mph</b> from Well Hill up to the 30mph sign opposite Bury Lodge. More effective speed buffering and alerting is needed to warn of the approach to the Old Forge Tea Room (OFTR) and Bury Lodge Lane. NB - there are no pavements and minimal verges for pedestrians between OFTR and Bury Lodge Lane which is part of a well-used circular road walk around the Village.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <p><u>Solutions proposed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• White Gates (design and materials tbd) to be placed at/vicinity of existing <b>30mph</b> sign. Ideally, gates will incorporate SDNP logo (as in other SDNP villages) allowing removal of brown SDNP sign. Gates will incorporate 30mph sign and "Hambleton Village" (final wording tbd). Planting behind the gates will enhance the sense of entry to a village.</li> <li>• Removal of road centre lines to emphasise the rural nature of the area.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p><b>2. Approach to the Old Forge Tea room (OFTR)</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>Problem:</b> the build-out at this spot does encourage some motorists entering the Village to speed up rather than giving priority to exiting cars as required. There was a pinch point here previously (note the East side where the 'pinch engineering' still exists).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><u>Solutions proposed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• remove the build-out and replace it with the original 'pinch' engineering. Remove the sign clutter (Priority etc) thereby reducing urbanisation of this area.</li> <li>• Ensure that there is pedestrian refuge retained with wooden bollards, similar to the existing, used to mark the pinch. Ideally, a 'virtual footpath' would be created between the pinch point and the entrance to Bury Lodge Lane on the inbound/West side of the road. This small addition would contribute to a safe pedestrian route running from Back Lane (off East St) to Bury Lodge Lane, thereby allowing road walkers to circle the Village safely (Back Lane, East St, West St, Bury Lodge Lane, Rushmere, Speltham Hill/Back Lane).</li> </ul>                                                                                                      |
| <p><b>3. OFTR</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>Problem:</b> the OFTR cafe is a magnet for locals and visitors who arrive on foot, cycle, motorcycle or car. Parking here is tight. Traffic (volume/speed) does not contribute to a nice visitor experience at the Village's sole cafe. There is a need to make better use of the space around the OFTR and the Cams Hill/West St junction.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><u>Solutions proposed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to the pinch point (above) the following would make a positive contribution to this area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ if possible/ideally, establish a <b>20mph limit</b> (HCC currently considering this measure for the county)</li> <li>○ road surface change to give the impression of a 'piazza' in front of the OFTR</li> <li>○ more sensible division of the large amount of road space at the Cams Hill/West St junction between space for cars to turn into/out of Cams Hill/West St and for pedestrians/cafe users. This might include virtual pavements added onto the existing West St pavement and incorporating the front of the cafe. Better allocation of space for cars and cycles.</li> <li>○ Removal of road centre lines to emphasise the rural nature of the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p><b>4. West Street and Green Lane</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Problem:</b> traffic using the B2150 to go north towards Droxford/Winchester or south towards Fareham/Waterlooville often exceeds the 30mph in the 30mph zone and 40mph in the 40mph zone, making it unsafe for other road users including cyclists and pedestrians. There is no pavement for walkers or residents along the B2150 after Stewart's Green (heading north) despite there being ** residential dwellings on that road.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

Solutions proposed:

- if possible/ideally, a **20mph limit** (as above) between OFTR junction and the Methodist Chapel or the pinch point to be established at Stewart's Green (see below).
- a change in road surface/design on the road at the junction of West St and The B2150 (The Green Man).
- enhancement of the flower beds around the junction with cast iron bells/wooden bollards in order to catch the motorist's eye better on that bend.
- remove the build-out at Stewart's Green and replace it with a pinch point in the same spot. Remove the sign clutter (Priority etc).
- pedestrian crossing points involving a change in road surface and drop kerbs, a slight pinching of the road, if possible, and wooden bollards in addition, at the following points:
  - on West St (lower) at the entrance to the path leading up to Speltham Down adjacent to Cricketers Cottage
  - after Rushmere Gate to Old Barn house
  - opposite the public footway up into the hangar. As there is no pavement here on either side, the ideal solution would be to create a gap in the hedge adjacent to the Stewart's Green garages (WCC) allowing pedestrians to walk behind the hedge line safely.
- White gates (design tbd) to be placed at/vicinity of 40mph signs at Three Corners. Gates to incorporate SDNP logo, 40mph sign and "Hambleton". Planting behind the gates to enhance the sense of entry to a village.
- planting on the fence edge on the large verge adjacent to the junction of Brook Lane and B2150, and also at the Three Corners fork (see below).
- removal of road centre lines and cats eyes within 40mph and 30mph zones to emphasise the rural nature of the area
- improvement of the road at the Three Corners fork of the B2150 and Green Lane (which narrows and joins Brook Lane) so that it looks loved/less industrial.

**5. Brook Lane**

Problem: Brook Lane is **60mph** despite its twists and turns, while there is also a significant dip/climb/dip at the Chidden junction. The Hambleton Cricket Club ground (Ridge Meadow) is at the top of the southernmost rise with poor visibility for cars exiting the ground. Pedestrians walking to and from the Village can cross a public footpath in the field to the East of the Ground but this requires them to cross the road and face cars able to do 60mph.

Solutions proposed:

- ideally Brook Lane would be a 40mph (link to next section).
- a marked crossing point from the cricket ground to the field/public footpath. A change in road surface well in advance of the entrance on both sides would help together with Cricket Club signs (turn >/<) again on both sides to alert motorists.

**6. East St to Park and into the Village**

Problems: East St is 60mph from Clanfield up to c100 yards before the chicane at The Dower House. Vehicles approaching 'Park' (five dwellings, a business complex and farm) have to negotiate a noticeable narrowing of the road adjacent to 5 Park Cottages right up to the junction with Brook Lane (right turn). In addition, the T-junction (or x-road with Dog Kennel Lane) does not become visible until about 100m beforehand although there is a warning sign for the crossroads. Cars turning right out of Brook Lane are faced with traffic approaching at 60mph from the left. Stopped cars at the junction can become a hazard to motorists still doing 60mph and intending to proceed west along East St. There is then about 200m before a blind left hand bend and then a further 400m to the chicane where motorists who are doing >40mph have to brake hard. Finally, large vehicles proceeding beyond the main entrance to Hambleton Vineyard will find negotiating East and West St extremely difficult.

Solutions proposed:

- establish **40mph** in the vicinity of 5 Park Cottages before the road narrows. (NB This would bring Brook Lane within 40mph (see above).
- White gates (materials and design tbd) to be placed at the newly established 40mph signs at 5 Park Cottages. Gates to incorporate SDNP logo, 40mph sign and "Hambledon Village" (wording tbd). Planting behind the gates to enhance the sense of entry to a village.
- improvement of the rough ground adjacent to the field entrance by 5 Park Cottages so that it looks loved/less industrial.
- removal of road centre lines to emphasise the rural nature of the area, and the addition of side marking (broken at entrances) to narrow the appearance of the road.
- replace chicane with a pinch point at the 30mph terminal speed limit.
- encourage Hambledon Vineyard to adjust the location of their new blue sign (currently on a temporary structure) so that it catches the eye of the West bound motorist earlier, and also to enhance the edge of the Vineyard so that the boundary and entrance looks more established, for a similar reason.
- A sign prohibiting vehicles wider than 6'6" from proceeding beyond Hambledon Vineyard with its pair at the Green Man Junction.

**7. Centre of the Village from Glidden/Back Lanes to The Green Man Junction**

Problem: the speed of vehicles is largely controlled by the parked cars along East and West Streets, with cars frequently having to stop/pull in to permit oncoming cars with right of way to proceed, all of which works well. However, narrowing of the road to single lane constrains large vehicles from safely negotiating this stretch.

In addition, the junction of this section with Speltham Hill and the High St forms a busy 'centre of the Village' - the Church, school, tennis court and recreation ground are accessed by pedestrians and cars mainly up the High St and Church Lane; this is technically **30mph** although 20mph is more than fast enough. There is no formal pavement on the High St/Church Lane but IF cars proceed at a sensible speed, it should be safe. It is a good example of 'shared space', where vehicles and pedestrians have equal rights.

Further, the junction is not straightforward and motorists frequently have to proceed very carefully around parked cars and also other vehicles coming from up to three other directions. Large vehicles frequently get stuck here often requiring them to back up. Cars too often park on the pavement particularly on the North side opposite the shop/George House which narrows the road and restricts visibility even more.

West St widens a little once past the entrance to Manor Farm so that two cars may pass relatively easily even when there is a parked car. Motorists, frustrated by having had to negotiate East St and the 4-way junction, often speed up here.

This is un-welcome because there is a bus stop (end of route so buses turn around here) and because pedestrians need to cross at three significant points: The Gardens (WCC) where elderly residents live, The Vine PH, and the Village Hall/Youth Hut/Playground.

Solutions proposed:

- a formal **20mph** be established through the heart of the Village from Fairfield to the Green Man.
- road surface change to give the impression of a 'piazza' in front of the shop, George House, slightly up Speltham Hill and out to the Old Post Office.
- redesign of the area around the shop eg by placing cast iron bollards (similar to those outside George House) on the pavement. Consideration to be given to doing similarly on the South side and on Knights Corner.
- pedestrian crossing points involving a change in road surface, slight pinching of the road, if possible, with wooden/cast iron bollards in addition to mark the spot, at the following points:
  - The Gardens pavement to the opposite side pavement where the dropped kerb and tactile paving is now.
  - from the entrance to the Village Hall car park to the pavement opposite\*
  - from the Vine PH main entrance to the pavement opposite\*.

\*Note: above two could be combined into one larger crossing point

**8. Speltham Hill, Back Lane, Glidden Lane**



Problem: Speltham Hill is narrow and steep; it is occasionally used for access from Denmead through Rushmere by large vehicles that are clearly unaware that the narrowness and steepness of the road from Mill Cottage/Rose Cottage (vicinity to the fork with Back Lane) makes it unsuitable for vehicles wider than 6'6". Such vehicles can/do 'get stuck' and then have to reverse all the way back to Rushmere Farm/Bury Lodge Lane junction.

In addition, Glidden Lane is narrow and steep at the top; the only reason for any vehicle to go up there is because they are a resident or worker at Glidden farm and at Scotland, or a resident of the properties at the lower end of Glidden, or visiting the horse pasture, or they are delivering to/taking away from the farm. Of note, Glidden farm instructs farm or commercial vehicles to use Dog Kennel Lane which is less steep and slightly wider with passing points. In short, large vehicles have no need to go up Glidden Lane.

Finally, Back Lane gives access to one property at the bottom (Rose Court), two on the right opposite Rose Court, and one c100yds up on the left. In addition, there is stabling for horses on the right. Once again, there is no need for large commercial vehicles to access that road which becomes steep and very narrow at the top.

Solutions proposed:

- A TRO prohibiting vehicles greater than 6'6" wide from proceeding beyond the junction at Rushmere/Bury Lodge Lane.
- A TRO prohibiting vehicles greater than 6'6" wide from proceeding up Back Lane.

Cllr Chris Silcock (Chair, BASS WG)

## APPENDIX E

## Hambledon Greening Report Dec 2023

### Repair Café:

- The recent Repair Café in Denmead on Nov 18<sup>th</sup> celebrated the 300<sup>th</sup> repair completed by the Denmead and Hambledon Repair Café volunteer team and Rich Hinton also sharpened his 500<sup>th</sup> item! The monthly repair cafes have now been running for nearly 2 years and have saved our customers over £30k by repairing items rather than throwing them away. 11K of carbon have been saved from going into landfill.
- The next RC and recycling collection will be held in Hambledon on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2024.

### Community Energy:

- Catriona Cockburn from Energise South Downs and Katherine Hewetson from South Harting Climate Action Network led a Greening subcommittee of 10 interested villagers in a preliminary meeting on Monday Nov 27<sup>th</sup>. The intention is to see what groundwork needs to be done to move ahead with a Community Energy Workshop later in 2024. We are grateful to Will Galgey for spearheading and chairing this event which has resulted in plans for small 4 working groups to investigate grid capacity, electricity usage, community engagement and renewable technologies before we meet again in plenary early in February .

### Retrofit:

- Up to now, we have an encouraging list of 30 villagers interested in having thermal images taken of their homes. There is still room for more and an article and advert will appear in the next Hambledonian which might result in additional names.
- Those volunteering to take the images met on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> to practise with the borrowed cameras and distribute names.

### Local Networking:

- Penny Mahon met with Susan Davenport, chair of East Meon PC, to discuss ways in which their village can become greener. They will start with more recycling measures and grow from there. Susan was very fulsome about our greening activities in Hambledon.

### Biodiversity:

- In order to enhance our activities in this area, we agreed that the National Trust should be contacted about a possible survey of flora and fauna on Speltham Down which HGC could carry out. Contact has been made but no response as yet.

### Greening Calendar:

- It was suggested at our last meeting that we devise a calendar of events both planned and potential to help structure our 2024 year. This will be presented at our next meeting on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

- HGC would like to submit a proposed budget of £900 for the 2024/25 year. We are aware we have somewhat underspent this year (see figures below) but that is mainly due to a generous donation from the Repair Café of £250 towards the rental of the red Biffa bin. Since this is unlikely to happen next year, £900 would seem to be a realistic figure.

#### **2023/24 FIGURES**

##### EXPENDITURE

Expenditure to date (Biffa/ink/eco-glasses): £312.30

School composter: £50.00

Camera/website/paper: £100.00

Green energy session: £175.00

Biffa recycling Nov 2023 to Mar 2024 (estimate): £242.51

TOTAL: £879.81

##### INCOME

Donation from Repair Cafe: £250.00

BALANCE (to come from PC budget): £629.81

We are grateful as always for your support. Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)