



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambleton Parish Council
05 Jan 2026; 7.30pm; Hambleton Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Hand; Cllr Lamb & Cllr Mills-Goodlet

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Wallace (HCC & WCC); and three members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2860	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Michael Friend, Dusty Miller, Brian Lewis and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2861	Apologies	Apologies received from Cllrs Lee & White (WCC)	
2862	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2863	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2864	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. No comments from members of the public. Cllrs agreed to move agenda item 2882 forward & to allow Penny Mahon (Hambleton Greening) to speak during the discussion.	
2865	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2866	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix A).	

2867	County councillor's report & questions arising	<p>Report received (see Appendix B). Additional points discussed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGR consultation results should be available Mar 2026. • HCC Council tax increase of 5% not sufficient - Cllr Wallace expects HCC to request more. <p>Cllr Wallace asked re BASS progress. Clerk updated.</p> <p>Clerk to e-mail Cllr Wallace before 10am 06 Jan re issues with BASS projects as he has a meeting with HH and will raise concerns. MoP has offered to manage SID.</p>	Clerk
2868	Mins of previous meeting (01/12/25)	Agreed as a true record.	
2869	Clerk's progress report	<p>Parish Lengthsman Agreement - remaining for 2025/26: 05/02/25. Councillors to provide suggestions for tasks for this visit. [Removal of debris at bottom of Back Lane. Clearance of gullies on Back Lane.]</p> <p>Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - no update.</p> <p>Flooding on road near Kings Rest - reported to HH 13/10/23. Response 'could not locate defect'. Likely that they visited when there was no road flooding but didn't look into the cause of previous flooding. Suggest wait for next flooding, take photos & re-submit.</p> <p>Useful/Emergency Info Leaflets - WCC Small Grant fund awarded £150. On-going.</p> <p>Drain clearance - e-mail sent 05/02/25 to Gina Chandler (HH) re blocked drains throughout Village. Member of the Highways Customer Support team has reported online on PC's behalf. Last updated 25/03/25 - initial assessment has taken place & further investigation will be carried out. Checked 06/05/25 - no change to status. Response received from HH via Cllr Wallace 23/05/25 - 'We have made several attempts to identify and clear the various drainage features on Green Lane, with limited success. The site is currently with our colleagues in the Planned Maintenance team to develop and design a scheme to permanently resolve the issue.'</p> <p>Footpath between footpaths 13 and 15b, Hambledon Vineyard - MoP informed of PC's decision not to proceed with requesting a Section 14 Direction to HCC from the Planning Inspectorate in respect of HPC's historic application for a DMMO. MoP advised that the application was near to the top of the waiting list. Clerk contacted HCC to advise that circumstances had changed, but was advised that they are legally-bound to consider it regardless. Copy of deposits held by the landowner under Section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 and section 15A(1) of the Commons Act 2006 have been forwarded to HCC. They will consider if these affect whether or not the application is taken forward. Awaiting update.</p>	Clerk

2870	Q3 financial report & statements	<p>Resolved: that the PC has approved the Q3 2025/26 financial reports & statement. [Post-meeting note: small amendments have been made to the following and are now showing in the final copy (see Appendix C):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of Remembrance Sunday wreath has been corrected from £25.00 to £26.67, with corresponding VAT reduced from £5.00 to £3.33. • ‘VAT to be reclaimed for payments in FY 25/26’ has correspondingly been corrected from £1,661.36 to £1,659.69.] 	
2871	Grant request	<p>Resolved: that the PC has approved a grant of £300.00 for Hambledon History Group to assist with the purchase of recording equipment media and time capsule (for the HHG project which is part of the 150th anniversary events associated with the Church restoration).</p>	Clerk
2872	Bank account	<p>Bank balance - £68,048.26 @ 31 Dec 2025; bank statement 193 (01 Dec to 31 Dec 2025) has been forwarded to cllrs.</p>	
2873	Payment of accounts	<p>Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary Dec 2025 £993.14 NEST Clerk pension Dec 2025 £140.42 Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire Dec 2025 £32.50 Biffa Recycling bin collection Dec 2025 £111.06 JH Tree Services Ltd Village main. Dec 2025 £375.00 Moritz Flohr Tennis coaching Dec 2025 £80.00 Alfie Goodwin-Hudson Tennis coaching Dec 2025 £40.00 [Note that LTA Registration 2025/26 has now been paid @ £72.00.]</p>	Clerk
2874	Planning applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDNP/25/05076/LIS - West End House, Green Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4TB. Proposed reconstruction and repairs of boundary and garden walls. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/25/04866/TCA - Quarry Wood, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SN. 6x lime trees - crown lift to 5m over the highway, crown reduce all around by 3m and remove basal epicormic growth. [NO COMMENTS.] 	Clerk
2875	Planning apps received after 30/12/25	None received.	
2876	Planning decisions	Noted.	
2877	Flood Action Group	Report received (see Appendix D).	
2878	BASS WG	No report received.	
2879	Speed Indicator Device	<p>Resolved: that, due to no response being received from HH (request for information on selecting locations and costs to install post holes and posts), this item should be delayed until the Feb PC meeting.</p>	Clerk/Cllr Clarke
2880	Tennis WG	No report received.	
2881	Hambledon Greening	Report received (see Appendix F). No additional points discussed.	

2888	Hambledon History Group Time Capsule	Resolved: that the PC has agreed to the inclusion of an annual standing item within the agenda for the Annual Meeting of the PC, as follows: 'The PC notes that a time capsule is in place [in St Peter's and St Paul's Church] and that there is a responsibility to ensure that it is opened at a time to be decided in 2076, and by a group to be appointed jointly by the PC/PCC should the Hambledon History Group or its successor be defunct.'	Clerk
2889	Reports & Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WCC New Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Service consultation response submitted 08/12/25 (copy of the response Appendix G). PC Eleanor Harty has taken over the role of the neighbourhood officer for the Meon Valley area from PC Jack Marriner. 	
2890	Date/time of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mon 2nd Feb 2026 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm. Cllr Hand gave his apologies. 	
2891	Meeting dates for April & May 2026	Resolved: that councillors have agreed upon the following dates for PC meetings in April and May 2026: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tues 7th April (full PC meeting for April) Tues 12th May (Annual Meeting of the PC & full PC meeting for May) Annual Meeting of the Parish - Wed 20th May (tbc; Clerk to check VH availability) 	Clerk
2892	Confidential matters	No confidential matters were discussed.	

The meeting closed at 8.47pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

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Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

Winchester City Councillor Report Jan 2026

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

Cllr Danny Lee (dlee@winchester.gov.uk)

Cllr Suzanne White (SWhite3@winchester.gov.uk)

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Consultation on the future 'Local Government Reorganisation' options in Hampshire remains open until 11th January 2026. There are four potential model 'options' for five or four unitary councils.

Find out more on the proposals: www.closeenoughtobelocal.co.uk Complete the government consultation: www.closeenoughtobelocal.co.uk/have-your-say

Estimated timelines for Local Government Reorganisation

January 2026-- Government public consultation closes 11th January 2026.

Early March 2026: Govt decision on unitary authority landscape for Hampshire and Solent, necessary legislation laid.

May 2026: HCC and WCC elections

April 2027/28: Likely date when a Winchester Town Council is formed.

May 2027: Shadow unitary council elections held.

April 2028: New local Govt structure with Unitary Authorities for Hampshire and the Solent goes live. (If approved).

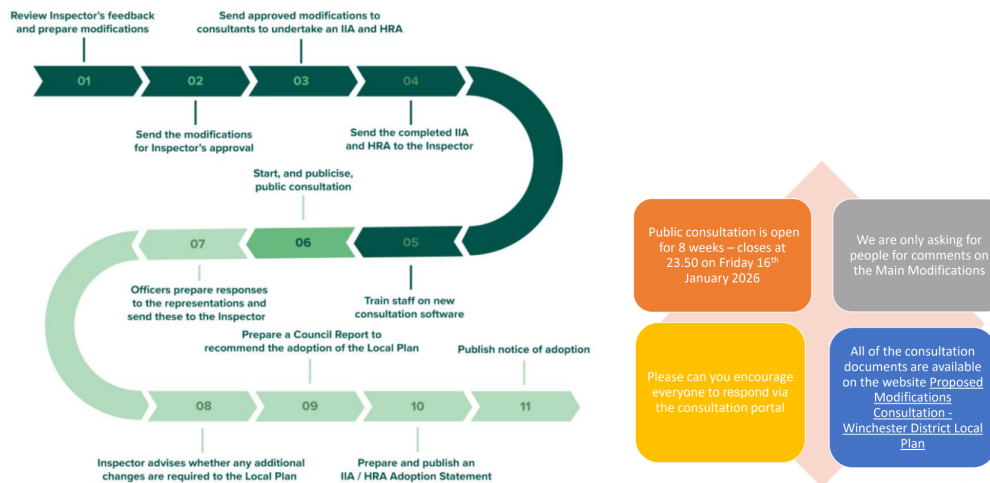
National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF): proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is currently consulting on the proposed changes to the NPPF and a number of other changes to the planning system. This Government public consultation closes at 11:45pm on 10 March 2026. For further details about this public consultation please click on this link: [National Planning Policy Framework: proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system - GOV.UK](#)

Winchester Local Plan update

The emerging Local Plan has now reached step 8 in the process below.

EMERGING LOCAL PLAN



The Main Modifications to the Local Plan for the consultation include:

- Plan period and Local Housing Need calculation (MM49).
- Unmet needs allowance (MM49 – Policy H1)
- Housing Phasing and supply (MM50 – Deletion of the Policy H2)

You are invited to have your say until **16th January 2026** - [Consultation Home - Keystone](#)

Weekly food waste recycling collections

The new food waste collections service continues to be successfully rolled out. Residents who haven't started their food waste collection can find out when their collections starts on the WCC website:

winchester.gov.uk/foodwaste

In the three weeks before the food waste collections starts, residents will receive a kitchen caddy, compostable caddy liners, an information leaflet and small, grey outdoor bin. The weekly service has been rolled out to 27,000 households. As of Friday 14 November, collected 89.6 tonnes of food waste - that's

- 23,500 kWh of energy or about 1.5 million full smartphone charges
- 89.6 tonnes less waste going for incineration – a savings of nearly 45 tonnes of CO₂e!

SDNP CIL funding

Applications now open until 31st Mar 2026. <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/community-infrastructure-levy/>

Meon Valley Community Bus - new website

The Meon Valley Community Bus Association has recently launched a new website:

<https://meonvalleybus.co.uk/>

They are also producing information leaflets for residents in the area covered by the bus.

To find out more or apply to volunteer, contact Steve Houlding at mvcba1985@gmail.com

Fire Service Residents Panel

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service are starting a new engagement panel, Called 'Your Service, Your Say'. The panel is a way to share your thoughts on Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue service -helping ensure service meets the need of local communities. Find out more [on their website](#)

'Community Connect' newsletter

The Grants team at WCC have a newsletter for community organisations, with all the information on funding, support and opportunities in one place. Follow the link to subscribe to the newsletter or read the latest edition: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/community-recreation/community-connect-newsletter>

District Small Grant Scheme- still on-going

A reminder that the **Small Grant Schemes** are open for applications until **31st January 2026**, although it may close sooner if the fund becomes fully allocated.

District Small Grant fund is designed to provide small-scale, one-off grants of up to £3,000, to eligible charities and community groups, targeted at activities that promote healthy communities: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants.../small-grant-scheme>

Winchester City Council Community Hubs

Join us for a FREE cuppa and a bite to eat at one of our Community Hub at Wickham or Winchester. Have a friendly chat with our officers about any issues relating to benefits, housing, and wellbeing. For informal guidance, information and sign-posting for anyone looking for support around the cost of living.

Where and when:

Alresford: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 10:00 – 12.00pm at St Gregory’s Church, Grange Rd, Alresford SO24 9HB.

Wickham: Every 1st Monday of the month | 2.30pm - 4.30 pm. Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, Fareham PO17 5AL.

Winchester: Every 3rd Thursday of the month | 10.30am - 12.30pm. Unit 12 Community Food Pantry, Winnall Valley Rd, Winchester SO23 0LD.

Winchester: Every 3rd Monday of the month | 10.00am - 12pm. The Carroll Centre, Somers Close, Stanmore, Winchester SO22 4EJ.

My Home Made Better

An initiative launched by the Hampshire Environment Centre. The aim is to inspire residents with one-to-one advice, case studies, videos, online resources, open homes, events and webinars, all designed to help individuals make more informed decisions about their properties. There is free training available for people who would like to become local ‘energy champions’, who will then be able to provide energy efficiency information to help residents improve their homes. Contact Stuart Mills at WinACC for more information stuart.mills@winacc.org.uk More information can be found here - <https://myhomemadebetter.org/>

Other Home Energy Efficiency opportunities

The following offers advice and support. But please carefully check eligibility for grants as they will depend on the type of home and your circumstances.

- [The Energy Saving Trust](#) . Guidance for the type of insulation for properties..
- [GB Insulation Scheme](#) – eligible if the property has an [energy performance certificate \(EPC\)](#) of D to G and is in Council Tax bands A-D in England.
- [Energy Company Obligation \(ECO4\) scheme](#) - supports energy efficiency measures for homes in fuel poverty.

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Hampshire County Councillor Report Jan 2026
Cllr Malcolm Wallace (mwallace@winchester.gov.uk)

Devolution Update – Hampshire and the Solent MCCA

On 4 December, the Government announced in a written ministerial statement (HCWS1128) that it is “*minded*” to postpone the inaugural mayoral elections for Hampshire and the Solent—and three other areas in the Devolution Priority Programme—from May 2026 to May 2028. The statement explains that ministers want to ensure that local government reorganisation is completed before mayors take office, arguing that “*devolution is strongest when it is built on strong foundations*”. The proposed delay means:

- The region would *not* elect its first Mayor in 2026 as previously planned.
- Work to establish the MCCA will continue, but the formal transfer of mayoral powers would be aligned with the new 2028 timetable.
- Councils across the area are expected to continue preparing for reorganisation and combined authority structures while awaiting further clarification from Government.

Both local Councils and national organisations, including the County Councils Network, have expressed disappointment at the delay, citing concerns about slower access to promised powers and funding. Recent briefing packs continue to provide detail on the development of the MCCA:

- [August 2025 Update](#) – Introduced the proposed structure of the MCCA, outlines the powers being negotiated with Government, and explains how the new authority will work alongside existing councils.
- [September 2025 Update](#) – Focused on how new powers and responsibilities will support the region’s transport system, improving connectivity and infrastructure for residents, businesses, and communities.
- [October 2025 Update](#) – Provided further detail on skills and employment responsibilities and how devolved powers could support local training pathways.

- [November 2025 Update](#) – Highlights the MCCA’s new powers and responsibilities relating to Economic Development and Regeneration, and how these will enable the MCCA to benefit the regional economy.

For general information and future updates, visit: [Devolution | Hampshire County Council](#)

Government Consultation on Local Government Reorganisation – Have Your Say

Central Government has launched a public consultation on proposals to reorganise local government across Hampshire and the Solent area. This reform aims to simplify council structures by replacing the current two-tier system (county and district/borough councils) with unitary councils that deliver all local services in their area – from education and social care to waste collection and planning. The changes would affect 15 existing councils, including Hampshire County Council, district and borough councils, and the unitary authorities of Southampton, Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight. The Government’s goal is to make services easier to access, more joined-up, financially sustainable, and to protect the most vulnerable in our communities. The consultation runs until 11 January 2026, with decisions expected in spring 2026 and new councils potentially coming into effect in 2028. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to shape how local services are delivered. Residents, businesses, and community groups are encouraged to share their views.

What does this mean for parish & town councils?

Parish councils will remain an important tier of local democracy, but changes to principal authorities could affect how services are delivered locally, funding arrangements, and the way parishes engage with new unitary councils. It’s vital that parish councils respond to the consultation to ensure the voice of local communities is heard. Have your say: [Visit the consultation page](#)

For more information, visit: [Local Government Reorganisation | Hampshire County Council](#)

New Blueprint for Nature Recovery Launched Across Hampshire

Hampshire County Council has unveiled a major new plan to help restore nature, protect precious habitats, and create more opportunities for residents to enjoy the county’s natural environment. The Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) sets out a shared, long-term approach for reversing the decline in biodiversity and strengthening Hampshire’s green and blue spaces for future generations. The LNRS outlines practical actions to help ensure that **at least 30% of Hampshire’s land and sea is managed for biodiversity by 2030**. This ambition aligns with national goals to halt the decline of wildlife and restore ecosystems that have been under pressure for decades. Hampshire’s natural environment—though rich and varied—has experienced significant biodiversity loss over the past 50 years, mirroring national trends. To address this, the strategy brings together expertise from councils, environmental organisations, landowners, and community groups. It aims to guide land-use decisions, inform planning processes, and encourage investment in nature-based solutions to wider challenges such as climate change, flooding, and water quality. The plan has been developed with input from a broad range of partners, including Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils, the Environment Agency, and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. Natural England has welcomed the strategy as a vital step in protecting and enhancing Hampshire’s diverse landscapes, wildlife habitats, and natural heritage. The LNRS will help guide:

- **Local planning and development**, ensuring nature is embedded in decision-making
- **Investment in environmental improvements**, including habitat restoration and green corridors
- **Future land management**, by identifying priority areas where conservation action will have the greatest benefit
- **Healthy, sustainable communities**, by expanding access to nature-rich places

Overall, the strategy provides a roadmap for restoring Hampshire’s natural environment, tackling climate and environmental challenges, and leaving a positive legacy for future generations. As the County Council notes, *everyone has a role to play*—from organisations and land managers to residents and local communities.

Bus Funding Boost for Hampshire – But County Still Among Lowest-Funded Areas

Hampshire residents are set to benefit from a significant injection of Government funding for local bus services, following the award of £27.2 million in capital funding and £24.9 million in revenue funding through the Local Authority Bus Grant, covering the four years from 2026–27 onwards. Despite this new investment, Hampshire remains in the **bottom quartile of transport authorities for bus funding**, receiving the equivalent of **£5.77 per resident per year**, compared with a **national average of £9.83**. This long-standing disparity highlights the ongoing challenge of providing reliable, frequent, and accessible public transport in a county with a mix of large towns, rural communities, and areas with limited commercial bus viability. Recent Department for Transport figures show bus use in Hampshire has grown from 24.9 million to 26.6 million passenger journeys between 2023/24 and 2024/25, an increase of 1.7 million trips, suggesting rising demand for improved and reliable services across the network. Under the new funding programme, improvements will focus on:

- **Bus priority measures** to reduce delays and improve journey times
- **Expanded services** on busy routes to support growing demand
- **Better travel information**, including real-time displays and on-bus updates

- **Infrastructure enhancements**, such as upgrades at sixth-form colleges, rural bus shelters, and community transport hubs

While the latest funding will support a wide range of enhancements, Hampshire's below-average per-resident level of bus investment continues to shape the county's ability to maintain and expand its network—especially in rural and semi-rural communities where commercial routes are not viable.

Have Your Say: Minerals & Waste Plan Update

Hampshire County Council is asking residents to comment on proposed updates to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan, which guides how the county supplies essential construction materials and manages waste facilities up to 2040. The revised Plan reflects feedback from previous consultations and a Public Examination, strengthening policies and protections. A 10-week consultation is now open, and all responses must be submitted by 11:59pm on 12 February 2026. An independent Planning Inspector will review all comments before deciding whether the updated Plan meets legal and national planning requirements. You can view the proposed modifications and submit your comments at: [👉 www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update](https://www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update)

Hampshire County Councillor Grants Open!

The County Councillor grant scheme is now open for 2025-26. Groups and organisations can apply for funding for both revenue (one-off) and minor capital projects. Revenue grants should generally be used to support short term project related costs. More details are available on the County Council website: [County Councillor grants | Hampshire County Council](#) The 2025/26 County Councillor grant scheme is open until 28 February 2026.

Local Government Finance Settlement 2026/27

The Government published the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement for 2026/27 on 17 December, setting out a three-year funding package (2026/27–2028/29) for councils alongside a new national funding formula.

Council Tax

- County councils will be able to increase Council Tax by **up to 5% each year** (3% core + 2% adult social care). A small number of mainly London authorities may raise Council Tax without a referendum in later years due to large funding reductions under the new formula.

New Funding Formula

- A revised national formula will be phased in over **three years**.
- For Hampshire County Council, this results in the following reductions in general grant funding:
 - o £9.2m cut in 2026/27
 - o £15.3m cut in 2027/28
 - o £13.3m cut in 2028/29
 - o Total cumulative reduction of £37.8m by 2028/29
- These reductions reflect national changes that place greater emphasis on deprivation and on assumed local Council Tax-raising ability.

Funding Structure Changes & Wider Context

A number of national grants have been reorganised for 2026/27, with some former grants merged into general funding and others reshaped into new ring-fenced grants for Public Health, Children's Services, Homelessness & Domestic Abuse, and Crisis & Resilience. From 2026/27, business rates will be subject to a national revaluation and reset, with temporary protections in place due to uncertainty in valuations. Future allocations for councils undergoing local government reorganisation will need to be agreed locally. Further information on support for SEND funding pressures is expected later in the settlement process.

Free Advice to Reduce Your Home Energy Bills

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

This is how it works:

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

For more information go to myhomemadebetter.org

Home Energy Efficiency Grants

The following offer advice and support. But please carefully check eligibility for grants as they will depend on the type of home and your circumstances.

- Energy Saving Trust – Guidance for the type of insulation for properties
- Great British Insulation Scheme – Eligible if the property has an energy performance certificate (EPC) of D to G and is in Council Tax bands A-D
- Warmer Homes – Warmer Homes provides fully funded insulation, solar panels and other energy efficiency measures for owner-occupiers and private renters living in low-income households in properties that have EPC energy efficiency ratings from D to G. The previous iteration of this program has now closed, but the Government has just announced a further £26 million of funding has been awarded to our local consortium. Whilst the previous iteration of this scheme only funded measures in off-gas households, the new scheme will be open to all fuel types, including on gas households and off gas households.

APPENDIX C

Q3 2025/26 Financial Reports & Statement

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL Q3 Financial Report 01 Oct 2025 to 31 Dec 2025					
		Actual to 31 Dec 2025	Annual Budget	Actual-v-Budget	Notes
RECEIPTS					
	Precept	56,295.00	£56,295.00	100.0%	
	Other Income				
	Tennis fees	£1,185.00			
	VAT Reclaimed to date	£2,048.73			VAT paid in 2024/25, reclaimed in 2025/26
	SDNP CIL	£938.60			
	Repayment of duplicated Mar 2025 village maintenance payment	£375.00			
	Wine left over from AMP	£26.97			
	Reimbursement for AMP wine returned to shop	£34.48			
	Grants and Donations - see Schedule 1	£1,350.00			
	Total Income	£62,253.78			
PAYMENTS					
Parish Council Funded Expenditure					
	Staff Costs				
	Clerk's Salary	£9,572.52	£12,385.00	77.3%	Net salary (incl O/T) minus printing/I-cloud allowance
	Clerk's Expenses	£36.12	£20.00	180.6%	
	Clerk's Pension	£272.91	£373.00	73.2%	
	Clerk's Training	£480.00	£500.00	96.0%	CiLCA paid for
	Administration - Clerk's Office	£360.00	£480.00	75.0%	
	Printing & iCloud Allowance	£40.32	£50.00	80.6%	£4.48/month
	HMRC	£773.65	£1,108.00	69.8%	
	Sub Total	£11,535.52	£14,916.00	77.3%	
	Councillors' Costs				
	Councillors' Travel & Expenses	£0.00	£50.00	0.0%	
	Councillors' Training/Seminars	£0.00	£200.00	0.0%	
	Sub Total	£0.00	£250.00	0.0%	
	Administration Costs				
	Meeting room hire	£323.50	£334.00	96.9%	
	Insurance	£1,511.70	£1,658.00	91.2%	
	External auditor fees	£315.00	£331.00	95.2%	

Internal auditor fees	£270.00	£284.00	95.1%	
Web-site	£480.00	£504.00	95.2%	
APM	£184.10	£110.00	167.4%	(Not incl £61.45 income for returned wine.)
Remembrance Sunday Wreath	£26.67	£30.00	88.9%	Had to be paid as cost to purchase wreath rather than a donation therefore had VAT attached.)
Community Christmas tree	£100.00	£200.00	50.0%	
Bank Service Charges	£54.00	£72.00	75.0%	
IT	£149.00	£0.00		Virement from elsewhere in budget?
Parish Online Subscription	£80.00	£84.00	95.2%	
Sub Total	£3,493.97	£3,607.00	96.9%	
Grants				
TS Tenacity	£0.00	£100.00	0.0%	
Hambledon Village Scout Group - Remembrance Sunday	£0.00	£100.00	0.0%	
Churchyard Maintenance	£600.00	£600.00	100.0%	
VH Grounds Maintenance	£682.00	£682.00	100.0%	
Unallocated	£0.00	£1,000.00	0.0%	
Sub Total	£1,282.00	£2,482.00	51.7%	
Subscriptions & Affiliations				
HALC & NALC	£465.00	£450.00	103.3%	
SLCC	£190.00	£200.00	95.0%	
ICO Registration	£47.00	£35.00	134.3%	
Sub Total	£702.00	£685.00	102.5%	
Running Costs				
Parish Maintenance	£3,372.50	£4,200.00	80.3%	
Defib Training & Maintenance	£66.00	£150.00	44.0%	
Glebe Land Rent	£600.00	£600.00	100.0%	
Glebe Land Maintenance	£700.00	£700.00	100.0%	
Stewarts Green Playground Maintenance	£85.00	£200.00	42.5%	
Village Hall Playground Maintenance	£274.78	£1,000.00	27.5%	
Playground Inspections	£135.84	£150.00	90.6%	
Hambledon Greening Campaign	£997.43	£1,300.00	76.7%	
Sub Total	£6,231.55	£8,300.00	75.1%	
Tennis Expenditure	£5,020.08			
BASS Fund Expenditure	£270.00			

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Other Funded Expenditure				
Earmarked Reserves - see Schedule 2	£324.20			
VAT to be reclaimed for payments in FY 25/26	£1,659.69			
Sub Total	£1,983.89			
Total Expenditure	£30,519.01			
Assets				
Unity Trust Bank a/c @ 31/12/25	£68,048.26			
Fixed Assets	£168,593.34			
Sub Total	£236,641.60			
Schedules				
Schedule 1 - Grants & Donations Received				
Tennis	£0.00			
Green Man beds	£1,100.00			£1000 from CCN for replacement plants/soil for Green Man bed & £100 from Hort Soc for GMB
Hambledon Greening Campaign	£250.00			Denmead & Hambledon Repair Cafe donation towards BIFFA recycling collection
Sub Total	£1,350.00			
Schedule 2 - Earmarked Reserves				
	Spent YTD		Unspent	
Flood Reserve	£0.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	
Denmead & Hambledon Ed. Trust Grant - Tennis	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	Denmead & Hambledon Ed. Trust Grant - Tennis
Info booklets project	£0.00	£150.00	£150.00	WCC Small Grants Fund
Green Man flowerbed reconstruction	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
Green Man flowerbed maintenance	£324.20	£441.98	£117.78	
Sub Total	£324.20	£4,601.98	£4,277.78	
Signed: <i>Joanna Tester</i>				
Joanna Tester (Parish Clerk & RFO)				
Dated (Minutes Ref.): 05/01/26 (2870)				

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HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL
Q3 Financial Statement
01 Oct 2025 to 31 Dec 2025

Bank balance at 31 Dec 2025	£68,048.26	
Less uncleared payments	£0.00	
Less tennis fund	£8,069.07	(Balance @ 31/12/25 plus £5,555.00 from precept 2025/26)
Less running costs Jan 2026 to Mar 2026	£7,560.00	(£56,295 minus £26,055) divided by 4 = £7,560 per quarter (£2,520/month)
Less total value of Better Streets fund	£35,357.67	See 'BASS Fund Q3' for breakdown
Total funds available	£17,061.52	
Earmarked reserves		
Flood Reserve	£3,000.00	
Hambledon and Denmead Ed Trust	£10.00	Held on their behalf for use by the PC
Info booklets project	£150.00	
Total earmarked reserves	£3,160.00	
Committed expenditure		
Total committed expenditure	£0.00	
Unallocated reserves	£13,901.52	Equivalent to circa 5.5-months' worth of running costs. HALC recommends maintaining general reserves between 3 and 12 months' worth.

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Parish Clerk & RFO)

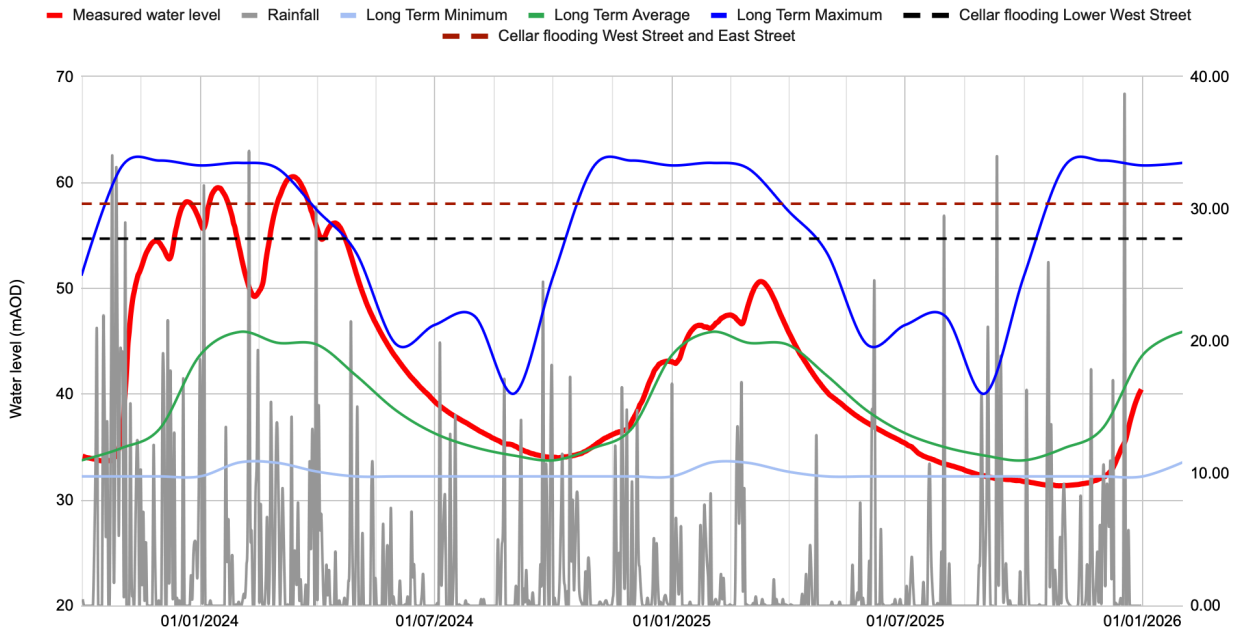
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HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL BASS Fund		
Q3 Report 01 Oct 2025 to 31 Dec 2025		
		Notes
Income		
Precept		
BBF from 2024-25	£14,851.87	
From 2025-26 precept	£20,000.00	
Grants/Donations		
CCN - Green Man flowerbed	£1,000.00	
Hort Soc - Green Man flowerbeds	£100.00	
Total income year to date	£35,951.87	
Expenditure		
Watering for Green Man beds	£100.00	
Plants for Green Man beds	£224.20	
CFI (entrance gates) application fee	£270.00	
Total expenditure year to date	£594.20	
Balance	£35,357.67	Total value of BASS fund
Committed		
Reserve for Green Man Beds Maintenance	£1,117.78	Maintenance by Hort Soc (£341.98 b/f from 2024/25 less plants & watering @ £324.20; plus £1k CCN donation; plus £100 donation from Hort Soc = £1,117.78)
Total committed	£1,117.78	
Expected expenditure		
Licence for entrance gates	750.00	
Entrance gates supply	5,904.24	
Entrance gates installation	£1,600.00	
Total expected expenditure	£8,254.24	
Unallocated funds	£25,985.65	

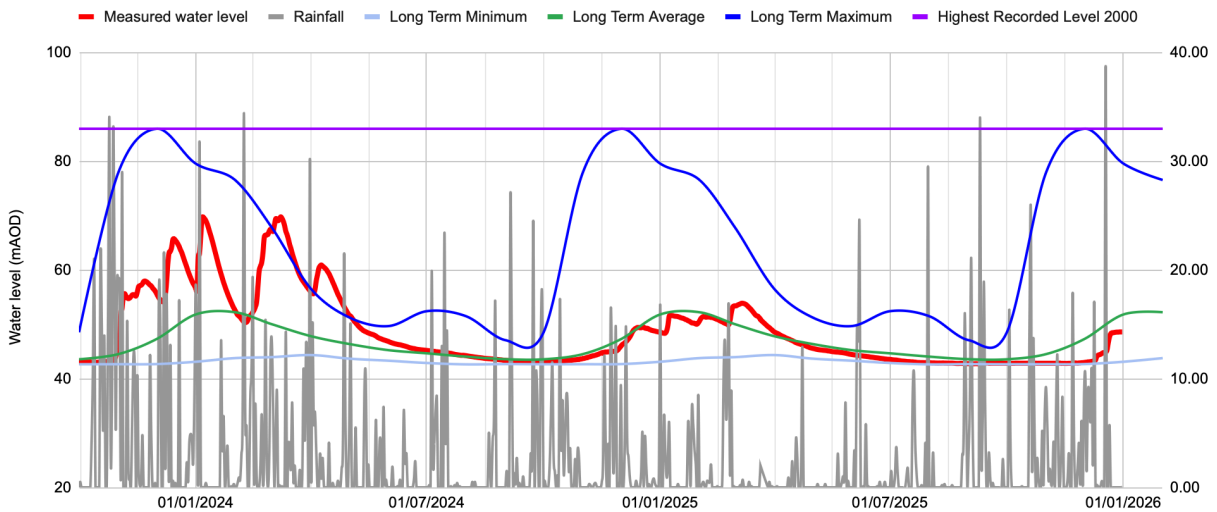
APPENDIX D

Levels are going up but still not at panic level yet!!! 2nd pic is the borehole at Broadhalfpenny Down.

Groundwater levels at Whitedale Farm



Groundwater levels at Broadhalfpenny down



APPENDIX E

Repair Café and Recycling:

- The next Repair Café and Recycling will be in Hambleton from 10-12pm on Sat Jan 17th.

Biodiversity:

- 11 Hambleton and 4 National Trust volunteers turned up for a very productive scrub-bashing event on Monday December 8th. The sycamore seedling area has now been totally cleared in the top field and the debris was burned under the auspices of three NT rangers.
- The final event will be Thursday January 22nd when SDNPA rangers will be supporting the National Trust rangers.
- Sophie Bradfield from the NT has been in touch with our butterfly data from this year's surveys and suggests two flower surveys this year in May and August to monitor changes due to scrub clearance.

Retrofit:

- Sue Crossley has contacted David Boase who is willing to host an Open House event in February (date to be confirmed) for anyone interested in asking questions about his very successful air source heat pump. Kim Blakeway from WinACC will set up an Eventbrite page to organise numbers and will provide insurance cover through WinACC.

Climate Duties for new Hampshire mayor:

- It was agreed that HGC should sign up as a group in support of the [Climate Action in Hampshire and Solent](#) initiative, as requested by Councillor Danny Lee, to hold the new Mayor to account given the absence of statutory/mandatory Climate reporting duties and weak Nature duties in the proposed new Hampshire Strategic Authority.

We are grateful as always for your support, both financially and at our events.

Dr Penny Mahon (Secretary of Hambledon Greening Campaign)

APPENDIX G WCC New Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Service consultation response

Q - What elements of grounds maintenance and street cleansing have worked well in your area over the last 3 years?

A - N/a

Q - Based on resident feedback, what elements of grounds maintenance and/or street cleansing need to be improved in your area?

A - Residents and PC members have concerns over environmental performance - use of chemicals (especially glyphosates) and the timing and quality of hedge-cutting. The new contract could ensure that the use of toxic chemicals is restricted to exceptional cases only (and after consultation with the PC), and could replace fixed calendar dates with adaptive or dynamic seasonal protection, requiring ecological risk assessments based on temperature, breeding data and local conditions before any habitat disturbance.

Communication with the PC (and hence parishioners) is nil. If the PC was consulted and then provided with a copy of the resulting schedule, parish and district councils could work together for a far better result. Likewise, the PC could be involved in the 'sign-off' of work, giving front-line feedback and ensuring that the contractor is held to account for sub-standard work.

Q - Is there anything else you want to make us aware of relating to grounds maintenance and/or street cleansing?

A - Care is not always taken over mowing around play equipment - the PC has recently reported a grass mat severely damaged by a mower, which the PC had to pay to replace because the contractor claimed that it couldn't be their error (employees are educated etc.).