



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council
05 Dec 2022; 5pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Quinn; & Cllr Silcock

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Lumby (HCC; left at 5.56pm); Cllr Pearson (WCC; left at 5.40pm); Cllr Wallace (WCC; left 5.40pm); & Jan Jarvie (FAG)

Meeting started at 5.04pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
1797	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Barbara Platt and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
1798	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Dyson, Mason & Hand.	
1799	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
1800	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
1801	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. No members of the public present.	
1802	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
1803	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received from Cllr Wallace - see Appendix A. Has been published on the PC website. WCC cllrs received the following comments/questions from HPC cllrs: WCC Local Plan – Cllr commented that can't see the relevance to SDNP parishes, other than the environmental section. [WCC cllrs agreed.]	

1803 cont.	District councillor's report & questions arising cont.	- Funding opportunities available? [CiL funding is aligned to WCC goals, one of which is 'going greener faster' e.g. walking & cycling; greening initiatives; Potential projects were discussed, as follows: - Electric charging points (but installation is expensive). - Solar panels. Church – grade 1 listed & faces the wrong way. School also faces the wrong way. - Contract with Biffa for hard plastic collections. [Probably not as 2 years away from roadside collection.] - Kissing gates [Unlikely as would come more under 'maintenance'.] - Permission from HCC to install some cycle racks on the ground by the Headwall @ OFTR. Cllr Quinn to speak to OFTR. Clerk to check with HG to see if they have any ideas.	Cllr Quinn Clerk
1804	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received from Cllr Lumby - see Appendix B. Has been published on the PC website. Further discussion points as follow: 20 is Plenty - 9.5k people responded (record numbers). Equally divided views for and against. Key points are education, enforcement & engineering. Enforcement is difficult. Engineering requires money. If communities want to spend their own money there are options available e.g. SIDS. Results to be published Jan 2023. Cllr Lumby & WG members to meet in Jan 2023. Cllr Silcock to arrange. There were no questions for Cllr Lumby.	Cllr Silcock
1805	Police/PCSO report	No report received.	
1806	Mins of previous meetings (07/11/22)	Agreed as a true record.	
1807	Clerk's progress report	Parish Lengthsman Agreement Upcoming visits 16/12/22 & 20/02/22. Cllrs made the following suggestions for Dec work as follows: - Back Lane drain to be cleared. - Drain outside 13 West St to be cleaned out. - Saplings to be removed from wall alongside West St near OBC. - Clearance of tree overhanging the kissing gate at the top of Vineyard footpath/behind Whitedale House. - Pavement sweeping near VH. Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - appears to have been swept at the beginning of August but has not solved the issue. Re-surfacing may be the only option. Clerk has sent photos to Cllr Lumby and asked him to follow up with HH. Clerk chased Cllr Lumby 02/11/22. Cllr Lumby to chase again.	Clerk

1812	Planning applications	- SDNP/22/05454/HOUS & SDNP/22/05455/LIS – Myrtle Bank, East St, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RX. Alterations to the existing house incl. internal alterations & single storey rear extension. [NO OBJECTION] - SDNP/22/05429/NMA – Pentland, West St, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RW. None material amendment to planning application SDNP/22/01050/HOUS. [NO OBJECTION]	Clerk
1813	Planning apps received after 29/11/22	None received.	
1814	Planning decisions	Noted, with the addition of the following: SDNP/22/05290/TCA – Cams, Cams Hill Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SP. APPROVED.	
1815	Better Streets WG	No report received. Cllr Silcock commented as follows: - Resident has asked about new street name sign for Lashley Meadow. Has been informed that will be in the fourth batch. Third batch signs are in production. Fourth batch ordered. - Next steps – BS to be linked with Traffic & Pedestrian Safety projects. Cllr Silcock to speak to John Thornton to see if there are any other schemes to be considered.	Clerk Cllr Silcock
1816	Tennis WG	The Clerk reported the following: Frank Luard has carried out a second drive for membership payment which has been fairly successful. Planning to start purging historic members that no longer make payment, meaning that they will have to sign-up again to be able to book and the system will prompt them to pay.	
1817	Traffic & Pedestrian Safety WG	Report received and sent to cllrs - see Appendix C Chair to report in next edition of the Hambledonian.	
1818	Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp WG	No report received. WG met 21/11/22 to look at proposals and carry out a detailed tender evaluation.	
1819	Village Hall Play Area Re-vamp	Cllr Silcock had previously circulated a written report (Appendix D) and recommendation by the WG to all cllrs. Resolved: that the PC appoints Ava Recreation based on their quote ref ARI3691 (@ £38,990.65 + VAT) to re-vamp the VH play area as follows: - Removal & disposal of play tower, playhouse, bench & sandpit. - Removal & storage of swings, tunnel & seesaw. - Supply & installation of new recycled plastic play tower; new roundabout; 2 x new recycled plastic benches; & 4 x new recycled plastic legs for existing tunnel. - Re-installation of existing swings, tunnel & seesaw. - Tigermulch to be laid over entire play area. To include a hop-scotch. - Provision of all security fencing; skips; muck-away & post-installation inspection.	

1819 cont.	Village Hall Play Area Re-vamp cont.	This approval is dependent upon the following: • Completion of satisfactory site visits by cllrs/Clerk. • Receipt of satisfactory warranty information for the new equipment. Cllrs also requested that a contingency of £4k should be ring-fenced. Chair notified the meeting that the VH Committee have seen the proposal & are content. They would like advance warning of installation dates so that no events are booked during that period. In addition, a member of the VH Committee may wish to have the spare rubber matting currently stored at the rear of the VH. Chair to check contact happy for e-mail address to be passed to Clerk. Clerk to then offer matting for a donation to playground fund.	Clerk/ Cllr Silcock Clerk/ Cllr Encke
1820	Village Hall Playground Repairs	The Clerk informed cllrs that a quote had been received from Ava Recreation for £675 + VAT to repair the surfacing, replace the broken section of the wooden ramp and investigate the integrity of the frame of the junior swings. Cllrs agreed that these repairs were now urgent and that the go-ahead should be given to Ava Recreation to start the work asap. The Clerk noted that the alternative supplier turned down the work due to lack of availability. APPROVED – Clerk to speak to Ava Recreation re timescales.	Clerk
1821	Village Maintenance	No update.	
1822	Flood Action Group	Report received and published on the PC website (see also Appendix E). Further discussion as follows: • Eroding ditch banks after the headwall - Cllr Quinn noted that safety of highways is not part of FAG but Highways WG (led by Cllr Silcock). PC cannot tell HH how to do their job. Checks are done when PC requests. Last major survey 2019. No actions taken. Another survey in the next 4-6 months? Cllrs Silcock & John Thornton to meet with Jan Jarvie. Cllr Silcock to arrange meeting. John Thornton to potentially speak to HH. Jan Jarvie commented that vegetation holding banks together is coming away. Area by bridge – high risk if vehicle was to come off the road. • Headwall – JJ to continue pressuring HCC re cleaning out the pipe. Feb PC meeting – to discuss FA plan & risk assessment.	Cllr Silcock Clerk
1823	Hambleton Greening WG	Report received and published on the PC website (Appendix F).	
1824	Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan Partial Update - Consultation	Resolved: that the PC agrees to respond to the consultation as follows: ‘With reference to Policy no 4.44, the PC requests that CDE waste facilities should not be placed in tranquil locations or inappropriate countryside locations.’	Clerk

1825	Coronation of King Charles III	Resolved: that the PC DOES NOT make an application to WCC to request a road closure for coronation celebrations in May 2023, given that the Dettmers have kindly offered the use of their field once again. Cllrs Quinn & Silcock, & the Clerk to form a WG. Clerk to ask Tabitha Jay & future co-opted PC member if they would like to join WG. Preliminary plans as follows: • £1k into budget as contingency. • Advertise in next Clerk's e-mail & Chair's report for Hambledonian. • WG to meet asap. • Probably Sunday 7th May. VH to be booked for the evening.	Clerk Clerk/ Cllr Encke Clerk
1826	'Warm Hub' scheme	Resolved: that the PC DOES NOT initiate a warm hub scheme at the current time. Cllrs felt that there is not enough demand and that existing informal support by neighbours and friends would be sufficient. Can be re-visited in Jan/Feb 2023 depending on how the cost of living crisis develops.	
1827	Reports & Issues	• External Auditor - The PC's new external auditor for 2022/23 to 2026/27 will be BDO LLP. • Planning Application SDNP/22/00447/LIS - Heritage Double Glazing - Cllr Quinn wrote a response, providing full material factors, to the Planning Officer on behalf of the PC to back up its request for the application to be referred to Committee. The PO responded as follows: ...'application has been reassessed and a site visit has been carried out by our Heritage Officer. The Officer has now provided supporting comments for the application, subject to finer details that can be conditioned or submitted immediately, so therefore the application will now be granted.' • Boundary Commission Consultation - final consultation on proposed new constituencies is open until 05 Dec 2022. Cllrs content that the boundary is the same for Hambledon as approved by PC during initial consultation, so non-controversial and no comments required. • Community Payback Scheme - Cllr Quinn and the Clerk met with Jeff Harris 9th Nov 2022. The scheme could provide eight people for one day's (fully supervised) work per week, foc. Transport likely to be an issue as offenders are expected to make their own way there and back and the limited bus service to the village would not fit in with the working day times. An alternative indoor project would also be needed when the weather inclement, and access to toilets etc. required. Correspondence on-going. • Clerk's Annual Leave Entitlement - National Joint Council (NJC) has agreed that from 1 April 2023, all employees covered by this National Agreement, regardless of their current leave entitlement or length of service, will receive a permanent increase of one day (pro rata for part-timers) to their annual leave entitlement.	
1828	Date/time of next meeting	• Mon 9th Jan 2022 at Hambledon VH (Main Hall); 7.30pm.	
1829	Date of May 2023 Ordinary & Annual Mtg of the PC	Resolved: that the meeting is moved from Mon 8th May (bank holiday) to Mon 15th May 2023.	

1830	Confidential matters	No members of the public/press were present and there were no confidential matters to discuss.	
1831	Emergency item - new laptop purchase	Cllrs had already been made aware that the Clerk's laptop had stopped working the previous week and that Apple technicians could not mend it without sending it away at a basic cost of circa £419. Advice was that, given the age of the laptop, this wasn't a sensible financial option & better to purchase a new device. Clerk advised cllrs that a new 2020 M1 MacBook Air with 2-yr warranty from John Lewis would cost £886.50 (incl next day delivery). Resolved: that the PC approves the purchase of a new 2020 MacBook Air M1 up to a purchase price of £1k.	

The meeting closed at 7.21pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

APPENDIX A

Parish Update – November 2022

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

Events

- **International White Ribbon Day** – Friday 25 November sees the launch of the annual International White Ribbon campaign and 16 days of action, raising awareness with the aim of ending violence against women and girls. Winchester Domestic Violence and Abuse Forum, supported by Winchester Community Safety Partnership will be supporting this year's campaign. Locally we use this as an opportunity to highlight all forms of domestic abuse such as coercive control, financial abuse and relationship abuse. Local organisations have pulled together a programme of activities which aim to raise awareness of White Ribbon and promote support services locally.
- **Winchester Christmas Market** – The hugely popular Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market is now open. Information on opening times, traders and other seasonal activities can be found on the Winchester Cathedral website: [Winchester Cathedral | Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market \(winchester-cathedral.org.uk\)](https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)
- **Coronation Street Parties** – Get your applications in quickly if you want to close a road for a Coronation street party! Due to the significant number of submissions we're expecting, applications for Coronation Party road closures are invited to begin now and they need to be submitted at least 12 weeks in advance so we can be confident of getting the legal process completed in time for the event, therefore the final date for submissions is Friday 3rd February 2023. Applications after this date will be accepted, but we cannot guarantee being able to process them in time. See: [Temporary road closure for events - Winchester City Council](#)

News

- **Draft Local Plan** – Consultation on draft Local Plan is now open. The Plan covers key themes for Winchester including the climate emergency, affordable homes, and protecting and enhancing our natural environment. The Plan is open for public consultation for 6 weeks (until midnight 14 December) and is available at [Home - Winchester District Local Plan](#)
- **Community Support for Ukraine (information and help)** – The next WCC Community Support Hub for Ukraine is on 6 December, from 10am till 12pm at the Guildhall. Our Ukrainian guests and their

hosts will be able to access advice and meet in a safe environment. Our friendly support staff will be available to help with housing advice and provide general guidance on what support is available and do their best to answer any questions people might have. There will be translation support available. For more information see: [Winchester City Council pledges support for Ukraine - Winchester City Council](#)

- **Boundary Commission Consultation** – The latest (final) consultation on the new proposed parliamentary boundaries is open until 5 December. Key point for us is that the proposal includes removing the Meon Valley parliamentary constituency and merging different areas within the Meon Valley with surrounding constituencies. See: [Final consultation on revised proposals open now: Last chance to help reshape constituencies | Boundary Commission for England \(independent.gov.uk\)](#)

Funding Opportunities

- **CIL** – Time to prepare your CIL funding applications for WCC! Bids need to be submitted between January and March each year. Note: It's likely that funding will be prioritised towards WCC Objectives including Going Green Faster. For example, this could include projects that support the District Cycle and Walking Infrastructure. See: [Apply for CIL - Winchester City Council](#)
- **Small Grants Scheme** – The WCC District Small Grant Scheme provides one-off grants of up to £1,000 to local voluntary/not-for-profit groups and organisations for one-off expenditure on projects, equipment and other items to help organisations to do more, reach more people, or provide better services. They can apply at any time, with decisions made every three months. See online for details: [District Small Grants - Winchester City Council](#)
- **Rural Fund** – WCC has been allocated a grant for capital projects in the market towns, villages and rural areas of Winchester district in FY2024 & FY2025. The indicative investment plan is split between net zero/climate mitigation projects, community infrastructure projects, culture, arts & tourism development, and green spaces enhancement. See WCC November Parish Briefing for details.
- **Warm Hubs Grant** – Grants of up to £5,000 are available from Hampshire County Council to develop and host warm hubs where people can gather together this winter. See: [Hampshire groups invited to apply to Leader's Community Grant Scheme to create warm hubs this winter | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

APPENDIX B

Hampshire County Councillor Report December 2022

HCC reorganisation - Hampshire County Council is carrying out an internal reorganisation, with some changes in its senior leadership. This has necessitated a change in responsibilities of the Council's Cabinet. With effect from 1 January 2023, there will now be as follows:

Adults' Health and Care - Cllr Liz Fairhurst (lead member) and Cllr Jan Warwick

Children's Services - Cllr Edward Heron (lead member) and Cllr Steve Forster

Universal Services - Cllr Nick Adams-King (lead member) and Cllr Russell Oppenheimer

Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services - Cllr Rob Humby (leader) and Cllr Rob Chadd (deputy leader)

Cllr Kirsty North will continue as Cabinet Member for HR, Performance, Communications and Inclusion and Diversity.

Leader calls on Government to address local government underfunding - Rob Humby, the leader of Hampshire County Council has called on the Government to take urgent action to address the looming financial crisis facing upper tier local government over the next few years. In a letter sent to the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Secretary of State, Councillor Humby, and Kent County Council Leader, Councillor Roger Gough, have outlined the drastic budget implications facing the two authorities, and the need for Government's immediate help and a clear plan for long-term financial sustainability, if the two County Councils are to avoid filing bankruptcy notices within the next year or so. Councillor Humby commented that "both Hampshire and Kent are high-performing, financially well-run and long respected County Councils. However, we face budget deficits over the next few years of a scale that has never been seen before – but not of our own doing. Our budgets are now at breaking point. We have gone as far as we can to close the budget gaps we have faced to date, and there is nowhere left to go in future without severely

impacting some of the most vulnerable people in our society.” The two leaders have asked the Government to put local councils on a long-term sustainable financial footing. Their request includes more annual funding to keep up with growing demand for adults and children’s social care services or legislative changes to reduce the demands on these services; fully funding the social care funding reforms and more money for growth in special educational needs; as well as greater freedom and flexibility around setting council tax and charging for services, alongside legislative changes to help local government help itself.

Winter support - Hampshire’s most vulnerable residents will not be left out in the cold this winter, thanks to a range of measures to help people with the costs of food, fuel and other essentials. Using its latest round of Household Support Funding from the Department for Work and Pensions, Hampshire County Council will be investing more than £7 million in a wide variety of schemes and initiatives targeting households facing hardship, between now and March 2023. The initiatives will expand on what was offered in the previous funding round to include support for foster carers registered with the County Council, unpaid carers, care leavers, and people with disabilities. It will also widen the support available to reach out to those who may not be eligible for other assistance but are nevertheless in need. Details can be found by emailing connect4communities@hants.gov.uk or visiting the connect4communities website.

Minerals and Waste Plan update consultation - Hampshire’s five minerals and waste planning authorities are asking residents, local groups and businesses to help scrutinise proposed changes to Hampshire’s Minerals and Waste Plan to ensure that it will continue to ensure provision of a steady and adequate supply of minerals and sufficient waste infrastructure, as well as maintain communities, protect the local environment and address the impacts of climate change. The consultation allows residents to comment on local sites that have been identified for minerals extraction and transportation. Sites for waste processing, recycling and disposal facilities are also indicated in the Plan - so that the millions of tonnes of household and commercial waste generated across the county can be dealt with as efficiently and sustainably as possible. The proposed updated plan and the response form can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update. The consultation will close at 17:00 hours on Tuesday 31 January 2023.

Boundary Commission review of constituencies - The Boundary Commission for England have published their revised proposals for parliamentary constituency boundaries. A final public consultation has commenced which closes on 5 December 2022. The revised proposals and maps can be viewed here [South East | Boundary Commission for England \(independent.gov.uk\)](https://www.independent.gov.uk)

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Councillor Hugh Lumby

Meon Valley Division

APPENDIX C

Traffic & Pedestrian Safety WG Report

The SDR readings around the Village have been completed. Initial analysis suggests that, looking at the 85 percentile, most drivers obey the speed limits or exceed them by about 2mph. (I attach the composite data for traffic going either way outside Whitedale). Of course, as we know, there are motorists who exceed the limits, some by some margin and it is them that we need to be targeting in the future.

Next: HCC has very recently carried out its 20 MPH survey the results of which are awaited together with proposals for any changes they will make. In my personal view, it will likely be difficult, based on the evidence gathered and our survey, to persuade HCC to change the limits where we would most wish (eg 30MPH from Dower house to Green Man, 30 MPH OFTR to Lashley Meadow). So, we will need to consider ways to alter the road environment to persuade/remind motorists that they are in a Village and so should drive with due care. This will cost money hence the need to raise precept funds for Better Streets.

Background

1. The children's playground at Hambledon Village Hall has given excellent service over the past 30+ years and has been enjoyed by very many children who live in or visit the Village. Over that time, the equipment, which comprises a tower, swings, tunnel, playhouse, seesaw and bench, has been inspected annually and carefully maintained.
2. However, the equipment and the artificial surface on which it stands, is tired and showing its age. In addition, it does not fully meet the needs of children from 2-12 years of age and is now a poor comparison with more contemporary equipment which can be found in recently modernised playgrounds.
3. In 2021 therefore, the Parish Council decided to upgrade the equipment and tasked the Clerk and a specially formed Working Group to investigate options and seek quotations from potential suppliers/manufacturers. It was decided at an early stage that the existing swings were in good shape and so did not need to be replaced.
4. Seven designs and illustrative quotations were received offering a range of options in steel, wood and recycled materials.
5. The playground sits on Village Hall land and it was established at the outset that the existing footprint which the playground occupies could not be enlarged and that new equipment would need to fit within that space. It should be noted that mandatory safety distances surrounding each piece of equipment have increased since the existing playground was installed and this factor too has driven the design and constrained the options.

Options

6. Companies were approached and asked to provide designs and illustrative costs based on a budget of £40,000. Reps from various companies visited the site, some more than once, before offering their designs and costs which largely depended on materials chosen, complexity of design and the amount of artificial base (rubber mulch) to be used. All designs largely met the brief although it should be noted that quotations were based on slightly different offerings from each company which also contributed to the range of prices.
7. At their meeting on 10 October 2022 the Parish Council directed the Working Group to focus more closely on equipment made from recycled materials and also to review how the project could be funded from existing and future precept funds without the need to conduct further fundraising. The companies with their initial or refined/final quotations are given below:

a. Sutcliff's (steel)	£42,542.55
b. Vitaplay (steel)	£33,693.94
c. Playquest (recycled plastic)*	£38,430.50
d. Sawscapes (recycled plastic)	£52,472
e. Ava Recreation (recycled plastic)	£38,990.65
f. Playdale (steel)	£42,893.55
g. The HideoutHouse Company	£no quote

*Not willing/able to take on the work

8. The Working Group met on 21st November to assess the best bids which were considered compliant. Following a detailed discussion of the designs, materials and costs, together stated programmes for installation, it was decided that **AVA Recreation** should be selected and proposed to the Parish Council,

subject to references, a visual inspection of at least two sites recently completed by AVA Recreation, final updated quotation and satisfactory warranty information.

9. References were taken by the Clerk and a summary follows:

- Southampton City Council (Lee Kenchenten): his report states:

I have worked closely with Ava recreation over the past few years to install new play areas and refurbishments of others across the city of Southampton. I have found ava recreation to go above and beyond on any request regardless of how big or small. The knowledge they hold on various play equipment and suppliers is greatly appreciated when installing equipment as to the needs of the sites across the city whether this is timber structures, metal or recycled plastics. The equipment ava recreation have installed for me is very durable with very little, if any issues with the equipment, any concerns raised are rectified and dealt with in a timely and professional manner. All equipment that has been installed to date has been greatly appreciated by the public and when asked by members of the public about the works being carried out they have been courteous with no reports back to me from the public of any negative issues. I still use ava recreation to consult on play equipment and surfacing and will continue to do so in the future.

- Test Valley Borough Council (Simon Cahill)

We have used AVA Recreation on several play area refurbishment contracts and have not experience any adverse issues regarding their work. Any installation issues that are identified are dealt with in a timely manner.

- Badger Farm Parish Council (Simon Cahill). The Clerk has a phone call booked to speak to their Clerk.

10. It has not yet been possible to arrange a visit to the playgrounds listed above in order to assess a finished product at first hand but this will be done as soon as possible.

Programme of Installation

11. AVA Recreation has undertaken to begin work in February 2023 and to complete the installation by April 2023. Works include site preparation, removal of redundant equipment, re-siting of the swings and seesaw, refurbishment and re-siting of the tunnel, and installation of new equipment. Design details are attached to this paper.

Costs

12. Detailed costs are in the quotation attached to this paper.

Financing

13. In early 2021 the Parish Council undertook a short, exploratory fundraising drive in which £2,694 was raised mainly from Village families. At its meeting in October 2022 the Parish Council decided that the optimum route to funding the new playground was through the precept rather than relying on a lengthy fundraising campaign whose duration was uncertain. The 2022/23 Budget had already called for a rise in the precept of just under 100% (which allocated £15,000 to the Play Ground and £10,000 for Better Streets improvements) with an expectation that the same size of precept would be sought in 2023/24.

14. The proposed funding route to meet a Limit of Liability of £40,000 is as follows and assumes final invoices will be presented on 1st April 2023 for payment within 30 days:

a.	Playgrounds unallocated funding at 1 Dec 2022:	£17,694
b.	Better Streets unallocated funding at 1 Dec 2022:	£18,338
c.	Playgrounds funding from precept on 1 Apr 2023:	£ 7,500 (=50% precept)
d.	Better Streets funding from precept at 1 Apr 2023:	£ 5,000 (=50% precept)
	Total:	£48,532

15. The proposal in brief, therefore, is to use funds earmarked for Better Streets but not yet allocated to any specific project to supplement funds earmarked for the Playground. In October 2023, the second tranche of the precept will be received by the Parish at which point the funds earmarked to Better Streets but not

yet allocated (at the time of writing) to any specific projects will return to £13,532 (£18,338 - £17,306 + £7,500 + £5,000). A decision will be made in the 2023 budget meeting for 2024-25 what funding additional to the presently unallocated £13,352 will be needed.

Consultation with the Village Hall

16. The Village Hall Committee has been consulted and expressed general contentment with the project. The minutes of their meeting state:

VH would like to have notice of the build so that can co-ordinate with any party bookings etc. What about the old rubber tiles that are in a pile behind the VH? Would the PC like to offer them out (eg to stables??).

Recommendation

17. It is recommended that the Parish Council endorses the choice of AVA Recreation as the preferred contractor subject to the following:

- a. Receipt of final satisfactory reference
- b. Completion of site visits by Councillors/Clerk
- c. Provision by AVA Recreation of satisfactory warranty information for the new equipment,

and directs the Clerk to agree a contract to complete the refurbishment of the Village Hall Playground in the Spring of 2023 ready for use by 1st April 2023.

Cllr Chris Silcock

APPENDIX E

Flood Action Group Report

Overview - the predictions for a “wet winter” by the Environment Agency are coming true, so far in the Winter season. The Big Pipe (BP) and its attached collection systems are doing a great job of dealing with surface water run-off and drainage from roofs. The groundwater situation of course, needs time to allow the rain water to percolate down to the aquifer level, but in comparison with last year’s readings there’s a bit of comfort room at this stage.

27/11/22	BHD 45.210 AOD	Whitedale	37.785 AOD
22/11/21	BHD 48.170 AOD	Whitedale	41.799 AOD

We do have an open question with Winchester County Council with regard to street sweeping, which used to be an annual service on West and East streets, along with Green Lane. It is our current understanding this operation has been discontinued due to a lack of resources, and we are awaiting clarification on this matter as there is a large quantity of leaves going into the gullies at this point, which will occur every season.

Headwall, Catchment Basin and Ditch – the catchment basin remains untouched insofar as clearance is concerned, and although the BP is keeping up with the flow of surface water, there remains a level of congestion extending upstream for an unknown distance, reducing the capacity.

The condition of the hedging following the recent trim, remains in a very dangerous state. There are a number of very large gaps closely adjacent to the grass verge, which is in constant use by pedestrians, mothers with children, and some in prams. Hampshire County Council (HCC) denies this is a footpath, even though it is shown as such on the Ordinance Survey Map. The holes (see photographs) are scattered the length of the hedge from the foot bridge up to the Old Forge, and there is no protection from falling into the ditch some 3 M below. These warnings have been brought to the attention of HCC on numerous occasions, but there has not been a written response or any indication of action being planned to date. The sloughing of the ditch bank will carry on rapidly with heavy rain, especially in way of the foot bridge, where gabions were promised in 2019, until positive action is undertaken. It is essential that an immediate demand be placed on HCC to respond in writing with a time-based plan for corrective measures, with a specified due date.

We would also comment on the state of the barbwire fencing on the field side of the ditch keeping stock away, where a large number of fence posts are rotted at ground level making it unstable. There may be an issue with regard to “ownership,” however.

Environment Agency - We have been in contact with Damen Funnell, Team Leader for the Flood Resilience Team, as directed by the Environment Agency, to gather information on the upcoming weather conditions for our planning efforts. We have since been advised there is a new contact person by the name of Woody Wilcock, identified as the Flood Resilience Engagement Advisor for Solent and South Downs, who will be our connection regarding resilience matters as he is working with a number of area FAGs. We haven’t heard anything to date, but will keep trying to confirm how future warnings will be managed.

Scheduled activities for the FAG – We are currently reviewing our preparations for the Flood Season, with special attention being given to lengthening cover due to possible late changes in the groundwater levels into Spring. This includes a careful examination of our Risk Register and Flood Management Plan. One of our top hazards on the risk list is failures associated with mains drainage. The possibility of occurrence remains very high, and to date nothing has been done by Southern Water to preclude backup of the system in high groundwater conditions, as in 2000 and 2001. Over-pumping is almost a certainty over the Flooding Season, which is a cardinal point for planning. In our regular review of the ditch on the field side, we have noted subsidence of the ground around two of the manholes, in way of the lateral pipes leading over the ditch, requiring inspection and possible remedy.

The FAG will continue to monitor the weather conditions and suitability of our resilience measures, and provide information to Hambledon Parish Council on a regular basis, along with relevant information to the community upon request.

Respectfully Submitted by, Jan Jarvie, Chairman, Flood Action Group

APPENDIX F Report from the Hambledon Greening Working Group: Monday Dec 5th 2022

Repair Café:

- Next Repair Café in Hambledon will be Jan 21st, from 10-1pm.
- A sewing skills and repairs demonstration/workshop will be held in the final hour of the morning, led by Jenny Corbin and Christine Dunkley.

Recycling and LGV:

- The Pop-Up Recycling Station continues to function well to coincide with the monthly visits from the Little Green Van but we are still looking for an alternative option to the LGV after its final Dec 17th visit.

Retrofit:

- Nigel Foster represented HGC at the most recent WinAcc meeting on Nov 24th.
- There are several exciting Community Energy projects being set up in Hampshire and Nigel will write an article on those in the next Hambledonian.
- WinAcc and HGC have agreed to match funds to help support two Hambledon residents (one in a pre-1900 and one in a post-1900 home) in their purchase of a WinAcc Retrofit Plan. It will be advertised in the next Hambledonian and a letter sent to all HGC supporters.

Phase 3 of the Greening Campaign: Sustainability

- Our composting plans are still developing. Sue Crossley and Belinda Johnson attended an online workshop on community composting and have developed an action plan to test out village support, including an article in the Hambledonian, a poll, and a visit to an existing community composting scheme in Winchester.
- We plan to hold a public meeting in March to coincide with Food Waste Action Week (March 6-12th) and invite Sam Watts, leader of WinAcc’s Food Action Group, to speak.
- The national Greening Campaign has a brand-new website and HGC is featured as one of their star local communities: see <https://greening-campaign.org/stories/hambledon-greening-campaign>

Parish Council budget:

- Please find below our budget request for the next financial year. Although we have as yet not spent all of our budget for 2022-2023, the remainder is allocated to specific events and items and will be spent by the end of March so a similar amount for next year seems appropriate.

Suggested HGC budget for 2023-24:*Greening Campaign upcoming phases:*

Phase 3 Sustainability: £350 [not yet published so basing this on past Phase costs]

Hire of Village Hall and refreshments: £200 [for two public meetings in the year]

Current and upcoming projects:

Hort Soc Show: £50

Greening Fair: £100

Team Wilder: £50

PR:

Website maintenance: £200

Miscellaneous/stationery: £50

Total: £1000

We are grateful as always for the support of the Parish Council.

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)