

DRAFT MINUTES

Hambleton Parish Council
01 Dec 2025; 7.30pm; Hambleton Village Hall

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Wallace (HCC & WCC; arrived 8.17pm; left pm); Cllr Lee (WCC; left 7.58pm); and one member of the public.

Meeting started at 7.31pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2833	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of xxxxxxxxxxxx and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2834	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Lamb. Apologies were also received from Cllr White (WCC).	
2835	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2836	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2837	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. Ashley Banning (Hambleton Vineyard) updated councillors on the meeting held with Cllr Hand, Jo Walker & the Clerk, to walk Vineyard footpaths & discuss plans going forward. [Full details in Clerk's Report, below.]	
2838	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2839	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix A). Additional points discussed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WCC consultation on Street Cleansing & Grounds Maintenance. Opportunity to upgrade best practice. Two main issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risk to breeding birds; and • use of chemicals (glyphosates). • Community Resilience - could raise issues like digitalisation of landline service. • Food waste collection rollout has gone well so far. • LGR - consultation closes in the New Year. 	

2840	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix B).	
2841	Mins of previous meeting (03/11/25)	Agreed as a true record.	
2842	Clerk's progress report	<p>Parish Lengthsman Agreement - remaining for 2025/26: 05/02/25. Cllr remarked that debris at bottom of Back lane was not removed during last visit. Clerk to feed this back to Lengthsman.</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>CityFibre works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1000 received for bed reinstatement. • No response from Adrian Smith (CF) to e-mail requests for updates. • Cllr Clarke in direct contact with Ashley Adams & Lloyd (CCN). Confirmation that chamber/manhole cover cannot be moved out of the flowerbed due to the positioning of other utilities in the pavement. • Jo Walker has spoken to the flowerbed team and they have jointly decided that bed will be replanted next Spring, with carefully selected plants to 'mask' the manhole cover. A moveable planter was not considered a good alternative. To be removed from the report. <p>Updates from Hambledon Vineyard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath 13 route amendment - meeting at Vineyard 17/11/25 with Nick Cran-Crombie (Vineyard Manager) and Ashley Banning. Advice from HCC & Ramblers Association is to leave fp 13 in the current location, but widen and straighten it to improve safety. There is a plan to direct lorries along Brook Lane and into the Vineyard via a re-configured entrance near to the 'Wriggly Tin' entrance. This will reduce traffic using the East St entrance. However, it does mean that it would not be appropriate to look at applying for a formal footpath around that section of the Vineyard. Nick also confirmed that the landowner has already expressed that they would not be supportive. To be removed from the report. 	Clerk

2843	Budget/precept for 2026/27	Resolved: that the PC has approved the budget (draft version available on the PC website; final version Appendix C), and a precept of £59,017 for the financial year 2026/27.	Clerk
2844	Bank account	Bank balance - £69,783.40 @ 01 Dec 2025; bank statement 192 (01 Nov to 30 Nov 2025) has been forwarded to cllrs.	
2845	Payment of accounts	<p>Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary Nov 2025 £993.14</p> <p>NEST Clerk pension Nov 2025 £97.42</p> <p>Mrs J C Tester Clerk expenses Nov 2025 (overtime - x8 hrs @ £15.56/hr) £124.48</p> <p>Hambleton Village Hall Hall hire Nov 2025 (to include Remembrance Sunday. £102.50</p> <p>Biffa Recycling bin collection Nov 2025 £88.85</p> <p>JH Tree Services Ltd Village maintenance Nov 2025 £375.00</p> <p>Arthur J Gallagher Insurance premium 2025/26 £1,511.70</p> <p>Nigel Foster Reimbursement for HG Wix website domain (2025-27) £57.96</p> <p>DS Enterprises Christmas tree £100.00</p> <p>SLCC Clerk's membership 2025/26 £190.00</p> <p>Moritz Flohr Tennis coaching Nov 2025 £20.00</p> <p>Alfie Goodwin-Hudson Tennis coaching Nov 2025. £70.00</p> <p>LTA Registration 2025/26 £tbc</p>	Clerk
2846	Planning applications	SDNP/25/04323/TCA T1 - The Cross Tree, West Street, Hambleton, Hampshire, PO7 4SN. Tulip - reduce lateral branches growing towards property by 1.5m back to suitable growth points to maintain clearance from dwelling and facilitate new building extension. Crown raise canopy to 2.5m. T2 - Fig - reduce height of by up to 1m. Reduce spread by up to 1.5m to maintain size and root growth as close proximity to boundary wall. [NO COMMENT]	Clerk
2847	Planning apps received after 25/11/25	None received.	
2848	Planning decisions	Noted.	
2849	WCC Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Service consultation	Resolved: that the PC agrees upon the following response to the WCC Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Service consultation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllrs to send wording to Clerk for submission. 	
2850	Footpath between footpaths 13 and 15b, Hambleton Vineyard	Resolved: that the PC has discussed responses received from occupier (Hambleton Vineyard) and landowner, and agrees to not proceed with requesting a Section 14 Direction to HCC from the Planning Inspectorate in respect of HPC's historic application for a Definitive Map Modification Order (dated 28/11/14).	
2851	Flood Action Group	Report received (see Appendix D).	

2852	BASS WG	Report received (see Appendix E). Additional points discussed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation has been received from SDNPA that CiL money received this year may be used to pay for S115 licence application (village entrance gates). • Update on entrance gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HH confirmed that they were content with the proposed new position of the Three Corners gate, but advised that residents of Three Corners maintain the verge and hence should be consulted. • Residents have responded to say that they own the verge and have concerns regarding mowing around a gate, as well as possible interference with sight lines exiting their property. On-going. 	
2853	Speed Indicator Device	Resolved: that councillors delay making a decision about the purchase of a SID until Jan 2026 when costs from Highways for application and installation of posts should be known.	Clerk/Cllr Clarke
2854	Tennis WG	No report received.	
2855	Hambledon Greening	Report received (see Appendix F). No additional points discussed.	
2856	Play WG	No report received.	
2857	Reports & Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biffa recycling price increase - as of Jan 2025, charges will increase by £2.10 per lift (currently weekly) and £0.04 per day rental. This equates to an additional £2.38 per week and £123.76 per annum. 	
2858	Date/time of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon 5th Jan 2026 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm. 	
2859	Confidential matters	No members of the public or press were present.	

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

APPENDIX A

Winchester City Councillor Report Dec 2025
Cllr Malcolm Wallace (mwallace@winchester.gov.uk)
Cllr Danny Lee (dlee@winchester.gov.uk)
Cllr Suzanne White (SWhite3@winchester.gov.uk)

Devolution

Devolution work is progressing to deliver a Mayor-led County Combined Authority (MCCA) covering Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton & IOW with Mayor elections in May 2026. Work-streams include:

- Transport & Local Transport Plan (LTP)
- Skills
- Housing & Planning
- Net Zero & Climate
- Economy
- Governance

Winchester is to be represented on multiple work streams. New Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) unitary structures must support devolution arrangements (New Mayor) - LGR Criteria 5. A Mayor Authority web site will be launched shortly.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

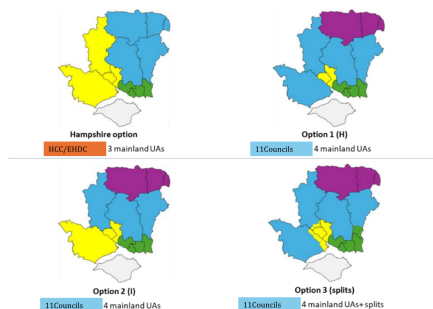
Consultation on the future 'Local Government Reorganisation' options in Hampshire is now open until 11 Jan 2025. There are four potential model 'options' for five or four unitary councils.

The five-unitary model proposals include 3 different options. Each has a different mix of supporters from the 11 councils who made the proposals.

- **Five-unitary council model** (11-council proposal – “Close enough to be local”)
 - Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, New Forest District Council and Test Valley Borough Council support a proposal for five unitary councils.
 - Winchester City Council supports a separate proposal for five unitary councils, and has openly indicated its preference for Option 2.
 - Eastleigh Borough Council, Fareham Borough Council, Hart District Council, Havant Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council, Rushmoor Borough Council and Southampton City Council support a proposal for five unitary councils with boundary changes (Option 3 now called Option 1a).
- **Four-unitary council model** (2 Council proposal - Simple, Stronger, Secure)
 - East Hampshire District Council and Hampshire County Council submitted a proposal for four unitary councils.

An overview of the four potential models is shown below.

FOUR POTENTIAL MODELS FOR HIOW



The question is - *which option will deliver the best value for money, improved services, environmental protections (see note), least risks and provide best representation/support of our local area?*

The merits of each of the Options with data details can be found in the supporting information via the links below.

The [Institute for Government](#) report might also be helpful to inform your consultation views. It offers some useful insights into previous LGRs.

Once the consultation has been concluded, the government will assess the proposals against the five LGR criteria[1] and decide, subject to parliamentary approval in 2026, which, if any, proposals are to be implemented in 2027, with or without modification.

***Note** .The Government decided to not set a criterion for scoping of environmental impacts of LGR. Therefore, no formal environmental analysis has been completed to inform the option proposals.

Find out more on the proposals: www.closeenoughtobelocal.co.uk

Complete the government consultation: www.closeenoughtobelocal.co.uk/have-your-say

Direct link: <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/hampshire-isle-of-wightportsmouth-southampton>

Estimated timelines for Local Government Reorganisation.

November 2025: Government public consultation until 11 January 2026.

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

May 2026: 'Mayor for Hampshire and the Solent' elections, County/District 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).

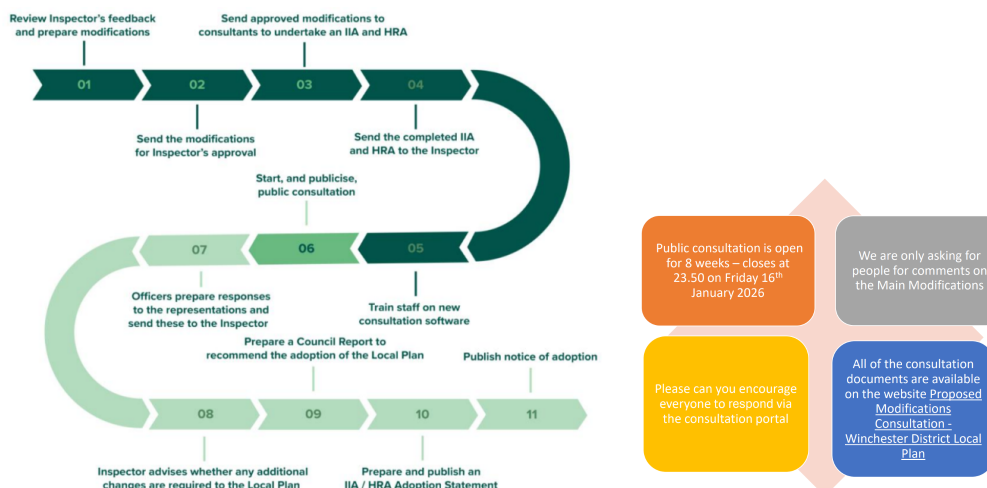
1. Five LGR Assessment Criteria: 1. A proposal should seek to achieve for the whole of the area concerned the establishment of a single tier of local government. / 2. Unitary local government must be the right size to achieve efficiencies, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks. / 3. Unitary structures must prioritise the delivery of high quality and sustainable public services to citizens. /4. Proposals should show how

councils in the area have sought to work together in coming to a view that meets local needs and is informed by local views. /5. New unitary structures must support devolution arrangements (New Mayor). /5. New unitary structures should enable stronger community engagement and deliver genuine opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment.

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 - [Consultation Home - Keystone](#).

Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Service - Have Your Say! Consultation closes on 8 December 2025.

This contract requires a full re-procurement before its expiry in October 2027. Views are now being sought on service standards, priorities, and local expectations. It is important the revised contract reflects resident priorities with improved responsiveness, local satisfaction, and best environmental performance. Feedback over the last three years to your councillors has included concerns about environmental performance - use of chemicals and the timing and quality of hedge-cutting. Adopting better and safer practices with alignment to the Council's climate and nature emergencies and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy has not been possible mid-contract. A new contract could now include use of mechanical and thermal methods as the default for weed removal, without use of toxic herbicides e.g., glyphosate. Chemicals could be limited to use in exceptional cases (e.g., named invasive species or essential safety risks) with prior approval from Parish Councils where this maintenance work is in their back yard.

For hedge cutting, the **Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (WCA)** remains the UK's main wildlife protection law with "closed seasons" for nesting birds defined over 40 years ago, before climate change altered breeding patterns. BTO/RSPB notes many bird species now nest earlier in spring and breed later into autumn, often producing multiple broods. The WCA's static dates therefore no longer reflect real-world conditions. The new contract 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.

Until the Act is updated, your Councillors are seeking Parish support to strengthen a new maintenance contract(s) accordingly with:

- Ecological pre-checks before vegetation work, not only March–August.
- Incorporating adaptive maintenance plans.
- Training staff and contractors to understand climate-driven changes in wildlife behaviour and breeding cycles.

Please feedback on what aspects of the contract services are working well and where improvements could be made. Please pick-up on the key environmental points highlighted above via [Your voice matters – Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing](#)

Note there is a drop-in session for Parish Councillors on 10 December 2025 at 6:30pm on Teams?

Community Resilience Engagement Session

The communities' team has been working on a Community Resilience Strategy which is going to the Health and Environment Policy Committee on 2 December. Council is still seeking feedback and input from the community in the development of the Strategy and want to sense check the pathways and principles developed with the community. To consult with our communities and help shape the final strategy, we have set-up the following meetings.

1. Guildhall, Winchester - Tuesday 2 December 4-6pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1967589515206?aff=oddtcreator>
2. Alresford Recreation Centre – Wednesday 3 December 2-4pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1967626908049?aff=oddtcreator>
3. Online specifically for Parish Councils – Monday 8 December 4:30pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1968193348287?aff=oddtcreator>

If you haven't already, please share your views. In addition to giving input on the strategy, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about our community development work and grant support from the council.

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 March 2026.

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/community-infrastructure-levy/>

Meon Valley Community Bus - volunteer drivers needed!

The Meon Valley Community Bus Association is looking for three more volunteer drivers to help keep the community bus running smoothly on the regular routes as well as the private hire service. Full training is provided, which would be a one-day MIDAS minibus training course in Winchester. For drivers over 70 years old, a medical is required to retain D1 status. To find out more or apply to volunteer, contact Steve Houlding at mvcba1985@gmail.com

New 'Community Connect' newsletter

The Grants team at WCC have launched a new 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.




APPENDIX B


Hampshire County Councillor Report Dec 2025
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Devolution Update – Hampshire and the Solent MCCA

Preparations continue for the creation of the Hampshire and the Solent Mayoral Combined County Authority (MCCA), with elections for the new Mayor scheduled for May 2026. As well as promoting the interests of the wider region to central Government, the Mayor will work with local council leaders to make strategic decisions for our region in areas such as transport, skills and employment support, housing and planning, and tackling climate change.

Two recent briefing packs provide further insight into the development of the MCCA:

-  August 2025 Update – Introduces 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 – Focuses 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 – Focuses on the MCCA competency for skills and employment support, and outlining how new powers and responsibilities will aim to close skills gaps and support employment pathways for people across the region.

 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](#)

Major M27 Closure Over Christmas – Plan Ahead

The M27 will be closed completely, in both directions, Junction 9 (Whiteley) to 11 (Fareham East) from 8pm, on 24 December 2025 to 4am on 4 January 2026.

A signed diversion route will be in place via the A27.

This one-off closure is part of the M27 Junction 10 Improvement Scheme, which supports the development of Welborne Garden Village. During this period, engineers will install a giant pre-constructed underpass beneath the motorway using an innovative “box slide” technique—avoiding months of disruption from lane closures and overnight works.

What You Need to Know:

- The M27 will be closed in both directions between J9 and J11.
- A signed diversion route will be in place via the A27, which is expected to be very busy, especially between 10am and 4pm daily.
- There will be no westbound entry at J11 and no eastbound entry at J9 during the closure.
- Drivers can still exit the motorway at both junctions.

Motorists are advised to plan ahead, consider alternative routes or public transport, and avoid non-essential travel during peak times. For full details and updates, see M27 J10 scheme website or the accompanying PDF.

Hampshire County Council Faces Record Budget Pressures

Hampshire County Council is dealing with one of the most challenging financial positions in its history. Despite making £734 million in savings since 2008 through efficiency measures and service transformation, rising costs and demand for essential services mean the Council faces a budget gap of £143 million in 2026/27, rising to a forecast £230 million by 2027/28. Key factors driving this gap include:

- **Adult and Children's Social Care:** More people are living longer and requiring support, adding millions to annual costs.
- **School Transport:** Costs for pupils with special educational needs have more than doubled in three years, from £43 million to £94 million.
- **Inflation and workforce costs,** including higher employer National Insurance contributions.

Reserves that have helped balance budgets in recent years are running out, and using one-off funds will not address the underlying structural deficit. Without significant national funding reform, Hampshire warns that local solutions alone cannot close the gap. The Council is consulting on further savings and service changes to focus on its legal duties and core services. Have your say: Budget consultation details

Future Secured for Hampshire's Outdoor and Study Centres

Hampshire County Council has confirmed plans to secure the long-term future of its six Outdoor and Study Centres, which provide thousands of children and residents with opportunities for outdoor learning and recreation each year. A new three-year strategy will focus on sustainability and growth. Key points include:

- £2 million investment from reserves for essential maintenance through to 2028.
- Continued delivery of outdoor learning programmes for over 25,000 children annually, supporting confidence, resilience, and environmental awareness.
- Recreational opportunities for around 80,000 visitors each year, including families and community groups.
- A new commercial approach to strengthen financial resilience, encourage longer stays, and develop partnerships.

The Centres – including Calshot, Tile Barn, Runway's End, and others – offer activities such as climbing, watersports, camping, and environmental education. These sites play a vital role in promoting wellbeing and lifelong learning across Hampshire. Residents, schools, and community groups are encouraged to make full use of these facilities and explore the opportunities they provide. Find out more: Read the full announcement

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.

Mobile Dental Service for Vulnerable Communities

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight has partnered with Dentaaid, the Dental Charity, to provide a mobile dental service for residents who struggle to access regular dental care. The service offers free check-ups, oral cancer screening, advice, and emergency treatments such as fillings and extractions. It supports anyone who is exempt from paying NHS dental charges or anyone facing health inequalities that make it difficult to access treatment, including:

- Families experiencing poverty
- People at risk of homelessness
- Children and new/expectant mothers in high-risk areas

Clinics operate from mobile dental units parked at community centres, public buildings, and sports facilities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Locations include Southampton, Havant, Cosham, Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight. Appointments are arranged via referrals from community groups, GP practices, food banks, charities, and NHS 111, or by calling Dentaaid on 023 8001 4450. Cosmetic treatments are not included.

This initiative helps reduce pressure on existing dental services and improve access for those most in need. For more details, see the accompanying flyer or visit Dentaaid's website.

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.

This should be a fantastic new service, and I encourage everyone to make use of it! 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.

Stay Connected – Sign Up for Useful Local Updates

Keeping informed about local services, safety alerts, and community opportunities is easier than ever. Here are some key platforms where residents and parish councils can sign up for updates:

1. Hampshire Alert

Hampshire Alert is a free messaging service run by Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary and partner organisations. It provides tailored updates on:

- Crime prevention advice
- Witness appeals
- Local policing news

You can choose how you receive alerts (email, text, or phone) and what topics matter most to you.

2. Connect to Support Hampshire

Connect to Support Hampshire offers information and advice to help people live independently and stay connected. Sign up for updates on:

- Care and support services
- Community activities
- Wellbeing resources

Ideal for carers, older residents, and anyone seeking local support.

3. Hampshire County Council Updates

Hampshire County Council Resident Newsletter provides:

- County-wide news and updates
- Information on services, consultations, and events
- Emergency alerts and seasonal advice

4. Winchester City Council Updates

Winchester City Council provides email newsletters covering:

- Local news and events
- Planning and consultations
- Waste and recycling updates

5. Emergency Alerts and Incident Information

See the Hampshire County Council website on emergency alerts and information during an incident for how to register with alerts on flooding, extreme weather, and major incidents. You can also register with utility companies' Priority Service Registers for extra support during power cuts or water outages.

Other Useful Sign-Ups

Neighbourhood Watch: Often linked to Hampshire Alert for community safety updates.

Parish/Town Council Websites: Many offer email alerts for local meetings and news

APPENDIX C

Budget 2026/27

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL Final Budget 2026-27						
Actual 2024/25 (£)		Budget 2025/26 (£)	Predicted Outcome 2025/26 (£)	Predicted vs Budget	Budget 2026/27 (£)	Notes 2026/27
	EXPENDITURE					
	Staff Costs					
10,967.56	Clerk's Salary	12385.00	14040.00	113%	14710.00	Budget prediction based on 17 hrs/week on SCP 17 (increase from SCP 15 following CiLCA completion) and assumed 3.2% pay rise (as per 2025/26).
5.00	Clerk's Expenses	20.00	50.00	250%	80.00	Two visits to Winchester possible (litter pick and to deliver election papers in May).
352.57	Clerk's Pension	373.00	430.00	115%	450.00	£14,710 x 3% = £441.30
0.00	Clerk's Training	500.00	480.00	96%	100.00	
480.00	Administration - Clerk's Office	480.00	480.00	100%	480.00	
41.76	Printing & iCloud Allowance	50.00	78.26	157%	100.00	
336.75	HMRC	1108.00	1356.00	122%	1460.00	Budget based on £14710 minus £5000 allowance = £7942 x 0.15 = £1456.50]
12183.64	Sub Total	14916.00	16914.26	113%	17380.00	
	Administration					
424.00	Meeting Room Hire	334.00	453.50	136%	468.00	3.2% uplift from predicted for 2025/26
1532.07	Insurances	1658.00	1511.70	91%	1639.00	To allow for 1.8% increase from 2025/26 (= £1,539). Plus, factor in new assets from BASS projects (+ £100)
315.00	External Auditor Fees	331.00	315.00	95%	325.00	3.2% uplift
270.00	Internal Auditor Fees	284.00	270.00	95%	279.00	3.2% uplift
480.00	Web Site	504.00	480.00	95%	495.00	3.2% uplift
104.58	APM	110.00	122.65	112%	127.00	3.2% uplift
30.00	Remembrance Sunday Wreath	30.00	30.00	100%	30.00	
75.00	Community Christmas Tree	200.00	100.00	50%	200.00	

71.40	Bank charges	72.00	72.00	100%	72.00	
175.00	IT	0.00	100.00		375.00	£125 (.gov.uk domain due Mar 2027) + £100 (e-mails); poss replace printer (c. £100); + £50.00 poss additional printing
80.00	Parish Online	84.00	80.00	95%	83.00	3.2% uplift
3557.05	Sub Total	3607.00	3534.85	98%	4093.00	
	Councillors					
0.00	Councillors' Travel & Expenses	50.00	0.00	0%	50.00	
0.00	Training/ Seminars	200.00	100.00	50%	200.00	
0.00	Sub Total	250.00	100.00	50%	250.00	
	Grants					
0.00	TS Alacrity/ Tenacity - Remembrance Sunday	100.00	0.00	0%	100.00	No band 2025; hoping for one in 2026
0.00	Hambleton Scouts - Remembrance Sunday	100.00	100.00	100%	100.00	
600.00	PCC - Churchyard Maintenance	600.00	600.00	100%	600.00	
640.00	Hambleton Village Hall - Grounds Maintenance	682.00	682.00	100%	728.00	3.2% uplift
0.00	Unallocated	1000.00	0.00	0%	1000.00	£137 for 2026/27 not yet known
1240.00	Sub Total	2482.00	1382.00	56%	2528.00	
	Membership Subscriptions					
431.00	HALC & NALC	450.00	465.00	103%	501.00	7.8% uplift (as per increase 24/25 to 25/26) Fees are based on no of electorate
183.00	SLCC	200.00	183.00	92%	200.00	
35.00	ICO Registration	35.00	47.00	134%	50.00	
649.00	Sub Total	685.00	695.00	101%	751.00	
	Running Costs					
3285.50	Parish maintenance	4200.00	3997.50	95%	4200.00	
66.00	Defib Training & Maintenance	150.00	66.00	44%	400.00	Replacement battery likely (currently £205 + VAT) Organise community defib training for 2026? (Min £100) Account for new set of pads (currently £66 + VAT incl del)

600.00	Glebeland Rent	600.00	600.00	100%	600.00	
700.00	Glebeland Maintenance	700.00	700.00	100%	700.00	
0.00	Stewarts Green Playground Maintenance	200.00	85.00	43%	200.00	
54.95	VH & SG Playground Inspections	150.00	135.84	91%	150.00	
479.50	VH Playground Equip Maintenance	1000.00	1000.00	100%	1000.00	Tarmac clean & roundabout? £274.78 @ 05/11/25
1238.17	Greening Campaign	1300.00	1300.00	100%	1500.00	Increase in Biffa costs plus 3.2% inflation
6424.12	Sub Total	8300.00	7884.34	95%	8750.00	
	Projects					
10613.00	Better Streets/ BASS	20000.00	20000.00	100%	25265.00	
179.98	Green Man Beds	0.00	0.00		0.00	
0.00	Summer Village Fun Day (previously Coronation party)	500.00	0.00	0%	0.00	
234.78	D-Day 80 celebrations 2024	0.00	0.00		0.00	
0.00	Tennis	5555.00	5555.00	100%	0.00	Increase in subs and fundraising planned, to maintain remit of self-funding
31838.50	SG Play Equipment Expenditure	0.00	0.00		0.00	
42866.26	Sub Total	26055.00	25555.00	98%	25265.00	
	Unexpected Expenditure					
6796.00	Junior swings & surfacing VH	0.00	0.00		0.00	
19.95	Land Reg fee (outlet pipe)	0.00	0.00		0.00	
6815.95	Sub Total	0.00	0.00		0.00	
66920.07	Total Expenditure	56295.00	56065.45		59017.00	
	INCOME					
53517.00	Precept	56295.00	56295.00		59017.00	2025/26 band D = £108.72 With 3.2% inflation = £112.20 2026/27 tax base = 526.0 Therefore precept = £59,017
	Compensation for Green Man bed		1000.00			
	CIL		938.60			

300.00	Hort Soc contribution to Green Man beds		100.00			
995.00	HCC grant towards junior swings/ surfacing @ VH		0.00			
250.00	Donation from Repair Cafe for Hard Plastics Recycling		250.00			
3601.66	Transfer from Playground Fund		0.00			
58663.66	Total Income	56295.00	58583.60		59017.00	
	Balance (income - expenditure)	0.00	2518.15		0.00	
Approval date	01/12/25					
Item no.	2843					
Signed	<i>Joanna Tester</i>					

APPENDIX D

FAG Report Dec 2025

Little to report since last month. Leaflets delivered to households on the list and anywhere else that looked like it needed one! EA have checked their measuring equipment at the boreholes and basically they are fine. At later review boreholes looking fine BUT of course it takes a while for rainfall to show up.
Cllr Encke

APPENDIX E

BASS Report Dec 2025

After our last meeting, Jo and I have been working very hard behind the scenes on placing the relevant information back to highways on gate positions and proposals.

Also, engaging with a 'SpeedWatch' supplier, Westcotec, on systems and associated costs that would fit our village's needs to give the best possible outcome for the best value. We believe that a remote system that can be easily moved would work best and have given thought to positions. We can have a data analysis system to record speeds, change speeds etc. and this can all be a battery powered portable unit. We await a fixed and final cost, and a response from Highways regarding approval process and associated costs.

We also had communication back from Alex Pringle (Transport Officer) regarding the gates application with reference to the 'CATS' (he did confirm this was still being rolled out so not definitive) but basically stated that he was not in favour of our proposals. Jo did return a response where she stated that we had been through lengthy communication, meetings and agreements with East Hants Highway to reach our decisions. He also stated that in his opinion we should be incorporating the shared identity (SDNPA wavy lines) into the signage design, to reinforce the message to motorists that they are entering a different environment.

Seasons Greetings 🎄

Cllr Clarke

APPENDIX F

Hambleton Greening Report Dec 2025

Repair Café and Recycling:

- The next Repair Café and Recycling will be in Hambleton on Sat Jan 17th. There will not be one in December.
- The committee has decided that we will advertise the details of recycling sites rather than organise collections at Hambleton RC.
- Debbie Lockett from Hampshire Market Garden has asked to pass on her thanks for our help in facilitating the large collection of second-hand tools at the last RC in October, for use by HMG's volunteers. She will let us know if we can help again in January.
- Nigel Foster has replaced the damaged information poster on the red Biffa bin and covered up the sign which suggests any recycled materials can be added. This will hopefully discourage misuse of the bin. It is generally full every week now but not overflowing...

Biodiversity:

- Seven volunteers turned up for a very productive scrub-bashing event on Sunday November 16th. Much of the sycamore seedling area was cleared in the top field and the debris burned under the auspices of two NT rangers, Paul and Casper.
- The second event will be held on Monday December 8th and advertising has begun for that. We hope for a few more volunteers.
- The final event will be Thursday January 22nd when SDNPA rangers will be supporting the National Trust rangers.

Retrofit:

- Kim Blakeway from WinACC suggested that Open Houses might be a good way forward for helping people assess the usefulness of solar panels, heat pumps, batteries etc. Sue Crossley will contact David Boase as a start since he has a very successful air source heat pump. KB would be willing to set up an Eventbrite page to organise numbers.

Events attended:

- Penny M attended a Zoom meeting on 15.10 led by Winchester Food Partnership on food-related activities in WeCAN groups.
- Sue C attended the WeCAN Network meeting at Droxford on 12.11.

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

Dr Penny Mahon (Secretary of Hambledon Greening Campaign)