



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council
03 Nov 2025; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr White (WCC; arrived 7.45pm; left 8.02pm); and two members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2802	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Bridgid Goldsmith and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2803	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Lamb. Apologies were also received from Cllr Wallace (HCC & WCC) & Cllr Lee (WCC).	
2804	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2805	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2806	Public questions & comments	<p>Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. Members of the public commented as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerns over planning application SDNP/25/04076/FUL - The Lambing Yard. Cllr asked if building height increase will affect them. [No. But, indicates that it might be used for bigger machinery?] Not necessarily: appears to have been designed correctly now to be fit for purpose. [Shouldn't have been allowed in the first place.] Grips have not been reinstated opposite Three Corners following City Fibre works. Cllr commented same by Long Lane on B2150. Cllrs commented that although repair/reinstatement work unlikely to occur until after the entire project has been completed, it is still worth reporting in issues so that a clear log (and hence 'evidence' of responsibility) is maintained. Vineyard employee updated councillors as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footpath 13 route amendment - meeting with Vineyard Liaison Group members 17/11/25 to discuss footpaths around Vineyard. Stile on fp 15b (between Vineyard and Whitedale) has now been replaced by a gate. 	

2807	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2808	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix A). Additional points discussed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGR - Government response expected soon. • Meon Valley Community Bus - volunteer drivers needed (doesn't cover Hambledon but route is close to it). [Cllrs commented that Village does have Denmead Communicare bus, plus volunteer drivers using own vehicles.] • Connect Connect newsletter - all info in one place. • Active Travel Network Plan. [Cllr commented that Hambledon is on the fringes between two areas. Response has been drafted (item 2827, below).] 	
2809	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix B). No additional points discussed.	
2810	Mins of previous meeting (06/10/25)	Agreed as a true record.	
2811	Clerk's progress report	<p>Parish Lengthsman Agreement - schedule for 2025/26: 05/11/25; & 05/02/25.</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 informed & to consider best way forward. <p>West St hedge overgrown - landowner has trimmed back. Remove from report.</p> <p>Updates from Hambledon Vineyard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpath 13 route amendment - awaiting update. • Stile to gate on fp 15b (between Vineyard and Whitedale) - completed. Remove from report. 	

2811 cont.	Clerk's progress report cont.	<p>Remembrance Sunday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poppy wreath has been received & will be passed to Cllr Encke. • Toby Finch has been in touch & will sort Scouts and refreshments. • Insurance co has confirmed that cover is in place. • Paul Quinn, as Church Warden, has been included on correspondence. • No standard bearer available. <p>Remove from report.</p>	
2812	Insurance renewal	<p>Resolved: that the PC has approved the recommended renewal quote from Hiscox Insurance Company Ltd for the period 01/12/25 to 30/11/25. The premium (including IPT and all fees) for the year will be £1,511.70 (cf £1,484.34 for 2024/25).</p>	Clerk
2813	Bank account	<p>Bank balance - £73,863.80 @ 28 Oct 2025; bank statement 191 (01 Oct to 31 Oct 2025) will be forwarded to cllrs as soon as it becomes available.</p>	
2814	Payment of accounts	<p>Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary Oct 2025 £993.14 NEST Clerk pension Oct 2025 £110.42 Mrs J C Tester Clerk expenses Oct 2025 (overtime - 2 hrs @ £15.56/hr & additional HP Ink charges) £43.37 Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire Oct 2025 £32.50 Biffa Recycling bin collection Oct 2025 £88.85 JH Tree Services Ltd Village maintenance Oct 2025 £375.00 JH Tree Services Ltd Replacement of damaged chainlink fence (VH) & grass mat (SG) £390.00 PMF Products Ltd Replacement bolts for football goalpost £30.95 X-Net (Services) Ltd E-mail accounts 2025/26 £120.00 Moritz Flohr Tennis coaching Oct 2025 £60.00 Alfie Goodwin-Hudson Tennis coaching Oct 2025. £100.00 Tennis Court Services Ltd Tennis court moss treatment £276.00</p>	Clerk
2815	Planning applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDNP/25/04076/FUL - The Lambing Yard, Church Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RT. Erection of replacement building for storage of processed soil. [NO OBJECTION but the PC would like to raise concerns about the potential for increasing the size of buildings on stealth.] • SDNP/25/03887/HOUS - Dower House, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RZ. First floor extension and roof terrace. [NO OBJECTION.] 	Clerk
2816	Planning apps received after 29/10/25	None received.	
2817	Planning decisions	Noted.	

2818	Flood Action Group	<p>Report received (see Appendix C). The following additional points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad Half Penny Down borehole monitor may not be working - hasn't changed for some time, whereas Whitedale one has. Clerk/Cllr Encke to notify EA. • On-going concern that there are vulnerable residents who haven't yet registered for the buddy system. Cllr Encke/ Clerk to arrange for letters to be posted through letterboxes to properties with flood cellars. Clerk's e-mail and mobile no to be provided. 	<p>Clerk/Cllr Encke</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr Encke</p>
2819	BASS WG	<p>Report received (see Appendix D). Additional point discussed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Clarke/Clerk to investigate costs of purchasing & installing a speed indicator device on Green Lane. Proposal to be brought to the PC meeting in Dec. 	<p>Cllr Clarke/ Clerk</p>
2820	Village entrance gates	<p>Resolved: that councillors approve the following actions going forward regarding the village entrance gates project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk/Cllr Clarke to review the potential position of the proposed gate at Three Corners, and send new location to Simeon Carter for consideration. • Once the above has been 'approved', proceed with application to HH for S115 licence (at a cost of circa £750). 	<p>Clerk/Cllr Clarke</p>
2821	Tennis WG	<p>No report received. Main discussions held in items 2822 & 2823, to follow.</p>	
2822	Tennis Court Registration with LTA	<p>Resolved: that councillors have approved the re-registration of the Hambledon Tennis Court with the LTA, at a cost of £70/ annum (2024/25 fee; there may be an increase for the coming year, tbc).</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
2823	Tennis administration	<p>Report received (Appendix E).</p> <p>Resolved: that councillors have approved the following remit of the PC with regards to 'tennis', and an increase in fees for 2025/26, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennis to remain 'self-funding'. • Fees to increase as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £60.00/annum for family membership (Hambledon residents). • £75.00/annum for family membership (non-residents). • This increase will take effect immediately, but those who have already paid the current fee will not have to pay more. • Subs will not then be due until April 2027. This will bring tennis in line with the PC's financial year. • Letter with the above info to be sent to members. • Cllr Mills-Goodlet & Clerk to approach local companies for sponsorship, and organise annual fund-raising events. • Cllr Encke to include note in Hambledonian report re upcoming major expenses for the court & village support required. 	<p>Clerk/Cllr Mills-Goodlet</p> <p>Cllr Encke</p>
2824	Hambledon Greening	<p>Report received (see Appendix F). No additional points discussed.</p>	

2825	Play WG	No report received. Updates as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rust treatment & re-painting of infant swings at VH -. • Replacement of damaged chainmail fencing adjoining ball-wall at VH has taken place. • Table on the Glebe field has been removed. 	
2826	Use of CiL Funds	Resolved: that councillors agree upon the following project to utilise CiL funds received Apr 2025 and Oct 2025 (£938.60 in total): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paying for S115 licence application (village entrance gates). Clerk to check that this would be eligible. 	Clerk
2827	SDNPA Draft Active Travel Network Plan consultation	Resolved: that councillors have approved the proposed response to the SDNPA Draft Active Travel Network Plan consultation (see Appendix G), with the following addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Missing assets’ to include The Peoples Market & The Stores. Clerk to submit.	Clerk
2828	Sustainable travel support	Resolved: that councillors have agreed that at the current time the offer of support to promote sustainable travel by WCC’s Sustainable Travel Officer (Anna Heron) could not be utilised in Hambledon, on the premise that support is aimed at changing behaviour and not infrastructure.	
2829	Reports & Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDNPA CiL funding of £450.00 has been received. • The Peoples Market - a number of residents have raised concerns with the PC regarding the sale of 1 East St, which incorporates the Peoples Market. Residents are worried that new owners will convert the shop to residential use. It has been explained that unfortunately the PC has no remit to get involved, and the shop has not been registered as an Asset of Community Value. The reason for this is that the shop is part of a large property consisting of (up until recently) another business, and a number of residential dwellings, making it unsuitable for registration. [Cllr Encke to note in next Hambledonian report.] 	Cllr Encke
2830	Date/time of next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon 1st Dec 2025 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm. 	
2831	Confidential matters	No members of the public or press were present.	
2832	Co-option of PC members	No applications have yet been received.	

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

APPENDIX A

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

Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

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.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Current situation:

The various proposals for LGR were submitted to the government on 26th September 2025 and we are awaiting the response from the government. Full details of the submission from the joint group of 11 councils, including Winchester City Council, can be found here:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/no-listing/devolution-and-local-government-reorganisation>

Estimated timelines for Local Government Reorganisation.

Late 2025- Government expected to hold a public consultation.

March 2026: Government expected to announce new structure before the election period.

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

Summer/Autumn 2026 - New government legislation prepared and laid.

May 2027: Creation of a Winchester Town Council

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).

Winchester Local Plan update

Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) Call for Sites

As part of preparing the new Local Plan, Winchester City Council has launched a 'Call for Sites', inviting landowners and agents, to suggest land that could have potential for future development. This process enables land to be identified in the Winchester plan area that may be suitable for:

- Housing
- Employment
- Mixed-use proposals
- Gypsy and Traveller accommodation
- Green sites (separate form to the Call for Sites)

As well as submitting new sites, landowners and agents are asked to re-submit sites that were already included in the 2023 SHELAA as these are not automatically carried forward.

Call for Green Sites

In addition to the above, the Council is also undertaking a separate but related 'Call for Green Sites' to better understand what land may be available for the following purposes:

- Open space
- Offsite biodiversity net gain mitigation
- Nutrient neutrality schemes

The aim is to compile a live directory of sites that may be suitable for such uses. Find out more: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning-policy/shlaa-strategic-housing-land-availability-assessment>

The deadline for submission of sites is Friday 21st November 2025.

CIL funding : Winchester and South Downs National Park

Winchester district CIL funding:

The funds are aimed at community led schemes with allocations between £10k and £200k. The following types of infrastructure and facilities are eligible for CIL funding:

- Education facilities
- Healthcare facilities
- Energy and carbon reduction schemes / climate change mitigation
- Open space provision
- Built facilities, indoor / outdoor sport, recreational and informal leisure and social facilities
- Green and blue infrastructure
- Community and cultural facilities
- Active travel and movement infrastructure

Bids need to be submitted by the **end of November 2025**.

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/planning/community-infrastructure-levy-cil/apply-for-cil>

SDNP CIL funding:

Applications open 3rd November

<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. Community organisations could also make more use of the bus if a member of staff were trained to be a driver. For example, the Soberton-based Brownies and Guides have a trained leader so they can use the bus for trips. To find out more or apply to volunteer, contact Steve Houlding at mvcba1985@gmail.com
New timetable update: Starting from 5th November, a new West Meon stop is being added to the regular route.

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>

Weekly food waste recycling collections

Residents should be starting to receive a food waste introductory letter with their new bin collection calendar. Food waste collections will be starting in phases from October and residents can find out when their collections start 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 food waste will be used to generate green energy and a soil improver.

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>

Support for sustainable travel

Winchester City Council's Sustainable Travel Officer Anna Heron is offering support to help promote sustainable travel. This includes advice on community travel planning and collecting data to show what travel initiatives might be needed as well as help with travel events or funding for travel initiatives.

Please contact aherron@winchester.gov.uk for more information.

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 Nov 2025

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

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.

For general information and future updates, visit: www.hants.gov.uk/devolution

Local Government Reorganisation – What's Next for Hampshire?

Local authorities across the Hampshire and Solent region have now submitted their proposals for reorganisation to central Government. These plans aim to simplify and strengthen local governance by replacing the current two-tier system with new unitary authorities. The proposed changes are designed to improve efficiency, accountability, and service delivery across the region. A Government-led consultation is expected to begin soon, giving residents and stakeholders the chance to share their views on the options.

Here's the anticipated timeline:

- Late 2025 – Public consultation opens
- March 2026 – Government announces new Local Authority structure
- May 2026 – Mayoral election and elections to existing County & District Councils
- May 2027 – Elections for new Unitary Councils (shadow authorities)
- April 2028 – New Unitary Authorities go live

These changes will work alongside the development of the Hampshire and the Solent Mayoral Combined County Authority (MCCA), helping to shape the future of local decision-making. For more information, visit: [Local Government Reorganisation | About the Council | Hampshire County Council](#)

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.

Major M27 Closure Over Christmas – Plan Ahead

Hampshire County Council has announced a *full closure of the M27 between Junctions 9 (Whiteley) and 11 (Fareham) from 8pm on 24 December 2025 to 4am on 4 January 2026.*

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, visit: www.hants.gov.uk/M27-J10-xmas

Foster Focus Week – Could You Help a Child Find Their Way Home?

This Foster Focus Week, Hampshire County Council is encouraging residents to consider becoming foster carers and help children on their journey back to a safe and loving home.

The theme this year, “Going Home,” highlights the vital role foster carers play in supporting children who may eventually return to their birth families. Fostering is about more than providing shelter—it’s about offering stability, compassion, and hope during a critical time in a child’s life.

Foster carers work closely with social workers and families to ensure children are cared for in a nurturing environment while plans for their future are made. You don’t need any special qualifications—just a spare room, a positive outlook, and a genuine desire to help. Full training, ongoing support, and financial allowances are provided. Fostering can be flexible to suit different lifestyles, whether you’re working, retired, single, or part of a couple. What matters most is your ability to offer a safe and supportive space where a child can feel valued. If you’ve ever thought about fostering, now is a great time to explore it further. You could be the person who helps a child feel safe, grow in confidence, and find their way home. Find out more or request an information pack at: www.hants.gov.uk/fostering

Hampshire’s Children’s Services Team Named ‘Team of the Year’

Hampshire County Council’s Out of Hours Children’s Services Team has won the ‘Team of the Year’ award at the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2025, a national celebration of excellence in social care.

The team provides vital support outside of normal working hours—during evenings, weekends, and bank holidays—responding to urgent safeguarding concerns involving children and adults. Their work ensures that vulnerable individuals receive timely help and protection, even when most services are unavailable.

This award recognises the team’s outstanding collaboration, professionalism, and dedication to keeping children and families safe. It also reflects Hampshire’s continued leadership in social care, with its Children’s Services department rated ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted for the second consecutive time.

Learn more at: www.hants.gov.uk/News/20251020teamoftheyear

Join Swanmore College as a Co-opted Governor

Swanmore College is inviting applications for a *Co-opted Governor* to join its Board of Governors. This is a fantastic opportunity to support local education and help shape the future of the college and its pupils.

Governors play a key role in setting the college’s strategic direction, supporting the leadership team, and ensuring every student receives a high-quality education in a safe and nurturing environment.

No prior experience is needed—full training and support are provided. The role involves around three hours per week during term time, with meetings typically held on Monday evenings. If you’re passionate about education and community, and want to make a difference, Swanmore College would love to hear from you.

To find out more or apply, please contact the college directly at: governors@swanmore-sec.hants.sch.uk or sandra.cox@swanmore-sec.hants.sch.uk

Have Your Say – School and Post-16 Transport Consultations

Hampshire County Council is launching two public consultations on Monday 3 November, inviting views on proposed changes to its School Transport and Post-16 Transport policies for the 2026/27 academic year.

The School Transport service is a statutory provision for children of compulsory school age who meet national eligibility criteria. The Post-16 Transport service, however, is discretionary and supports young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in accessing further education or training.

The proposed changes aim to:

- Clarify policy wording to make both services easier to understand

- Withdraw the Spare Capacity Seats Scheme, which currently offers spare seats on contracted school buses to non-eligible pupils on a temporary, chargeable basis
- Prioritise eligible pupils in transport planning, making spare seats less likely to be available

For Post-16 Transport, the Council proposes to:

- Focus support on SEND students from low-income families
- Require parental contributions for all supported transport
- Introduce Independent Travel Training for some students
- Ask parents or carers to act as Passenger Assistants where reasonable

These consultations are open until Sunday 7 December 2025, and feedback will help shape final decisions in early 2026. To read more and take part, visit: www.hants.gov.uk/consultations

Spotlight on Bishop's Waltham Men's Shed

The Bishop's Waltham Men's Shed continues to be a fantastic example of community spirit in action — offering a welcoming space for people to connect, create, and contribute to local life. Originally based at the Cricket Club, the group has now settled into its new home at the *Reading Rooms in Curdridge*, following a period of growth that saw membership outgrow their previous facilities. They meet every *Tuesday and Thursday morning from 10am*, and new members are always welcome. The Shed is more than just a workshop — although it is well-equipped with hand and power tools. It's a place where people come together to work on personal and community projects, share skills, enjoy a chat over tea, and support one another. Their work includes refurbishing benches, restoring telephone boxes, and contributing to local events and fundraising efforts. For more information or to get involved, visit their website: bwmensshed.co.uk or follow them on Facebook.

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

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

FAG Report Nov 2025

Assuming I am reading them correctly the two readings that the Environment Agency makes are both showing fairly low. Recent rainfall does not seem to have had a lot of effect yet - though I realise it can take a while to filter down. So, at the moment no urgency. However, since we got so little response to the request in the Hambledonian to let us know if they need help I thought I could circulate the following note to all the

households that were own Chris Silcock's list... Now is the time to review the hoses and pumps in your flood cellar. Make sure they are all working properly and easily accessible. If you have a drain point it may be worth attaching the pipes to it in advance. If you store stuff in these cellars its probably worth moving it for the winter. The Environment Agency remotely monitors water levels at a few points in the village and the PC will get some warning of potential flooding. However, water can rise pretty quickly so its best to be prepared! When these levels start to rise to potential flooding Jo will send out information to all who are signed up to her email updates. So, if you are not signed up please consider doing so by contacting her at clerk@hambledon-pc.gov.uk. I propose to post this note through the doors mid November-ish. Does this sound like a proper plan?? No sign of the pumping station being overwhelmed yet.
Cllr Encke

APPENDIX D

BASS Report Nov 2025

All,

This is more a mele of questions and queries, after reviewing as much information as possible and with the as always, the unwavering support of our amazing Clerk I have had so much detail to review.

Noting the time frame the BASS initiative has been going on and the varied responses from parishioners, HCC, WCC and other sectors, it was agreed that a route for the best of the village was to be undertaken. This has been an arduous process and the work undertaken previously by Chris Silcock has been immense, as has all involved to date.

From my review and understanding of this process professionally we have only one problem, RED TAPE although only noted as one problem, this unfortunately has many facets and complications. To date (not to take away from the hard work put into date) we are not really any further on. This is a frustrating position for all concerned and I would like to say that I have a magic wand and can fix it all but in reality, I know this is not the case. What I would like to do is pause, reset and ask the PC for their views on the items listed below to see how we want to move forward.

- What does BASS utopia look like?
- Honest opinion on what has been tabled as the 'PLAN' and its deliverability?
- What would be the one most important item if we could implement to benefit the village in its entirety?

I note that some of this is personal interpretation but we as the PC need to ensure we are managing the expectations of the parish and by getting individual views a fair assessment can be made. I am only wanting to manage expectations with budget constraints at the top of my list, when I appraised the 'PLAN' previously I think it was circa 180k with lots of administrative and associated costs not included, and not all the information to hand. I would like to get to a position where we can all agree on the financial position, practicality of the needs and want to confirm the work to move forward before we engage with the stakeholders again. The position of East Hants Highways is that we need to spend more money on more surveys to follow local government policies but with no guarantee of a positive outcome.

I appreciate your time and thoughts on this delicate matter.

Warmest Regards

Cllr Clarke

APPENDIX E

Tennis Proposal - Agenda Item 2823 (03/11/25)

Currently Tennis membership stands at £35.00 per family per year for families that live within the village and £50.00 for a family if you live outside of the village. The subscriptions were last increased in October 2019 so they are long overdue an increase. Tennis membership, I believe, runs from October and having spoken to Jo she would like the tennis membership concurrent with the PC's financial year on the 1st April. The tennis court is supposed to be self-funding with no financial burden to be placed on the PC, however with annual maintenance costs and the inevitable resurfacing costs (Circa £15 – 20K) which will come within the next two to three years there will have to be some uplift in membership costs as well as fund raising activities for this to remain self-funding. The PC has donated £5555.00 to a "tennis pot" which will go towards the inevitable resurfacing costs. We need to decide if the PC should be spending public money on the upkeep of the tennis court for if we do we will have to allocate more money to the pot because our current funds are insufficient to cover the resurfacing costs. [Summary of figures provided at the bottom of this report.]

My proposal is to raise the tennis membership fees to:
£60.00 per year for family membership of the village.
£75.00 per year for family membership from outside the village.

Subscriptions paid now would take your membership through to a renewal date of 1st April 2027 so in effect for this uplift in price you would receive eighteen months membership. For those who have already paid their subscriptions for next year will not be affected by this increase (a reward for paying early), but will pay the new fee in April 2027. Although the new subscriptions are significantly higher, we must emphasise that they still represent good value for money and that this is the first increase in six years. To help raise funds for the resurfacing of the tennis court I would be happy to look into arranging fund raising events at the village hall and also look into sponsorship opportunities with local businesses.

Cllr Mark Mills-Goodlet

2022/23

Coaching cost: £2718

Other costs (equipment): £96

Other costs (LTA reg & court cleaning etc): £866

Income (subs; 74 families): £2788

Income (donation from Large & Gibson): £250

Income (fundraiser): £3061

Balance at end of PC financial year: £6331

2023/24

Coaching cost: £1790

Other costs: £68 (LTA affiliation)

Income (subs; 54 families): £2010

Balance at end of PC financial year: £6604

2024/25

Coaching cost: £1500

Other costs: £157 (equipment; LTA affiliation)

Income (subs; 27 families): £950

Balance at end of PC financial year: £5887

2025/26

Coaching cost (half year): £660

Other costs (half year): £3063 (equipment; repairs & re-spray; DBS checks etc)

Income from subs: £815

Income from precept: £5555 (but this is a 'ring-fenced' pot of money to build on for large future court maintenance costs)

Balance at half-year point: £2870

APPENDIX F

Hambleton Greening Report Nov 2025

Repair Café and Recycling:

- The next Repair Café and Recycling will be in Denmead on Nov 15th from 1-4pm.

Biodiversity:

- We will be advertising three scrub-bashing events on Sunday November 16th, Monday December 8th and Thursday January 22nd to clear encroaching vegetation on Speltham Down. These will be coordinated by the National Trust rangers and we hope to involve a good number of villagers in these events.

Future Energy Landscapes workshop:

- This workshop was a great success with over 40 people turning up for the interactive event, led by Louise Bevan and Stu Mills. Louise commented: 'it was really wonderful to have members of your community participate so fully in a conversation about renewable energy in your local landscape - to understand how people feel about renewable energy and how they might serve communities like Hambleton.' She will produce a detailed report on the workshop in the coming weeks.

We are grateful as always for your support.

Dr Penny Mahon (Secretary of Hambleton Greening Campaign)

APPENDIX G

SDNPA Draft Active Travel Network Plan Consultation Nov 2025

Dear all,

Please find attached a few select excerpts from the SDNP Draft Active Travel Plan.

Essentially it states the desire to open up more cycling, walking and wheeling routes across the SDNP. The main aim is to open up routes that currently exist and remove obstacles along them. The main focus is on the corridors between the major urban areas and commuter routes but also promote the leisure routes not only within the SDNP boundary but also beyond it.

As far as Hambledon is concerned we only seem to have "promoted routes" (according to the SDNP ATNP Vision Map) around us. These promoted routes, having compared the SDNP ATNP Vision Map with a copy of the local OS map, would appear to be the Monarch's Way, Wayfarer's Walk and Allan King Way.

There is a link to the online ATNP Stakeholder map, where stakeholders are invited to mark obstacles that may affect the completion of this vision.

We seem to be predominantly in "Section 14, Part 2 East Hampshire Downs (Alresford to Petersfield)" but don't actually get a mention in the text. Suggested improvements, based on the three areas mentioned in the email from SDNP, would be:

1. Missing local assets - The Old Forge Tea Rooms (café popular with cyclists/walkers/villagers), The Vine Public House popular with villagers and walkers, Hambledon Vineyard with restaurant and bar (historic first commercial UK Vineyard), The Bat and Ball Public House (historic connection to Hambledon Cricket Club, "The Cradle of Cricket").
2. Propose routes to add - I don't really think we have any to add.
3. Identify local priorities and quick wins - I don't really think we have anything to provide.

Regards,
Cllr Hand