



## DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council  
02 Oct 2023; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

### PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Silcock; Cllr Hand; Cllr Lamb; Cllr Dyson & Cllr Mason

### In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllrs Wallace & Lee (WCC; left 8.17pm); Cllr Lumby (HCC; arrived 8.09pm; left 8.17pm) & Jan Jarvie (FAG)

Meeting started at 7.30pm

| Item No. | Item                            | Discussion & Decision                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Action |
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| 2082     | Acknowledgements                | Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of all villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |        |
| 2083     | Apologies                       | None received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| 2084     | Disclosable pecuniary interests | None received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| 2085     | Requests for dispensations      | None received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |
| 2086     | Election of new Vice-chair      | Resolved: that Cllr Silcock is elected as the new Vice-chair of the PC, following the resignation from the PC of Paul Quinn.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |        |
| 2087     | Public questions & comments     | <p>Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. Cllrs agreed to receive the FAG report at this stage as there was no standing agenda item this month.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jan Jarvie (JJ) briefed cllrs on his Oct report (Appendix E). Concerns around impact on the more vulnerable members of the village of planned switch in 2025 from analogue to digital landlines.</li> <li>JJ reported that he has received feedback following recent FAG Hambledonian article; some residents thought sewage issues had been resolved. Residents of Hook Vinney advised JJ that their ditch has been cleaned out professionally.</li> <li>JJ asked if cllrs had any suggestions on risks? JJ advised that all villagers need to be well versed in what is going on, since sewage issues affect everyone, not just those with properties that flood. Cllr Encke suggested that the media may need to be involved if no action is taken by Southern Water.</li> </ul> |        |

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| 2087 cont. | Public questions & comments cont.                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JJ asked if HCC definitely own the ditch after the outlet of the pipe? Cllr Mason confirmed yes. May need to write to HH (Paula Edwards) now to advise that as nothing has been done despite repeated warnings re riparian responsibilities, HH will be liable for costs if pipe fails and flooding occurs. Gullies are owned by WCC.</li> <li>• Cllr Lee advised that Ombudsman is final course of action.</li> <li>• Cllr asked JJ how much warning would be given of another sewage issue like 2022? JJ - not very long.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that Paula Edwards's managers are Richard Bastow &amp; Simon Cramp (HH).</li> <li>• JJ to draft a letter to HH - pointing out potential costs (if possible) &amp; liability.</li> <li>• Cllr advised that BP designed to act as pseudo-watercourse (ground water and surface water; takes pressure off the sewage system).</li> <li>• JJ noted that Beaver Tool Hire has advised that it needs much more notice to get portable toilets. Could be an issue and would be a cost to PC.</li> <li>• Cllr Lumby to be involved.</li> </ul> |       |
| 2088       | Resume standing orders                           | Agreed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |       |
| 2089       | District councillor's report & questions arising | <p>Report received from Cllrs Wallace &amp; Lee (Appendix A). Cllr Wallace covered the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nature emergency has been announced.</li> <li>• Great British Insulation Scheme.</li> <li>• Group-buy scheme.</li> <li>• Recycling update - not clear at the moment what the Central Government changes will mean.</li> <li>• Rural Prosperity Fund - countryside grants.</li> <li>• Shoots Along the Routes - giving away trees for planting on A-roads.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Lee reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Few local events incl Bedales Future Energy Forum.</li> <li>• Trying to bring common areas together as many PCs have similar issues/ask similar questions. Economy of scale.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |       |
| 2090       | County councillor's report & questions arising   | <p>Report received (Appendix B). Questions to Cllr Lumby, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter to HH inbound re flooding risk &amp; sewage issues etc.</li> <li>• Could the PC invite Paula Edwards to a meeting? Possibly.</li> <li>• Clerk to send past correspondence to Flick Drummond MP (which hasn't been responded to) to Cllr Lumby. [Cllr Encke noted that Ms Drummond was only cc'd into this correspondence, which may explain why no response has been received.]</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Clerk |
| 2091       | Police/PCSO report                               | No report received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |       |
| 2092       | Mins of previous meetings (02/09/23)             | Agreed as a true record.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |       |

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| 2093 | Clerk's progress report                  | <p><b>Parish Lengthsman Agreement</b><br/>Schedule for 2023/24 as follows:<br/>27/11/23<br/>07/02/24<br/>Cancelled visits 02/08/23 (2 hrs) and 22/08/23 (half day) have been replaced by work carried out 22/09/23. Awaiting confirmation of tasks completed.</p> <p>Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - Cllr Lumby has chased on behalf of the PC and HH has confirmed that will revisit the site with the intention to patch the affected area by the junction.</p> <p>Cllr asked for flooding on road opposite Kings Rest to be reported to HH. Gully probably blocked. JJ to be informed. Issues could arise when temperatures drop and the water freezes. May add to list of Lengthsman jobs for next visit.</p> <p><b>Rattling manhole covers</b> Cllr Silcock noted that the covers outside of The Maltings have not yet been fixed.</p> <p><b>Village maintenance</b> No update.</p> <p><b>Speed limit reminder</b> - batteries received. Cllr Silcock &amp; members of TPSWG considering possible placements etc. No update.</p> <p><b>Large puddle on pavement outside 13 West St/The Cross Tree</b> - Clerk has reported to HH online but no response received to date.</p> <p><b>Footpath 18 resurfacing</b> No progress. PC to decide whether to look for contractor quotes or not.</p> <p><b>Damage to George House bollard</b> Bollard has now been replaced. Clerk to proceed with insurance claim.</p> <p><b>WCC work at The Gardens</b> Clerk e-mailed info to WCC Cllrs Wallace &amp; Lee. WCC (Fiona Churcher) was supposed to make contact with the Clerk w/c 03/07/23 but did not. E-mail sent 11/07/23 but no response.</p> <p>Cllr Mason reported that residents of The Gardens are positive of future work in that area. One requested line of trees. Others requested shrubs &amp; replacement of paving slabs. PC to speak to HG re best way forward.</p> <p><b>Play Equipment Maintenance - Repainting of lines on tarmac</b> Kevin Bentley has advised that the PC would be better to ask for a quote from a specialist who has line-painting machinery etc. Clerk to investigate costs.</p> <p><b>Southern Water issues</b> - letter to Environmental Health (copied to HPC cllrs; HCC &amp; WCC Cllrs; &amp; Flick Drummond MP) sent 19/09/23. Response from David Ingram received 20/09/23 as follows:<br/><i>'Abigail [Toms] and I have discussed the matter and we are broadly aware of the issues, so we will engage with Southern Water as to their position on delivering a long term solution to this reoccurring problem and we will of course keep the Parish Council informed as to any progress.'</i></p> <p><b>Branch Trimming Around VH Tarmac Play Area</b> - Hambledon Trees Ltd have booked in the work for 09/11/23.</p> | Clerk |
| 2094 | Bank account                             | <b>Bank balance - £53,611.26</b> (Cllrs have been provided with bank statement 162, 02 Sept 2023 to 01 Oct 2023).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Clerk |
| 2095 | Q2 2023/24 Financial Report & Statements | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has approved the Q2 2023/24 Financial Report & Statements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Clerk |

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| 2096 | Payment of accounts                   | <p>Mrs J C Tester <b>Clerk salary (Sept 2023)</b> £866.43</p> <p>NEST <b>Clerk pension (Sept 2023)</b> £69.94</p> <p>Hambledon VH <b>Hall hire (Sept 2023)</b> £20.25</p> <p>Biffa Waste Services Ltd <b>[Direct Debit set up for hard plastics recycling bin @ VH.] Sept 2023.</b> £56.46</p> <p>HMRC <b>Clerk's NI/tax Q2 2023/24</b> £tbc</p> <p>Alfie Goodwin-Hudson <b>Tennis Coaching (Sept 2023)</b> £80.00</p> <p>Moritz Flohr <b>Tennis Coaching (Sept 2023)</b> £120.00</p> <p><u>Additional payment to those noted on the agenda:</u></p> <p>Carter Jonas LLP <b>Glebeland rent 2023-2024</b> £600.00</p> <p>Dr Jo Walker <b>New hose for Green Man beds</b> £64.99</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Clerk |
| 2097 | Planning applications                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDNP/23/03896/HOUS - Banting Cottage, Bantings Yard, East Street, Hambledon, Waterloooville Hampshire. Rear extension with balcony at first floor, new side window and alterations to garden wall. [OBJECTION - not to the extension itself, but to the balcony which is out of keeping and invasive of the privacy of some neighbours who are not mentioned in the application.]</li> <li>• SDNP/23/03381/HOUS &amp; SDNP/23/03994/LIS - 4 George House East Street Hambledon Waterloooville Hampshire PO7 4RJ. 3 very rotten dormer windows in need of replacement. Skilled local carpenter booked for the work. Ideally we would like to replace the existing windows with double-glazed windows. Failing this slim lite double glazed windows. Failing this single glazed windows but replacement is essential. [SUPPORT - but only for the slim lite double glazed windows, not standard double-glazing.]</li> <li>• SDNP/23/03699/TCA - Timbered Cottage , East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RX. Crown reduction of Silver Birch Tree (T1) in rear garden of property growing close the back of house. The tree is approximately 8 metres tall. There is one long limb extending over the rear of the property. Remove this limb back to the trunk. Crown reduce the height by 3 metres. The crown width of the tree is approximately 6 metres. Reduce the width of the tree by 1 metre at each point, therefore 2 metres in total. Remove a small amount of dead wood. [NO COMMENTS.]</li> <li>• SDNP/23/03700/TCA - Bury Lodge, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4QL. Crown raise the T1 - lower overhanging branches of a large Yew Tree by up to 3m. The branches are in places touching the roof of a garage. T2 - Remove a single lateral limb from a large Horse Chestnut Tree to allow access to larger vehicles. T3 - Beech Tree at entrance to driveway. Crown raise to 4.5m to allow vehicular access for building works. [NO COMMENTS]</li> </ul> |       |
| 2098 | Planning apps received after 26/09/23 | None received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |
| 2099 | Planning decisions                    | Noted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |       |

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| 2100 | BASS WG                                  | <p>Cllr Silcock reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still trying to organise meeting between Ian Janes (HH), tree expert and PC reps.</li> <li>• WG will continue to press for 20mph limit in central village &amp; changes to the environment for rest of village (e.g. strategic planting).</li> <li>• D-Day Village idea - Cllr Silcock sought advice from HH which advised that PC can put D-Day Village on village entry signs if it wishes. Cllr Silcock noted that its would be too difficult to co-ordinate whole of South coast in Hampshire therefore concentrate PC to focus on Hambledon alone. History Society may wish to get involved. June 2024 (80th anniversary).</li> <li>• TSI - very few suitable posts around the village. Probably need to fund new ones. Cllr Silcock needs to cost up and bring proposal back to PC.</li> <li>• Cllr advised that a vehicle has run into the two bollards on the chicane on East Street. Cllr Silcock to look at the damage tomorrow &amp; report back. Cllr Hand to find out if details of vehicle owner are available.</li> </ul> | Cllrs Silcock & Hand   |
| 2101 | George House planters                    | <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC approves George House residents taking over responsibility for maintenance of the four planters outside of George House. Detail as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrangement to continue for the foreseeable future i.e. until one or other party wishes for the arrangement to be changed.</li> <li>• Ownership (and insurance cover) to be retained by the PC.</li> <li>• GH residents to 'sponsor' all costs associated with maintenance (incl. additional plants/soil etc.).</li> <li>• PC to provide GH with a suitable hosepipe (PC purchased one earlier in the year for watering grass at the VH; this should be sufficient).</li> <li>• PC to pay up to £100.00 towards the cost of modification of a cellar tap at GH to provide a convenient water supply.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Clerk/<br>Cllr Silcock |
| 2102 | Tennis WG                                | Report received from Frank Luard (Appendix C).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                        |
| 2103 | Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp WG            | No report received. No progress with SG play equipment. Ivy needs to be removed in VH infant area. Cllr Encke to look tomorrow and report back.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Cllr Encke             |
| 2104 | Cleaning/moss treatment - VH tarmac area | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC should appoint Absolute Cleaning to jet-wash and algae/moss treat the basketball/junior swing area at the VH, at a cost of £280.00 (no VAT).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Clerk                  |
| 2105 | Football net - Stewarts Green            | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC purchases a new net for the goal post frame removed from the Glebeland, to enable it to be used at Stewarts Green, at a cost of £54.95 (for two nets; incl. VAT and postage) from Live4Soccer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Clerk                  |
| 2106 | Hambledon Greening WG                    | Report received (see Appendix D).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                        |
| 2107 | Resignation of Councillor & Co-option    | <b>Resolved:</b> that the PC formally acknowledges the resignation from the PC of Paul Quinn and agrees to proceed with co-option to fill the vacancy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Clerk                  |

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| 2108 | Remembrance Sunday Parade Nov 2023 | <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC approves the following arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Parade November 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk to chase both TS Alacrity &amp; TS Tenacity contacts.</li> <li>• If no band is available, Clerk/Cllr Silcock to investigate a potential bugler or perhaps piper.</li> <li>• Clerk to ask Toby Finch/Paul Quinn to advise re Church plans; Scouts doing refreshments etc.</li> <li>• Once parade details have been confirmed, Clerk to update risk assessment &amp; send to insurance co. for approval.</li> <li>• Cllr Mason to sort Remembrance wreath.</li> <li>• Clerk to make usual £30.00 PC donation for wreath.</li> </ul> | Cllrs Silcock/Mason & Clerk |
| 2109 | Clerk's Working Hours              | <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC approves a change to the Clerk's work schedule, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tues to Fri - 9am to 12.30pm.</li> <li>• Additional 1 hour to be worked flexibly throughout the week.</li> <li>• For weeks when the monthly PC meeting is held, Mon 9am to 12.30pm to be worked instead of Fri 9am to 12.30pm.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                             |
| 2110 | Reports & Issues                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autumn Parish Pollinators Networking Session – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at The Harlington, Fleet; 10am till 1pm.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                             |
| 2111 | Date/time of next meeting          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon 6th Nov 2023 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                             |
| 2112 | Confidential matters               | No members of the public were in attendance and no confidential matters were discussed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                             |

**The meeting closed at 9.25pm**

**Signed:**

**Cllr Encke (Chair)**

**Dated:**

**Signed:**

**Joanna Tester (Clerk)**

**Dated:**

## APPENDIX A

## WCC Cllrs Wallace & Lee Report Oct 2023

### NEW TOPICS

Nature Emergency At September's Full Council meeting, Winchester City Council declared a Nature Emergency that will sit alongside the Climate Emergency declaration made in 2019. Councillor Danny Lee was instrumental in driving through this Nature Emergency declaration.

The declaration came out shortly before the State of Nature 2023 Report was issued , which highlights that one in six species at now at risk of being lost from Great Britain, and that only one in seven of the habitats assessed during the study were deemed to be in good condition.

The Council's declaration of a Nature Emergency is a great first step towards putting in place the actions and policies needed to drive real change.

**The Great British Insulation Scheme** This new Government scheme will enable up to 300,000 households to add insulation to their homes to make them easier to heat for less.

The scheme is aimed at two main groups: ■ Those living in homes with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating D-G and within council tax bands A-D

- Householders receiving qualifying benefits and living in homes with an EPC rating of D or below.

More information is available at: [What is the Great British Insulation Scheme \(ECO+\)? - Energy Saving Trust](#)

**Solar Together Hampshire WCC** are working with Hampshire County Council to promote a group buying scheme to residents for high-quality solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels and battery storage.

The scheme will bring Hampshire households together to get high-quality solar panels at a competitive price, helping them through the process and keeping them informed at every stage. Local residents have the opportunity to invest in generating their own electricity to save on their energy bills and lower their carbon footprint by having solar panels installed.

Visit [Solar Together](#) | Winchester City Council for more information.

**Recycling Update** The Council is working to understand the PMs announcement on recycling and the implications for the planned improvements to waste collection in the District.

It is unclear whether the PMs statement means that the much-delayed plans for consistent household collections and the Deposit Return Scheme have been amended or indeed scrapped.

More to follow.

**Rural England Prosperity Fund** Another opportunity to get funding from the Rural England Prosperity Fund is opening shortly. This grant scheme will support capital projects for small businesses and community infrastructure, to help to improve productivity and strengthen the rural economy and rural communities.

In the first tranche, projects receiving funding included Ground Source Heating for Itchen Abbas Village Hall, improving hall equipment for Wickham Community Association and installation of EV charging points for Twyford Parish Council

Over £500K is available as part of the second tranche of funding. More details are available at: [UK Shared and Rural England Prosperity Funds - Winchester City Council](#)

Hampshire County Council's new initiative, the Hampshire Forest Partnership will be providing free trees to landowners and land managers to create over 630 kilometres of new green networks across the county.

See the attached for further information or contact Kate Morgans, Principal Landscape Architect, via email [kmorgans@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:kmorgans@winchester.gov.uk) or phone 01962 848 069.

## **Shoots Along the Routes**

### **Upcoming Events**

- **Future Energy Forum, Bedales School, Petersfield, Friday 06-Oct** ○ See attached information about a Future Energy Forum being hosted by Energise South Downs

- For more information go to [Home - Energise South Downs \(esd.energy\)](#)

- To book go to [Energise South Downs' Future Energy Forum | Bedales School](#)

- **Bishops Waltham Eco Fair, Saturday 07-Oct** ○ Sustainable Bishops Waltham – part of the WeCAN Network – Winchester Action on Climate Crisis ([winacc.org.uk](http://winacc.org.uk))

- **Wickham Charity Beer Festival, Saturday 07-Oct** ○ Home - Wickham Beer Festival
- **Soberton & Newtown's Climate Café Event, Saturday 21-Oct at Rookesbury Hall**
- **Winchester Christmas Market, 17-Nov to 21-Dec** ○ Winchester Cathedral | Christmas ([winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://winchester-cathedral.org.uk))

## ON-GOING TOPICS

### Homeshare

St John's Winchester charity has set up a Homeshare scheme to help tackle loneliness and isolation, relieve pressure on housing and the cost-of-living crisis and have a positive effect on the mental and physical wellbeing of older and younger people in Winchester and District. Matches an older homeowner who has a spare room (the 'householder') with a younger person (the 'sharer') who needs affordable accommodation. In exchange for the room, the sharer volunteers 10 hours a week practical help and companionship to the householder. There's a small fee to pay for the service (matching, robust safeguarding checks, on-going monitoring) £100 per month for the householder, £200 per month for the sharer. See: Find out more, or register your interest - St John's Winchester

### Grants

**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.

Fund closes to applications: 28 February 2024 or sooner on full allocation of budget

See: District Small Grant Scheme - Winchester City Council

### Going Green Faster & Help with Cost of Living

**Homes** – Residents can apply for grants of up to £25,000 for energy efficiency improvements to their property under the Warmer Homes program. Homes who are likely to be eligible to receive support: are low income are off the gas grid

have an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) between D and G

• **Energy bills and protecting the environment** ○ Paying bills, Keeping homes warm and Energy Efficiency Advice - see Energy - Winchester City Council

○ More information about keeping warm and well at home is also available from 'The Hampshire Environment Centre'- [enquiries@environmentcentre.com](mailto:enquiries@environmentcentre.com) or by phone 0800 804 8601

**National** – A new website has been launched that provides information on Government support that is available: Help for Households - Get government cost of living support – see also ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

**Local** – In addition, Winchester Council has launched a website providing information on local resources: Cost of living support and information - Winchester City Council

**Travel by Bus** – The £2 bus fare cap scheme has been extended until 31 October and then rises to £2.50 until November 2024. See: Government extends £2 bus fare cap and protects vital services - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

### Business

**Business Support** – There are currently LOTS of funding opportunities available to help businesses with the transition to net zero. See: Support for sustainable businesses - Winchester City Council

**Businesses or sole traders** in Winchester district can keep up to date with topics from funding, events, and information. Sign-up at: Winchester Business Bulletin - Winchester City Council

Networking - Business Networking - Winchester City Council

### Groups

**Community Support for Ukraine (information and help)** – For latest information see: Winchester City Council pledges support for Ukraine - Winchester City Council



**Climate Groups** – There's a range of sustainable groups and organisations within the Winchester district at: Climate groups - Winchester City Council **Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis** – visit Search - Winchester City Council

### Of Interest

• **Residents' Survey 2022** - The council is performing strongly in the context of results across the South-East of England. <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/assets/attach/33766/Residents-Survey-2022-Executive-Summary.pdf>

## APPENDIX B

## HCC Cllr Lumby Report Oct 2023

- 1. HCC financial planning this autumn** The financial challenges facing the County Council, and local government nationally, are well documented. Each year, it costs more to deliver public services, but the money received from central Government and council tax increases is not enough to meet the extra costs, which results in a deficit. High inflation and growing demand for local services means that in the two years up to the 2025/26 financial year, the budget shortfall is expected to rise considerably to £132m, one of the biggest deficits the County Council has ever faced. Proposals this autumn set out options for how Hampshire County Council could close this budget gap and comes on top of over £0.6bn of spending reductions already delivered since the start of national austerity. Hampshire is in a better financial position than most other county councils, and while the Authority's finances are stable until 2025/26, future stability relies on central Government fundamentally changing the way that local government services are funded, or reducing what councils are legally required to deliver. In the absence of any immediate Government action in this regard, Hampshire County Council must plan on the basis of closing the budget gap itself, applying a combination of tactics to help balance the books, including changing and reducing services and delivering only those services which the council must legally provide. A final decision is to be made by the full county council in November. After this, some proposals may then be subject to further more detailed public consultation.
- 2. Transforming in-house nursing and specialist care** A ten week public consultation is now underway on proposals that would see £173 million invested over the next five to six years to transform and expand the future of nursing and specialist accommodation directly provided by HCC for the county's growing older population. The proposals recommend concentrating on the delivery of specialist nursing care, complex dementia care and short-term support – to either prevent a hospital admission or support a hospital discharge, so ensuring care could be provided more cost effectively. The proposals include: • building new nursing homes in Havant, Winchester and the New Forest • modernising and expanding care at existing homes in Basingstoke, Aldershot and Emsworth • withdrawing over time from the direct provision of residential care, with the closure of a number of the council's older homes. More detail and a link to the consultation can be found at <https://hampshirecc.welcomesyourfeedback.net/s/HCC-Care2023>. The consultation closes on 12 November 2023 with a final decision expected in February next year.
- 3. Countryside Services - Parish Pages** Parishes, town councils and other local groups may find the Parish Pages page on the HCC website a useful source of countryside information, including opportunities for grants and funding, information about Parish Pollinators, becoming a Volunteer, Countryside Canines and a guide to rights of way for parishes and communities. In addition, the Definitive Map is useful in identifying and locating rights of ways - [www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/definitivemap](http://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/definitivemap)
- 4. Increased payments to local residents hosting Ukrainian families** The county council has announced that it will be paying an extra £200 per month to all Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, until the end of March 2024. This takes the monthly payment to £700, which is above the Government's current guidance for local authorities.
- 5. Funding to save the UK's rarest orchids** Hampshire County Council has secured £98,000 funding from Natural England to help rare helleborine orchids to thrive. The conservation project aims to create protected habitats for the endangered plants at sites in East Hampshire. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust will take part in the project focusing on orchid preservation at a nature reserve east of West Meon.
- 6. Older Driver Awareness Week** 2 October marks the start of Older Driver Awareness Week. Hampshire County Council are running two webinars this week which may be of interest: Tuesday 3 October 2023 13.00 to 14.15 Register for 'Compensating for Ageing Effects on Driving' Thursday 5 October 2023 10.00 to 11.15 Register for 'Is Your Driving as Safe as You Think It Is?'

7. **New police stations for Hampshire** The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Donna Jones, has announced a plan to open ten more police stations and front counters over the next eighteen months, with the aim of increasing police visibility and making them more accessible to the public. The number of police front counters will increase from 13 to 23, with new front counters in Cowes, Portsmouth Central, Park Gate, Petersfield, Totton, Ryde, Yateley, Eastleigh, Cosham and Gosport.

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## **APPENDIX C**

## **Tennis WG Report Oct 2023**

### **The Tony Higham Tennis Court Report Oct '23**

It's been a good 12 months (albeit rather a wash out in July) however coaching has been reduced from three and a half to two hours on Saturday mornings to match demand; these coaching duties have been shared between four lads in the village, many thanks to Moritz F, Sam R, Benji H and Alfie G-H, who have been very well received by their students. During the summer months, on average we have about 10-15 children in the first session (4-7 year olds) and 5-7 in the second (8 plus), winter attendance is slightly reduced.

This year closed with a surplus, made up of membership fees, takings Oct '22 – Sept '23 £2,495 from 69 household members plus additional £385 via kind sponsorships and donations. We will write to all members to renew subscription for 23/24 season w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 with no proposed change to fee and any surplus needs to be ring fenced for the short term aim, which is to undertake patch repairs to the court, replace training balls, moss removal and a new net in the 2023/24 season. Mid-term replace children's racquets, repaint the surface and the lines (say 2026), and long term resurfacing and major repairs (circa 2033).

We will look for sponsorship and grants, in addition to membership fees, to cover some of the above costs, but would also like to request that going forward the PC considers ring-fencing some of its annual budget - e.g. £1k per annum - for long-term tennis expenditure.

## **APPENDIX D**

## **Hambleton Greening Report Oct 2023**

### **Repair Café:**

- The next Hambleton RC will be held next on Oct 21st from 10am -12pm which also happens to be International Repair Day! The Recycling Pop-up station will be held in the church on the same date.

### **Community Energy:**

- Stuart Mills from WINACC met with Sue Crossley and me on Aug 31<sup>st</sup> to confirm our membership of WeCAN (Winchester Climate Action Network) which we will run alongside our membership of the Greening Campaign. We will receive their monthly newsletter and attend their Network events every three months which share good practice among communities addressing the climate crisis. The next WeCAN Network Event will be on Wed 11 October at 7.00pm at St Paul's Church Hall in Winchester. Sue Crossley and Nigel Foster will attend.
- We have made contact with Catriona Cockburn, from Energise South Downs, about the possibility of running a workshop in Hambleton called Future Energy Landscapes, run by the Centre for Sustainable Energy, a charity supporting people and organisations across the UK to tackle the climate emergency and end the suffering caused by cold homes. The workshop would look at possible options for renewable energy projects in our community. Catriona is going to apply for funding for CSE to run the workshop but we would need to gather a small group of interested villagers.
- Two HGC committee members will also be attending the Future Energy Forum run by Energise South Downs on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at Bedales School.

### **National Greening Campaign:**

- Terena Plowright, CEO of the national Greening Campaign, spoke to us by phone at our last committee meeting. The Campaign has received £500,000 from the National Lottery to fund developing projects. Her team has now developed packs on Energy, Waste, and Health which she has shared with us.

### **PC-related issues:**

- On The Gardens: Chris Silcock has confirmed that no letter was sent to WCC re The Gardens so HGC would now like to work with BASS on next steps to develop the planting in the area.
- On the Greening Campaign Climate Adaptation Initiative: Verity will be reporting to the PC in this meeting about the phone call held at our last committee meeting with Terena Plowright on

Hambledon's potential involvement in this exciting initiative. She has confirmed there will be no cost to the village.

**Local Networking:**

- HGC is pleased to be sending representatives to the first Denmead Greening public meeting on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, the first Soberton Climate Café on Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, and an initial meeting with the East Meon Parish Council chair on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.

We are grateful as always for your support.

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)

**APPENDIX E****FAG Report Oct 2023**

We continue to experience rapid changes in the meteorological conditions, confusing and sometimes vague expectations from the Met Office, and fluctuating facts and figures from the scientists who can't agree on the future of our climate. So, the Flood Action Group is now trying to piece together the Flood Action Plan for the 2023/24 period, based on some precision guesswork! Going by the weather characteristics of the last several months, and in comparison with previous experience, we do have to include cellar flooding in our plan for the coming season. We're not sure when it will start, and it could run for an extended period of time.

**Big Pipe, Headwall, Gullies and Ditch**

The current situation is a significant concern for us at this time, as there has been no movement on the long overdue plan for crucial maintenance activities by Hampshire County Council. However, we were astonished to receive advice from HCC – "How do I maintain a watercourse?" The information provides – "The primary purpose of watercourse maintenance is to reduce flood risk by ensuring water can flow within the watercourse as per its original, intended dimensions." Surprisingly HCC further advise, "If you do not carry out your responsibilities, you could face legal action and may be liable for any damage which occurs as a result of your failure to maintain the watercourse." Looks like they hoisted themselves on their own petard. (Note: there is an issue in that HCC deny ownership of the ditch, and we need further evidence)

A survey of the affected areas at the bottom of the village was carried-out on 26/09/23, and confirms there are no signs of any maintenance activity to date, and there have not been any actions being taken on our continual requests for documented evidence of the planned maintenance activities. With the recent storms and rains, a further quantity of silt and debris has been deposited in the catchment basin, which has not been moved along by the velocity and volume of water. It is getting more difficult to see up the inside of the 1.2 M pipe as the guardrail around the catchment basis is unsafe, but there is a measurable increase in the build-up height at the outflow. People visiting the Old Forge Tearoom are given a good view of the significant vegetation growing unchecked in the drainage ditch and along the hedgerow.

The BP defence appurtenances include the gullies which feature catchment sumps that are due for clearing prior to the onset of heavy rains during the flooding season, which is the responsibility of Winchester City Council. The collected materials consisting of road debris from the highways, including autumn leaves now starting to fall, should be sucked out of the sumps, normally taking two to three days by a subcontractor normally "Conway" requiring a level of road closure.

**Forecast for the Sewerage Risks**

No movement whatsoever of any kind by Southern Water to date, and in consideration of the enormity of their calamities in their areas of operation in the South of England, we must come to grips with the fact of being a very low priority. Our expectations remain grim, but there are items that do require our focus, especially in keeping villagers informed of the problems as they transpire through our monitoring efforts. We have already begun the process of alerting those worst affected, e.g. Hook Vinney. The reparations to the damage experienced in January – March of this year, still have not been carried out in the vicinity of the pumping station, and we are at a loss as to who is responsible in getting things done. Unfortunately, we just have to do what we can to manage the news.

**Environment Agency**

As an aspect of our preparation activities, we emailed our most recent representative from the EA to confirm our contact point, and received this response:

*"Hi Jan,  
I hope you've also had a nice summer.*

*I can confirm I will be your point of contact from the Environment Agency throughout this winter flooding season. If there's anything you'd like to discuss prior to the beginning of any flooding please do ask.*

*As we're in contact I can give you a very quick update as to the current groundwater situation in Hambledon. Groundwater is slightly higher than average for this time of year and is around 2m higher than it was this time last year. However, it is still slowly falling by around 3cm per day as Autumn begins. I'll contact you as early as possible if I feel that groundwater flooding is possible in Hambledon.*

*As mentioned above, if you do have any questions please do let me know.*

*Kind regards,  
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*My normal working hours are 08:00 to 16:45, with a non-working Friday every other week. "*

This is welcome news, and we hope there will be no interruptions in their service and advice, but we realise there are resource limitations. We will also keep chasing-up other key contact points such BT, Scottish & Southern Electric, etc.

## **FAG Support to the Vine**

The ultimate "owner" of the flooding problems is Martin Hartridge, as it his property and is aware of this position. There was a minor event that the members of the FAG assisted with this year, but we are going to have to carefully address in our planning the sudden need for additional resources, if there is a substantial overflow from the well requiring fast reaction. We understand there are new managers for the business, which remains a sub-letting by Marston's, so there will be an additional task "for someone" to provide the necessary information for them to support the business needs during an emergency.

## **FAG Agenda for the Coming Weeks**

We are faced with the facts that many of our members are getting older and we have to succession plan for future requirements in the changing environment. The recruiting process must encompass a number of requirements too numerous to list, but the main thrust is being an enthusiastic volunteer, ready to lend a helping hand in occasional stressful situations to support the Village of Hambledon in times of need.

Respectfully Submitted By  
Jan Jarvie,  
Flood Action Group

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