



MINUTES
Hambleton Annual Parish Meeting
16 May 2024, 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Encke, Silcock, Hand, Lamb & Clarke ; & circa 52 parishioners.

In attendance: Mrs Joanna Tester (PC Clerk); Cllr Danny Lee (WCC; arrived 7.50pm; left 9.09pm); Cllr Malcolm Wallace (HCC & WCC; arrived 7.50pm; left at 8.55pm); Cllr Suzanne White (WCC; arrived 7.50pm; left 9.09pm); James Osborn (Hambleton Vineyard); & Hannah Marks (Hambleton Vineyard).

Apologies: PCSO Wheeler-Osman; Mrs Sue Crossley (Hambleton Greening); & Paul Quinn (resident).

Meeting started at 7.20pm

	Item	Discussion and Decision	Action
1	Chair's Welcome, Introduction & Review of the Year	<p>Cllr Encke welcomed Villagers, gave apologies for absence, & advised that the format would follow the pre-issued agenda. Cllr Encke then delivered the PC's 'review of the year'. The main points were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the situation with the Bury Lodge pumping station and Southern Water (SW). Cllr Encke gave a brief summary of events this flooding season, including the recent meeting held with SW to discuss current issues and mid- and long-term solutions. • Stewarts Green playground - a contractor has been appointed. Design incorporates climbing system, basket swing and triple chin-up bars, installed on grass matting. Lead time 6-8 weeks from order date (w/c 13/05/24). • Hambleton Greening (HG) - Cllr Lamb leads on HG. Penny Mahon spoke on behalf of HG - Campbell Williams (lead for Waste & Recycling; WCC) will be attending a Village meeting next week in the Village Hall. <p>Questions to the Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the issue with the Pumping Station fixed? [No - SW work on a 5-year plan; but Hambleton is quite high on the list for work in the next funding phase, 2025-2030. Long-term solution may be to patch pipes, and investigative work is hopefully going to take place soon. As an interim measure i.e. for the next flooding season, SW may use a mobile UV filtration unit which would be sited next to the Pumping Station. This should mean that Fareham Road wouldn't need to be closed.] • How much has over-pumping with tankers cost SW this past flooding season? [Circa - £1.23m.] 	

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2	<p>Report from Finance Working Group</p> <p>Cllr Silcock gave a summarised breakdown of the PC's income and expenditure for 2023/24, including two illustrative graphs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • main expenditure (by %); largest being for VH playground upgrade; and • components of running costs. <p>Villagers were also provided with a precept comparison (Band D) between Hambledon and nine other Winchester parishes (for 2023/24). A copy of the slides is available in Appendix A.</p> <p>Public question received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is Menslands Lane still going to have a street sign? [Yes - this will be included in the final batch of signs from JK Engineering.] 	
3	<p>Reports from WCC, HCC & our PCSO (if available)</p> <p>WCC Cllr Lee introduced new WCC Cllr, Cllr Suzanne White & delivered a verbal report; main points as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Mayor elected last night. • WCC cllrs are the 'bridge' with the PC in terms of getting things done. • New Council plan (2025-2030) - will set priorities & strategies. Will engage with PC once known what it looks like. Need to balance WCC and SDNPA local plans (40% of the district is in the SDNP). • Hill Top Apple Farm will be closing. Need to ensure Local Plan is geared up to help rural businesses, which in turn will generate more employment opportunities and help to prevent the younger generation moving away. • Nature Emergency declared by WCC within the last year. • Local nature recovery work being undertake. • Local Cycling & Walking consultation has been launched online. As many people as possible to be involved. • Flooding - good news that SW have started engaging with the PC. • Business - WCC supports businesses by providing info on funding e.g. Shoots for Roots. Councillor drop-in sessions are planned (or parishioners can speak directly to the PC). <p>New Meon Valley county councillor, Cllr Wallace gave apologies for being late.</p> <p>Public comments/questions received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicles - need to prioritise vehicles coming to businesses & to serve villagers, not using the Village as a rat run. [Cllr Lee (WCC) commented that a Central Meon Valley Transport & Travel Forum had already taken place. It identified issues common to villages in the area and these have been compiled into a report to take to HCC. Unfortunately, no easy solutions as money is a major factor e.g. high costs of implementing 20mph speed limits. Sign-posting to the Vineyard is an important point.] • Noise/excessive speeds on rat runs. Motor cyclists now using Brook Lane instead of A32/A272 where there are variable speed limit cameras. [How can similar measures be taken in places like Hambledon? No easy solution. Will take villager details after the meeting.] • Size of vehicles in centre of Village is the main issue. 	

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4	<p>Consultation on Traffic & Pedestrian Safety</p> <p>Cllr Silcock addressed the meeting as follows (notes in Appendix B):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent BASS article in the Hambletonian. • Working map (on display at the meeting). • Thank you to fellow working group members. • In 2016, de-urbanisation began e.g. new street name signs; improvements to the areas around the Green Man junction and the Old Forge Tea Room (OFTR). • Following an accident at Park in 2021, a survey was carried out by the PC (there was a good 30% response from the Village). Speed; number; & size of vehicles were the three main issues that concerned people. • Speed data recording took place in 2022. This was un-alerted and tracked volume and speed of vehicles 24/7 at 10 positions around the Village. Lots of data collected, with an overall result that circa 85% of drivers do stick to the speed limits. The problem is that the 15% are the ones that cause the accidents. • Cheriton & Liss PCs are further down the line than Hambleton in the process. • The over-riding aim of the changes proposed is to encourage good driving & reinforce that people live here and therefore motorists need to slow down. Want to ‘recover the calm’. • Major aims are to more clearly define the Village boundary; introduce preferred speed limits; remove centre lines; establish pedestrian crossing points on some of the roads; make area around OFTR better and safer; reduce access for HGVs; re-design traffic build-outs & chicanes; plant trees (e.g. at Park) - this narrows the view & slows the vehicles. <p>BASS WG member, John Thornton, then gave a virtual ‘drive-through’ of the plans (ideas and aspirations of WG; haven’t been put to PC or HCC yet) from top of Well Hill to Green Man junction.</p> <p>Public comments/questions received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When completing the survey, is it okay to agree with the concept but not with the detail e.g. virtual pedestrian crossings/colour of tarmac, as the latter won’t fit in with surroundings? [Yes - and additional point made that wouldn’t be brightly coloured tarmac (illustrative purposes only) & also no cobbles (as would cause noise disturbance).] • OFTR junction - would opening it out just make vehicles drive faster? [No - the proposed changes should make drivers slow down.] • Pinch points have been shown to be dangerous for cyclists; and the one in Denmead appears to encourage motorists to speed up. • Dubious about virtual pavements because drivers don’t know what to do with them. At Green Man junction - vehicles come fast around the corner so drivers will potentially see it too late or not at all. • Will priority be given to the cheaper options first e.g. entrance gates? [Yes - will make the easy changes first then measure the effect.] • Where will the speed limit changes be on Green Lane? [Cllr Silcock explained where changes are planned.] 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Cllr commented that HCC will dictate the exact locations of traffic/speed signs etc.] • Could a footpath along Green Lane (between Lashley Meadow and Three Corners) be established? [Some time ago, the landowner was asked if access could be had along the field margin. Another discussion is needed. If permission is not granted, perhaps a white line could be painted along the road edge? Question can be asked. Originally, HCC told the PC that the central white line could not be removed due to the presence of cats eyes (throwback to when this stretch of road was national speed limit). As a 40mph, may be able to reverse this decision.] • Will there be inclusion of twinning in the new signage? [Yes, and the BASS WG is also investigating the possibility of having QR codes on the signs to allow people to find out about Hambledon as a D-Day Village.] <p>Cllr Silcock continued the discussion as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Villagers were asked for their thoughts on the introduction of new 20mph speed limits. Comments as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Won’t work.’ • ‘If people don’t abide by 30mph, they won’t abide by 20mph.’ • ‘Would this necessitate more signs?’ • Some attendees commented that there is a need for positivity rather than assuming actions won’t work. • Auto Speedwatch - the PC is hoping to use something like this to measure efficacy after each stage; and to help Police to target repeat offenders. • Hambledon SpeedWatch (SpW) operating. Work of PC will compliment this. Acknowledgement of good work of SpW group. <p>Cllr Silcock put to the meeting that the PC is looking for endorsement that it should spend money on traffic calming/pedestrian safety, as above.</p> <p>Comments from villagers were we follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much are these things going to cost? Quick wins are needed e.g. within 6 months. Need to do something. [30-40% of the total precept per annum; year on year; but can’t bind subsequent PCs.] • Data on rustic vs white gates - how effective at night-time? [Would need to be researched. Central panel on a rural gate could be reflective/eye-catching.] <p>Cllr Silcock had intended to talk attendees through the survey (hard copies were provided to every attendee at the start of the meeting) but most had completed them already. It was advised where to leave completed forms and that the PC would come back to the Village once they had been analysed and after talks with HCC etc.</p>	

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5	<p data-bbox="177 208 336 275">Hambleton Vineyard</p> <p data-bbox="360 208 1350 327">James Osborn (MD) and Hannah Marks (Wine Club Manager) introduced themselves. James is now four weeks into the new job; worked with English wine for circa 10 years. Hannah has worked for HV for nearly two years. Spoke to liaison group yesterday. Main points:</p> <ul data-bbox="360 371 1350 1003" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="360 371 1350 607">• New Visitors' Centre currently looks like a building site. Hoping to complete this project soon. New project team has been operating over past couple of months; focusing on what needs to be done to ensure that the final build is safe and complies with planning consent/conditions. Building work will start again in two weeks. Having to work to a budget and costs have recently rocketed. Hoping to open by Christmas 2024. Three stage process: familiarisation; soft launch (villagers will be invited to this); & final opening (2025). There will be a restaurant; cellar door (shop selling merchandise & wine); & a couple of spaces for private hire. <li data-bbox="360 730 1350 1003">• Will be placing more brown signs around the Village to direct traffic away from the centre e.g. entrance to village from Denmead direction (will be directed to next brown sign at Three Corners). Map on website will also direct visitors around the perimeter of the Village. There will be better communication with visitors, couriers etc.; the 'pin' on Google Maps will be moved closer to the main HV entrance (currently near Fairfield House); & there will be a re-coding of Google directions/recommended route. <p data-bbox="360 1048 983 1081">Public comments/questions received as follows:</p> <ul data-bbox="360 1093 1350 2033" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="360 1093 1350 1205">• Can the HV postcode be changed? [John Thornton advised that this has been requested before (by PC; Hambleton Connected & HV collaboratively) - but to no avail. HV to look into.] <li data-bbox="360 1216 1350 1485">• Resident living on opposite side of the valley commented that lights at HV appear to be on throughout the night. How does this align with Hambleton being part of the SDNP Dark Skies? [James commented that HV is fully aware of SDNP/Dark Skies area and lights in the new Visitors' Centre will comply with regulations. Cllr Clarke confirmed that lights are coming from Mill Down House, not HV, which would make addressing the issue difficult at this time.] <li data-bbox="360 1518 1350 1832">• Sustainability is an important consideration for HV. This is a legacy project for the families, and a sustainability audit is being carried out across the whole business. Will take circa 3 months. The audit will inform what investments need to be made to make HV more sustainable for the future. Aspiring to BCorb certification (environmental and social sustainability etc). Social sustainability is about the local area; creating jobs. When VC opens, will need new staff; apprenticeships; local employment at every level; young and older people. <li data-bbox="360 1843 1350 1955">• Community - re-build bridges with the local community. Looking at tier options to make sure that HV is no longer seen as elitist etc. Ranging from e.g. pizza oven to Chef's Table. <li data-bbox="360 1966 1350 2033">• Will be replacing stile at end of footpath (with either a gap or a kissing gate). 	

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	<p>Public comments/questions received as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In five years time, what will be the anticipated number of employees and customers? [Double the number of employees (currently circa 24; more over summer; flexes in hospitality); not yet mapped out customer numbers but the main point of HV is to make wine; not going to convert into a huge enterprise.] • Will there be much noise disturbance from events? [Not planning to host multiple weddings; limited number per year and this is not going to be grown. Other events will be kept to day time. Weddings and events are not and will not be the main focus of the Vineyard.] • Distribution & availability of Hambledon wine - why is it more expensive in The Peoples Market than in Waitrose, and why can't it be sold in the local pubs? [James will look into this. May be due to restrictions enforced by the brewery. Unfortunately, HV has no control over Waitrose pricing. It can make recommendations but not dictate. Hands have previously been tied with distributor, but HV is looking into making changes.] • Is it possible for MoP to buy Hambledon wine in bulk directly rather than through an agency? [Yes - call Hannah directly. Looking to offer 'local membership' i.e. what can HV offer locals?] 	
6	Open forum	No points were raised by members of the public.

The meeting closed at 9.29pm

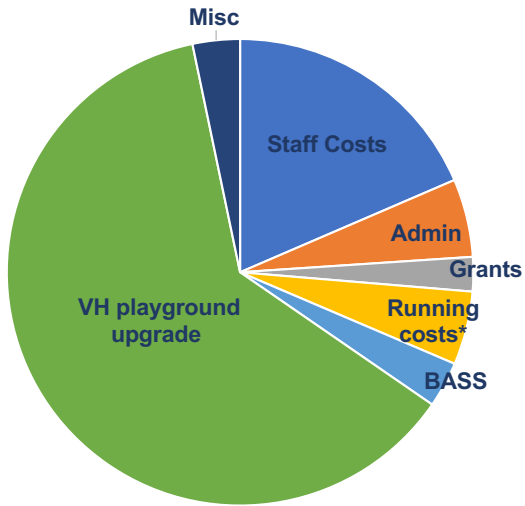
APPENDIX A

FINANCE WORKING GROUP REPORT

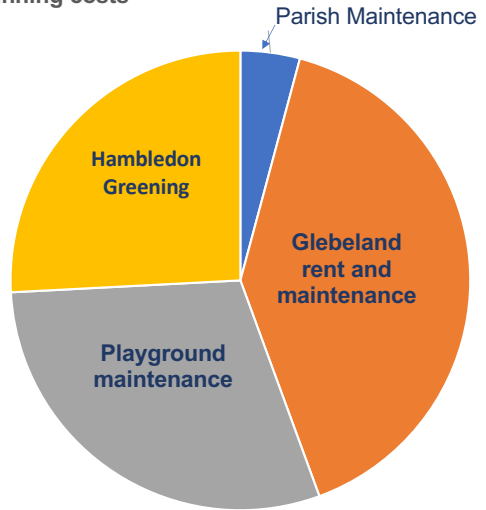
Income and Expenditure 2023/24

Income	
Precept	£49,907
Vat reclaimed	£8,324
Grants and donations	<u>£2,453</u>
	£60,684
Expenditure	
Staff & Councillor costs	£11,757
Admin	£3,434
Grants	£1,510
Running costs*	£3,231
Better Streets	£2,018
VH Playground upgrade	£39,411
Misc costs	<u>£2,079</u>
	£63,440
*Running costs	
Parish Maintenance	£135
Glebeland rent and maintenance	£1,300
Playgrounds maintenance	£961.5
Hambledon Greening	<u>£834.5</u>
	£3,231

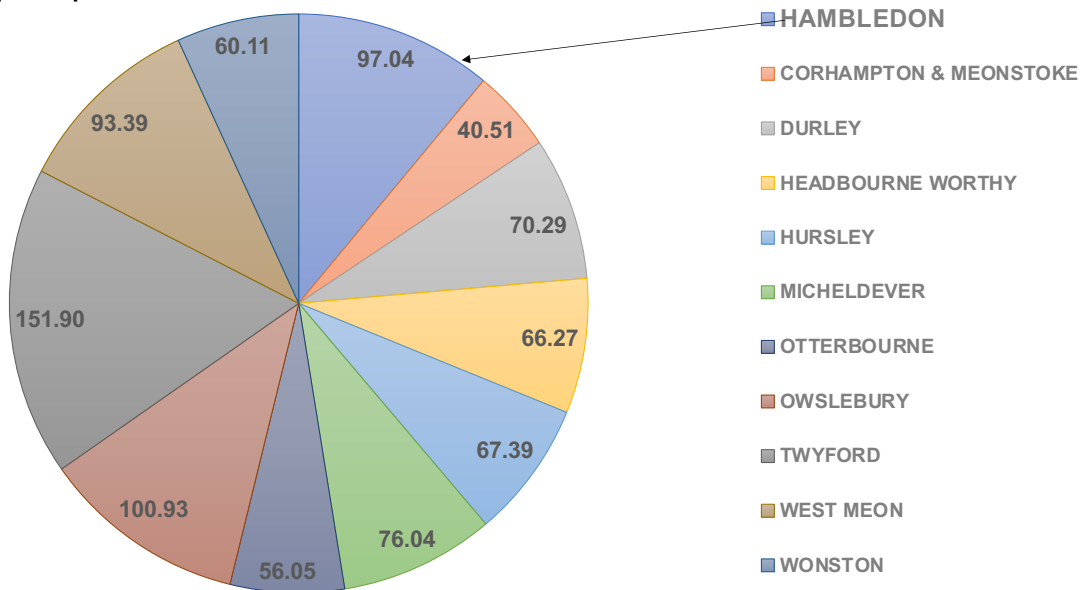
Main Expenditure



*Running costs



Precept comparison 2023-24



- Hope all have seen
 - o Article in the Hambledonian
 - o The Village map with proposed changes
- In the next 20 minutes
 - o Briefly summarise what we have done
 - o Look at what we propose to do
 - o Seek views on these proposals
 - o View a virtual drive-through

Quick recap:

- **2016** de-urbanisation began:
 - o Street/road signs improved,
 - o signposts replaced with fingerposts,
 - o bespoke village entrance signs installed,
 - o improvements made to the areas around The Old Forge Tea Room, The Green Man junction and George House.
- **2021**, Parish Council surveyed residents
 - o significant concerns re SPEED, NUMBER and SIZE of vehicles
 - o = roads less safe + Village less tranquil
- Speed Data Recording conducted in 10 locations over 10 separate 24/7 periods: data on traffic volume/speed is informing our work.
- PC Working Group formed and has consulted
 - o Hampshire County Council (Highways Dept),
 - o SDNP Authority
 - o other villages in the National Park doing similar work.
- Officers from HCC and SDNPA, + our County Councillor, visited to look at our roads and consult/advise on our proposed solutions.

AIM

- Recover the tranquillity of our Village and so enhance the experience of residents walking and cycling safely within the Village boundaries

STRATEGY

- Based on two main strands:
 - o first, create an environment of a Village residential area
 - o secondly, encourage good driving through changes to our roads.
- We hope to achieve this by:
 - o Defining more clearly the Village boundaries
 - o Establishing speed limits to reinforce our preferred speeds
 - o Removing centre lines and major road signage
 - o Replacing traffic build-outs/chicanes with pinch points
 - o Establishing pedestrian crossing points and safer pathways
 - o Enhancing the area around The Old Forge Tea Room
 - o Restricting access for HGVs
 - o Planting trees on approach routes and siting planters to reinforce the message about the Village being our home

• John's drive through:**SPECIFIC MEASURES**

- Map shows where we propose making changes
- Aim now is to gather your views. Do this by discussing each measure and asking for you to indicate preference. The PC has received 3 comments by email about the build-out on West St at the OFTR – thank you.
 - o NB: responses are anonymous but please indicate in broad terms where you live.

GATES

- o Gates to be sited in the vicinity of Park Farm Cottages, Three Corners and Hook Vinney. We are exploring
 - standard commercial designs (eg white gates)
 - locally manufactured rustic gates (eg oak and split chestnut).
 - Aim to incorporate the SDNP sign into gate at Hook Vinney.

Please indicate preference**NEW SPEED LIMITS**

- o New 40mph established in the vicinity of Park Farm Cottages to slow traffic coming from Clanfield
- o New 40mph established at the top of Well Hill to slow traffic coming from Denmead

- o New 20mph established on the B2150 between The Old Forge Tea Room and Stewart's Green/Lashley Meadow
- o New 20mph established on West St between The Green Man junction and Vineyard Lane

Please indicate preference

NEW PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS AND CROSSINGS

- o A 'virtual pavement' established between the OFTR junction and the Bury Lodge Lane T-junction together with a shared-space crossing point at Bury Lodge Lane
- o Shared-space pedestrian crossing points:
 - on Lower West St from the pavement close to Weaverfield up the lane onto the Down
 - on the B2150 vic Rushmere Gate/The Methodist Chapel
 - on the B2150 vic Wayfarers' Way entry to Lithey's Hangar and Stewart's Green
 - at the Village Hall to allow access from the pavement to the Village Hall and the Vine
 - at the Shop to enable safer crossing from the High St to the pavement

Please indicate preference

- o PLUS: If we can successfully negotiate with the landowners, we plan a path along the B2150 between Stewart's Green and Three Corners.

ROAD CHANGES

- o Removal of the build-out at the OFTR and reinstatement of the previous pinch point.
- o Re-design of the area around the OFTR and Cams Hill junction to provide more space for outdoor cafe users and parking for cyclists whilst maintaining an adequate junction for cars.
- o Removal of the build-out at Stewart's Green to be replaced by a pinch point.
- o Removal, at the next road resurfacing, of all centre lines within the boundary.
- o Restriction on access for HGVs between:
 - The Green Man and the Vineyard,
 - Rushmere Lane and Speltham Hill/Back Lane,
 - East St up Glidden Lane (xmt deliveries to homes/businesses).

Please indicate preference

OTHER

- o Deployment of Flashing speed indicator
- o Deployment of AutoSpeed Watch to track vehicles speeding
- o Hambledon Speed Watch: continuation of the Hambledon team's speed watch monitoring under the guidance of Hampshire Police.

IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING

- Changes to our roads MUST be approved by HCC (HH)
- This is a long-term project which will take a good 5-10 years to implement for two main reasons:
 - o first, the cost:
 - ROM costs >£150k, possibly more depending how ambitious we are, to be funded by us through the annual precept supplemented by grants, where we can get them, from HCC and SDNPA.
 - PC is presently planning to allocate an appropriate portion of its annual precept each year towards this project.
 - o Secondly, changes will be made incrementally so that effectiveness can be measured at each stage, with further, potentially more costly plans for change modified or abandoned based on our experience.

Please indicate general agreement to this project being funded

NEXT STEPS

- PC will consider the responses to the presentation this evening.
- If positive, work will begin immediately on implementation, in a phased way and as agreed with HCC.

HAMBLEDON BETTER AND SAFER STREETS

Please indicate where you live:

- a. Between Hook Vinney and The Green Man (Lower West Street)
- b. Cams Hill
- c. Between The Green Man and Three Corners
- d. On Brook Lane
- e. Between Park Cottages and Vineyard Lane
- f. Between Vineyard Lane and the People's Market
- g. Between the People's Market and The Green Man
- h. High St and Church
- i. Speltham Hill
- j. Glidden Lane or Back Lane
- k. Rushmere
- l. Chidden and Green Lane (beyond Three Corners)

		Very	Keen	Not keen
Gates	White Gates with speed sign, Village name/SDNPA			
	Rustic Gates (oak/split chestnut) with speed sign etc. as above			
	• Gates at Park with speed sign etc. as above			
	• Gates at Three Corners with speed sign etc. as above			
	• Gates in the vicinity of Hook Vinney with speed sign etc. as above			
Speed Limits	New 40mph in the vicinity of Park Farm Cottages to slow Clanfield traffic			
	New 40mph at the top of Well Hill to slow Denmead traffic			
	New 20mph on the B2150 between The Old Forge Tea Room and Stewart's Green/Lashley Meadow to slow traffic in the Village			
	New 20mph on West St between The Green Man junction and Vineyard Lane to slow traffic in the Village			
	No to any speed changes			
New pedestrian walkways and crossings	A 'virtual pavement' between the OFTR junction and Bury Lodge Lane T-junction together with a shared-space crossing point at Bury Lodge Lane			

	<p>Shared-space pedestrian crossing points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on Lower West St from the pavement close to Weaverfield onto 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on the B2150 in the vicinity of Rushmere Gate/The Methodist 			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at the Village Hall for access from the pavement to the Hall and the 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at the Shop to enable safer crossing from the High St to the pavement 			
Road changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinstatement of the previous pinch point in lieu of the build-out at the Old Forge Tea Room (OFTR). 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-design of the area around the OFTR/ Cams Hill junction to provide more space for outdoor cafe users and parking for cyclists, but keeping an adequate junction for cars. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace the build-out at Stewart's Green by a pinch point. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace and re-site chicane at The Dower House, East St, to allow Vineyard vehicles to enter/exit more easily. 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal, when possible, of all centre lines within the boundary of 			
	<p>Restriction on access for HGVs (xmt deliveries to homes/businesses) between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Green Man and the Vineyard, 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rushmere Lane and Speltham Hill/ Back Lane, 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East St up Glidden Lane 			