



## DRAFT MINUTES

Hambleton Parish Council  
08 Apr 2026; 7.30pm; Hambleton Village Hall

### PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Clarke; Cllr Mills-Goodlet; Cllr Lamb (left the room at 8.20pm & returned at 8.21pm); & Cllr Piper

### In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Wallace (HCC & WCC; arrived 7.54pm, left 8.11pm); Cllr Lee (WCC; left 8.11pm); Cllr White (WCC; left 8.11pm); and five members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2943	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Guy Stanford, Touchie MacGillivray, and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2944	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Wale and Hand.	
2945	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2946	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2947	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. Comments from members of the public on the following items/issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item 2960 (SDNP/26/00383/FUL).</li> <li>Traffic issues on Green Lane.</li> <li>Item 2957 (Village Hall grant applications).</li> <li>Hambleton Vineyard - happy to help with wine for AMP.</li> </ul>	
2948	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2949	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix A). Additional points discussed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LGR model has been decided. Two-year process. Risks being assessed.</li> <li>SDNPA Planning Committee meeting taking place 09/04/26 - Corhampton Golf Course planning app included.</li> <li>Crisis &amp; Resilience fund has been created to assist with cost of living crisis.</li> <li>Crime Commissioner's meeting was attended - questions asked specific to our area were left unanswered. There will be further on-line events.</li> </ul>	

2950	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix B). Additional points discussed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System for informing the public about road works is changing.</li> <li>• Clerk asked about reporting redundant roadwork signs that need collecting. [Option on HCC website.]</li> <li>• My Home Made Better - info to go into next Hambledonian article.</li> </ul>	Clerk Cllr Encke
2951	Mins of previous meeting (02/03/26)	Agreed as a true record.	
2952	Clerk's progress report	<p><b>Parish Lengthsman Agreement</b> - schedule for 2026/27 as follows: 10/04/26; 30/06/26; 13/10/26; &amp; 01/02/27</p> <p><b>Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane</b> - no update.</p> <p><b>Flooding on road near Kings Rest</b> - reported to HH 13/10/23. Response 'could not locate defect'. Likely that they visited when there was no road flooding but didn't look into the cause of previous flooding. Suggest wait for next flooding, take photos &amp; re-submit. [In the latest flooding, this area was not bad, so perhaps there is not a serious issue here?]</p> <p><b>Useful/Emergency Info Leaflets</b> - WCC Small Grant fund awarded £150. On-going. Clerk &amp; Cllr Encke to consider whether this could accommodate an emergency plan for the village.</p> <p><b>Drain clearance</b> - E-mail sent 05/02/25 to Gina Chandler (HH) re blocked drains throughout Village. Response received from HH via Cllr Wallace 23/05/25 - 'We have made several attempts to identify and clear the various drainage features on Green Lane, with limited success. The site is currently with our colleagues in the Planned Maintenance team to develop and design a scheme to permanently resolve the issue.' No update.</p> <p><b>BASS Projects SIDs</b> - No response from HH.</p> <p><b>CMV Parish shared P/T Ecologist/Nature Recovery Officer</b> - e-mail re queries identified at 05/01/26 meeting sent to Cllr Lee 20/01/26. Response received &amp; forwarded to cllrs. No progress at present time.</p> <p><b>Speed Indicator Device</b> - no response from HH - this item will need to be delayed further.</p> <p><b>Village Entrance Gates</b> - application submitted 18/03/26. Awaiting response from HH.</p> <p><b>Great British Spring Clean</b> - successful litter pick took place 28/03/26. Remove from report.</p>	
2953	Bank account	<p><b>Bank balance - £63,335.87 @ 31 Mar 2026;</b> bank statement 196 (01 Mar to 31 Mar 2026) has been forwarded to cllrs.</p> <p>The Clerk advised councillors that the first half of the 2026/27 precept (£29,508.50) has been received.</p>	
2954	Q4 Financial Report & Statements	<b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has received and approved the Q4 2025-26 financial report and statements. [See Appendix C.]	Clerk
2955	Clerk's Working Hours & Contract of Employment	<b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has authorised the increase in the Clerk's working hours from 15 to 17 per week, as of 01/04/26, and approved the new employment contract which reflects this amendment (and uses the most up-to-date NALC template).	

2956	Changes to the Clerk's Salary Standing Order	<b>Resolved:</b> that, based on the amendments made to the Clerk's working hours in item 2955, above, the PC has approved the amendment to the Unity Trust Bank standing order for salary from £993.14 to £1,070.38/calendar month, commencing April 2026.	Clerk
2957	Grant applications	<p><b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has considered two applications for grant funding from the Hambledon Village Hall Trust, and awards funds as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Grounds maintenance 2026/27 - £723.00</li> <li>2. Removal of tree causing damage to flint wall; &amp; repair/repointing of roadside flint wall with lime mortar - to be re-considered at May PC meeting following provision of further info as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Original survey from professional body to state the advised works.</li> <li>• Three quotes with full cost breakdowns for these works to be undertaken in full and to ensure all relevant licenses/applications and CDM requirements have been included in the quotes so as to measure a true like for like comparison.</li> <li>• Ref tree damage, could some/all costs and works be undertaken through insurance?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	Clerk
2958	Payment of accounts	<p>Mrs J C Tester <b>Clerk salary Mar 2026</b> <b>£993.14</b></p> <p>Mrs J C Tester <b>Clerk o/t Feb &amp; Mar 2026 (amount tbc as soon as y/e tax/NI figures available from HMRC)</b> <b>£tbc</b></p> <p>Mrs J C Tester <b>Expenses Mar 2026 (travel by car to Newbury for workshop; 2 x journey to Winchester &amp; car-parking for election paper delivery &amp; litter-picking equipment collection/return)</b> <b>£67.23</b></p> <p>NEST <b>Clerk pension Mar 2026</b> <b>£81.13</b></p> <p>Hambledon V/H <b>Hall hire Mar 2026</b> <b>£32.50</b></p> <p>Biffa <b>Recycling bin collection Mar 2026</b> <b>£125.34</b></p> <p>JH Tree Services Ltd <b>Village maintenance Mar 2026</b> <b>£375.00</b></p> <p>JH Tree Services Ltd <b>Moss treatment for tarmac area, Village Hall</b> <b>£324.60</b></p> <p><b>Tennis</b></p> <p>Moritz Flohr <b>Tennis coaching Mar 2026</b> <b>£70.00</b></p> <p>Alfie Goodwin-Hudson <b>Tennis coaching Mar 2026</b> <b>£70.00</b></p>	Clerk

2959	Planning applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDNP/26/01059/TCA - Dovetail Cottage, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SN. Remove Eucalyptus tree in rear garden, the tree is an old lapsed pollard, (12 inches DBH) and is dropping heavy limbs, to re pollard would not leave sufficient growth for the tree to survive as it has been left for too long, with all the growth at the very ends of the pollarded branches. Tree location is in rear garden, 20 metres directly behind the house. Remove Lawson Cypress growing directly against south wall, as continued growth will push the wall over. (8 inches DBH). Approx 10 metres from house. [NO COMMENT.]</li> <li>• [Nb. Ref SDNP/26/00395/HOUS &amp; SDNP/26/00396/LIS (Park Farm Barn) - since these were discussed at the Mar 2026 PC meeting, and 'no objection' comments subsequently submitted to the Planning Authority, the PC was informed by the Planning Officer that they had been revised and any new comments needed to be submitted by 27/03/26. Clerk and councillors reviewed the amendment - the retention of a flue which has already been installed. As this represents a relatively minor amendment to the scheme, it was decided that the PC's response would not be altered and therefore it was not prudent to hold a Planning Committee meeting.]</li> </ul>	Clerk
2960	Planning apps received after 30/03/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SDNP/26/00383/FUL - Rest A Whyle, Pitt Hill Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SF. Demolition of existing dwelling (Use Class C3) and associated ancillary outbuildings, and the erection of a replacement four-bedroom detached dwelling (Use Class C3) using existing access from Pitt Hill Lane, including associated parking, car port and hard and soft landscaping. [NO OBJECTION, but the PC respectfully requests that in advance of any decision being made the applicant submits an acceptable foundation design and a drainage strategy (requiring a SUDDS design).]</li> <li>• SDNP/26/00726/HOUS &amp; SDNP/26/01249/LIS - Greenfields, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RX. To construct a wooden pergola of weathered European oak, measuring 3.7m x 3m area with 2.3m height in south east corner of garden 1m within southern boundary. The intention is to allow climbing plants to grow and provide shade. This is a grade 2 listed property which is why we are seeking consent. Paved area is being constructed to facilitate use of garden furniture but construction of pergola will not proceed unless granted permission. [NO OBJECTION.]</li> </ul>	
2961	Planning decisions	Noted.	
2962	Flood Action Group	No report received.	
2963	BASS WG	Report received (see Appendix D).	
2964	Tennis WG	<p>No report received.</p> <p>Succession planning - Clerk and Cllr Mills-Goodlet to organise meeting with Alice G-H.</p> <p>Sponsorship - supplier has quoted £62.00 for a mesh advertising banner. Cllr Mills-Goodlet to approach local businesses.</p>	Clerk/Cllr Mills-Goodlet
2965	Hambledon Greening	Report received (see Appendix E).	

2966	Village maintenance contract - annual review	<b>Resolved:</b> that no adjustments are required to the schedule of work completed by JH Tree Services Hampshire Ltd under the village maintenance contract (commenced 01/05/25).	
2967	Clerk's Pension - Re-enrolment	<b>Resolved:</b> that the PC has approved the Clerk submitting a re-declaration of compliance with The Pensions Regulator (under the Pensions Act 2008), with automatic enrolment into the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) scheme.	Clerk
2968	Reports & Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk &amp; Cllr Encke attended the HALC Emergency planning/community resilience event in Newbury 24 March. Summary provided to councillors.</li> <li>• Cllr Piper attended the SDNPA Parish Meeting (virtual) - 04 March. Summary provided to councillors.</li> <li>• GBSC event took place 28 March.</li> <li>• Annual Meeting of the Parish to be held in the Pavilion (VH) 8pm, Thurs 21st May 2026.</li> </ul>	
2969	Date/time of next meeting	(Annual Meeting of the PC & Ordinary May Meeting - <u>Thurs 14th May 2026</u> at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm).	
2970	Confidential matters	No confidential matters were discussed.	

**The meeting closed at 8.59pm**

**Signed:**

**Cllr Encke (Chair)**

**Dated:**

**APPENDIX A**

**Signed:**

**Joanna Tester (Clerk)**

**Dated:**

**Winchester City Councillor Report Apr 2026**  
 Cllr Malcolm Wallace ([mwallace@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:mwallace@winchester.gov.uk))  
 Cllr Danny Lee ([dlee@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:dlee@winchester.gov.uk))  
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### **Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)**

The government has chosen the 5 unitary council model for the new councils in Hampshire. This was Option 1A as shown below. This option creates a new council from the footprint of Winchester, Test Valley and East Hampshire with some boundary changes for some parishes.

The government will now prepare a Structural Changes Order (SCO) for Parliament to establish the new councils, abolish the existing councils and provide the transitional arrangements. Existing councils will remain responsible for services until 1 April 2028. The Order will replace any scheduled local elections in May 2027 with all out elections to the new councils. Councillors will be elected for a first term of five years until 2032, serving most of their first year on the 'shadow council'.

The government has asked councils for further information to be able to prepare the Order, including warding arrangements and parish elections. As requested, parish elections will be aligned with the new unitary elections in 2027. Further information is sought from councils on current parish electoral cycles and on how alignment with the new Unitary Authority elections will best be achieved.

As well as the Order, the government expects to issue a Section 24 direction which will require existing councils to obtain consent from the new councils before entering into certain contracts or for certain asset disposals.

## Summary of timelines for Local Government Reorganisation.

Milestone	Description	Date
Structural Changes Order Made	Legislation laid before Parliament to enact approved changes	Autumn 2026
Transition arrangements in place – Shadow Unitaries established	Existing councils will continue to deliver services whilst preparing for vesting day for new councils. Elections to shadow unitary councils	1 April 2027
New Unitary Authorities Established – Vesting Day	New councils formally come into existence and assume powers. Existing Councils are abolished.	1 April 2028

Ahead of the SCO and given the tight timelines for this huge transformation programme, a transition programme with a number of work-streams is now underway. The aim is to ensure all councils remain ‘safe’ and ‘legally’ compliant during the transition/ implementation for the April 2028 deadline for new Councils.

### District and Parish Elections 2026

District Elections on 7th May 2026 will go ahead as planned.

### Winchester District Local Plan 2020-2040 (Adopted)

The Local Plan 2020-2040 was adopted at the Full Council meeting on 26th March 2026. Full details of the adopted plan can be found on the Council’s Local Plan website.

<https://www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk/local-plan-2020-2040>

### Next Winchester District Local Plan 2026-2044

Work has already commenced on the next Local Plan in line with the government’s updated 30 month plan making process. Publication of the scoping consultation (Regulation 20) is targeted for June/July 2026 to deliver a new Plan by March 2029.

<https://www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk/local-plan-2026-2044>

We now also wait to see the impact of any changes from the consultation on the revised NPPF (Dec 2025) and how it will influence the new ‘2044’ Local Plan. What we do know is that it signals a fundamental shift toward a more centralised, rules-based planning system, which will materially shape the emerging Winchester Local Plan 2026–2044. National policy will carry greater weight in both plan-making and decision-taking, reducing local discretion and meaning that locally distinctive policies—especially on climate, energy standards, and design—risk being overridden or given “very limited weight” if inconsistent with national rules.

### Winchester Sports Facility Assessment and Playing Pitch Strategy 2025–2040

Winchester City Council has now formally adopted the Sports Facility Assessment and Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) 2025–2040. This updated strategy provides an independently assessed evidence base to guide future decision making and investment in outdoor sports pitches and other key facilities across the district. The strategy sets out current and future needs across a wide range of sports and will support planning, funding bids and the delivery of facility improvements in the years ahead.

You can view the full strategy here: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/sport/winchester-playing-pitch-strategy>

### Winchester CIL funding 2026 allocations

Funding raised through the Community Infrastructure Levy has been allocated to projects that strengthen local facilities, enhance active travel routes and support the district’s cultural, environmental and community infrastructure. In the Central Meon Valley ward, funding was approved towards a Hampshire County Council-led scheme to upgrade a footpath/cycleway between Swanmore and Bishops Waltham.

### Shared Prosperity and Rural Prosperity Fund 2026

The government’s Shared Prosperity Fund and the Rural Prosperity fund have been directed by Winchester City Council into local businesses and community projects. Droxford-based SF6 Recovery Ltd, which captures and repurposes harmful greenhouse gases was able to make use of £45,000 to purchase a new trailer-mounted pump, enabling them to expand their operating capacity and increasing their ability to recover the harmful Sulphur hexafluoride (SF6) gas.

### **Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)**

CRF has been launched by the Government and provides assistance for low income households who are experiencing a financial shock, or at risk of falling into crisis.

Support will focus on four areas:

- Crisis payments for urgent financial needs
- Housing support, delivered by District Councils
- Financial resilience services to help residents budget, manage money and avoid future crises
- Community funding to strengthen local support networks

From April to June 2026, Hampshire County Council, will work in partnership with Citizens Advice to deliver the scheme and enable individuals, if eligible, to be able to access support.

A longer term scheme is expected to be launched over Summer 2026.

Further information: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/crisis-resilience-fund/crisis-support>

[Crisis & Resilience Fund Housing Payment \(DHP replacement\) - Winchester City Council](#)

From 1 April 2026, the 'Crisis & Resilience Fund Housing Payment' replaces 'Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP)', providing additional support with housing costs. Following a Motion by your Councillors, approved by Full Council, payments received under the *War Pensions Scheme and Armed Forces Compensation Scheme* are fully disregarded. Hitherto these schemes prevented local Servicemen in receipt of these payments from the benefits of this housing support.

### **City and Spaces of Sanctuary**

The network of [Spaces of Sanctuary](#) is growing, with more organisations signing up to offer safe, welcoming places for peace and guidance without fear or prejudice.

Two new venues have joined: Barnaby's Community Coffee Shop in Swanmore and West Meon Village Shop. Barnaby's, run entirely by volunteers, is a hub for relaxation and community connection.

For other organisations want to learn more about becoming a Space of Sanctuary, or feel like it's something they already offer and would like to raise the awareness of your space, contact

[communities@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:communities@winchester.gov.uk)

### **Meon Valley Community Bus.**

The Meon Valley Community Bus Association website has all the current timetables and information regarding private hire:

<https://meonvalleybus.co.uk/>

They are also producing information leaflets for residents in the area covered by the bus.

To find out more or apply to volunteer, contact Steve Houlding at [mvcbal985@gmail.com](mailto:mvcbal985@gmail.com)

### **Winchester City Council Community Hubs**

Join us for a FREE cuppa and a bite to eat at one of our Community Hub at Wickham or Winchester. Have a friendly chat with our officers about any issues relating to benefits, housing, and wellbeing. For informal guidance, information and sign-posting for anyone looking for support around the cost of living.

#### **Where and when:**

Alresford: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 10:00 – 12.00pm at St Gregory's Church, Grange Rd, Alresford SO24 9HB.

Wickham: Every 1st Monday of the month | 2.30pm - 4.30 pm. Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, Fareham PO17 5AL.

Winchester: Every 3rd Thursday of the month | 10.30am - 12.30pm. Unit 12 Community Food Pantry, Winnall Valley Rd, Winchester SO23 0LD.

Winchester: Every 3rd Monday of the month | 10.00am - 12pm. The Carroll Centre, Somers Close, Stanmore, Winchester SO22 4EJ.

### **My Home Made Better**

An initiative launched by the Hampshire Environment Centre [My Home Made Better](#).

The aim is to inspire residents with one-to-one advice, case studies, videos, online resources, open homes, events and webinars, all designed to help individuals make more informed decisions about their properties. There is free training available for people who would like to become local 'energy champions', who will then be able to provide energy efficiency information to help residents improve their homes.

Contact Stuart Mills at WinACC for more information [stuart.mills@winacc.org.uk](mailto:stuart.mills@winacc.org.uk)

### Other Home Energy Efficiency opportunities

The following offers advice and support. But please carefully check eligibility for grants as they will depend on the type of home and your circumstances.

- [The Energy Saving Trust](#) . Guidance for the type of insulation for properties..
- [Energy Company Obligation \(ECO4\) scheme](#) - supports energy efficiency measures for homes in fuel poverty.

## APPENDIX B

**Hampshire County Councillor Report Apr 2026**  
Cllr Malcolm Wallace ([mwallace@winchester.gov.uk](mailto:mwallace@winchester.gov.uk))

### Hampshire & Solent Combined County Authority – Latest Update

This past month has seen several important steps forward in the creation of the Hampshire & Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA), following the legislation laid before Parliament on 16 March 2026.

#### 1. New HSCCA Website Launched

- The new Hampshire & Solent Combined County Authority website is now live:

👉 [Homepage - HSCCA Website](#)

- The website provides an accessible hub for residents and partners, offering updates, background information, and preparation work leading up to the Authority's formal establishment. This is the first public-facing digital presence for the new body and marks a major step in transparency and engagement.

#### 2. Interim Chief Executive Appointed

- A key operational development this month has been the appointment of Dr Ruth Adams as Interim Chief Executive for the new Authority.
- She is supported by temporary senior officers including:
  - Interim Chief Financial Officer
  - Interim Monitoring Officer
- Recruitment for permanent staff is now underway as the HSCCA accelerates its preparations for launch later this year.

#### 3. Legislative Milestone Reached

- While discussions have been ongoing for many months, the last four weeks have seen a significant formal step: Legislation to establish the HSCCA was laid before Parliament on 16 March 2026.
- This confirms the Government's intention to bring devolved powers to the region, enabling the Authority to focus on transport, skills, housing, economic development, and more once operational.

#### 4. Preparations for Launch Continue

- The HSCCA is expected to be legally formed in summer 2026.
- Devolved powers are planned to take effect from early summer 2026, allowing the Authority to begin strategic work.
- The first Mayoral election remains scheduled for 2028.

### Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has confirmed that the existing two-tier system across Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight will be replaced with five new unitary councils, each responsible for all local services in their area. The new unitary councils will be:

1. *North Hampshire Unitary* – covering Basingstoke, Hart and Rushmoor.
2. *Mid Hampshire Unitary* – covering Winchester, East Hampshire (majority), Test Valley (majority), and the New Forest (majority).
3. *South West Hampshire Unitary* – covering Southampton and Eastleigh, plus selected parishes from the New Forest and Test Valley.
4. *South East Hampshire Unitary* – covering Portsmouth, Havant, Gosport and Fareham, plus several parishes moving from East Hampshire and Winchester.
5. *Isle of Wight Unitary* – continuing as its own standalone authority.

These changes are intended to simplify governance by creating a single council in each area responsible for all services currently divided between Hampshire County Council and district/borough councils. The new authorities are due to become fully operational from 1 April 2028. As part of Winchester City Council, our area will join the new Mid-Hampshire Unitary Authority, alongside:

- Winchester District
- Most of East Hampshire District
- Most of Test Valley Borough
- Most of the New Forest District

Under this new governance model, the Mid-Hampshire Unitary will take on all local service responsibilities, including those currently delivered by Hampshire County Council (e.g. highways, adult social care, waste disposal) and those delivered by Winchester City Council (e.g. planning, waste collection, housing services). The Government has confirmed that nothing changes immediately for residents: services will continue as normal while transition planning takes place up to 2028. You can follow updates, view maps, and read further detail at: [Local Government Reorganisation](#)

### **Local Council Elections Update**

Local elections will go ahead as planned this May, including elections for Hampshire County Council and Winchester District Council. These elections will be the final set of elections for both Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council before they are abolished and replaced as part of the move to a new system of unitary authorities. The first elections for the new unitary authorities—including the new Mid-Hampshire Unitary Council—are expected to take place next May, in May 2027, as part of the national arrangements for electing “shadow” councils ahead of their formal launch in April 2028.

### **Construction to Begin on Hampshire’s New High-Tech Recycling Facility**

Construction is set to begin this spring on Hampshire’s new state-of-the-art Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Eastleigh — a major step forward in transforming the county’s recycling capabilities. Expected to be fully operational by 2028, the facility will allow residents across Hampshire to recycle a much wider range of materials directly from the kerbside. This will include:

- A broader spectrum of plastic packaging, such as pots, tubs, trays and soft-plastic film
- Glass
- Metal packaging
- Paper and cardboard

This development follows the recent expansion of weekly food-waste collections, and together these changes represent a significant shift in improving household recycling rates and reducing environmental impact. The new facility will deploy advanced automated sorting technologies, with potential use of robotics and artificial intelligence to maximise material recovery and efficiency. The £50.5 million project is being delivered in partnership with Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council, ensuring consistent recycling services and infrastructure across the region. The collaborative investment became possible once the Government finalised national recycling requirements in 2025, giving councils the certainty needed to progress long-term planning.

### **Highways - New Process for Informing Local Residents of Upcoming Works**

Hampshire Highways will soon be changing the way it notifies residents and businesses about upcoming planned maintenance works. From the end of March, homes in areas affected by larger maintenance schemes will receive a simple A5 postcard rather than a detailed letter. This postcard will direct residents to a new, dedicated webpage where the most up-to-date information about the works will be available. The reason for the change is straightforward: printed letters can quickly become out of date when plans shift due to weather, operational changes, or unforeseen issues. By moving to online updates, Highways can ensure residents always have access to the latest details — including revised dates, working hours, and traffic-management arrangements. The new approach brings several benefits:

- Up-to-date information: Online updates can be made instantly, so residents aren’t relying on letters that may be outdated by the time they arrive.
- More efficient use of resources: Less printing and postage means more funding can go towards maintaining and improving the road network.
- Supports digital transformation: Many residents now expect to find information online; this shift reflects that change.
- Better for the environment: A single postcard creates far less waste than multi-page letters.

This new system won’t apply to:

- Short-term works, such as surface dressing — contractors will continue to deliver letters for these.
- Small, very local repairs arranged directly by local depots.

You can still find all roadworks information — including utility works — on [one.network](#), and details

for the strategic road network remain available through National Highways at [www.trafficengland.com](http://www.trafficengland.com). Highways recognise that some residents may find online access more difficult. Anyone needing assistance can still contact the Highways Operation Centre by telephone and receive the information they need.

### **Parish Council Briefing: Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) – Interim Arrangements**

Hampshire County Council has launched interim measures to support residents facing sudden financial hardship as the new Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF) replaces the former Household Support Fund from April 2026. An initial £850,000 package has been approved as part of Hampshire's £10.4 million allocation for 2026/27. While the full CRF scheme is being developed for approval in June 2026, temporary arrangements ensure continuity of support. Citizens Advice will provide crisis payments and financial-resilience support, the County Council will issue payments following professional referrals, and District and Borough councils will assist households with housing-cost shortfalls. These short-term measures are designed to maintain essential support for vulnerable households while the County Council prepares a long-term, preventative welfare approach under the new fund.

### **Parish Council Update: LED Street-lighting Expansion Across Hampshire**

Hampshire County Council has confirmed that more than 26,000 new LED streetlights will begin installation across the county from next month as part of a major upgrade programme. The scheme will replace existing streetlights with modern LED units, which are significantly more energy-efficient. The Council expects the new lighting to cut electricity use and associated carbon emissions by around 60%, while also providing longer lifespan and improved light quality. The project will be delivered in two phases:

- Phase 1 (starting April): Installation of 9,300 LED lights on non-residential roads by the end of the year.
- Phase 2 (to spring 2028): Replacement of 17,500 additional lights on main routes and residential streets.

Each streetlight typically takes 15–20 minutes to replace. The majority of locations will experience no disruption, although some areas may require temporary traffic management for safety. Once both phases are complete, Hampshire will have over 38,000 LED streetlights, representing about 26% of all streetlights under County Council management. The upgrade is expected to reduce long-term energy costs and contribute to county-wide carbon-reduction goals.

### **Botley Bypass – Update**

Hampshire County Council has confirmed that work on the Botley Bypass is progressing well as the scheme moves into a more complex construction phase. This next stage requires some temporary traffic management so that engineers can safely link new sections of the bypass with the existing road network. The most significant forthcoming disruption will be a period of full road closures during the summer half-term, from Friday 22 May to Monday 1 June. These closures will enable the construction of the new A3051/A334 roundabout, including raising road levels by around one metre. Signed diversions will be in place. Further details will be provided closer to the time. Throughout late March and April, there will continue to be a mixture of daytime and overnight traffic lights on the A3051 and A334 to support drainage and earthworks. Pedestrian and cycle access will remain open. These arrangements are temporary and designed to limit disruption as much as possible. The bypass continues to be delivered on schedule and is expected to open in late Summer 2027, bringing long-planned benefits to Botley by easing congestion, improving air quality, and creating safer walking and cycling links. Full details, maps, drone footage, and the latest traffic management notices can be found on the county council's dedicated webpage:

 <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/botleybypass>

### **Hampshire County Council Announces £4.3m Thermal Upgrades for Schools**

Hampshire County Council has approved plans to invest over £4.3 million in upgrading roofs and windows at seven schools across the county, improving insulation, reducing energy use and helping buildings better cope with both winter cold and summer heat. The works include enhanced insulation, improved ventilation, better rainwater drainage and the replacement of ageing windows and roofing materials. Construction will begin during the summer holidays to minimise disruption to pupils. The upgrades will support more comfortable learning environments while reducing heating costs and carbon emissions.

### **Free Advice to Reduce Your Home Energy Bills**

The Environment Centre has launched a ground-breaking service to make our homes warmer, greener and cheaper to run. It's called My Home Made Better, and it offers free and impartial advice on everything from insulation and heating upgrades, to switching to new energy-efficient technologies. Experienced energy advisers will simplify complex information and dispel myths to guide you through your options and help you find the best ways to keep the heat in, lower your energy bills, and make your home more comfortable.

This is how it works:

1. You call 0800 804 8601 (or email) to chat with one of the friendly advisers. Lines are open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.
  2. You'll be asked about your property and circumstances, following which you will receive tailor-made recommendations and your own personalised plan. This will comprise a summary of everything discussed, including recommendations and things to consider before taking your next step.
  3. When you're ready, search the independent directory to find local suppliers and installers.
- For more information go to [myhomemadebetter.org](http://myhomemadebetter.org)

## APPENDIX C

## Q4 2025/26 Financial Report & Statements

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL					
Q4 Financial Report					
01 Jan 2026 to 31 Mar 2026					
		Actual to 31 Mar 2026	Annual Budget	Actual-v-Budget	Notes
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
	Precept	56,295.00	£56,295.00	100.0%	
	<b>Other Income</b>				
	Tennis fees	£1,185.00			
	VAT Reclaimed to date	£3,708.42			
	SDNP CIL	£938.60			
	Repayment of duplicated Mar 2025 village maintenance payment	£375.00			
	Wine left over from AMP	£26.97			
	Reimbursement for AMP wine returned to shop	£34.48			
	Grants and Donations - see Schedule 1	£1,350.00			
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£63,913.47</b>			
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Parish Council Funded Expenditure					
	<b>Staff Costs</b>				
	Clerk's Salary	£12,651.90	£12,385.00	102.2%	Net salary (incl O/T) minus printing/I-cloud allowance
	Clerk's Expenses	£51.10	£20.00	255.5%	£30.60 mileage claim for litter pick equipment collection/return Winchester (in previous years a volunteer has done this so an unexpected cost not budgeted for). Budget for 2026/27 increased to £80.00 to accommodate.
	Clerk's Pension	£364.17	£373.00	97.6%	
	Clerk's Training	£480.00	£500.00	96.0%	CILCA paid for
	Administration - Clerk's Office	£480.00	£480.00	100.0%	
	Printing & ICloud Allowance	£53.76	£50.00	107.5%	£4.48/month
	HMRC	£1,088.04	£1,108.00	98.2%	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£15,168.97</b>	<b>£14,916.00</b>	<b>101.7%</b>	
	<b>Councillors' Costs</b>				
	Councillors' Travel & Expenses	£0.00	£50.00	0.0%	
	Councillors' Training/Seminars	£0.00	£200.00	0.0%	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£250.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
	<b>Administration Costs</b>				
	Meeting room hire	£421.00	£334.00	126.0%	Didn't budget sufficiently in 2025/26 for Remembrance Sunday VH hire. This should not be the case for 2026/27.
	Insurance	£1,511.70	£1,658.00	91.2%	
	External auditor fees	£315.00	£331.00	95.2%	
	Internal auditor fees	£270.00	£284.00	95.1%	
	Web-site	£480.00	£504.00	95.2%	
	APM	£184.10	£110.00	167.4%	(Not incl £61.45 income for returned wine.)
	Remembrance Sunday Wreath	£26.67	£30.00	88.9%	Had to be paid as cost to purchase wreath rather than a donation therefore had VAT attached.)
	Community Christmas tree	£100.00	£200.00	50.0%	Only a tree purchased in 2025; no progress made on erecting one at The Gardens - perhaps a project for 2026?
	Bank Service Charges	£73.00	£72.00	101.4%	
	IT	£149.00	£0.00		Accidentally omitted from budget. Accommodated within overall 'admin costs' so virement probably unnecessary.
	Parish Online Subscription	£80.00	£84.00	95.2%	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£3,610.47</b>	<b>£3,607.00</b>	<b>100.1%</b>	
	<b>Grants</b>				
	TS Tenacity	£0.00	£100.00	0.0%	£137(4)(a) confirmed at £11.60/elector. Equates to £9,430.80
	Hambledon Village Scout Group - Remembrance Sunday	£0.00	£100.00	0.0%	No grant applied for - assume refreshments covered by donations!
	Churchyard Maintenance	£600.00	£600.00	100.0%	
	VH Grounds Maintenance	£682.00	£682.00	100.0%	
	Unallocated	£300.00	£1,000.00	30.0%	Hambledon History Gp - time capsule
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£1,582.00</b>	<b>£2,482.00</b>	<b>63.7%</b>	
	<b>Subscriptions &amp; Affiliations</b>				
	HALC & NALC	£465.00	£450.00	103.3%	
	SLCC	£190.00	£200.00	95.0%	
	ICO Registration	£47.00	£35.00	134.3%	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£702.00</b>	<b>£685.00</b>	<b>102.5%</b>	
	<b>Running Costs</b>				
	Parish Maintenance	£4,310.00	£4,200.00	102.6%	Part of bench repairs work from 2024/25 slipped into 2025/26
	Defib Training & Maintenance	£66.00	£150.00	44.0%	
	Glebe Land Rent	£600.00	£600.00	100.0%	
	Glebe Land Maintenance	£700.00	£700.00	100.0%	
	Stewarts Green Playground Maintenance	£85.00	£200.00	42.5%	
	Village Hall Playground Maintenance	£274.78	£1,000.00	27.5%	
	Playground Inspections	£135.84	£150.00	90.6%	
	Hambledon Greening Campaign	£1,417.80	£1,300.00	109.1%	Overspend buffered by £250 donation from Repair Cafe
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£7,589.42</b>	<b>£8,300.00</b>	<b>91.4%</b>	

	Tennis Expenditure	£5,588.03			
	BASS Fund Expenditure	£270.00			
	Other Funded Expenditure				
	Earmarked Reserves - see Schedule 2	£354.20			
	VAT to be reclaimed for payments in FY 25/26	£241.82			
	Sub Total	£596.02			
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£35,106.91</b>			
	<b>Assets</b>				
	Unity Trust Bank a/c @ 31/03/26	£63,335.87			
	Fixed Assets	£168,593.34			
	Sub Total	£231,929.21			
	<b>Schedules</b>				
	Schedule 1 - Grants & Donations Received				
	Tennis	£0.00			
	Green Man beds	£1,100.00			£1000 from CCN for replacement plants/soil for Green Man bed & £100 from Hort Soc for GMB
	Hambledon Greening Campaign	£250.00			Denmead & Hambledon Repair Cafe donation towards BIFFA recycling collection
	Sub Total	£1,350.00			
	Schedule 2 - Earmarked Reserves		Spent YTD	Unspent	
	Flood Reserve	£30.00	£3,000.00	£2,970.00	Distribution of flyers in Hambledonian
	Denmead & Hambledon Ed. Trust Grant - Tennis	£0.00	£10.00	£10.00	Denmead & Hambledon Ed. Trust Grant - Tennis
	Info booklets project	£0.00	£150.00	£150.00	WCC Small Grants Fund
	Green Man flowerbed reconstruction	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	
	Green Man flowerbed maintenance	£324.20	£441.98	£117.78	
	Sub Total	£354.20	£4,601.98	£4,247.78	
	Signed:				
	Joanna Tester (Parish Clerk & RFO)				
	Dated (Minutes Ref.):				

**HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Q4 Financial Statement**  
**01 Jan 2026 to 31 Mar 2026**

Bank balance at 31 Mar 2025	£63,335.87	
Less tennis fund	£2,176.12	
Less total value of BASS fund	£35,357.67	See 'BASS Fund Q4' for breakdown
Less play equipment fund	-£4.22	
<b>Total funds available</b>	<b>£25,806.30</b>	
<b>Earmarked reserves</b>		
Flood Reserve	£2,442.00	
Hambledon and Denmead Ed Trust	£10.00	Held on their behalf for use by the PC
<b>Total earmarked reserves</b>	<b>£2,452.00</b>	
<b>Committed expenditure</b>		
<b>Total committed expenditure</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	
<b>Unallocated reserves</b>	<b>£23,354.30</b>	Equivalent to circa 9.3-months' worth of running costs. HALC recommends maintaining general reserves between 3 and 12 months' worth. (Running costs based on £2,520/month.)

Signed:  
Joanna Tester (Parish Clerk & RFO)  
Dated (Minutes Ref.):

HAMBLEDON PARISH COUNCIL BASS Fund		
Q4 Report 01 Jan 2026 to 31 Mar 2026		
		Notes
<b>Income</b>		
<b>Precept</b>		
BBF from 2024-25	£14,851.87	
From 2025-26 precept	£20,000.00	
<b>Grants/Donations</b>		
CCN - Green Man flowerbed	£1,000.00	
Hort Soc - Green Man flowerbeds	£100.00	
<b>Total income year to date</b>	<b>£35,951.87</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Watering for Green Man beds	£100.00	
Plants for Green Man beds	£224.20	
CFI (entrance gates) application fee	£270.00	
<b>Total expenditure year to date</b>	<b>£594.20</b>	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£35,357.67</b>	Total value of BASS fund
<b>Committed</b>		
Reserve for Green Man Beds Maintenance	£1,117.78	Maintenance by Hort Soc (£341.98 b/f from 2024/25 less plants & watering @ £324.20; plus £1k CCN donation; plus £100 donation from Hort Soc = £1,117.78)
<b>Total committed</b>	<b>£1,117.78</b>	
<b>Expected expenditure</b>		
Licence for entrance gates	750.00	
Entrance gates supply	5,600.00	Latest quote Feb 2026 - £5,513.36
Entrance gates installation	£1,600.00	
<b>Total expected expenditure</b>	<b>£7,950.00</b>	
<b>Unallocated funds</b>	<b>£26,289.89</b>	

## APPENDIX D

## BASS Report Apr 2026

All,

Since our last meeting, Jo has been working very hard behind the scenes on placing the relevant information back to Highways on gate positions and proposals. This has now been submitted and the 3 locations changed to suitable positions. We are now in the hands of HH.

The litter pick was a great success so thank you for all involved in the setting up and managing of this.

Spring Regards, Cllr Clarke

**Repair Café and Recycling:**

- The next Repair Café will be in Denmead on April 18<sup>th</sup> in Denmead Community Centre and in Hambleton on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The venue for that session will be the Village Hall (from 10-12pm as usual) since there is a wedding in the church.
- Our last Repair Café on March 21<sup>st</sup> raised £163 in donations.
- The RC committee has agreed to pay £200 towards the funding of recycled plastic benches for the new terrace outside the Pavilion.

**Retrofit and Community Energy:**

- We now have another Hambleton resident who is willing to open his home for people to see and ask questions about a working ASHP. We have decided to leave this Open House until September.

**People's Emergency Briefing film:**

- Plans are in place to show this 45-minute film in the Village Hall on **Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>**. Admission will be free and refreshments will be served. Doors will open at 7pm for a 7.30 film showing followed by a guided discussion.
- An invited panel of guests include Dr Danny Chambers MP, Councillor Malcolm Wallace and Bors Hulesch, a social and climate scientist. Stuart Mills, CEO of WinACC, will be the facilitator for the evening.
- Since this will be the first showing in the Winchester area after the film's launch on April 7<sup>th</sup>, and is being advertised on the National Emergency Briefing website map - <https://www.nebriefing.org/screening-map> - we expect some visitors from outside the village. We do hope that members of the Parish Council will attend. This is an invaluable opportunity for people to come together, hear clear information, and think about what these climate-related issues may mean for our own community.

**Greening Fair:**

- Finally, another reminder of our Greening Fair coming up on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 2pm, in the Church and churchyard, with the vital theme of Making Space for Nature. A fantastic range of stallholders are coming along, from national organisations like the RSPB and Woodland Trust to local specialists on bats, swifts and bees. With children's activities, live music, local homemade teas and an exhibition by local artists, it will be an afternoon for all the family. And it's free! Do please spread the word...

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

Dr Penny Mahon

(Secretary of Hambleton Greening Campaign)