

2126	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (Appendix B). Questions to HCC: Cllr pointed out that the following claim in the HCC report is not correct: 'Some 72,000 households in Hampshire include someone who has served in the UK armed forces.'	
2127	Police/PCSO report	PCSO Wheeler-Osman reported the following stats for the past month in Hambledon: 1 criminal damage 1 theft 1 theft from motor vehicle	
2128	Mins of previous meetings (02/10/23 & 25/10/23)	Agreed as true records, with the addition of the following for the 02/10/23 meeting: • Item 2100, after the first bullet re BASS meeting w Ian Janes: Post Meeting Note - meeting scheduled for 23 Oct at 10.30am.	
2129	Clerk's progress report	Parish Lengthsman Agreement Schedule for 2023/24 as follows: 08/11/23 (2 hours; in lieu of cancelled visit 02/08/23) 27/11/23 (full day; extra half day in lieu of cancelled visit 22/08/23) 07/02/24 [Cllrs noted that the grips on Back Lane are likely to be blocked - possible additional job for Lengthsman.] Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - HH has confirmed that will revisit the site with the intention to patch the affected area by the junction. Rattling manhole covers. No update. Village maintenance No update. Speed limit reminder No update. Large puddle on pavement outside 13 West St/The Cross Tree - Clerk has reported to HH online but no response received to date. Footpath 18 resurfacing No progress. PC to decide whether to look for contractor quotes or not. Damage to George House bollard. Insurance claim has now been processed and £1k received. Insurers will attempt to claim back £250 excess from delivery company's insurance co., on behalf of the PC. To be removed from report. WCC work at The Gardens. Clerk e-mailed info to WCC Cllrs Wallace & 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. Cllr Lamb e-mailed FC 11/10/23. Response as follows: ... 'Caroline Robinson is the lead officer for this scheme, so I will ask that Caroline contacts you to discuss the proposal and possible time frame.' No contact made to date. [Cllr Lamb has received a response & will discuss under HG item.] Play Equipment Maintenance Repainting of lines on tarmac. 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. No update.	Clerk

2129 cont.	Clerk's progress report cont.	Southern Water issues - letter to Environmental Health (copied to HPC cllrs; HCC & WCC Cllrs; & Flick Drummond MP) sent 19/09/23. Response from David Ingram received 20/09/23 as follows: <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> No update. Branch Trimming Around VH Tarmac Play Area Hambledon Trees Ltd have completed the work. To be removed from report. Flooding on road near Kings Rest Reported to HH 13/10/23. No update yet. Damaged bollards at East St pinch-point Cllrs Hand has reported that two bollards (on the North side of the road) are completely broken off from their bases and lying on their sides (but not in the road). Nobody has any record of the perpetrators details/car details. Clerk has reported to HCC/HH. Remembrance Sunday Parade Nov 2023 Clerk chased both TS Alacrity & TS Tenacity contacts. No response from Tenacity. Bianca (previously of Alacrity) responded 30/10/23 - may be able to help. Awaiting response. • Unable to secure a piper but a bugler has now been found. £150 fee. • Scouts will be marching and doing refreshments etc. • Risk assessment has been completed & insurance co. has confirmed cover. • Cllr Hand has organised Remembrance wreath. • £30.00 PC donation for wreath has been made. Football net - Stewarts Green Nets have been purchased. Goal to be set up on SG. To be removed from report. Resignation of Councillor & Co-option Co-option - process has started: no requests for a bye-election; advertisement has been published with a deadline date for applications of 27/11/23 so that candidates can be considered at the Dec PC meeting. Remembrance Sunday Parade Nov 2023 Clerk chased both TS Alacrity & TS Tenacity contacts. No response from Tenacity. Bianca (previously of Alacrity) responded 30/10/23 - may be able to help. Awaiting response. • Unable to secure a piper but a bugler has now been found. £150 fee. • Scouts will be marching and doing refreshments etc. • Risk assessment has been completed & insurance co. has confirmed cover. • Cllr Hand has organised Remembrance wreath. • £30.00 PC donation for wreath has been made.	
2130	Asset Register	Resolved: that the PC approves the updated asset register.	Clerk

2131	Insurance renewal	Resolved: that the PC approves the recommended renewal quote from Hiscox Insurance Company Ltd for the period 01/12/23 to 30/11/23. The premium (including IPT and all fees) for the year will be £1,258.32.	Clerk
2132	Bank account	Bank balance - £60,803.33 (Cllrs have been provided with bank statement 163, 02 Oct 2023 to 01 Nov 2023.)	
2133	Payment of accounts	Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary (Oct 2023) £866.43 NEST Clerk pension (Oct 2023) £69.94 Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire (Oct 2023; to include BASS meeting 23/10/23 & extraordinary meeting 25/10/23) £45.00 Biffa Waste Services Ltd [Direct Debit set up for hard plastics recycling bin @ VH.] Oct 2023 £45.17 Absolute Cleaning Cleaning/moss treatment (tarmac area, VH) £280.00 Live4Soccer Football post nets £54.95 Hambledon Trees Ltd Branch trimming around tarmac area at VH £55.00 The Royal British Legion Donation for 2023. £30.00 D & J Tester Reimbursement for payment to HMRC - Clerk's NI/tax 2023/24 Q2 (paid to avoid late payment charge) £85.44 SLCC Subscription 2023/24 (50% of total; WMPC to pay the balance) £93.50 Kimcell Ltd Datacenta Hosting .gov.uk e-mail accounts 30/11/23 to 29/11/23 £60.00 Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd Insurance premium 2023/24 £1,258.32 Tennis Alfie Goodwin-Hudson Tennis Coaching (Oct 2023). £70.00 Moritz Flohr Tennis Coaching (Oct 2023) £80.00	Clerk
2134	Planning applications	• SDNP/23/04220/LIS & SDNP/23/04219/HOUS - Manor Farm House West Street Hambledon Hampshire PO7 4RW. Extension and conversion of cart shed to ancillary use. Installation of timber gates. [OBJECTION: on the basis that insufficient consideration has been given to the fact that this former cow shed floods in wet winters and no provision has been made to account for this.] • SDNP/23/04083/FUL - Hambledon Cricket Club, Brook Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4TH Proposed Changing Rooms. [NO OBJECTION.]	

2134 cont.	Planning applications cont.	• SDNP/23/04103/TCA - Oldfield House T1, Speltham Hill, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SE - Sycamore tree. This tree has a severe old wound around 10ft up the main stem which is just below the 2 main structure stems. This wound has been monitored the last few years and it has grown progressively bigger. It shows signs the rot has travelled further into the tree meaning the structure is now weak. The stem of the tree is also at a width it is now encroaching over the road and many vehicles are driving past and damaging the tree and vehicles. Due to its very close proximity to a building (3 meters) and also over a fairly busy cut through road. Also it being a sycamore tree which have small life spans and are very brittle trees. i would advise removing this tree down to a stump, and re planting a new tree in a more suitable location in the land owned next to this tree by the applicant. [NO COMMENTS.] • SDNP/23/04115/TCA - Court house, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RX. T1 Oak Tree. Remove one branch and knuckle to clear from overhanging the roof of the house. Reduce one branch above to the same point to clear the house. As indicated in photograph. [NO COMMENTS.] • SDNP/23/04116/TCA - Bury Lodge, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4QL. T4. Oak Tree, on North East side of house. The tree is approximately 14m tall and close to the property. The crown spread of the tree is uneven with the majority of the canopy adjacent to the house. Reduce the canopy on the south western side by up to 5m leaving a crown spread of 9m. This balance the tree. T5. Collapsed Oak Tree on the SE corner of the house. The trunk is partially unrooted and heavily covered in ivy. There is little aesthetic benefit. Fell and remove the tree. A previous application has been submitted for other trees on this property (T1-T3). [NO COMMENTS.] • SDNP/23/04216/TCA - Dower House, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RZ 40% reduction of large beech tree in rear garden. Pruning cuts of no more than 150 mm. The tree has suffered multiple limb failure, is showing many pockets of rot and decay all the way up the main stem and throughout the crown. Evidence of old cable bracing can be seen which has failed. [NO COMMENTS.] • SDNP/23/04502/TCA - Garden House , West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SN. 1no Hornbeam tree / to crown reduce by 25% - 8ft. 1no Maple tree reduce back to previous pruning points. [NO COMMENTS.]	
2135	Planning apps received after 31/10/23	SDNP/23/03064/HOUS - 5 Park Farm Cottages East Street Hambledon Hampshire PO7 4SB. (Amended Plans) Two-storey rear extension after demolition of existing extension. [OBJECTION - whilst the design detail to the rear extension is now acceptable and the 3-bay garage appears to have been removed, the area of hard standing is still too great and visually intrusive, and should be tighter clustered to match the adjacent buildings (as per the Landscape Officer's report).]	
2136	Planning decisions	Noted.	

2137	FAG WG	Report received (Appendix C). Jan Jarvie reported the following: • Report to PC is now obsolete as it's a week old and there has been significant rainfall since. Now within 5m of a flood warning. Almost certainly will be issued before December. EA give JJ a 48 hour advance warning so that FAG can give a pre-warning to vulnerable residents so that they don't panic when the EA calls them directly to say that they will be flooding. • Will be verifying email addresses on contact list this week and then sending info out to all owners of properties that flood — all equipment needs to be checked and ready for use. • Lower West St cellars likely to be flooding by the end of November. • Southern Water won't provide tankers for Fareham Road until the pumping station is overwhelmed and sewage starts leaking into the river and onto people's gardens. • Benefit this year is that Environment Agency is not on strike, unlike last year. • What does PC need to do? Public meeting in VH for flooders? JJ confirmed nothing at present. FAG e-mail will be going out soon. • Going to need two pumps; generator and sand bags. (During 2014 flood - got through 18,000 sand bags. All deemed contaminated with sewage and were taken away to be decontaminated.) • WCC Rural Prosperity Fund - Cllr Lee to make a phone call 07/11/23 to see if the PC could get funding for some capital expenditure (e.g. a generator and pump). • HCC no longer provide sand bags. People need to purchase them now. • Cllrs agreed that there is £3k in the budget for FAG and this should be used now if having a generator and spare pump/s is a priority. • Cllrs agreed that JJ should get a quote for one generator & one pump & send to Clerk asap. The decision can then be made as to how many pumps should be bought. Purchase can go ahead straight away; no need to get re-approval from PC. • Clerk to send out a general village e-mail - anyone new to the village who is concerned should contact the Clerk who will put them in touch with FAG.	Clerk
2138	BASS WG	Report received (Appendix D). Nothing further to report.	
2139	Tennis WG	No report received.	
2140	Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp WG	No report received.	
2141	Hambledon Greening WG	Report received (see Appendix E). Cllr Lamb reported the following: • WCC have come back with details of work planned for The Gardens. • Cllrs asked for a copy of the plan which was put out for contract. Cllr Lamb to request.	Cllr Lamb

2142	Climate & Ecology Bill - request for support from Zero Hour	Resolved: that the PC responds to the request for support of the Bill by making NALC and HALC aware of its views, rather than taking direct action.	Clerk
2143	Remembrance Sunday	Resolved: that the PC agrees upon a strategy for the Remembrance Sunday event in 2024 and beyond, as follows: • Band needs to be booked a year in advance. • Tenacity has been contacted by Cllr Silcock. No response to date; to be chased. • Review how Nov 2023 event went at the Dec PC meeting.	Clerk
2144	Murder Stone	Resolved: that the PC has considered the request from the Stares family to erect a replacement stone near to the remains of the original Murder Stone on Cams Hill and agrees upon the following: • HPC supports the Stares family's aspiration but is unable to assist it financially. It is happy to show support to Heritage Officer (WCC) and HCC as necessary.	Clerk
2145	Asset of Community Value - The Vine PH	Resolved: that the PC re-applies for The Vine PH, Hambledon, to be listed as an Asset of Community Value (previous listing ended after the five-year period).	Clerk
2146	Reports & Issues	• South Downs Local Plan Review Hampshire Parish workshop - Wed 6th Dec; The Meon Hall, Meonstoke; 6:00-8:30pm.	
2147	Date/time of next meeting	• Mon 4th Dec 2023 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm (Cllr Mason away now until	
2148	Confidential matters	No members of the public were in attendance and no confidential matters were discussed.	

The meeting closed at 9.14pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

APPENDIX A NEW TOPICS

Crime and Policing

- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary has a new Deputy Chief Constable - Deputy Chief Constable Sam de Reya.
 - Deputy Chief Constable aim is to deliver the improvement programme including:
 - Named police officers for every beat across the districts
 - Neighbourhood Enforcement Teams to proactively disrupt criminal activity;
 - **An increased rural presence, accompanied by a new rural crime strategy;**
 - Locally based investigators and teams
 - More proactive patrol and targeting of offenders
 - District patrol team

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- Reducing the fear of crime and the incidence of crime and disorder - Winchester City Council would like to hear your views about where you live - complete the survey - [Welcome to the Neighbourhood Questionnaire October 2023](#)
 - Survey closes 17 November 2023

Household Waste and Recycling

- As indicated last month - there are some big changes on the horizon, with new government legislation/proposals for changes to waste processing across Hampshire to significantly increase household recycling and reduce waste across the district. This is brilliant news for our ambitions of becoming a greener district.
- Winchester wants to prepare and find out more about you, and what you'd like to see in the future. Please have your say in this survey - [We're rethinking recycling Winchester City Council](#)
 - Survey closes 26 November 2023

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2023 – Planning

- The Council has developed various policies that help shape the form of development throughout the part of the District that is outside the South Downs National Park (SDNP). Within SDNP, the SDNP Authority is responsible for planning policy and has [adopted its own SCI](#) in April 2022
- **What is the SCI?**
 - It is a document that describes how the public, businesses and interest groups can get involved in the creation of local planning policy, neighbourhood planning and the planning application process to shape where we live work and enjoy the natural and built environment.
 - SCI is essential to help improve understanding and openness of the planning process. It also identifies how people and groups can engage with the planning system in the best way.
- A consultation runs from 10th Oct to 21st Nov 2023. So please have your say here - [Statement of Community Involvement 2023 - Winchester City Council - Citizen Space](#)

Upcoming Events

- **Winchester Christmas Market, 17-Nov to 21-Dec** [Winchester Cathedral | Christmas \(winchester-cathedral.org.uk\)](#)
- **Winchester Christmas Lights Switch on 16-Nov** - The annual Winchester Christmas Lights Switch on will take place on Thursday 16 November 2023 – See [Countdown to Winchester's Festive Lights Switch On Event and Christmas Market - Winchester BID](#)
- **Winchester Farmers' Market – 26 Nov** - [Winchester Farmers' Market - Winchester City Council](#)

ON-GOING TOPICS

Grants

- **Small Grants Scheme** –WCC District Small Grant Scheme 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 application closes: 28 Feb 2024 or sooner on full allocation of budget
 - [District Small Grant Scheme - Winchester City Council](#)
- **Rural England Prosperity Fund** - £500K+ is available to Parish Councils. More details are available at: UK Shared and Rural England Prosperity Funds - 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 and 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 - from 'The Hampshire Environment Centre'- 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
- **Local** – In addition, Winchester Council has launched a website providing information on local resources: [Cost of living support and information - Winchester City Council](#)

- **The Great British Insulation Scheme**

- Government scheme to enable 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: [Great British Insulation Scheme \(ECO+\)? - Energy Saving Trust](#)

Solar Together Hampshire

- A group buying scheme to residents for high-quality solar Photovoltaic (PV) panels and battery storage at a competitive price.
- Residents can invest in generating their own electricity to save on their energy bills and lower their carbon footprint by having solar panels installed.
- The scheme is now open for registration. To register your interest, visit <https://solartogether.co.uk/winchester/home>

Shoots Along the Routes

- 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.
- For further information contact Kate Morgans, Principal Landscape Architect, via email kmorgans@winchester.gov.uk or phone 01962 848 069.

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](#)

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

- **Southern Water Five-Year Business Plan Submission to Ofwat**
 - Sets out a record £7.8 billion programme, creating an estimated 5,000 jobs across our region, to deliver the benefits our customers and the environment deserve - represents the first major step in our longer-term strategy to 2050. Full PR24 Draft Business Plan submission for 2025-30 - <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/our-plans-2025-30>
- **Bill Increases - to pay for this future investment** - between 2025 to 2030.
 - Customers receiving water and wastewater services - average yearly bills increase by £230 per year (44%) between 2025 and 2030.
 - Wastewater only customers - average yearly increase by £85 per year (27%)
 - Water only customers - average yearly increase by £145/year (69%) between 2025 to 2030.

- Spread over the five-year period the average monthly bill for our water and wastewater customers will rise by just under £9 per month from 2025, increasing to just over £19 per month by 2030, before inflation.
- We will continue to support our most vulnerable customers, providing up to 45% discount on our bills.
- Ofwat will publish their final determination in Dec 2024

APPENDIX B

HCC Cllr Lumby Report Nov 2023

1. HCC budget reductions

I mentioned in my last report the steps that the county council are considering to ensure it can balance its budget going forward in the face of central government underfunding of local government. A final decision is to be made by the full county council at its meeting on 9 November. I will let you know next month about the decisions taken and further public consultations.

2. Update to Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan latest

Over the next two months, an update of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan is set to be considered by each of the five authorities that contribute to the plan (Hampshire County Council, New Forest National Park Authority, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and South Downs National Park Authority) to determine whether each authority agrees that further consultation can take place prior to the Plan being submitted to the Government's Planning Inspectorate for examination. HCC's decision will be made on 12 December. Once approved by all authorities, an eight week consultation will be launched in January 2024. The responses to the consultation are then submitted together with the Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for scrutiny. The local policies contained within the Plan guide the decisions that each of the five minerals and waste planning authorities make when determining planning applications for minerals extraction or waste infrastructure and operations. The impact locally on proposed sites, both for extraction and landfill, is clear.

3. Consultation on proposed changes to school and post-16 transport

Proposed changes to Hampshire County Council's School and Post-16 Transport Policies are the subject of two public consultations which run until Wednesday 6 December. The proposals have been put forward to provide more flexible transport arrangements that better respond to children's needs, demand and external market pressures, while bringing services in line with the latest statutory guidance from the DfE. The proposals are not part of a savings programme, and do not include any proposed changes to the eligibility criteria for School and Post-16 Transport. Details of the proposed changes and links to the consultation can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/Post-16-Transport-Policy-for-2024-25> and <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/schooltransport>

4. Useful links for power cuts and flooding

In the aftermath of Storm Ciaran, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks have provided some useful links in the event of future power cuts. Any loss of supply or damage to the electricity network can report by dialling 105. You can also obtain details of power cuts and restoration times on SSEN's Power Track Website. Their website also contains advice and information on how to deal with a power cut and there is also a webchat service. You can read advice online about how to prepare for flooding and check The Environment Agency web pages for updates relating to flood alerts for the area. For assistance in the event of flooding call 0345 988 1188 or text 0345 602 6340.

5. County Council renews commitment to Hampshire's Armed Forces

Hampshire County Council has underlined its commitment to the Armed Forces, by renewing its pledge that serving and veteran members of the Forces, and their families, are treated fairly and are not disadvantaged when accessing public services such as education and healthcare. Hampshire has a historic and long-standing close relationship with the Armed Forces and has military facilities from all three services. Some 72,000 households in Hampshire include someone who has served in the UK armed forces.

6. Reporting Highway Problems

A reminder of some useful links
 Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>
 Tree/hedge problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>
 Flooding/drainage issues: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>
 Pavement problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>
 Problems with rights of way: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

7. Silverlake

Silverlake, the vehicle recycling centre on the Botley Road between Shedfield and Curdrige, have just commenced public consultation on potential expansion plans. No application for planning permission has been made yet. Details of the proposals, how to respond to the consultation and how to register for a live webinar can be found at <https://www.silverlakeconsultation.co.uk>

APPENDIX C

FAG Report Nov 2023

Overview

The headline for this month continues to be Risk Management. Failure of the Sewerage Systems and Poor Maintenance of our primary flood defences can lead to catastrophic results this flooding season. We remain discouraged there has been no mitigation on these risks to date, and we don't see any signs of action in the near future from either of their owners. Last year we started the planning for the Flooding Season following one of the driest Summers on record, but now we are in the midst of one of the wettest, which will increase the magnitude of stress on our ability to cope with flooding extremes. We will continue to develop our own focus on resiliency tasks within the framework of our Flood Action Plan, and responsibilities of the members of the Flood Action Group to deliver support to the village in spite of unpredictable weather conditions.

The questions are already being asked – are we going to have cellar flooding this season? From what we see at this time with the heavy rains and rise in the rate of aquifer levels – it is very likely.

Aquifer Levels

The readings for Broadhalfpenny Down and Whitedale Farm are starting to go up, and are continually monitored by the FAG over the flooding season to measure the trend. We also suggest to the village that this information is available daily on the internet, and everyone is encouraged to monitor the data themselves.

15/11/22	BHD 42.760 AOD	Whitedale	32.051 AOD
01/11/23	BHD 45.310 AOD	Whitedale	36.108 AOD

Big Pipe, Headwall, Gullies and Ditch

Some progress has been realized with the clearing of the 200+ gullies in the village, but unfortunately just prior to the annual shedding of leaves, which are now finding their way into the sumps. More silt and debris is being deposited in the reservoir of the catchment basin, and the build-up of the sand dam at the pipe exit continues to impede the ability to flow at the as designed velocity and capacity. The water course downstream of the headwall is suffering from an ever-increasing amount of vegetation, and there are signs of significant sloughing of sections of the hedging and ditch wall adjacent to the B-2150, now blocking the flow. The banks are currently soddened with the continual rain.

FAG Agenda for the Coming Weeks.

The Risk Management Plan has now been updated, and will be reviewed as the situation with the affects of weather develop. The Properties Flooding documentation is currently being edited to update property ownership, contact information, and identifying vulnerable residents. This effort requires several labour hours from the team to complete, along with the verification process that ensures accurate data, which also requires continual personal contact with interested parties.

The FAG relies to a great extent on the distribution of checklists to property owners to help them plan their own activities prior to any event, along with regular updating of emergency procedures, along with lessons learnt at the end of the risk period. New check lists are now being developed, and the plan is to get them distributed in a timely manner.

We are also in the process of developing our input to the Hambledonian for the coming months, but it won't be on the streets until nearing the end of December.

It is also important to note that we are always looking for more volunteers and people willing to stay on the look-out for villagers that may need help.

Respectfully Submitted By
Jan Jarvie,
Flood Action Group

APPENDIX D

BASS WG Report Nov 2023

Since the last PC meeting:

- the BASS Working Group members have changed - Murray Mahon has joined the group in place Penny. We are now: John Thornton, Deborah Paul, Laura Plaisted, Jo Walker, Jacqui Dixon, Murray Mahon and self (CS).
- The WG met on 23 October with Ian Janes from HCC (Highways Dept). (Ian had met with CS earlier in the year to discuss the issue of large vehicles using Speltham Hill. HCC offered some revised signage.)
- The WG summarised for Ian Janes the areas we are trying to improve and explored options with him. He offered helpful suggestions on road calming as well as potential sources of Community Funded Infrastructure funding on which we could draw to supplement PC funds (HCC and SDNPA). Ian Janes also reported that the 20MPH decision is now slated for January 2024.

The WG will meet again tomorrow, 7 November, to draw up a set of proposals. The intention is to look at a phased introduction of various measures such as Gates, revised speed limits, pinch points v. build-outs, plantings etc. Once the WG has a clear set of costed proposals that have a chance of being endorsed, where needed, by HCC, we will bring them to the PC for review. The aim is to have them ready for publication to the Village and then for discussion at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Buy-in from Villagers is seen as essential.

Cllr Chris Silcock (Chair, BASS WG)

APPENDIX E

Hambleton Greening Report Nov 2023

Repair Café:

- The last Hambleton RC on Oct 21st was a great success and attracted large numbers of villagers as well as a delegation from East Meon who are interested in setting up their own Repair Café. Penny Mahon will visit the East Meon PC chair on Nov 10th for further discussion.
- The next RC will be held on Nov 16th at Denmead. No RC in December and the next one in Hambleton on January 20th.
- At the recycling station, concern was expressed by a few villagers about the complexity of recycling options. PM has compiled a table of the main local options for publication in the next Hambletonian.
- The government has recently promised a consistent national recycling system but it will not be in place until 2026...

Community Energy:

- Sue Crossley and Nigel Foster attended the WeCAN network event on Oct 11th in Winchester and found they could encourage new groups by sharing with them what our small group has achieved.
- Catriona Cockburn, from Energise South Downs, is hopeful that funding will soon be available to hold a workshop in Hambleton on Future Energy Landscapes, run by the Centre for Sustainable Energy. We have started the task of gathering a small group of interested villagers.
- SC and PM attended the Future Energy Forum run by Energise South Downs on Oct 6th at Bedales School. An audience of over 200 expressed grateful appreciation to the four excellent speakers. Catriona Cockburn has since sent this link to the talks if anyone is interested: <https://energisesouthdowns.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=a03429dcb4f741745ff74df2c&id=50239c77e5&e=96ec83d45a>

Retrofit:

- Making use of the Greening Campaign's new Energy Efficient Warmer Homes pack, HGC is borrowing two thermal cameras from Terena at the cost of £20 per camera for the 3-week period of December 2nd – 22nd 2023. These will be used in conjunction with Alastair McKenzie's personal thermal camera to take pictures of homes and thus help people assess where heat may be being lost.
- The images will be sent to the homeowners with an interpretation booklet.
- We will make it clear that the volunteers are not qualified themselves but will supply homeowners with information from which to gather further advice if they choose. The images should show them where simple changes can be made to their home that quickly and very cheaply save energy.

Local Networking:

- HGC sent representatives to the first Denmead Greening public meeting on Oct 13th and the first Soberton Climate Café on Oct 21st.

We are grateful as always for your support. Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of HGC)