DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council
07 Apr 2025; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:
Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Clarke; Cllr Lamb; & Cllr Mills-Goodlet.
In Attendance:
Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Wallace (WCC & HCC; left 8.03pm); & two members of the public.

Meeting started at 7.32pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2609	Acknowledge ments	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Rose Clark, Anne Hatfield, and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2610	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Silcock. Apologies also received from Cllrs Lee & White. [Post-meeting note: retrospective apologies received from Cllr Daly who was unable to attend due to an emergency.]	
2611	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2612	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2613	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. Members of the public raised points regarding the following: • Appeal against the refusal of SDNP/23/04750/CND (agenda item 2626). Asking for advice re speaking to HH/submission. • Twinning (agenda item 2634). Permission given by PC for David Griffiths to consult with Reville contingency.	
2614	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2615	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (Appendix A). No additional points raised.	

2616	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (Appendix B). Additional discussion around the following: • Devolution. • Local government reorganisation. Letter sent in by 15 local authorities - lack of agreement. • Council care homes - some closed down; money supposed to be spent on creating 'super' care homes but the funding has now been cancelled. • Bus service funding - all going towards existing services, in cities etc. • Warm Homes. Makes a huge difference. Important to get the message out there to those who meet the criteria and could benefit. • Whiteley School - is this 100% Government funded or is Vistry Group involved? Concerns about financial stability. Cllr Wallace to find out.	
2617	Flood Action Group	Report received (Appendix C) and accepted with the following clarifications: • The site meeting with Southern Water has been delayed by PC reps struggling to offer availability, not by SW being obstructive to its scheduling. • Some work has now been carried out on the BP outlet ditch where the most recent RTA occurred. The main debris has been removed from the bed of the ditch but debris remains on the road-side bank, and the deteriorating condition of this bank is obvious. Clerk to send photograph to Cllr Wallace.	Clerk
2618	Mins of previous meetings (03/03/25)	Agreed as a true record.	
2619	Clerk's progress report	**Parish Lengthsman Agreement** -awaiting schedule 2025/26. **Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane** - no update. **Large puddle on pavement outside 13 West St/The Cross Tree** - HH reported back 'no maintenance work required'. E-mail sent 05/02/25 to Gina Chandler (HH) re blocked drains throughout Village. Member of the Highways Customer Support team has reported online on PC's behalf. Last updated 25/03/25 - initial assessment has taken place & further investigation will be carried out. **Southern Water issues** - currently liaising with Floyd Cooper re meeting on-site after Easter to look at damaged fence (Fareham Road) and manhole covers from Green Man to OFTR. **Flooding on road near Kings Rest** - reported to HH 13/10/23. Response 'could not locate defect'. Likely that they visited when there was no road flooding but didn't look into the cause of previous flooding. Suggest wait for next flooding, take photos & re-submit. **Damaged bollards at East St pinch-point** - two of the three bollards have been replaced with narrow, non-reflective posts. Contact has been made with Tracey Webb (HCC) via e-mail & Tracey has taken measurements for the reflective strips during site visit with Cllr Silcock 25/09.	

2619 cont.	Clerk's progress report cont.	**Big Pipe outlet ditch (blockage due to collapsed bank where RTA happened)** - Cllr Wallace has raised a further request following closure of the original one without any work being carried out. Added to work programme 08/01/25. **Blocked gullies opposite OFTR** - reported to HH online (build-up of debris inhibiting drainage of water spilling out of SW manhole covers). Response was that the issue was SW's and had been passed on. **Useful/Emergency Info Leaflets -** WCC Small Grant fund awarded £150. Clerk to take forward when time allows. **Bench Repairs** - now completed. Remove from report. **Villager drop-in 'surgeries'** - no progress to date. Cllr Daly & Clerk to take forward when time allows. **Drain clearance** - e-mail sent 05/02/25 to Gina Chandler (HH) re blocked drains throughout Village. Member of the Highways Customer Support team has reported online on PC's behalf. Last updated 25/03/25 - initial assessment has taken place & further investigation will be carried out. **CIL funding** - no progress to date. To start applications asap. **CityFibre works**: • Site visit with Dean Probert 12/03/25 (who has subsequently gone on sick leave). Case taken on by Adrian Smith. • 24/03/25 - response received from CF Customer Engagement - case resolved. This was in response to my complaint about my original complaint being closed without resolution! Adrian Smith investigating. • Site visit 25/03/24 with Adrian, Jo Walker & Cllr Rob Clarke. Action points were for Adrian to find out if node/man-hole cover could be moved out of the flower bed. Cost of soil & replacement plants would be covered by CityFibre. On-going discussion re how some form of compensation could be given e.g. practical help with a community project. • 27/03/25 - top soil and grass seed deposited on the bed (by ?). E-mail sent to Adrian (& his colleague Stacey King in his absence due to A/L until 01/04/25) asking for it to be removed asap. No response. Jo Walker chased 01/04/25. [UPDATE: compensation of £1k has been approved. To be administered by CCN Communications. Decision re moving the module/man-hole cover yet to be made. Clerk chasing this and also a copy of the works schedule.]	
2620	Q4 2024/25 financial statements & report	**Resolved**: that the PC has reviewed and approved the Q4 2024/25 financial statements & report.	Clerk
2621	Bank account	**Bank balance** @ 01 Apr 2025 - **£36,501.03** (Cllrs have been provided with bank statement 184, 01 Mar 2025 to 31 Mar 2025.)	
2622	Code of conduct	**Resolved**: that the PC has approved the adoption of the new Code of Conduct (Local Government Association's Model Code of Conduct adopted by WCC from the 1 January 2025).	
2623	Standing order for Clerk's salary	**Resolved**: that the PC approves the increase in the standing order for the Clerk's salary by £0.50 from the April payment onwards, to account for the same monthly increase in the HP Instant Ink subscription charge which is paid for by the Clerk.	

2624	Payment of accounts	Mrs J C Tester **Clerk salary Mar 2025 £964.97** NEST **Clerk pension Mar 2025 £78.63** Hambledon Village Hall **Hall hire Mar 2025 £32.50** Biffa **Recycling bin collection Mar 2025 £66.06** JH Tree Services Ltd **Village maintenance Mar 2025 £375.00** JH Tree Services Ltd **Completion of bench work (VH and Glebe Field) £297.00** WCC **Playground inspections £135.84** Murray Mahon **Reimbursement for abba Energy invoice (HG Retrofit Advice Surgery 22/02/25) £150.00** HCC **CFI Application Fee £270.00** Moritz Flohr **Tennis coaching Mar 2025 £80.00** Alfie Goodwin-Hudson **Tennis coaching Mar 2025. £120.00** Tennis Court Services Ltd **Tennis court moss treatment, repairs & re-painting £2,904.00** PDH sports.com **Replacement tennis balls £41.97** Alice Goodwin-Hudson **Reimbursement for Safeguarding training fee £30.00**	Clerk
2625	Planning applications	None received.	Clerk
2626	Planning apps received after 01/04/25	• Appeal against the refusal of SDNP/23/04750/CND - The Lambing Yard, Church Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RT. Variation of Conditions 4, 9 and 14 and removal of condition 10 relating to planning approval SDNP/23/02143/FUL, to allow for changes to the vehicle movements and highway restrictions. [NO ACTION REQUIRED AS CLLRS AGREED THAT PREVIOUS CONSULTATION RESPONSE DOES NOT NEED AMENDING.] • SDNP/25/01314/PA3R - Park Farm, Agricultural Building, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SB. Change of use from agricultural to mixed commercial (Class E). [CLERK TO REQUEST EXTENSION FROM CASE OFFICER SO THAT THIS CAN BE DISCUSSED AT THE MAY PC MEETING.]	Clerk
2627	Planning decisions	Noted, with the addition of the following: SDNP/24/05278/TCA - Court House, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RX. Project: Removal of sycamore closest to the house. Reason: In recent winds it has started to lose large branches, and if the whole tree falls it will crush the property. Removing the sycamore will also help the beautiful beech tree behind. Works: careful removal of the full tree and grinding of stump, carried out by a qualified professional given its size and proximity to other houses and trees. RAISE NO OBJECTION.	
2628	BASS WG	Report received (Appendix D).	
2629	Tennis WG	No report received this month. Clerk informed councillors that the court was repaired & re-sprayed 03/04/25. Safeguarding training booked for May for Alice G-H and coaches. Alice G-H seeking advice on DBS checks for herself and the coaches.	Clerk
2630	Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp WG	No report received.	
2631	Hambledon Greening WG	Report received (Appendix E).	

2632	Village maintenance contract	**Resolved**: that the PC has agreed not to re-tender the contract for village maintenance, and has approved the renewed contract with JH Tree Services Hampshire Ltd (commencement date 01/05/25), with the following amendments to the 2024/25 contract: • Rolling contract (cf the current one-year period); and • Annual review to allow details to be amended as and when appropriate.	Clerk
2633	Hampshire and The Solent Devolution consultation	**Resolved**: that the PC has reviewed and approved the consultation responses as proposed (Appendix F). Clerk to submit responses online.	Clerk
2634	Hambledon twinning with Reville	**Resolved**: that the PC has recognised that support for exchanges under the Twinning Agreement between Hambledon (HPC) and Reville has significantly waned and that, in principle and if/when approval is given by the Reville contingency, the Agreement should be placed on hold until such time as there is renewed enthusiasm from both parties to resume exchange visits.	Clerk
2635	Hambledon Footpath 38 Diversion consultation	**Resolved**: that the PC has agreed upon a 'no objection' response to the formal HCC consultation on the proposed diversion of Footpath 38.	Clerk
2636	Reports & Issues	• SDNPA has confirmed that HPC is due circa £450 CiL payment (hopefully to be received in April). • Village annual litter pick planned for 25/04/25. Two villagers have offered to assist with the organisation. Unable to find the necessary hi-vis clothing for Well Hill pickers, so no ID Verde trucks to be present this year.	
2637	Date/time of next meeting	• **Wed 7th May 2025 at Hambledon VH; 7pm**. PLEASE NOTE AMENDED DATE AND START TIME.	
2638	Confidential matters	No members of the public were in attendance.	
2639	Clerk's hours	**Resolved**: that the Clerk will keep records of, and be paid for at the standard rate, hours worked over and above the 15 hours per week. This data will then be used to inform a decision regarding increasing regular hours and the budget for the next financial year.	

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

APPENDIX A

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

Devolution/Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)
Devolution consultation- closes 13th April

The Government has launched its Devolution consultation and is asking for views on the formation of a Mayoral Combined Authority for Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight. https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution-consultation

Local Government Reorganisation interim plan
The interim plan was submitted to the government on 21st March from the 15 district and unitary councils of Hampshire and the Solent. It does not include any detailed specific unitary options at this stage, other than to state that the Isle of Wight should continue as a separate authority. The plan sets out the strategic principles that will drive the joint programme to set up the new local government unitary structures as well as the challenges that require more clarity or support from the government. These include clarity on the process for any boundary changes, confirmation of the IOW as a separate unitary, support for implementation and ongoing financial sustainability and extension to the timeline.
https://www.winchester.gov.uk/no-listing/devolution-and-local-government-reoganisation

If you have any questions about the LGR and Devolution, contact your Councillors.

Winchester Local Plan Update
The hearing sessions for the Examination will be opening at 10am on Tuesday 22nd April. https://www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk/examination-page

Anyone may attend the hearing as an observer, but only those who have made representation(s) seeking to change the Plan have a right to appear before, and be heard by, the Inspector. Your Councillors will be watching closely to ensure there are no **major modifications that undermine** the vision and objectives to tackle climate and nature emergencies and create a greener District, living well, homes for all and a vibrant local economy. It is hoped to adopt this latest new Local Plan by December 2025.

Work on the subsequent Local Plan required to meet the new National Planning Policy Framework published in Dec 2024 (uplift in housing numbers etc) has commenced with the publishing of a timetable. The aim is to adopt this Local Plan in 2028 assuming there is no delay in the secondary legislation being published in the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act. See timetable - Local Plan Timetable - Winchester City Council

Do you know of a school that wants to set up a bike bus?
A bike bus is an organised group cycle on a set route, with timetabled stops along the way. Winchester City Council has received funding to help two more schools in the district set up a new bike bus, one primary school and one secondary school. Either the school or a group of keen parents, who would like to consider this opportunity, should express their interest at climateemergency@winchester.gov.uk

UK Shared Prosperity Fund - 2025/26
Application details and eligibility criteria to be announced in due course.

To allow early thinking about potential projects it might be useful to review the successful allocation made over the last three years to a diverse range of projects spread across the district. Previous achievements by organisation/businesses and project description can be found at:UK Shared and Rural England Prosperity Funds - Winchester City Council

New Warm Homes- Local grant funding coming soon!
Eligible households within the Winchester district will be able to receive funding to deliver energy performance upgrade and low-carbon heating. These upgrades will now be available to both **on gas and off gas households** in privately owned homes with EPC ratings of between D and G. https://www.warmerhomes.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..
- GB Insulation Scheme – eligible if the property has an energy performance certificate (EPC) of D to G and is in Council Tax bands A-D in England.

- Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) scheme - supports energy efficiency measures for homes in fuel poverty.

My Home Made Better
A new initiative to be launched this month by the Hampshire Environment Centre.
The aim is to inspire residents with one-to-one advice, case studies, videos, online resources, open homes, events and webinars, all designed to help individuals make more informed decisions about their properties.
https://environmentcentre.com/blog-articles/myhome/

APPENDIX B **Hampshire County Councillor Report Apr 2025**

Cllr Malcolm Wallace (malcolm.wallace@hants.gov.uk)

Devolution
Still time to have a say on devolution plans for Hampshire and the Solent area. A public consultation on the proposed new Strategic Authority for Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight is open until 13 April at: Hampshire and the Solent devolution consultation - GOV.UK
Elections for Mayor of the new Strategic Authority are planned to be held in May 2026. As well as promoting the interests of the wider region to central Government, the Mayor will work with local council leaders to make strategic decisions for our region in areas such as transport, skills and employment support, housing and planning, and tackling climate change.

Local Government Reorganisation
Outline plans for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) have been jointly submitted to central Government on behalf of all 15 councils in the Hampshire and Solent area: Hampshire County Council, 11 district and borough councils and the three unitary councils of Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight.
This initial plan towards LGR forms part of wider Government ambitions to replace the current two-tier structure of local government that operates nationally, with a smaller number of unitary (all-purpose) councils. For Hampshire and the Solent region, this means unitary councils will deliver all services currently provided by the 15 councils in the area.
Hampshire County Council is responsible for 85% of local government services and budgets within Hampshire. County Council staff are in our towns and villages every day, working at the frontline of communities and in our residents' homes - such as caring for adults and children; protecting people's health; educating children; maintaining the roads; delivering library services; helping people to recycle more and better; and managing much of the county's green space.
The creation of new unitary councils will inevitably mean that many countywide services will need to separate into smaller units. Maintaining quality of service and ensuring the new structures are sufficiently resilient to support these services must be at the forefront of our thinking as we proceed. Final proposals are required to be submitted to the Government in the Autumn.
More details on both devolution and reorganisation can be found at:
Devolution and local government reorganisation | About the Council | Hampshire County Council

Hampshire Highways Support for Parishes
Demand for new traffic measures far outweighs Hampshire Highways' annual traffic and parking budgets which has resulted in the County Council having to prioritise limited resources towards issues where highway safety is severely compromised. Highways' current safety-led policy targets casualty reduction and prioritises locations with treatable recurring patterns or clusters of reported injury accidents. This targeted approach has resulted in significant reductions in the numbers of people injured in collisions on Hampshire roads.
If Parishes are keen to push forward with traffic management improvements under their own funding arrangements, the first stage would be to fund a feasibility assessment of the project which would also include a cost estimate. The findings from the feasibility study can then be used by the Parish Council to determine whether to proceed to implementation. Irrespective of this, the Highways team will continue to support Parish Councils with enquiries relating to highways issues and these should continue to be reported online.

Stubbington Study Centre
A proposal that could have seen Stubbington Study Centre closed to make way for a new specialist secure welfare children's home has been stopped. As a member of the Scrutiny Committee, I was pleased to not only vote against closure of the Stubbington study centre, but also to get universal support for an amendment that will hopefully ensure that the study centre will be there for the long-term. The scrutiny committee's decision was confirmed by Hampshire County Council Cabinet, who are the final decision makers on this issue.

Halt to Planned Investment in County Council Care Homes
Hampshire County Council's Cabinet have voted to cancel £173M+ of investment in extending the Local Authority's own provision of high-needs nursing and specialist care for older adults, as part of a shift to using

more beds in private-sector care homes. The plan for investment in six Hampshire care homes sites was made in July 2023 at the same time that a plan was announced to close seven other care homes, including Bishops Waltham House. A large part of the justification for closing Bishops Waltham House was that this would allow investment into new facilities at other Hampshire Care Home sites. That plan has now been cancelled in preference to adopting a private-sector solution. The justification for the decision was that:

- Predicted building costs have increased by at least £45 million
- The cost of borrowing continues to rise
- The positive consequences arising from a change to the way the Local Authority purchases care, resulting in its ability to buy nursing and specialist care more cost effectively and easily in the private sector

The Care Home investment plan has been cancelled without going through a scrutiny committee and leaves many questions unanswered.

Bus Services Funding

Improvements to local bus services and associated infrastructure to the value of £13,049,411 will be made across Hampshire during the coming year, 2025/26.

The funding, provided by the Department for Transport (DfT), supports the Local Authority to fund priority schemes and initiatives that make bus journeys on main routes faster, more frequent, reliable and greener, so that more people will want to travel by bus more often.

Specifically, the 2025/26 funding will support:

- a bus priority scheme on Bishopstoke Road, Eastleigh
- bus infrastructure improvements at Sixth Form Colleges
- safety and security measures in bus shelters, such as lighting improvements and CCTV
- real-time and on-bus passenger information improvements
- a fund for rural bus shelters - for town/parish councils to use
- community self-help schemes, such as contributions towards vehicle costs
- support for commercial bus services, including service enhancements
- help with the impact of high bus industry inflation relating to services for rural areas
- bus stop information initiatives
- Disability related initiatives

The priority schemes are set out in the County Council's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and were developed in partnership with bus operators. Going forward, I am pushing to get more resident involvement in setting priorities.

Hampshire County Council's HAF Programme Confirmed for an Additional Year

Hampshire County Council's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme supports around 8,000 children during Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. As well as children who receive benefits-linked free school meals, 15 per cent of funded places on the programme are also available for other vulnerable children and young people.

First piloted in 2018 and rolled out nationally in 2021, the HAF programme aims to alleviate the pressures faced by low-income families during school holidays. It provides around 150 schemes across the county, all ensuring that children have access to healthy food and engaging experiences outside of the school term.

Parents can register now for HAF places at Family Information and Services Hub. For more information about the Holiday Activities and Food Programme and other cost of living support available, visit the County Council's connect4communities web pages.

Funding Approved for new North Whiteley Secondary School

Funding approval of £46.7 million for the new 900-place secondary school in North Whiteley was confirmed at the Hampshire County Council Decision Day on Friday, 7 March.

The site for the new school was secured as part of wider approvals for the development of North Whiteley. The new school, anticipated to open in 2027, is intended to meet the predicted demand for secondary school places across Whiteley, with scope to expand to a 1200-place school if needed, in the future. A planning decision is expected in spring 2025; subject to this, work is anticipated to begin on site this summer and to complete in summer 2027. Full details of the plans for the new school building are available on the County Council website.

Information from Network Rail – Major Engineering Works to Impact Services Across the South Coast during the Easter Holidays

Network Rail are carrying out vital improvement works to stabilise the railway cutting between Swanwick and Fareham alongside other infrastructure improvements, which means train services along the south coast in Hampshire will be amended over these 9 days.

*SWR services between **Southampton** and **Portsmouth** will not run between 12 and 20 April. Services will also not operate between **Southampton Central** and **Bournemouth** between 18 and 20 April.*
Passengers are advised to check before they travel, as other services in the wider Southampton area will also be amended over the Easter break to accommodate for the works taking place.
Replacement bus services will operate over this period, including on Easter Sunday.
Our online journey planners are now up to date with all of these changes. Anyone planning to make a journey during these dates can check whether it will be affected by using the planner on our website at https://www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey
We understand the inconvenience this may cause to you and other members of the local community and are working hard to minimise the impact of the works during this period.

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.

• Energy Saving Trust – Guidance for the type of insulation for properties

• Great British Insulation Scheme – Eligible if the property has an energy performance certificate (EPC) of D to G and is in Council Tax bands A-D

Warmer Homes – Warmer Homes provides fully funded insulation, solar panels and other energy efficiency measures for owner-occupiers and private renters living in low-income households in properties that have EPC energy efficiency ratings from D to G. The previous iteration of this program has now closed, but the Government has just announced a further £26 million of funding has been awarded to our local consortium. Whilst the previous iteration of this scheme only funded measures in off-gas households, the new scheme will be open to all fuel types, including on gas households and off gas households.

Thermal Imaging

A thermal imaging camera, under the right conditions, can reveal where heat is being lost from your home. Your local Community Action Group (for example, SWaCS – Sustainable Waltham Chase and Swanmore) may have one you can borrow. If not, you can reach out to Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis (WinACC) at homes@winacc.org.uk to find out more.

APPENDIX C **FAG Report Apr 2025**

Overview

Not a lot to talk about in terms of flooding and dealing with sewerage for awhile, but management of risks, will continue to haunt us. The weather continues to be very kind to us, with no real rain, wind, or earth quakes. What remains are the significant risks associated with maintenance of our resiliency measures, which have not seen any movement since the last reporting period, nor any attempts of mitigation.

The aquifer levels are well below the state from 2024, and we can assume there will not be any sudden storms that will drive changes.

01/04/24	*BHD 55.850 AOD*	*Whitedale 55.471 AOD*
01/04/25	BHD 48.530 AOD	Whitedale 45.972 AOD

Planned Maintenance

What we must not loose sight of is the current state of the Big Pipe, and its appurtenances:

- Silt and detritus constrictions build-up inside and outside of the pipe – quantity unknown.
- State of the ditch banks, sides, floor and areas of damage, which continue to be ignored by the Hampshire County Council. No plan for corrective action has been forthcoming or ongoing scheduled attention.
- Open areas of risk owned by Southern Water, the subject of countless complaints by Hambledon Parish Council, with no plans put forward to date, including repairs to the roadsides caused by tanker movements, A meeting was scheduled by SW, but didn't happen.
- Big Pipe still has not been tested at full specification.

These matters will continue to get worse over time, and our only hope is to keep the pressure on "owners" to take the necessary remedial actions. Especially as there is now a good opportunity to go ahead through the Spring and Summer without too many interferences, or dangers with safety.

Flood Action Group

We're still here, and eager to stay in contact with residents of Hambledon. And we continue to encourage ongoing two-way discussion with residents regarding ways to stay prepared, and everyone's thoughts and feelings with respect to Climate Change.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jan Jarvie

APPENDIX D **BASS Report Apr 2025**
(Cllr Chris Silcock)

As discussed, there is nothing much new to report. However, in my absence from the meeting, here is an overview of the current situation as I see it:

- The £270 fee has been paid to HCC/HH to initiate the CFI (Community Funded Infrastructure) process. The CFI form was submitted in early March.
- We have agreed the general positioning of the three sets of village entrance gates, viz:
  - Park, on the Clanfield side of the cottages
  - Brook Lane/B2150 junction on the Droxford side of the junction.
  - At/vicinity of the current 30mph near Hook Vinney.
- Getting the gates correctly sited is self-evidently crucial. Anyone driving into Droxford on the A32 from Wickham will note that their entrance gate has been placed midway along the stretch of houses which has resulted in traffic leaving the village speeding up at that point to the consternation of residents. HH assisted Droxford PC in their project..
- We have not obtained HH's agreement on where the gates will be sourced from and who will install them. HH appears to be insistent that they will source/install the gates: this will not only incur a large fee based on the overall project size but there is no certainty thus far that we would get the exactly same quality/design of gate that we want, have discussed and for which we have quotes. We believe that we can source the gates and get eg JKE to install them.
- HH has said that only one TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) is needed to initiate the process to get speed changes (eg 40mph at Park), road signage changes (eg No HGV). The TRO will initiate consultation and will also cost a significant fee. HH has been sent the speed data from Ampfield Traffic which I hope will meet their needs (HH cost for repeating the speed data gathering >2x what we paid..).
- HH has been invited to Hambledon so that we can make progress..
- Finally, there remains the issue of gate design/repurposing of the existing entrance signs to be resolved.

APPENDIX E **Hambledon Greening Report Apr 2025**

Repair Café and Recycling:

- The last Repair Café on March 15th was another very successful and sociable morning. The next Repair Café will be in Denmead on April 19th and in Hambledon on May 17th.
- Another £250 was voted towards the cost of the red Biffa bin by the Repair Café at their AGM on April 1st. It was also reported that over 500 items had been repaired over the three-year period it has been running, as well as over 750 items sharpened.

Climate Fresk workshop March 17th:

- We had a very stimulating Climate Fresk workshop which 15 people attended. Thanks to Jim Lescop, our facilitator, for really helping us understand the science behind climate change through a fun and highly informative card game and encouraging us to think broadly about how we can engage in mitigation. Thanks to the Vineyard for their wonderful hospitality and to WinACC for funding the event.

Six Inches of Soil film May 16th:

- HGC, in collaboration with Hampshire Market Garden and Rushmere Farm, will be showing this inspiring film on soil health and sustainable farming methods, on May 16th from 6.30-8.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are £10 and include a free drink and a Q and A session afterwards. Children under 18 will not be charged. Tickets can be bought at https://hampshiremarketgarden.co.uk/events/.

Biodiversity:

- The national Greening Campaign has offered 6 communities seeds from the National Seed Bank and Hambledon Hort Soc has expressed an interest in being part of this opportunity. We are waiting to see whether we have been lucky!

- We are in touch with the National Trust to arrange a wildflower survey of Speltham Down in May, date to be confirmed.

Future Energy Landscapes workshop:

- HGC has decided to go ahead with this workshop and will contact Energise South Downs to arrange a date in early October for this to be held. It was thought that it would be very helpful to consider how Community Energy might play a part in supporting our community towards a future without fossil fuels.

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

APPENDIX E Draft Hampshire and The Solent Devolution Consultation Responses Apr 2025

FYI - the potential responses are as follows: Strongly agree; Agree; Neither agree nor disagree; Disagree; Strongly disagree; Don't know; and Prefer not to say.]

Question 1: To what extent do you agree or disagree that establishing a Mayoral Combined County Authority over the proposed geography will deliver benefits to the area? DISAGREE. There is insufficient information to make an informed decision therefore the PC feels compelled to disagree.

Question 2: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed governance arrangements for the Mayoral Combined County Authority? DISAGREE. There is insufficient information to make an informed decision therefore the PC feels compelled to disagree.

Question 3: To what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through the Mayoral Combined County Authority will support the economy of the area? DON'T KNOW. As expressed previously, there is little to no information on what is expected to change in our area (Hambledon). Presently, we are not dissatisfied with the economy of the area but without further information it is impossible to make a judgement on how the Mayoral Combined County Authority will affect this.

Question 4: To what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through the Mayoral Combined County Authority will improve social outcomes in the area? DISAGREE. There is insufficient information to make an informed decision therefore the PC feels compelled to disagree.

Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through a Mayoral Combined County Authority will improve local government services in the area? STRONGLY DISAGREE. There is insufficient information to make an informed decision therefore the PC feels compelled to disagree.

Question 6: To what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through a Mayoral Combined County Authority will improve the local natural environment and overall national environment? STRONGLY DISAGREE. There is insufficient information to make an informed decision therefore the PC feels compelled to disagree. There is no evidence that the MCCA will be doing anything differently and there is potential conflict of interest between the two National Parks (South Downs and New Forest) and the MCCA.

Question 7: To what extent do you agree or disagree that working across the proposed geography through the Mayoral Combined County Authority will support the interests and needs of local communities and reflect local identities? STRONGLY DISAGREE. There is insufficient information to make an informed decision therefore the PC feels compelled to disagree. There is no evidence that the MCCA will consider the needs of our local area any more than the current authorities do. The way in which the MCCA is elected requires them to represent the majority rather than the minority of voters, therefore as a small community the needs of our parish are unlikely to be represented.