DRAFT MINUTES

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

PRESENT:
Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Silcock; Cllr Lamb; Cllr Mills-Goodlet; & Cllr Daly.

In Attendance:
Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Lee (WCC; left 7.57pm); & Cllr White (WCC; left 7.57pm)

Meeting started at 7.33pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2704	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Tony Smith, Alec Tilley, and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2705	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Hand & Clarke. Apologies were also received from Cllr Wallace (WCC & HCC)	
2706	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2707	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2708	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. No members of the public in attendance.	
2709	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2710	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix A). Additional points discussed as follows: • WCC - highest scoring district council for climate change. • Nature Improvement Plan - future-proofing. • My Home Made Better - uptake hasn't been good so far. • South Downs National Park Partnership Management Plan consultation - deadline 01/08/25. • Clerk to contact CCN re diversion via Speltham Hill (Cllr Encke to send details.) Question to district councillors: • LGR - is there a possibility that Hambledon could be grouped with Portsmouth? [No - Hambledon is in the Central Meon Valley Ward which is not one of the 'southern' wards.]	Clerk/Cllr Encke

2711	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix B).	
2712	Mins of previous meeting (02/06/25)	Agreed as a true record.	
2713	Clerk's progress report	**Parish Lengthsman Agreement** - schedule for 2025/26: 30/07/25; 05/11/25; & 05/02/25. Suggestions for 30/07 visit: • vegetation clearance - fp34 (top of the steps onto Speltham Down); • vegetation clearance - fp13/15a (bottom of Vineyard by the School). [Manor Barn - overgrown hedge/vegetation on wall impacting on area around bus shelter on West St. Cllr Silcock to provide contact details for landowner. Clerk to request cut back.] **Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane** - no update. **Southern Water issues** - site meeting with Floyd Cooper & James Clarke re to look at damaged fence (Fareham Road) and manhole covers from Green Man to OFTR. Details/outcomes provided to councillors 21/05/25. Remove from report & continue updates within FAG report. **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. Remove from report. **Big Pipe outlet ditch (blockage due to collapsed bank where RTA happened)** - 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. Photographs sent to Cllr Wallace. Response from HH 23/05/25 that 'works are now complete'. Councillors to advise if they wish to dispute this. 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. To be removed from report & any on-going issues re-visited via FAG report. **Useful/Emergency Info Leaflets** - WCC Small Grant fund awarded £150. Clerk to take forward over the summer. **Villager drop-in 'surgeries'** - Cllr Daly has made contact with Lunch Club organiser and will be attending the next event. Any issues/questions raised will be brought back to the PC and if necessary discussed at the subsequent PC meeting. **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. Checked 06/05/25 - no change to status. 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.'	Cllr Silcock/ Clerk

2713	Clerk's progress report	**SDNPA CIL fund** - application has been submitted for £30k for phase 1 of BASS traffic calming measures. Remove from report. **CityFibre works** • £1000 received for bed reinstatement. • Adrian Smith still investigating whether chamber can be moved. Last e-mail sent 28/05/25 to chase update. • Cllr Clarke in direct contact with Ashley Adams (CCN). On-going.	
2714	Clerk's CilCA registration	**Resolved**: that the PC has approved the Clerk registering for the CiLCA qualification.	
2715	Q1 2025/26 financial report & statements	**Resolved**: that the PC has approved the Q1 2025/26 financial report & statements.	
2716	Annual Internal Audit Report 2024/25	**Resolved**: that the PC has received the detailed IA report, acknowledges the recommendations made, and agrees upon the following actions: • Clerk to apply for a debit card for the Unity Trust bank account. • Clerk to look at any policies that require updates & add to the Sept PC agenda.	Clerk
2717	Delegation arrangements for August 2025	**Resolved**: that the PC has approved the delegation arrangements for the period between the July and September PC meetings, as follows: • payment of accounts - to be approved by the Chair & Clerk, under delegations stated in the PC's standing orders. • responding to planning consultations - consultation to be conducted via e-mail; comments to be drawn up by Planning Committee members (Cllrs Clarke & Silcock) & submitted by the Clerk. Any applications considered potentially 'contentious', or where other PC members do not agree to the comments recommended by the Planning Committee, will require discussion at an extraordinary PC meeting, unless the Planning Case Officer is able to grant an extension to beyond the date of the Sept PC meeting.	
2718	Bank account	**Bank balance - £57,298.76** @ 30 June 2025; bank statement 187, 01 June 2025 to 30 June 2025, has been forwarded to cllrs.	
2719	Payment of accounts	Mrs J C Tester **Clerk salary June 2025** **£965.47** NEST **Clerk pension June 2025** **£78.67** Mrs J C Tester **Clerk expenses June 2025** **£201.12** **(overtime - 12 hrs + additional £0.63/hr for 32 hrs throughout April & May paid at incorrect rate)** Hambledon Village Hall **Hall hire June 2025** **£32.50** Biffa **Recycling bin collection June 2025** **£111.06** JH Tree Services Ltd **Village maint. June 2025** **£375.00** SLCC **CiLCA registration 2025** **£450.00** Information Commissioner's Office **ICO reg.** **£47.00** HMRC **Clerk's tax/NI Q1 2025/26** **£tbc** Do the Numbers Ltd **Internal Audit 2024/25** **£270.00** Moritz Flohr **Tennis coaching June 2025** **£20.00** Alfie Goodwin-Hudson **Tennis coaching June 2025** **£140.00**	

2720	Planning applications	• SDNP/25/02574/FUL - Park Farm, Agricultural Building, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SB. Introduction of new windows, door and disabled ramp. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/25/01984/TCA - Bury Lodge, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4QL. The tree is a European ash, suffering from Ash dieback (see photo 1). It is close to the public footpath that runs along the northern boundary of our fields and presents a danger. It is labelled as Tree 1 on our drawing. [NO COMMENT.]	Clerk
2721	Planning apps received after 01/07/25	• SDNP/25/02711/FUL - Peoples Market, 1 West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RW. Minor internal and external alterations and associated works to the existing old garage building in order to convert it from the current part business use to a single three bedroom dwelling. • SDNP/25/02678/LIS - Peoples Market, 1 West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RW. Minor internal alterations and associated works to the listed building of No. 1 West Street / The Peoples Market along with a small rear extension to the annex building on Speltham Hill which is attached to No. 1 West Street. • SDNP/25/02710/FUL - Peoples Market, 1 West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RW. Minor internal alterations and associated works to the listed building of No. 1 West Street / The Peoples Market along with a small rear extension to the annex building on Speltham Hill which is attached to No. 1 West Street. Comments for all three applications as follows: Hambledon PC OBJECTS to this proposal. When considered in conjunction with associated applications [SDNP/25/02678/LIS; SDNP/25/02710/FUL; and SDNP/25/02711/FUL], the resulting development would place heavy demands on on-street parking within what is already a congested part of the Village. Whilst the PC is fully supportive of the applicant's desire to retain the shop, it has serious concerns about the negative effect that increased resident road-side parking would have on passing trade, and hence the viability of the shop going forward. In addition, road safety is of utmost concern: many school families park in the vicinity and walk to and from the primary school along West and East Streets or Speltham Hill, and then up the High Street (no pavements). An increase in on-street parking will put more strain on an already crowded area and has the potential to pose an increased danger to our pedestrians, particularly children and the elderly.	
2722	Planning decisions	Noted.	
2723	Flood Action Group	No report received. Cllr Encke reported that waiting for list of volunteers and flooders from JJ. Clerk to look into GDPR implications of holding personal data. Cllr Encke to e-mail JJ.	Clerk/Cllr Encke
2724	BASS WG	Report received (Appendix C).	
2725	Tennis WG	No report received.	

2726	Tennis court surround	**Resolved**: that the PC accepts the quote from its maintenance contractor for replacement of the wooden baton separating stones from grass surrounding the tennis court, at a cost of £325 + VAT.	Clerk
2727	Play WG	No report received & no additional updates.	
2728	Infant swings maintenance work	**Resolved**: that the PC defers to the Sept meeting the consideration of the quote for the rust treatment & re-painting of the infant swings at the Village Hall playground (quote not yet received).	Clerk
2729	Hambledon Greening WG	Report received (Appendix D). Cllr Lamb reported that HG meeting tonight was cancelled, hence so no further updates.	
2730	Addition of footpath between footpaths 13 and 15 (Hambledon Vineyard)	**Resolved**: that the PC does not pursue the request to the Planning Inspectorate for a Schedule 14 Direction in respect of its application for a definitive map modification order (28/11/14) to create an official right of way between fp 13 and 15. Instead, members will await the anticipated application from Hambledon Vineyard to alter the route of fp13 and create an additional fp to link fp13 and 15.	
2731	Reports & Issues	• Government announcement 05/06/25 - it will be enacting legislation to enable councils to allow remote attendance, and proxy voting. No date has yet been given for when the legislation will be put forward, but HALC will be keeping members updated. • HCC online Local Government Reorganisation briefing (specifically for local councils) 15/07/25 @ 10am.	
2732	Date/time of next meeting	• Mon 1st Sept 2025 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm.	
2733	Confidential matters	No members of the public or press were present and no confidential matters were discussed.	

The meeting closed at 9.21pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

APPENDIX A

Winchester City Councillor Report July 2025

Cllr Malcolm Wallace (mwallace@winchester.gov.uk)
Cllr Danny Lee (dlee@winchester.gov.uk)
Cllr Suzanne White (SWhite3@winchester.gov.uk)

Winchester - highest scoring District Council for Climate Action

Your Councillors have been pleased to have actively pushed for and backed the strongest action on Climate Change. This has resulted in Winchester City Council achieving an impressive 68 % overall in the Climate Emergency UK 2025 Climate Action Scorecard (an increase of 19% compared to 2023)—the highest among district councils—with notable strengths in Buildings & Heating, Planning & Land Use, and Collaboration & Engagement. The strong performance reflects deep retrofit work, carbon policies in the Local Plan, and active partnerships aimed at reaching net zero by 2030. The high score shows the Council is using climate action not only to cut emissions but also to future-proof its operations, protect public money, and safeguard community well-being. A win-win for residents, communities and the environment. For more information see Winchester City Council Climate Action Scorecard

Nature Improvement Plan (draft)

A new Nature Improvement Plan (NIP) (draft) for Winchester sets out the council's strategic approach to promoting and achieving nature improvement and recovery across the Winchester district. It sets out five new pathways:

1. Protect & manage land for nature
2. Create new spaces for nature
3. Deliver nature-based solutions (NBS) for climate change
4. Prevent & control pollution
5. Connect people to nature

The council will ensure that all improvement work contributes towards the delivery of the Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS). The LNRS and other legislation especially the Environment Act - Environment Improvement Plan -10 Core goals will provide a guide for where and how to deliver improvements for nature on a landscape scale, and create bigger, better, more joined up spaces for nature irrespective of administrative boundaries.

There will be two sets of Measures for 2025-2030, one for council-based actions on council owned and managed land, and one for district wide actions.

The draft Policy is available here: Document for Health and Environment Policy Cttee. (Page 15 for an overview of the Policy. Page 23 Full draft Policy)

This NIP aligns with the 5 pathways in the Winchester Carbon Neutrality Action Plan, in particular - Carbon sequestration through nature-based solutions.

If Parish Councils or residents have any comments on the Pathways, Principles or Measures please let your Councillors know.

Devolution & Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

The largest shake-up of English local government in 50 years continues. The Government intends to re-organise the structure of local Govt in Hampshire and the Solent by 2028.

Devolution

Devolution work is progressing to deliver a Mayor-led County Combined Authority (MCCA) covering Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton & IOW with Mayor elections in May 2026.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

In parallel with Devolution, Councils across Hampshire are working towards options for structural change to reshape local governance and streamlined services for new Unitary Authorities (UAs).

The aim is for councils to define the configurations for potential UAs replacing existing two-tier arrangements. Each council can submit a single proposal for which there must be a clear single option and geography for the area as a whole.

Current situation:

At the moment in Hampshire, we have 3 unitary authorities (Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight), Hampshire County Council and 11 district councils – including Winchester City Council. The Govt requires us to create Unitary Authorities to serve residents in our area. There are two different set of proposals being prepared, which have to use the same data set. HCC and EHDC is considering four different UA options – see Councils of the future | Hampshire County Council. In one case Winchester would form part of a large Unitary Council with BDBC, Hart, Rushmoor, EHDC and in another with the same councils and Test Valley. Winchester City Council is working with all other Councils in Hampshire and Solent on options for reorganisation that build on what makes our communities unique - while making services efficient and future-proof. One proposal considers whether some of the parishes on the southern and eastern border of Winchester should be included in a Unitary Council based around Portsmouth City Council. Winchester City Council now wants to hear from you. What matters most to you and your area? Please have your say via the online survey on the Commonplace platform which is hosting the survey for the 12 councils across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The survey will complete by 27th July! Your views will help the Council decide which proposal should go forward and how local government in Hampshire could make decisions going forward.



https://ourplaceourfuture.commonplace.is/

If you would prefer to take part in this engagement through a different method, such as completing questions on a paper copy or telephone interview, you can make contact to do this as shown below. Opening hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 18:00 pm. Email: ourplaceourfuture@thinksinsight.com
Phone: 020 7845 5880
Parish Councils and residents can also come and talk to the Winchester Council to understand more at drop-in sessions/roadshows across the district:

1. Monday 7 July – Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley 4pm – 7pm
2. Thursday 10 July – Alresford Market, SO24 9AG 8am -2pm
3. Monday 14 July – Wickham Square (next to village bakery) 3pm - 6pm
4. Tuesday 15 July – South Wonston Pavilion 3pm - 6pm
5. Monday 21 July – Colden Common Community Centre next to the Co-op 3pm - 6pm
6. Wednesday 23 July – All Saints Church Hall, Denmead 4pm - 7pm
7. Thursday 24 July – Winchester High Street, St Maurice's Covert 8am-2pm

Posters will be provided to Parish Councils to be displayed on community notice boards.

Timelines for Reorganisation
July 2025: Public engagement
17/18 July 2025 - HCC Full Council & Cabinet to agree final preferred option for submission.
24/25 September: Winchester Full Council/Cabinet agree final LGR option proposal(s).
26 September 2025: Final proposals submitted to the Government by all Councils.
May 2026: Mayor elections, County/District elections (tbc)
April 2027: Creation of a Winchester Town Council
May 2027: Shadow unitary councils form
May 2028: New local Govt structure with Unitary Authorities for Hampshire and the Solent goes live.

Winchester revised Local Enforcement Plan
The new Local Enforcement Plan has now been adopted.
https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/documents/s32815/DD86%20-%20Appendix%201%20-%20Local%20Enforcement%20Plan%202025.pdf

South Downs National Park Partnership Management Plan consultation - until 1st August 2025.

The Partnership Management Plan is for the National Park as a whole and sets out the shared ambitions of many different partners for the next five years, including the work of the National Park Authority. The consultation is on the new draft vision and the identified seven aims.

The surveys for the general public and partners/organisations can be found here:
https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/national-park-authority/our-work/partnership-management/

Improving the implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain for minor, medium and brownfield development - a Defra consultation until 24 July 2025

Defra would welcome what you think about the implementation of biodiversity net gain (BNG) for minor, medium and brownfield development. BNG is a way of creating and improving natural habitats. BNG makes sure development has a measurably positive impact ('net gain') on biodiversity, compared to what was there before development. https://consult.defra.gov.uk/defra-biodiversity-net-gain/improving-the-implementation-of-biodiversity-net-g/

District Small Grant Scheme- now open

Grants of up to £3000 are available for not-for-profit organisations. This year's funding priorities are 'Healthy Communities' and 'Greener Faster'.
https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/small-grant-scheme

Support for sustainable travel

Winchester City Council's Sustainable Travel Officer Anna Heron is offering support to help promote sustainable travel. This includes advice on community travel planning and collecting data to show what travel initiatives might be needed as well as help with travel events or funding for travel initiatives.
Please contact aherron@winchester.gov.uk for more information.



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

A new initiative has now been launched 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. 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

Local sustainability groups will be sharing this information with residents at some of the local summer fetes. More information can be found here - https://myhomemadebetter.org/

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.

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

Cllr Malcolm Wallace (mwallace@winchester.gov.uk)

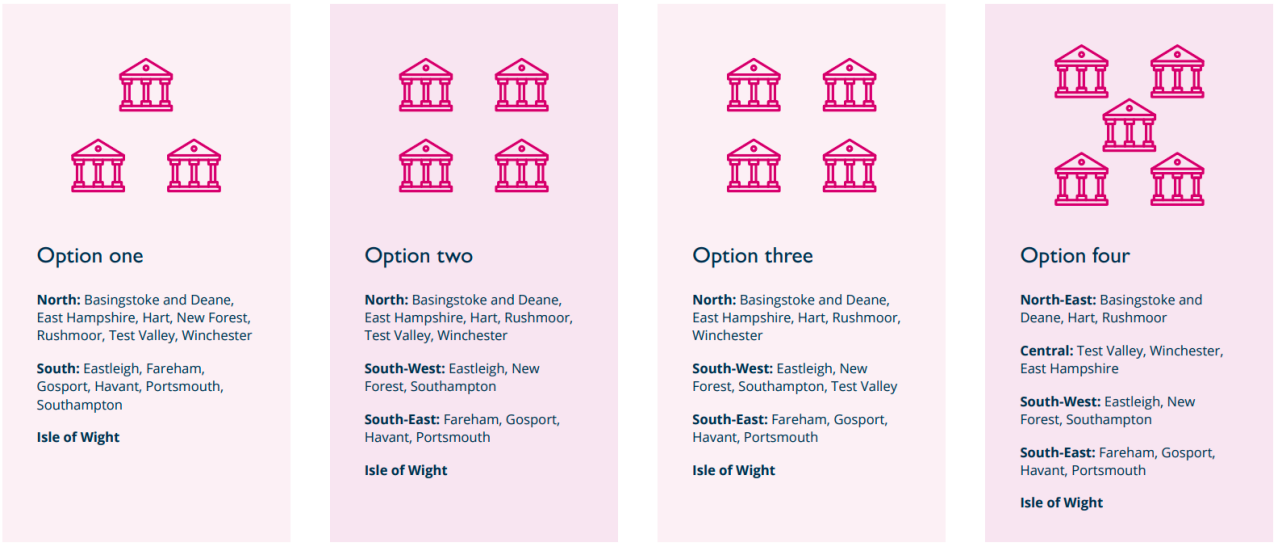
New Chief Exec for Hampshire County Council

Subject to formal approval by Full Council, Gary Westbrook will take on the role as HCC Chief Executive from 19 July, following the retirement of current Chief Executive, Carolyn Williamson. Carolyn announced her retirement from Hampshire County Council on 21 March following four years in the post as the Authority's first female Chief Executive. Mrs Williamson has spent 15 years at Hampshire County Council, as part of a total career in public service of over 40 years. Hampshire County Council is one of the largest local authorities in the country delivering services to 1.4 million residents across the county. As Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service, Gary will be responsible, through the Council Leader, for managing an annual budget of approximately £3.1billion, and leading a workforce of nearly 10,000 employees directly and many more indirectly, including via hundreds of Hampshire schools. Gary is currently the County Council's Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Hampshire 2050.

Local Government Reorganisation

Under national plans for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), central Government intends to replace Hampshire County Council, 11 district and borough councils across the county, plus the unitary councils of Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight, with a number of unitary local authorities, all delivering the same public services as they do now to help make councils more efficient and effective. All 15 local authorities in the region have been tasked to come up with proposals for how councils should be reorganised from 2028 onwards, evidenced against various criteria. They will then be submitted to central Government this autumn for a final decision. Hampshire County Council is assessing four potential reorganisation options (see graphic below). Separately to this, a group of district councils (including Winchester) are reviewing alternative options, all based around five unitary authorities.

Each Local Authority in Hampshire and the Solent region has until 26-Sep to put forward their proposal on how local government should be reorganised in our region. More details on both devolution and



reorganisation can be found at: Devolution and local government reorganisation | About the Council | Hampshire County Council

Highways Update from Cllr Bowerman, Executive Member for Highways & Passenger Transport

I'm aware that the condition of our roads is always a topic of interest, and I know you all appreciate the continued efforts of our Highways Teams to keep them safe and serviceable, despite significant ongoing funding challenges. Thanks to their hard work, Hampshire remains the highest-performing county authority for highway maintenance in the southeast region, based on annual 'National Highways and Transport' (NHT) survey results. The winters of 2022/23 and 2023/24 brought significant and widespread impacts across our network. In response, the County Council's *Stronger Roads Today* uplift funding was put to good use. Fortunately, the winter of 2024/25 was relatively mild, and the warmer weather since March has enabled the team to carry out more routine maintenance, with fewer emergency reports and jobs, offering a welcome reduction in disruption to planned activity. Since November 2024, approximately 22,700 potholes and other urgent road defects have been repaired and during the same period almost 40,000m2 of structural carriageway patching has been completed. While financial pressures remain, the confirmation of an additional £14.1 million in funding from the Department for Transport for 2025/26 will allow us to deploy more resources across our 5,500 miles of roads and other highway assets. The Government has indicated that a portion of this funding will be withheld until local highway authorities submit a report by the end of June, which is also to be published online. Given our strong track record for delivery and efficient and value-for-money service, officers are confident that Hampshire will receive its full allocation this year. Since April, our teams have focused on delivering road-strengthening treatments that generally require warmer weather to be most effective. This includes surface dressing (a cost-effective preventative measure used widely on roads that are in relatively good condition) to seal and restore the surface texture, preventing deterioration and extending the road's lifespan. Progress across all spring treatment programmes has been swift and largely uninterrupted, with virtually no production days lost to weather. Early and thorough planning has ensured all necessary 'road-space' permits were secured in advance, which is increasingly challenging in some areas of the county. To date, 120 sites have been treated, covering more than 60 miles, this includes surface dressing, alongside asphalt preservation and carriageway micro asphalt, both of which are sealant treatments to restrict water ingress. Traditional resurfacing will continue throughout the remainder of the year. I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that helpful information is available on the County Council's highways webpages (Hampshire County Council Highways | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council). Here, you can find more information on the various highway surface treatments that are used, the latest planned maintenance programme and is the best way to report issues on the network.

Plans for a 'Lane Rental' Scheme to Minimise Roadworks Disruption

Proposals are moving forward on the introduction of a new lane rental scheme aimed at reducing roadworks delays on Hampshire's busiest roads during peak times. The lane rental scheme would charge a daily fee for the duration of roadworks on more than 550 miles – or roughly 10 per cent – of Hampshire's roads. The County Council agreed in January to progress plans for a lane rental scheme, which would complement the existing road permitting system. Detailed proposals have now been set out which include which roads are considered to be the most strategically important or where roadworksand/or streetworks are likely to cause significant delays and disruption to traffic flow. The County Council will undertake a consultation with

relevant stakeholders, including utility companies, over the summer. Final recommendations will then be developed before formal approval is sought from the Department for Transport. The aim is for the scheme to become operational in Spring 2026. Charges would vary depending on the type and level of disruption caused by the works. Any surplus revenue generated - beyond the basic operational costs - would be ring-fenced to fund innovative projects aimed at reducing the impact of street and roadworks. Subject to new national legislation expected later this year, up to 50% of the income generated could also be reinvested into routine highway maintenance, including day-to-day repairs such as pothole fixes. Lane rental schemes are already in place in several parts of the UK and they must comply with national legislation. Charges can only be applied to the most congested and strategically important local roads managed by the highway authority and under current legislation, the County Council would be permitted to charge up to £2,500 per day - the maximum allowed.

Botley Bypass

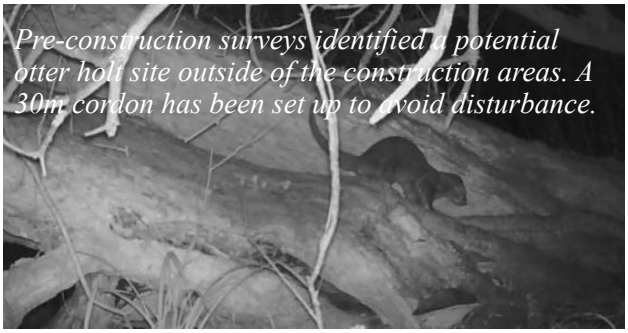
As part of ongoing communications for the Botley Bypass scheme, the team will be publishing a series of quarterly blogs, each focusing on a specific theme. The first, launching this week, highlights **Ecology**.

Given that much of the work on this scheme is taking place offline and out of public view, the aim of these blogs is to offer valuable insight into the progress being made. Where key milestones arise between scheduled updates, additional blogs may be issued to keep stakeholders informed. The blogs will be published on the scheme webpage: Botley Bypass | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council

This first edition has been developed in collaboration with M Group and HCC ecology and environmental teams. It aims to shed light on the extensive preparation involved in readying the site for construction, as well as the ongoing efforts to monitor and protect Botley's local wildlife. Hope you find it a positive and informative read.



A fish pass was built in 2015 to help sea trout and European eels swim past the Botley Mill weir.



Pre-construction surveys identified a potential otter holt site outside of the construction areas. A 30m cordon has been set up to avoid disturbance.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service's Annual Performance Report

HIWFRA's annual performance report for 2024/25 has now been published and is available to view on the Service website. You can access the report via the following link: HIWFRS_Annual-Peformance-Report_2025.pdf.

The report highlights the Service's key achievements and performance over the past year. I hope you find the report a valuable insight into the work and progress of the Service.

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.

This should be a fantastic new service, and I encourage everyone to make use of it! For more information go to **myhomemadebetter.org**

Energy Efficiency Grants

The following offer 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.

APPENDIX D **BASS Working Group July 2025**
Cllr Chris Silcock (Chair)

Not a great deal to report:

- the PC agreed at the last meeting to install Glasdon White Gates at three points in the Village.
- the Clerk then made a formal submission to HCC in their mandated format. This is still being assessed by the Highways Dept. An answer is expected in the w/c 14 July.
- Once we get the go-ahead, an order will need to be placed with Glasdon and JK Engineering then booked to do the installation once the Gates are received.
- Then, the PC will need to consider what it wishes to take forward under the TRO process and in what order. A paper will come to the PC after the summer break.

APPENDIX C **Hambledon Greening Report July 2025**

Repair Café and Recycling:

- The next Repair Café and Recycling will be in Hambledon on July 19th from 10-12pm.
- The weekly red bin collection seems to be working well. The bin is full but not overflowing when emptied each Tuesday.

Devolution and Strengthened Nature and Climate Duties:

- HGC has received a helpful and detailed response from Danny Chambers MP to their recent letter thanking him for his support. The letter has been forwarded to the Parish Clerk.
- Sue Crossley, leader of HGC, and others from the wider Winchester Greening community (including WinACC who will have a stall there) will be going up to Westminster on July 9th for the Climate and Nature Rally, organised by the Climate Coalition. They plan to lobby their MPS and Sue has an appointment with Danny Chambers in the afternoon.

Biodiversity:

- HGC supporters will be joined by some Year 6s from Hambledon School for the first of the two butterfly surveys on July 9th at 11am.
- The next Hambledon Greening Fair on Saturday May 9th 2026 will have biodiversity as its theme. Planning has begun with members from Hambledon Eco-Church and HGC.

Community Energy and a Future Energy Landscapes workshop:

- Two dates are being discussed for this workshop in the Village Hall to be run by Energise South Downs and WinACC: Wed Oct 16th or 23rd at 6.30pm. We look forward to publicising this when the date is confirmed.

Summer Show:

- HGC will have a stall as usual in the Summer Show on August 24th.

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