



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council
14 May 2026; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair); Cllr Clarke; Cllr Mills-Goodlet; Cllr Hand; Cllr Wale; & Cllr Piper

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Wallace (WCC; left 7.52pm); and one member of the public.

Meeting started at 7.30pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2977	Election of the Chair	Resolved: that Cllr Encke is elected as Chair of the PC for the year 2026/27. [Cllrs voted unanimously for.]	
2978	Delivery of Chair's Acceptance of Office form	Cllr Encke duly signed the Chair's Acceptance of Office form.	
2979	Election of the Vice-Chair	Resolved: that Cllr Mills-Goodlet is elected as Vice-chair of the PC for the year 2026/27. [Cllrs voted unanimously for.]	
2980	Delivery of Signed Acceptance of Office forms - extension permission	Resolved: that no extension until the June 2026 PC meeting for the delivery of any outstanding Acceptance of Office forms is required (no councillors absent).	
2981	Vote of thanks - Verity Lamb	Councillors acknowledged the contribution of Verity Lamb - who did not put herself forward for re-election - during her time on the PC.	
2982	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of all villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2983	Apologies	Apologies received from Cllr Lee (WCC).	
2984	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2985	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2986	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. No comments received from members of the public.	
2987	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	

2988	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix A). Additional point discussed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding opportunities (CIL and Winchester District Small Grants Scheme). 	
2989	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (see Appendix B). No additional points discussed.	
2990	Mins of previous meetings (08/04/26 & 30/04/26)	Agreed as a true record.	
2991	Review of delegation arrangements to committees and the Clerk	Resolved: that no amendments are made to the current arrangements, but that this will be reviewed when formal Terms of Reference are created for all of the committees/working groups.	Clerk
2992	Review of the terms of reference for committees and working groups	Resolved: that terms of reference will be created (where they do not already exist) for all of the committees/WGs, following agreement of any reorganisation as per meeting item 2993.	Clerk
2993	Reorganisation of working groups	Resolved: that the following working groups are merged and/or re-named: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Beautiful and Safer Streets' (BASS) WG to be re-named 'Safer Streets'. • 'Footpaths' WG and 'Village Maintenance & Lengthsman' WG to be merged and renamed 'Village Maintenance' • 'Play and Playgrounds' WG and 'Tennis' WG to be merged and renamed 'Recreation and Sport'. • 'Flood Action Group' to be renamed 'Parish Resilience'. 	
2994	Election of members to existing committees and WGs	Resolved: that the PC approves the appointment of the following cllrs (lead councillor in bold type) to existing committees (C) and working groups (WG): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning (C) - Cllrs Clarke, Mills-Goodlet (Vice-chair) & Wale • Finance (WG) - Cllrs Wale, Clarke & Hand • Safer Streets (WG) - Cllrs Clarke & Mills-Goodlet • Village Maintenance (WG) - Cllrs Hand & Piper • Recreation & Sport (WG) - Cllr Mills-Goodlet • Parish Resilience (WG) - Cllrs Encke & Hand • Hambledon Greening (WG) - Cllr Piper 	
2995	Review arrangements with other local authorities	Resolved: that the PC has approved the continued membership of the WCC Lengthsman Scheme. (Lead parish Tichbourne PC.)	
2996	Representation on external bodies	Resolved: that the PC approves the following councillors to represent the PC on external bodies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vineyard Liaison Group - Cllrs Hand & Clarke • Hambledon School - Cllr Encke & Piper 	

2997	General Power of Competence	Resolved: that the PC will apply for GPC as soon as the Clerk has completed CiLCA (underway) and undertaken any additional training necessary.	
2998	Arrangements for ordinary meetings & next annual meeting	Resolved: that the ordinary meeting of the PC will be held on the first Monday of each month, with the exception of August 2026 (no meeting held in August) and bank holidays, when the meeting will be moved to the following Monday or another more convenient day. The annual meeting of the PC will be held in May 2027, date to be confirmed. All meetings will take place in the VH Meeting Room @ 7.30pm.	
2999	Clerk's progress report	<p>Parish Lengthsman Agreement - schedule for 2026/27 as follows: 30/06/26; 13/10/26; & 01/02/27</p> <p>Flooding @ bottom of Bury Lodge Lane - no update.</p> <p>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. [In the latest flooding, this area was not bad, so perhaps there is not a serious issue here?]</p> <p>Useful/Emergency Info Leaflets - WCC Small Grant fund awarded £150. On-going. Clerk & Cllr Encke to consider whether this could accommodate an emergency plan for the village.</p> <p>Drain clearance - E-mail sent 05/02/25 to Gina Chandler (HH) re blocked drains throughout Village. Response received from HH via Cllr Wallace 23/05/25 - 'We have made several attempts to identify and clear the various drainage features on Green Lane, with limited success. The site is currently with our colleagues in the Planned Maintenance team to develop and design a scheme to permanently resolve the issue.' No update.</p> <p>CMV Parish shared P/T Ecologist/Nature Recovery Officer - e-mail re queries identified at 05/01/26 meeting sent to Cllr Lee 20/01/26. Response received & forwarded to cllrs. No progress at present time.</p> <p>Speed Indicator Device - response received 08/05/26. None of the locations suggestions are deemed to be suitable. Negotiations on-going.</p> <p>Village Entrance Gates - application submitted 18/03/26. Awaiting response from HH.</p>	
3000	Bank account	Bank balance - £90,938.36 @ 30 Apr 2026; bank statement 197 (01 Apr to 30 Apr 2026) has been forwarded to cllrs.	
3001	Bank account signatory	Resolved: that the PC has approved Cllr Wale as a bank signatory, with online banking access (access & authorisation).	Clerk
3002	Q4 Financial Report - amendment	<p>Resolved: that the PC has approved the following amendments to the Q4 2025-26 financial report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Tennis receipts' to be corrected from £1,185.00 to £1,415.00, with the resulting increase in 'total receipts' from £63,913.47 to £64,143.47. 	Clerk
3003	Annual playground inspections	Resolved: that this item should be postponed until the first available PC meeting following receipt of the annual playground inspection reports.	Clerk

3004	New/reviewed policies	<p>Resolved: that the following additions/reviews to the PC's policies are made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New IT Policy • New Data Retention Policy • Reviewed Standing Orders • Reviewed Financial Regulations • Reviewed Financial Risk Assessment • Reviewed Fixed Assets Register • Reviewed Financial Reserves Policy 	Clerk
3005	New councillor training	<p>Resolved: that councillors have approved Cllrs Piper and Wale undertaking HALC 'Councillor Essentials' training at a total cost of £240.00 (to be accommodated by using the combined budget for 'Councillors' Training' (£200.00) and 'Councillors' Expenses/Travel' (£50.00)). [This is retrospective since the Clerk and Cllr Encke have already approved under delegated powers.]</p>	
3006	Payment of accounts	<p>Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary (Apr 2026) £1,070.38</p> <p>NEST Clerk pension (Apr 2026) £154.74</p> <p>Mrs J C Tester Overtime (Feb to Apr 2026) £696.51</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb - 30 hrs • Mar - 12 hrs • Apr - 15 hrs <p>Additional printing costs (£7.00; AMP flyers)</p> <p>(Less additional payments made in f/y 2025/26 to HMRC & NEST on Clerk's behalf - see full explanation provided to cllrs in advance of the meeting.)</p> <p>HALC HALC/NALC annual subscription 2026/27 £439.00</p> <p>Parish Online Annual subscription 2026/27 £96.00</p> <p>X-Net (Services) Ltd Annual website service charge - hosting, support & backup £576.00</p> <p>Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire Apr 2026 £45.50</p> <p>Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire Apr 2026 - Hambledon Greening £44.00</p> <p>Biffa Recycling bin collection Apr 2026 £100.27</p> <p>HMRC Q4 2025/26 PAYE/NI £302.90</p> <p>JH Tree Services Ltd Village maintenance Apr 2026 £375.00</p> <p>JH Tree Services Ltd Removal of broken basketball post (urgent removal required 28/04/26; payment approved by Clerk & Cllr Encke under delegated spending powers) £90.00</p> <p>JH Tree Services Ltd Making good socket of removed basketball post (payment approved by Clerk & Cllr Encke under delegated spending powers) £48.00</p> <p>Dr J Walker Reimbursement - Green Man Beds £487.65</p> <p>Moritz Flohr Tennis Coaching (Apr 2026) £40.00</p> <p>Alfie Goodwin-Hudson Tennis Coaching (Apr 2026) £40.00</p>	Clerk

3007	Planning applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDNP/26/01272/HOUS - 7 Old Barn Crescent, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SW. Two storey Side Extension. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/26/01627/LIS - St Margarets, East Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RX. To replace the Back Door, Front Door, Front Bay and Front Bedroom Windows the same as they are now. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/26/01405/FUL - Fields Off, Harrow Gate Lane, Denmead, Hampshire. Erection of storage building. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/26/01408/LIS - Hilltop, High Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RS. Replacement windows, with heritage timber casement and sash double glazed windows to front and rear of property. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/26/01446/TCA - Hambledon Village Hall, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RW. To fell 1no sycamore tree that is putting pressure on the old flint wall and making it bulge out that will cause damage or injury if the wall fails. [NO COMMENT.] • SDNP/26/01188/TCA - Hook Vinney, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4QL. T1 1x Large mature Beech fell to ground level due to excessive size in close proximity to Pool and changing rooms. T2 1x Horse Chestnut reduce height by 4meters for the same reason as above. [NO COMMENT.] 	Clerk
3008	Planning apps received after 07/05/26	None.	
3009	Planning decisions	Noted.	
3010	BASS WG	Report received (see Appendix C).	
3011	Tennis WG	No report received.	
3012	Basketball post	Resolved: that the PC has considered quotes for the purchase and installation of a replacement basketball post for the ball area at Hambledon VH but will defer until June 2026 to allow the Clerk to carry out more research on specification.	Clerk
3013	Litter picking	<p>Resolved: that the PC has approved the following with regard to the operation of village-wide litter-picks going forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of the disclaimer (such that PC takes responsibility for the pickers and therefore they and the PC are covered under the current policy); • Creation of a simple risk assessment (based on the example provided by the PC's insurance company); • Purchase of full sets of hi-vis clothing (with 'litter picking' wording on the reverse), bag rings, and signage (funded by a grant?); • Picking on quiet country lanes (not B2150 or Brook Lane) with no pavement - full hi vis and signage required. • Picking on B2150 (no pavement)/Brook Lane - only to be done in full hi vis and with the support of ID Verde trucks. 	
3014	Hambledon Greening	Report received (see Appendix D).	

3015	Reports & Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDNPA CIL (neighbourhood portion) - £450.00 has been received (giving a total of £900 from the past year. SDNPA has advised that this money could be spent on the two suggested projects of 1) litter-picking equipment; and 2) info boards. To be on the agenda for the June 2026 PC meeting.) • Damaged fingerpost sign Pitt Hill Lane (just inside the parish boundary) - HCC undertaking repairs. There should not be any cost to the parish. • Handover of Torchlight Procession organisation took place between Chris Silcock and Cllr Mills-Goodlet/Clerk 21/04/26. Marching band has been booked. New first aid kit has been purchased. Costs to be covered by HortSoc. 	
3016	Date/time of next meeting	(Annual Meeting of the Parish - Thurs 21st May 2026 at The Pavilion, Hambledon VH; 8pm; & Mon 1st June 2026 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm).	
3017	Confidential matters	No confidential matters were discussed.	

The meeting closed at 9pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

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Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

Winchester City Councillor Report May 2026
 Cllr Malcolm Wallace (mwallace@winchester.gov.uk)
 Cllr Danny Lee (dlee@winchester.gov.uk)
 Cllr Suzanne White (SWhite3@winchester.gov.uk)

Municipal Year 2026/2027

The Mayor making ceremony and a Full Council meeting will take place on 20 May 2026, marking the inauguration of the 827th Mayor of the City of Winchester and the start of the 2026/2027 Municipal Year.

At this meeting, the Council will confirm its leadership and governance arrangements for the year ahead, including the appointment of the Leader and Deputy Leader, Cabinet members, committee memberships, and committee chairpersons.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Transition preparations for creation of the new councils in Hampshire (Option 1A) are now under way. This includes creation of a new 'Mid Hampshire' Unitary Authority from the footprint of Winchester, Test Valley, New Forest and East Hampshire with boundary changes for some parishes.

The government has asked councils for information to prepare the Structural Change Order for Parliament. This will include warding and parish elections requirements.

The Structural Change Order will establish the new councils, abolish the existing councils and provide the transitional arrangements. Existing councils will remain responsible for services until 1 April 2028. The Order will replace any scheduled local elections in May 2027 with all out elections to the new Hampshire councils.

Councillors will be elected for a first term of five years until 2032, serving most of their first year on the 'shadow council'.

Summary of timelines for Local Government Reorganisation.

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

Option 1A

Council 1:

Basingstoke, Hart, Rushmoor

Council 2:

New Forest, Test Valley, Winchester, East Hampshire

Council 3:

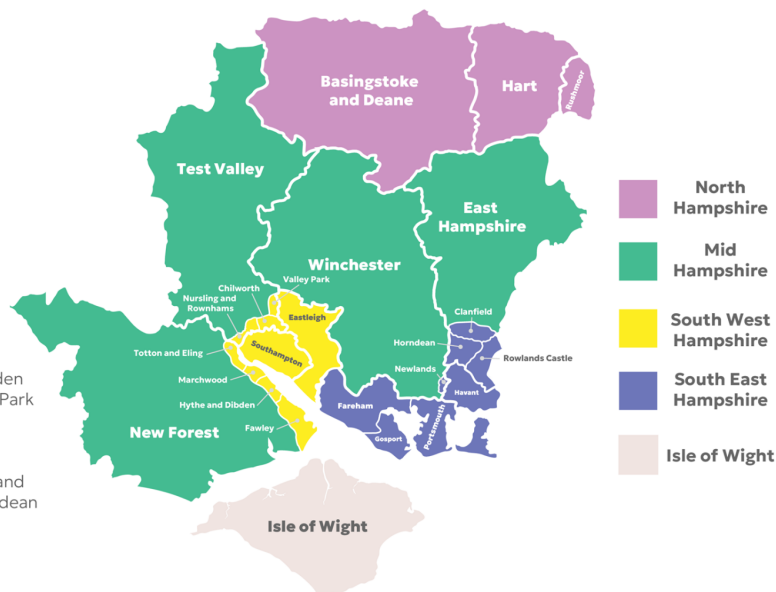
Eastleigh, Southampton and Parishes of Totton & Eling, Marchwood, Hythe & Dibden and Fawley, Nursing & Rownhams, Valley Park and Chilworth.

Council 4:

Portsmouth, Gosport, Fareham, Havant, and the Parishes of Newlands, Clanfield, Horndean and Rowlands Castle

Council 5:

Isle of Wight



The aim is to ensure all councils remain ‘safe’ and ‘legally’ compliant during the transition to implementation of the new Unitary Authorities in April 2028.

South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) - Local Plan

The emerging new SDNP Local Plan was approved for publication for public comment for a six-week period starting in May 2026.

Following the public consultation, the Authority will submit the Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for independent examination, along with the comments received and any proposed modifications. All comments so far have been registered and any personal information redacted, and published to view on the [consultation platform](#)

Summaries of the feedback by policy and site allocation are also available to read on the [Local Plan Review webpage](#)

Winchester Sports Facility Assessment and Playing Pitch Strategy 2025–2040

Winchester City Council has now formally adopted the Sports Facility Assessment and Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) 2025–2040. This updated strategy provides an independently assessed evidence base to guide future decision making and investment in outdoor sports pitches and other key facilities across the district.

The strategy sets out current and future needs across a wide range of sports and will support planning, funding bids and the delivery of facility improvements in the years ahead.

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

Winchester Community Infrastructure Levy - funding 2026 allocations

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

Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF)

CRF has been launched by the Government and provides assistance for low-income households who are experiencing a financial shock, or at risk of falling into crisis. Support will focus on four areas:

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

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

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

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

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

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

City and Spaces of Sanctuary

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

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

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

Meon Valley Community Bus.

The Meon Valley Community Bus Association website has all the current timetables and information regarding private hire: <https://meonvalleybus.co.uk/>

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

To find out more or apply to volunteer, contact Steve Houlding at mvcba1985@gmail.com

Winchester City Council Community Hubs

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

Where and when:

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

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

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

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

My Home Made Better

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

The aim is to inspire residents with one-to-one advice, case studies, videos, online resources, open homes, events and webinars, all designed to help individuals make more informed decisions about their properties.

There is free training available for people who would like to become local ‘energy champions’, who will then be able to provide energy efficiency information to help residents improve their homes.

Contact Stuart Mills at WinACC for more information stuart.mills@winacc.org.uk

Other Home Energy Efficiency opportunities

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

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

Note. There is a **higher grant** (recent 2026 change) **for switching to Air Source Heat Pumps**.

- Up to £9,000 → for homes currently using oil or LPG heating (off-gas properties)

This uplift is targeted at rural/off-grid homes, where switching costs are higher.

More info at: [What does the UK government's heat pump grant actually mean for oil-using households' bills? | Nesta](#)

Winchester District Small Grants scheme opens for applications next week.- one-off grants of up to £3000 for not-for-profit organisations.

Winchester CIL funding: there will be two bidding opportunities for projects this year, June, and November. More detail here:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations/small-grant-scheme>

With LGR, we don't know what other funding opportunities there will be beyond these, so it could be worth local groups/organisations making the most of these possible options.

APPENDIX B

Hampshire County Councillor Report May 2026
Cllr Malcolm Wallace (mwallace@winchester.gov.uk)

Hampshire & Solent Combined County Authority

There have been no major new public developments this month in the creation of the Hampshire & Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA). This is largely due to the local authority pre-election period, during which public announcements and decision-making are necessarily limited. The legislative position remains unchanged following the Order laid before Parliament in March 2026, which confirmed the Government's intention to establish the new Authority and devolve powers relating to transport, skills and economic development. Work continues largely behind the scenes, with interim officers in place and preparatory work ongoing to ensure the Authority is ready for formal establishment, which is still expected in summer 2026. The [HSCCA Website](#) remains the main public source of information during this transition period and includes further detail on the Authority's proposed responsibilities, governance arrangements and the future role of the Mayor.

Local Government Reorganisation

The Government plans to replace the existing two-tier council system across Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight with five new unitary councils. Under the proposals, the new authorities would take on all local services currently split between county and district councils, with the new system due to become fully operational from 1 April 2028. No immediate changes to services are planned while transition arrangements continue. For our area, which sits within Winchester City Council, we would become part of the new Mid Hampshire Unitary Authority, alongside most of East Hampshire, Test Valley and the New Forest. You can follow updates, view maps, and read further detail at: [Local Government Reorganisation](#)

Judicial Review considerations

Over the past month, two councils have indicated that they are considering legal options in response to the Government's decision:

- New Forest District Council has raised concerns about the proposal to split the New Forest between two new authorities and is considering its next steps.
- Hampshire County Council has also signalled concerns, particularly about how financial impacts and long-term sustainability were assessed during the decision-making process. At this stage, these discussions are ongoing and no final decision on legal action has been confirmed.

Botley Bypass – Upcoming Road Closures (May Half-Term)

Construction of the Botley Bypass is continuing, and Hampshire County Council has confirmed a series of temporary road closures at the end of May to allow major construction works to take place. The closures are needed to build a new roundabout at the junction of the A334 and A3051 (Pinkmead junction), which is a key part of connecting the bypass to the existing road network. To do this safely, road levels need to be raised by up to one metre, requiring full closures during a planned period of lower traffic over the May half-term.

Key dates and locations

- **A334 (Sherecroft Way to Hillsons Road) closed 9pm Fri 22 May to 6am Mon 25 May**

Road to reopen on 25 May with temporary traffic lights in place until 1 June.

- **A3051 (YMCA Fairthorne Manor to A334) closed 9pm Fri 22 May to 6am Mon 1 June**

Signed diversion routes suitable for all traffic, including HGVs, will be in place throughout. Pedestrian and cycle access will be maintained at all times.

Local road restrictions

To prevent unsuitable through-traffic on smaller lanes, additional temporary restrictions will operate during the closure period, including:

- Closure of Wangfield Lane / Maddoxford Lane to through traffic

- No northbound access from the A334 to Reading Room Lane, Chapel Lane and Lockhams Road (local access will be maintained)

What residents should expect

- Delays during peak periods are likely, and motorists are advised to plan ahead and allow extra time.
- All local businesses will remain open as usual.
- From 1 June, a new temporary road layout will be in place allowing traffic in all directions at the junction.

Project timeline

The Botley Bypass was approved in January 2025 and remains on track, with the full bypass expected to open in late summer 2027. These closures represent a significant but necessary step towards completing the scheme and easing long-standing congestion in and around Botley. Further updates, diversion maps and FAQs are available on the **Hampshire County Council Botley Bypass webpages**:

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

Free Advice to Reduce Your Home Energy Bills

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

This is how it works:

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

For more information go to myhomemadebetter.org

APPENDIX C

BASS Working Group Report May 2026

All,

Since our last meeting, Jo has received feedback from Highways regarding the PC's application for SIDs, and it appears that all the hard work put in is definitely helping in getting responses even if they are not what we wish them to be! Information returned has been to state that there are more rules and regulations we need to follow that we have not yet done so but were also not aware of, so although it is back to the drawing board we do have (currently) a line of open communication. In particular, concerns have been expressed about width of verge and distance from the highway, for the purposes of both initial installation and then on-going maintenance and removal/re-fitting as the approved deployment schedule is adhered to. This is going to be a challenge, given the layout of our roads, but not necessarily impossible, and so the battle continues!

No response has yet been received from Highways regarding the village entrance gates application.

Warm Regards

Cllr Clarke

APPENDIX D

Hambleton Greening Working Group Report May 2026

Verity Lamb:

- HGC would like to thank Verity very much for her commitment to the HGC Working Group as PC representative and her constructive contributions at our committee meetings as well as her faithful reports back to the PC. We wish her well with her future plans.

Repair Café and temporary change of venue:

- The next Repair Café will be in Hambleton on this coming Saturday May 16th. The venue for that session will be the Village Hall (from 10-12pm as usual) since there is a wedding in the church.

People's Emergency Briefing film:

- This film was shown in the Village Hall on **Friday April 17th**. We had an audience of at least 70 including 40+ from the village and 30+ from outside. All three of our invited guests attended including Dr Danny Chambers MP, Councillor Malcolm Wallace and Bors Hulesch, a social and climate scientist. Stuart Mills, CEO of WinACC, was the facilitator for the evening. We thank them all for their willingness to be involved.
- The film was very well-received and there was active discussion both in small groups and plenary session afterwards. Some of the comments written on Post-It notes at the end of the evening showed just how galvanising the experience was and we were able to add 6 new families to the Hambleton Greening supporters' list. We hope to build on the enthusiasm to act on the climate crisis in new initiatives planned for the rest of the year.

Greening Festival:

- What a fantastic Greening Festival we had on Saturday May 9th in the Church and churchyard. It was based on the vital theme of Making Space for Nature and a fantastic range of 22 stall-holders came along, including national organisations like the RSPB and Woodland Trust and local specialists on bats and swifts. With children's activities, live music, the Scouts' barbecue, local homemade cream teas and an exhibition by some amazing local artists, it was an afternoon for all the family - and we think at least 250 people attended during the course of the afternoon. It was indeed a magical day: the sun shone, stimulating conversations were had and the community was reminded of just how precious our environment is and how crucial to both our wellbeing and the planet's survival.

Greening Campaign Adaptation Resource:

- The National Greening Campaign has asked four communities (Ringwood, Gosport, Hambleton and Central Rural, IOW) to be involved in a trial initiative funded by the National Lottery and in partnership with the Met Office.
- We will be the first communities to put a plan in place using the Adaptation Resource. We will use Met Office data to understand how the climate in our community may change and will look at, for example, how this may affect residents, buildings, food production, water supply.
- The process will involve three training days (June 14, Sept 20 and Nov 15 in Winchester and led by the Met Office) and three community workshops. A Community Adaptation Plan will be produced. There is significant interest in this initiative among several groups, including the Welsh government.
- Hambleton Greening will be looking to put together a group of about 8 individuals to take part in the training days. We would very much like a representative from the Parish Council to be one of those.

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

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of Hambleton Greening Campaign)