



DRAFT MINUTES

Hambledon Parish Council
06 Jan 2025; 7.30pm; Hambledon Village Hall

PRESENT:

Cllr Encke (Chair; left the room 7.53pm, returned 7.54pm); Cllr Silcock; Cllr Mills-Goodlet; & Cllr Daly.

In Attendance:

Mrs Joanna Tester (Clerk); Cllr Lee (WCC; left 8.04pm); & Cllr Wallace (WCC & HCC; arrived 7.57pm; left 8.24pm); & Jan Jarvie (FAG).

Meeting started at 7.31pm

Item No.	Item	Discussion & Decision	Action
2521	Acknowledgements	Councillors paused and remembered in silence the contributions of Nigel Frost and all other villagers who have passed away since the last meeting.	
2522	Apologies	Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs Hand, Lamb, and Clarke. Apologies also received from Cllr White (WCC).	
2523	Disclosable pecuniary interests	None.	
2524	Requests for dispensations	None received.	
2525	Public questions & comments	Standing orders suspended for maximum 10 mins. No members of the public were in attendance.	
2526	Resume standing orders	Agreed.	
2527	District councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (Appendix A). Additional discussion around the following: • Central Government white paper on devolution. Process soon to start re-organisation. There will be implications for PCs. Circa 500,000 people per unitary area. May be postponement of county elections in May. Will be contacted by city council in due course. Loss of local representation could be an issue. • Planning - higher housing targets. SDNPA to a certain extent protected. • UK Prosperity Fund - new round next year. Think about project now; especially as there may be a lack of grants available in the shorter term.	

2528	County councillor's report & questions arising	Report received (Appendix B). Additional discussion around the following: • Big Pipe outlet ditch clearance (where vehicle crashed) - Cllr Wallace has e-mailed & included photos obtained by Clerk showing that work has not been carried out. Awaiting response. • Devolution: • Length of interim period? Election of Mayor (strategic authorities) expected May 2026 or May 2027. Unitary councils - voting May 2027 or May 2028. • Should be more streamlined therefore decisions can be made more quickly. BUT, there may be less democracy, as Mayor will have ultimate say. • Would Mayor have control over SDNPA? Don't know at the current time. • Long-term, should be more cost efficient but short-term is going to be costly. • Impact on planned work through BASS? Cllr Wallace is liaising with HCC re more support for Community Funded Initiatives. • Annual Report on Hampshire's Progress on Tackling Climate Change - highlights initiatives across the county but disappointing as HCC has no real plan/not measuring anything. Disappointing that the report lacks clear data on progress to date, and is missing a plan on how to get from where we are now to net zero in 2050. • Winchester CiL funding - worth applying (use unsuccessful SDNPA CiL application).	Clerk
2529	Flood Action Group	Report received (Appendix C). Additional discussion around the following: • Changeable nature of the weather. • According to Southern Water - availability of tankers currently poor; hoping that Bury Lodge pumping station won't need over-pumping this flood season. • HPC councillor asked re what PC could do re vulnerable villagers in anticipated cold/poor weather - Hambledonian article; Clerk's e-mail; community WhatsApp group. • HCC has asked FAG to provide a 'disaster management plan', not something dealing solely with flooding. Need someone to take this on. No suitable volunteers yet.	
2530	Mins of previous meetings (02/12/24)	Agreed as a true record, with the following amendment made to the draft copy: Item 2511 (BASS WG): • 'Village entrance gates will be the Clanfield-side of Park Cottages (with accompanying 40mph speed change).' amended to '<u>Anticipated that village entrance gates will be the Clanfield-side of Park Cottages (with accompanying 40mph speed change, should it be approved by Highways Authority).</u> [This amendment has been made to clarify that the PC is still in consultation with the Highways Authority, with the latter making the final decisions on if/how to proceed.]	

2531	Clerk's progress report	Parish Lengthsman Agreement - remaining visits for 2024/25: 06/02/25. Cllrs to suggest jobs for this Feb visit. 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'. No update. Southern Water issues - site visit to look at damaged verges etc on Fareham Road conducted 06/09/24. Clerk chasing Jess Hanman (Stakeholder Engagement Manager) for an update on actions arising. 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. Big Pipe outlet ditch (blockage due to collapsed bank where RTA happened) - Cllr Wallace raised an enquiry 06/12/24 that has been added to HCC's contractor's work programme. No date has been given. Work not yet carried out. [Cllr Wallace to re-submit request as HCC reporting system implies that the work was carried out w/c 30/12/24.] 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. Auto Speedwatch device - Hambledon Speedwatch data (from inception) was received July 2024 but probably not containing the detail required to compare with Ampfield data. Cllr Silcock to advise. Hambledon Walks Booklet - Walking Group will compile list of small alterations needed to walk descriptions & send to Clerk to amend online. New hard-copy booklets not considered necessary. Bench Repairs - work due to take place 1st/2nd week of Jan 2025. Replacement junior swings/surfacing at the Village Hall - installation likely to be w/c 13 Jan 2025. Villager drop-in 'surgeries' - no progress to date. Cllr Daly & Clerk to take forward when time allows.
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2532	Bank account	Bank balance @ 31/12/2024 - £50,301.37 (Cllrs have been provided with bank statement 181, 01 Dec 2024 to 31 Dec 2024.)	
2533	Q3 Financial Report & Statement	Resolved: that the PC approves the financial report & statements for Q3 2024/25. Councillors noted the over-spend on ‘meeting room hire’ but also acknowledged that the predicted over-spend for ‘administration’ for y/e 03/2025 would only be in the region of £25-£30. Councillors discussed the possibility of shortening meeting room hire from 2.5 to 2 hours. There were concerns that this might be unnecessarily restrictive, but that it might be considered in the future if it is found that meetings are consistently closing before/at 9.15pm. [Post-meeting note: the Clerk has identified a couple of minor amendments required to Q3 Report & will present them to councillors for approval at the Feb PC meeting.]	Clerk
2534	Payment of accounts	Mrs J C Tester Clerk salary Dec 2024 (incorporating back-pay for 2024/25) £1,206.41 NEST Clerk pension Dec 2024 (incorporating back-pay for 2024/25) £106.64 Hambledon Village Hall Hall hire Dec 2024 £32.50 Biffa Recycling bin collection Dec 2024 £62.28 JH Tree Services Ltd Village maintenance Dec 24 £375.00 DS Enterprises Southern Ltd Christmas tree for Churchyard £75.00 Nigel Foster Hambledon Greening website 2024/25 (reimbursement) £129.60 K Knight Engineering Street name sign (invoice 22; Dogkennel Lane) £1,030.00 (This will be paid only when sign has been installed satisfactorily.) No tennis payments this month due to cancelled coaching sessions & coach unavailability.	Clerk

2535	Planning applications	• SDNP/24/04850/LIS - Cams, Cams Hill Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SP. Replacement of decayed timber framing, panels and sash windows (south elevation). [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/24/05224/HOUS - Barn House, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SN. Demolition of existing single storey side & front extension and replacement with two storey side and front extension. Replacement windows. [NO OBJECTION.] • SDNP/24/05230/TPO - 3 Coachmans Halt, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RN. T1 large conifer to be removed to ground level due to excessive decay/wounds in the upper canopy. We have carried out inspection via climbing through the canopy and found multiple concerning issues throughout the canopy, signs of severe decay compressed branches etc. It is not viable to reduce the canopy due to the species and the severity of the reduction to make it safe. The tree is close to both property and life and poses a severe risk. Replant with a beech tree. [NO COMMENTS.]	Clerk
2536	Planning apps received after 30/12/24	• None received.	
2537	Planning decisions	Noted, with the addition of the following: SDNP/24/03819/HOUS - 1 Walnut Tree Cottages, Vicarage Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RW. Installation of 1 heritage roof window to service bathroom and 1 sun tunnel to provide natural light to the internal staircase both to be installed to the rear roof of the property. The window would measure 55cm width and 98cm length. The sun tunnel would measure 35.56cm in diameter. Both external facings would be in black. APPROVED. SDNP/24/04242/HOUS - Cowslip Cottage, Green Lane, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4SX. The replacement of an existing garage outbuilding with a new garage outbuilding of the same footprint. The removal of an existing conservatory and the installation of a new roof structure to protect a proposed terrace. APPROVED. SDNP/24/04791/TCA - 3 Coachmans Halt, West Street, Hambledon, Hampshire, PO7 4RN. T1 large conifer to be removed to ground level due to excessive decay/wounds in the upper canopy. We have carried out inspection via climbing through the canopy and found multiple concerning issues throughout the canopy, signs of severe decay compressed branches etc. It is not viable to reduce the canopy due to the species and the severity of the reduction to make it safe. The tree is close to both property and life and poses a severe risk. Replant with a beech tree. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN.	

2538	BASS WG	Report received (Appendix D). Discussion points as follows: • Cllr Silcock in continuing discussions with Simeon Carter (HCC). • May need to act more quickly now in initiating BASS projects to mitigate potential complications arising from planned devolution.	
2539	Village entrance gates	Resolved: that the PC has discussed quotes received to date for manufacture and installation of village entrance gates & agreed to proceed as follows: • Postpone final decision until earliest Feb 2025 PC meeting. • In the meantime, Cllr Clarke to chase contact for installation quote & Cllr Silcock to liaise with HCC re costs should the PC decide to go down the route of Community Funded Initiative (CFI).	Cllrs Clarke/ Silcock
2540	Tennis WG	No report received this month.	
2541	Play & Playgrounds Re-vamp WG	No report received. Clerk commented as follows: • New swing set/re-surface work due to start 13/01/25.	
2542	Hambledon Greening WG	Report received (Appendix E).	
2543	Reports & Issues	• Wed 29/01/25; Festival Hall, Heath Road, Petersfield, GU31 4EA; 4 – 6pm - SDNPA Meeting for PC/district/county councillors on the Partnership Management Plan and Local Plan Review Regulation 18 Consultation. [Cllrs Encke & possibly the Clerk to attend.] • The Government has published the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).	Clerk
2544	Date/time of next meeting	• Mon 3rd Feb 2025 at Hambledon VH; 7.30pm. • Cllr Silcock to Chair 03/03/25 meeting as Cllr Encke will not be available.	
2545	Confidential matters	No members of the public were in attendance.	

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Signed:

Cllr Encke (Chair)

Dated:

Signed:

Joanna Tester (Clerk)

Dated:

APPENDIX A

Winchester City Councillor Report Jan 2025

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

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Changes to National Planning Policy

The government published the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) on 12 December 2024. This framework outlines planning policies for England and how they are to be applied. Key changes include:

- **Mandatory housing targets** for principal authorities to increase housebuilding, with higher targets in areas facing severe unaffordability.
- **Prioritisation of lower-quality grey belt land** to meet housing targets.

- **New Golden Rules for greenbelt development** (not applicable to Winchester District), requiring developers to provide essential infrastructure, such as nurseries, GP surgeries, transport links, and a higher proportion of affordable housing.
- **Increased focus on affordable housing**, particularly for social rent.
- **Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development** – replacing "clear" reasons with "strong" reasons for refusing developments.

Locally, the most significant impact will be the substantial increase in housing requirements for Winchester District.

- Under the previous rules, Winchester needed to build 676 homes per year.
- Under the new rules, this increases to **1,157 homes per year** – a **71% increase**.

Winchester submitted a new Local Plan to the government in Nov 24 under the previous NPPF rules, covering the period to 2040. This plan will remain in force for less than five years as Winchester must produce a new Local Plan under the revised NPPF regulations. A new timetable will be completed by **6 Mar 25** for production of the next Plan to meet the new rules. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

For now, the current Local Plan, following considerable effort and developed under **NPPF transitional arrangements**, contains minimal new development for our area and is expected to be published later this year. The Government Planning Inspector is currently examining this new Local Plan. More details can be found at: www.localplan.winchester.gov.uk/examination-page

South Downs National Park Local Plan

The South Downs Local Plan Review commenced in May 2022 and is progressing in accordance with the Local Development Scheme timetable:

- Regulation 18 public consultation Jan-Mar 2025;
- Regulation 19 publication of the proposed submission Plan Jan-Mar 2026;
- Submission to the Planning Inspectorate for examination Jul-Sep 2026; and
- Subject to a successful examination, adoption Apr-Jun 2027.

Other Planning and Related Issues

The Government's English Devolution White Paper, published on 16 December 2024, leaves the implications for future planning and local government governance unclear.

It is expected at a HCC Full Council meeting on 9 Jan 25 that there will be agreement to take forward the devolution and Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) proposals under a priority pathway with Southampton, Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight. This will likely involve forming unitary authorities from current District Councils and establishing a Strategic Combined Authority with a Mayor.

Uncertainty also remains regarding key aspects of the Levelling-up Act for plan-making, the content of an Infrastructure Act, and the future of strategic planning.

In the meantime, the following are some other topical developments either completed or still to be determined:

- **The Protected Landscapes duty** - to facilitate better outcomes for England's Protected Landscapes Amended duty on SDNP in respect of their function which affects land in National Parks. SDNP must now 'seek to further' the statutory purposes of Protected Landscapes. This replaces the previous duty on relevant authorities to 'have regard to' their statutory purposes. [Guidance for relevant authorities on seeking to further the purposes of Protected Landscapes - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protected-landscapes)

- **Development and Nature Recovery** - Planning Reform Working Paper: **(Note1¹)** Proposals for a new approach to how housing and infrastructure development can meet its environmental obligations and contribute to nature recovery. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-reform-working-paper-development-and-nature-recovery/planning-reform-working-paper-development-and-nature-recovery?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Planning Committee reforms - Planning Reform Working Paper: How the government could reform planning committees to support a plan-led system and ensure appropriate democratic oversight.

(Note1¹) Planning Reform Working Paper: Planning Committees - Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government - Citizen Space

Winchester Carbon Emissions

¹ **Note1** - The two Planning Working papers above are not a formal consultation and are intended to inform discussions, to determine whether and how to take these proposals forward.

Over the past 5 years, Winchester Council has made good progress in reducing their own carbon emissions. The council has reduced energy consumption across its buildings, energy is being generated from solar panels on several council properties, retrofitting council homes with energy saving measures has started, and changes are being made to managing council land to store more carbon in nature. The improvements to date have made a difference not only to the environment, but also in reducing the council's on-going energy bills. However, there's still a long way to go and therefore it is disappointing that the Administration has chosen to mislead residents on their achievements.

Five years ago, Winchester Council set itself the goal of reducing their own carbon emissions to net zero by 2024 and last month announced that this goal had been achieved. Unfortunately, this claim is misleading. In order to declare success, at the last minute the Administration removed indirect (or Scope 3) emissions from the target. Simply put, instead of achieving the original goal of running 100m, at the last minute the Administration moved the finishing tape to the 50m mark and declared victory! Whilst achieving partial success is laudable, this is not the same as fulfilling the original commitment as significant work still needs to be done. Global temperatures in 2024 are the highest they have been for at least 100,000 years. Each of us has a role to play if we are going to minimise the impacts of the climate crisis, but being honest about our progress has to be the first step.

New Food Waste Recycling Service

Winchester City Council will begin introducing food waste collections for residential properties from October 2025, collecting from each household by April 2026. Food waste represents around one quarter to a third of each household's black bin, and recycling will significantly reduce the amount sent for incineration. Instead, it will be sent for Anaerobic Digestion (AD) where it will be used to generate clean, green energy. AD presents several environmental risks if not effectively managed, and therefore the highest standards of regulation are expected. Further details of the service will be provided in due course.

Free Solar Panel Support for Winchester Community Organisations

Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis (WinACC) is providing free support to community organisations in Winchester District to upgrade their facilities with solar panels – helping to reduce their carbon footprint and their running costs. They can help with every stage of the process, including with:

- producing initial feasibility study
- developing a fundraising plan
- writing funding applications
- writing tenders for installer quotes

The scheme is open until March 2025. Let us know if there is a community building that might be suitable, or email solar@winacc.org.uk for more information.

The 'Business Growth Factory' - still available

Winchester City Council is launching a new programme to help entrepreneurs, early-stage startups and small to medium sized businesses across the Winchester district boost their growth and innovation. The Business Growth Factory, will run in partnership with IncuHive to provide businesses with crucial skills such as the ability to identify target markets, effectively manage finances and make successful investment pitches. If you know of any businesses you think would be interested and would like to share more information email: Business Engagement Manager Alison Woods (awoods@winchester.gov.uk) who can provide you with promotional postcards to handout. To find out more visit: <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/news/2024/oct/new-initiative-to-boost-growth-and-innovation-for-winchester-district-businesses>

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Winchester will be in receipt of an additional UK Shared Prosperity Fund grant in 2025, enabling an extension of the programme of support for local communities and economic growth for spend from 1 Apr 25 to end of Mar 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](#)

Winchester City Council Community Hub

The Winchester City Council Community Hub, where people can chat to the officers about any issues relating to benefits, housing and wellbeing and receive informal guidance around the cost of living, takes place every **first Monday of the month, 2.30-4.30pm at Wickham Community Centre**, Mill Lane, Wickham.

Skills Training

Essential Digital Skills for residents - ongoing to end of Jan 2025

The aim is to tackle digital exclusion and support the basic digital skills of the Winchester district residents, which in turn supports the district's overall skills and increases employability. The scheme will support and train basic digital skills to the district's residents, such as booking GP appointments and keeping in touch with friends and family online.

<https://employers.workadvisor.co.uk/workadvisor-training/essential-digital-skills-training/>

Retrofit Skills for Businesses and Communities

Winchester City Council recently launched two new completely free retrofit skills programmes. **Retrofit 101** is a two-hour online course on the fundamentals of retrofit, whilst a more in-depth two-day course will give attendees an **NOCN level 2 Award** in Understanding Domestic Retrofit. To book: email skills@hants.gov.uk

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.
- [Warmer Homes/HUG2](#) - Warmer Homes provides fully funded insulation, solar panels and other energy efficiency measures for owner-occupiers and private renters living in low-income, off-gas households. The scheme is supported by Winchester City Council and is available until March 2025.

APPENDIX B

Hampshire County Councillor Report Jan 2025

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

Devolution

The English Devolution White Paper that was published on 16 December sets out the Government's intention to drive a programme of devolution and local government reorganisation across England. For our area, this means:

- A plan to replace our current two local authorities (Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council) with a single tier, Unitary Authority.
- A plan to create a new level of Local Government called a Strategic Authority, that covers several Unitary Authorities and is led by an elected mayor. Our Strategic Authority will likely cover the whole of Hampshire, plus Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight. Upper Tier Councils have been invited to put forward proposals by 10 January for areas to be included in the Devolution Priority Programme, with reorganisation plans to be submitted in Autumn 2025. For such priority areas, local elections planned for May 2025 may be deferred. Whether the County Council chooses to join the programme now or later, the White Paper and Ministerial Direction is clear that devolution accompanied by local government reorganisation will happen in our area and Councils are required to submit reorganisation proposals. These proposals represent massive changes to Local Government in Hampshire, and whilst it will take several years for the full changes to be enacted, the wide-ranging implications mean that this will affect many areas of Local Government in the interim.

Local Government Settlement Announced

In December the annual announcement from central Government of how much financial support they will give local councils across the country in the coming financial year was issued. Despite the scale of the financial pressures that Hampshire and many other councils face nationally, particularly in social care for vulnerable children and adults, where demand continues to drive up costs and widen the annual budget gap, the Settlement set out very little benefit. While some extra grant money for social care was welcomed, less support was received in other areas, resulting in only a very small overall boost to Hampshire funding. In addition, the maximum that councils are allowed to increase council tax was also unchanged at 5%. This overall position continues to put pressure on the Council finances and is driving the Council's focus on delivering core services only.

Annual Report on Hampshire's Progress on Tackling Climate Change

Despite all the other challenges going on around the world, the head of the United Nations has repeatedly stated that the Climate Emergency is the biggest issue that the world faces. Average global temperatures in 2024 are set to be higher than at any time for more than 100,000 years and every year extreme weather events are becoming more frequent. In 2019, Hampshire County Council declared a climate emergency and the Council has set a goal of reaching net zero emissions across the county by 2050. However, achieving this goal relies on all of us taking action; the work of the County Council alone is not enough. The council produces an annual Climate Change progress report to highlight progress made in the past year. Highlights from this year's report include:

- Over 550 householders have invested in Hampshire County Council's third Solar Together scheme to generate their own green electricity
- More people seeking repairs for worn out or mechanically failing items through Hampshire's Repair Cafés
- Helping to secure Government investment for 62 zero-emission (electric) buses operated by First Bus and serving bus passengers in Fareham, Gosport and Portsmouth
- Construction of nine local walking and cycling routes in locations across the county, to enable people to walk, cycle or scoot for their local journeys instead of travelling by car
- Planting many more trees through the Hampshire Forest Partnership, bringing the total number of new carbon-absorbing trees planted in Hampshire to 41,000 since 2022
- Set up the Go Green challenge, spotlighting daily actions younger residents can take, such as avoiding food waste or making a pledge to swap a car journey for a greener alternative
- Around 4,500 vulnerable residents have been supported through Hampshire's Technology Enabled Care Programme, avoiding the need to travel to, or access, wider health services, and instead have received support at home, which significantly reduces carbon emissions
- Bridgemary Library in Gosport has been transformed into Hampshire's first 'Green Library', which has led to a 70% reduction in energy usage through the installation of renewable energy sources – rooftop solar panels and an air source heat pump system. Whilst the report does a good job in highlighting initiatives across the council, during Council committee meetings, concerns were highlighted that the report lacks clear data on progress to date, and is missing a plan on how to get from where we are now to net zero in 2050. A specific action was taken on producing a local area energy plan that can be used to guide grid energy infrastructure upgrades that are needed to support the energy transition.

Hampshire County Council to Continue Provision of School Meals via New Managed Outsource Arrangement

Hampshire County Council will move to sourcing school meals from other providers by the end of March 2026, rather than producing meals in-house as it currently does via its Education Catering Service. This new 'managed outsource' arrangement will see the County Council purchase and manage the supply of meals from alternative providers on behalf of the schools and nurseries who subscribe to this service. This will potentially support schools and families to pay a lower price for school meals - particularly important given the ongoing cost-of-living pressures. School meals will continue to be available to all children across Hampshire, including those eligible for free school meals.

Date Set for Minerals and Waste Plan Public Hearings

Hampshire's Minerals and Waste Plan – a framework to ensure Hampshire can provide its share of materials, such as sand and gravel, for building homes, schools and roads in the future - is set to enter the final stages of the process. The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan contains local policies to guide the decisions when determining planning applications for minerals extraction or waste facilities and operations. The Government's Planning Inspectorate has confirmed that examination hearings will open at 10am on 4 February 2024 and will be informal, 'round table' sessions led by the independent Planning Inspector, who will address pre-set topics. Unlike a public inquiry, there will be no formal presentation of parties' cases and there will be no cross-examination.

Joining Forces on Defence Cluster

Hampshire County Council has led the formation of a new, pioneering regional partnership. The new South Central Regional Defence and Security Cluster (SCRDSC) - spanning Hampshire, Berkshire, the Isle of Wight, Surrey and West Sussex - is a collaboration between the Ministry of Defence, the Defence and Security Accelerator, the Armed Forces and businesses including Airbus Defence & Space and QinetiQ, as well as further and higher education institutions and local authorities. In forming the Cluster, the Members have made a formal commitment to work together to raise the profile of the South Central's capabilities in defence and security and attract national and international investment and innovation in the region.

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- producing initial feasibility study
- developing a fundraising plan
- writing funding applications
- writing tenders for installer quotes.

Any non-profit organisation in Winchester District which is responsible for a building is eligible – including village halls, faith organisations, sports organisations and community groups. The scheme is open until March 2025.

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 in England
- [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, off-gas households. The scheme is available until March 2025.

Thermal Imaging Cameras – 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 Jan 2025

Overview

The weather patterns continue to be sporadic, which is largely affecting the measurements being monitored from the latest Shoothill readings, as compared to the weather forecasts, along with other information from the Environment Agency. Planning around climatic changes is going to be difficult in the coming weeks, especially foreseeing the possible likelihood of cellar flooding, which is a worry that many of us have to bare in mind.

30/12/23	BHD 57.470 AOD	Whitedale 56.920 AOD
30/12/24	BHD 48.590 AOD	Whitedale 43.098 AOD -8.88 & -13.83

The list of challenges to consider over the timeframe of this flooding season however, is important to all residents of our village. The severity of the risk elements could be minor if the aquifers don't climb to a high level, or might reach the situation where sewerage problems reoccur, driven by the inundation of the springs. There remains the immediate issues with the state of the lack of proper maintenance of the Big Pipe, and the ditch, which is filled with debris and signs of heavy erosion of its banks. No action was taken by Highways to deal with the obvious perils we are faced with. In terms of preventive maintenance over 2025, there will be increased pressure on HCC as they are short on resources. Once the water begins to flow out of the Big Pipe with any force, there will be not be an opportunity to perform remedies to deal with the dangers, due to the increased health and safety risks.

Environment Agency

From our discussions with Tom Woods, groundwater levels at Whitedale Farm are continuing to rise slowly, and are starting to peak with the current lack of rain. The level at Broadhalfpennydown began peaking on 14th December, and the same situation should begin to be noted at Whitedale Farm over the next few days. The forecast for January by the EA has not been determined as yet, but he expects the groundwater levels will likely begin falling further during this period and into the New Year. "Long range forecasting is difficult, but the Met Office are currently suggesting that until mid-January, in the south of England the weather will be often settled, with fairly dry, mild but cloudy conditions dominating overall. So overall, no concerns about groundwater flood risk in Hambledon at the moment. However, levels can rise quickly with heavy rainfall. I'll continue to

monitor the forecast and levels and if I see an increase in groundwater flood risk, I'll let you know at the earliest opportunity. Otherwise, I'll give you another update in the New Year."

Flood Action Group

We will be putting together an article for the Hambledonian during the next few days, with greater emphasis on management of property resilience, and the necessary duties of care with personal safety in mind. "Precision guesswork" will be part of our effort in providing information and assistance as the timeframe unfolds, and we will be keeping focused on helping villagers wherever possible. As a part of our remit, we will also be maintaining information relevant to the procedures of the Flood Action Group, its responsibilities, and records, for the future operation within the Hambledon Parish Council.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jan Jarvie

APPENDIX D

BASS Report Jan 2025 (Cllr Chris Silcock)

1. Since the last meeting I have met virtually with Simeon Carter of Hampshire Highways. He works for Tracey Webb. We discussed our aspirations in full and, following his reporting back to Tracey, he sent me the following:
 - B2150 from Denmead: The proposed location at the current 30mph boundary is workable. However, I am slightly concerned about the limited space to the right and a 'gateway post' becoming hidden in the foliage. Please can you confirm if Hambledon is part of the Parish Lengthsmen scheme? If so, the Parish Council would be responsible for ongoing maintenance. **This is a positive response. I confirmed the maintenance issue.**
 - B2150 from Brockbridge: We discussed whether this sign should be placed north or south on the junction. After further conversation with Tracey, we would agree with your suggestion of north of the junction. We must ensure there is enough distance between the new gateway and the existing directional signage to maintain clear visibility but there looks to be plenty of space for this. Once again, there is also limited space on the right-hand side and the Parish Council would be responsible for ongoing maintenance. **This is a positive response.**
 - East Street from Clanfield: After further reflection, the proposed location for this site would be unsuitable. Whilst I appreciate the desire to incorporate the 'Park' area within the boundary of the gateways, this would place the signage too far out from the main village. From our experience, gateways are most effective at reducing drivers' speed when they are placed alongside a shift in the built environment. Therefore, I propose an alternative location where at the brick wall begins. Due to the ditch on the left, we would look to install the full gate on the right side of the road and a post on the left. **This is NOT what we want. I responded as follows:**

The PC would not be happy with your proposal. You may recall that this whole process started because there was a non-fatal accident at Park and residents said they had had enough of speeding cars. Residents at Park have since continued to lobby the PC more than any other group has done for action to be taken to reduce speeding on the narrow road which makes it very difficult for anyone exiting the five cottages' drives, ditto for Park Farm and Park house, and ditto the business located there. We discussed our proposals on site with 4 separate HH officers and an SDNPA officer who all said that the proposal made absolute sense and mirrored the B2150. The PC has, as a result of all the above, repeatedly told the residents that our plans included gates on the Clanfield side of Park and that the plans were supported by HH. Of note, there are 7 more residences and businesses at Park than there are on the Brockbridge side of the existing 40mph and there would be 8 if we move the gate to before Brook Lane. Park residents feel very much part of the village and would be utterly dismayed to see gates sited where you suggest. The PC could not support this.

- In order to provide a full response to your queries about the costings, please can you send the quotes you have been provided for the signs themselves and the installation costs? Do you have details of the exact Glasdon gates you are considering? This will help me to provide a comparative cost for you to compare. **I have done this and await a response. HH are very keen to source and fit the gates themselves. The PC will need to ensure that we get the best value for money whether we source and install the gates ourselves or get HH to do it.**
- I can also confirm that, if a TRO was processed in the future, a singular Order could be created to make multiple changes to the speed limit in the area. **This is an IMPORTANT point: when we come to**

requesting SPEED changes, or installation of eg NO HGV signs, we need to ensure that we apply for all changes at the same time so that we pay the fee only once. Of course, each change itself will cost us to implement (HH work) so will have to be planned within the budget.

I also sent Simeon Carter the full data we received from the Speed Survey carried out by Ampthill in late 2023. That will go a long way to inform HH's consultation that they will initiate into any speed changes. I am waiting for further information/response from Simeon.

2. GATES

I provided quotations from GLASDON UK and from George Crossley at the last meeting. Since then, further quotations have been sought from PVC-UK and also SF Plastics - these would be for SUPPLY only of composite plastic White Gates. I await final figures (delayed by the holiday). In addition, Rob Clarke is kindly seeking a quotation for installation of the gates by competent persons with the required road operating licence from HCC.

In summary, small progress although I regret that we are not yet in a position to make decisions.

APPENDIX E

Hambleton Greening Report Dec 2024 & Jan 2025

Repair Café and Recycling:

- The last Repair Café on October 19th was a great success, with 12 items repaired and 25 assorted blades sharpened, raising £80 from very generous donations. The next Repair Cafe in Hambleton is Saturday Jan 18th 2025 from 10-12pm along with our regular recycling collection.
- We are grateful to the Parish Council for increasing our annual budget so that we can begin to offer a weekly collection of rigid plastics until 2026 when WCC should be collecting these items in the green bins. We will be asking for an increased donation from the Repair Café fund at the next AGM to help finance this new initiative. Start of weekly collection date still to be arranged.

Biodiversity:

- HGC committee member Alasdair McKenzie attended a recent Parish Pollinators meeting in Itchen Abbas on Oct 19th and reported on the churchyard and its biodiversity. He will be doing a survey of the churchyard for their information.
- We are continuing preparation of our section of the business plan re the use of North Glebeland.
- Committee member Nigel Foster is volunteering at Hinton Ampner with their tree-planting work. He has written up his experience and his reasons for volunteering in the most recent Hambletonian.

Retrofit:

- On the back of our successful surgery in March 2024 on the retrofitting of historic and other homes in Hambleton, we have contacted the three individuals involved, all of whom are available for another surgery. We have booked February 22nd 2025 from 10am-1pm in the Village Hall for the event. More details later. We will be liaising with Kim Blakeway of WeCAN to open the morning to other local WeCAN groups.

National Greening Campaign:

- There is a meeting on Jan 27th 2025 with a range of professional bodies and two Greening Campaign groups – Hambleton and Ringwood - to discuss the Greening Campaign 2030 strategy for Hampshire. Hampshire County Council Climate Change Team has an overarching role as one of the Greening Campaign partners. Alasdair McKenzie will go as HGC's representative.

We are grateful as always for your support.

Dr Penny Mahon (secretary of Hambleton Greening Campaign)