

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 21 NOVEMBER 2024, Village Hall, 7pm

Present Parish Councillors – Charles Holroyd (Chairman), Paul Barnes, Nigel Long, Nick Ralls;
Clerk Susan Turner. Two members of the public.

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES Apologies from Alison Barker, Parish Lengthsman Gordon Hunt, Ward and County Councillors, PCSO Andy Jones.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS of 19 September, 17 October, agreed and signed.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda, none.

4 PUBLIC SESSION

.1 Children’s playground Local resident advocated for an upgrade to the children’s play area at the recreation ground. *See Agenda item 7.1.*

5 REPORTS TO MEETING

.1 Police – Hants Alert reports **APPENDIX I**. No local update from PCSO Andy Jones, though he sent a report of three dead foxes being found (together in same locality) in Mapledurwell.
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.2 County Councillor written report **APPENDIX II**
[Hants Forestry Partnership](#) – Supplying Dutch Elm disease-resistant Elms (and other species).

.3 Borough Councillor written report **APPENDIX III**

.4 Parish Lengthsman November report

- All Parish Council assets are in are in good condition.
- The salt and grit bins are full.
- I have walked the FP from Weston Road to the South Warnborough Road past the Hoddington Estate and all in good order, the hedge at South Warnborough end has been trimmed and is easily passable.
- I have walked the FP from the pond to Cemetery Lane and the broken gatepost has been replaced.
- FP8 from Cemetery Lane along the rear of the houses to Weston Road, it is in good order (I believe the state of the overhanging vegetation has been reported to the residents in Holme Hill.)
- Apart from the jobs you have mentioned for the County Lengthsman, another job that needs attention is the bench outside of the shop, it has quite a bit of bird droppings on it.

End of report

.5 Government consultation on remote meetings APPENDIX IV

AGREED To emphasise the importance of meetings in public and public debate – the opportunity for public scrutiny and participation. Disagree with diminishing these opportunities particularly

considering higher tier Councils. Therefore disagree with remote meetings and attendance – in general – and definitely disagree that this should be the norm for any Council. However, this facility in exceptional circumstances can be helpful. Particularly for Parish Councils and where smaller Parishes may legitimately on occasion struggle on to achieve a quorum. There are circumstance in which the facility for remote meetings and / or remote attendance could make Parish Council meetings more resilient and efficient. However it should always be considered an exception. Clerk to respond for the PC accordingly.

6. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

.1 Accounts to date APPENDIX V Bank reconciliation at 21 November = £44,254.07

Payments since last meeting of 17 October

41 AVS Fencing – Gravel boards (six x 3m boards)	£45.14
42 Saunders – Maintenance Contract OCT	£286.00
43 Lengthsman – Salary OCT	£65.42
44 Clerk – Salary OCT	£559.80

Income of note since last meeting

- VAT reclaim	£3,656.46
- 2024/25 Tennis subscriptions	£1,800.00

.2 Budget update 2024/25 – projecting a small Year End deficit on Parish Council income / expenditure but an overall year end surplus due to Community Infrastructure Fund income.

.3 Draft budget and Precept request 2025/26 Draft budget based on 9% Precept increase. Last year, considered that a 20% increase (as implemented) followed by a 9% increase for next year 2025/26 would re-establish finances to expected levels – had it not been for the agreed £10K increase for 2020/21, and halving the Precept the following year. *To be further considered for January’s meeting.*

.4 Parish Council community grants 2025/26

i This year’s Hoddington Autumn Festival was a great success and the Dance event financially successful in support of St Michael’s Hospice.

AGREED The Parish Council will again underwrite an event in aid of the Hospice – at the 2025 Hodd Festival – to a maximum of £1K.

- ii Expected annual grant requests
 - Church Fete 2025 confirmed request for tables, chairs, portaloos hire (c£529).
 - Church clock annual maintenance (c£185 last year).

7 HIGHWAYS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

.1 Playground review

Discussion with input from resident

- Been here six years and when children pre-school age used the playground a lot.
- Play equipment needs updating, the seesaw in particular, and only one swing.
- New playgrounds in Hook cited as good examples.
- ‘Eco stuff can look great not that good to play on’.
- The basket ball hoop does get used.
- Request for list of suggestions / priorities.

AGREED For ongoing action – Parish Council to consider as a rolling upgrade programme.

.2 Village shop signage by the pond – Re the shop’s new advertising signs, Village Hall Committee would like to place similar with the existing sign at the pond. (To note. HCC confirmed that only the margins of pond area covered by Highways Rights **APPENDIX VI**).

ACTION Councillor site meeting to consider.

.3 Pond maintenance Agreed marginal vegetation – Iris and sedges – to be regularly maintained – assessed annually – to be cut up to 40% at a time. Awaiting date for Broadley Aquatic visit and further quote.

.4 Speed limit reminder sign

i Present schedule - on last deployment in Bidden Road to 02 Dec.

AGREED to a further cycle of six deployments with the sign moved every three weeks.

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AGREED that spending circa £3K on a new Speed Indicator devices not cost effective, not adding sufficient value, while the loaned Speed Limit Reminder sign continues to work.

Sample quote at **APPENDIX VII**

Noted that the sign causes some annoyance when it appears to activate early, to check the activation settings with the management company.

.5 The Weston Road field boundary hedge has been laid by the Estate.

.6 Weston Road verges

TO CONFIRM – The length of the South side of Weston Road to the Parish boundary is designated RVEI (Road verge of ecological importance). It’s management requirement is for one April cut only.

.7 Public rights of way

i See Parish Lengthsman Report at 5.4 above.

ii BOATs (Byways Open to All Traffic) Meeting of all interested parties with HCC Countryside Services in Winchester Monday 25 November. Proposal submitted for:
 ‘Request for an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order of Mechanically Propelled Vehicles Order for certain BOATs within the parishes.’

.8 County Lengthsman – Visit of Monday 18 November to clear concrete grips on Weston Road and clear / clean vicinity of Village Hall.

.9 Hants Forestry Partnership Offer of free trees including Dutch Elm disease resistant Elms. **APPENDIX VIII**

8 PLANNING

.1 Planning and tree applications – Planning update at **APPENDIX IX**

i Applications new since last meeting – see Planning update, no objections raised.

ii Appeal 24/00045/REF (Validated 24 Oct, awaiting start date) Thursden House, Basingstoke Road. Erection of a single dwellinghouse, with garage and associated access, car parking, landscaping. All responses to original application will be forwarded by BDBC to Inspector.

iii Enforcement

Planning Enquiry EC/24/00289/BOC3 – Manor Farm. Acknowledgement letter 16 Oct. Update 20 Nov: ‘the Owner will be planting the missing trees by the end of this month’

.2 NPPF and Local Plan Update current situation – www.basingstoke.gov.uk/LDS

BDBC’s Local Development Scheme (Local Plan Update schedule) on the website says...

‘Government’s recent consultation on draft changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) could have a considerable impact on the borough, including a significant increase in the housing need figure, if the NPPF is published as per the consultation version. The Council is considering the potential impact of the changes upon the plan-making process and will provide an update position once the new NPPF has been published.’

Government’s Budget document (30 October) said response to the consultation would be ‘before the end of the year to confirm pro-growth reforms to the planning system’.

.3 Oakdown Farm J7 Warehousing approved by majority – Development Control of 06 November. Strong opposition from Parish Councils, Councillors and Community Groups, 344 public objections; little outright objection from most statutory consultees. Historic Environment continued to express concerns; Landscape, Biodiversity, Tree officers, Urban Design, Environmental Health, Hampshire Highways, National Highways – all indicated that issues raised have been in the main addressed or can be dealt with via condition.

9 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS

.1 Village Hall report

Amazing concert scheduled for 30 Nov – blind pianist Derek Parvichini – will play any music, any style. Playing at the Village Hall for charity – in aid of Village Hall and Amber Trust (music for blind children).

BDBC Community Infrastructure fund have approved the £14,300 grant application for solar panels on the south side of Hall, with inverter and battery storage.

.2 BOAT closure lobby – See also 7.7ii above. *Chairman’s report:* Meeting (representing local Parish Councils) with County Cllr Juliet Henderson and local farmers / landowners – Winchester Monday 25 Nov – to petition Hants County Council Countryside Services to allow closure of local BOATs (byways open to all traffic) to motor vehicles during winter months.

.3 Parish Councillor training – preferred course – Mulberry LAS (Local Authority Services) course: ‘The Future Shape of the Planning System – what’s changing and what you need to be ready for’. Awaiting 2025 dates.

10 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2025

7pm, third Thursday in the month, Village Hall
16 Jan, 20 Feb, 20 March, 17 April, 15 May AGM,
19 June, 17 July, 18 Sept, 16 Oct, 20 Nov.

Meeting closed 8.10pm with thanks to all

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APPENDIX I. HANTS ALERT - HARE COURSING NOVEMBER 2024**From Hants Alert 20 Nov****Dogs and mobile phones seized by police responding to hare coursing**

- Police have continued to respond to concerns around hare coursing, which is impacting rural communities in the county.
- Yesterday afternoon (Tuesday 19 November), police received reports of two suspected hare coursing incidents in progress in the rural Basingstoke & Winchester areas.
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- Three men with dogs were later detained for a search by police. Two lurcher type dogs were seized and mobile phones were seized from the men.
- Our investigation will now commence and we will endeavour to notify you when we have significant updates to share.
- If you become aware of a hare coursing incident in progress, or suspicious vehicles active on private land, please dial 999 when this is happening. We recognise the impact this type of offending has on individual landowners, in addition to the risk posed by rural criminals who are often involved in other offences such as violence, theft and burglary.
- For non-urgent matters, such as sharing information with police about issues that have happened in your area, please call 101, or report information to us at www.hampshire.police.uk

From Hants Alert 18 Nov**Police patrols in the north of Hampshire following hare coursing intelligence**

- Yesterday afternoon (17 November) police received some intelligence around a potential large-scale hare coursing event that was expected to be carried out throughout the county.
- To get on the front foot, the northern Neighbourhood Enforcement Team (NET) based in Winchester were mobilised to conduct high visibility patrols around the county. Their aim was to intercept any activity and respond quickly to any calls for service from any rural communities affected.
- NET teams are highly visible units that are deployed to carry out proactive targeted work, including patrols, disruption and enforcement.
- Over the course of the day and into the evening, the team maintained a visible presence throughout the north of the county, including paying attention to the Facombe area.
- Later in the evening officers received a report that a farm in the Stockbridge area had suffered damage to gates and padlocks, and a number of dead hares were found left in the area.
- At the time it wasn't known exactly when this had occurred - enquiries are ongoing to establish this wider detail and investigate further.
- Thankfully, no other calls for service to respond to hare coursing were received yesterday.
- During patrols, the NET officers engaged with local residents and also deployed the police drone to conduct a visual scan of rural areas from the air. Police in Hampshire also remained in close contact with our neighbouring officers over the border in Wiltshire, to share information and prepare for any calls from the public.
- Inspector Cath MacDonald said:

"We recognise the level of fear and concern that is rippling through rural communities at the moment. This is in part due to the time of year, as this is when coursers, poachers and other rural criminals are particularly active, but also in light of recent incidents including a serious assault in the Facombe area last month.

"Our plea is to keep reporting information to us. Any intelligence you may have, sightings of suspicious vehicles or people, or any crimes that have been affecting you. Please tell us everything so we can develop the bigger intelligence picture and take action.

"Last night's police activity is just one example of where we can mobilise the right units in the right areas quickly in direct response to what our intelligence picture is telling us.

"Other police units such as neighbourhood police teams and our specialist Country Watch team have conducted a number of proactive operations and patrols this season, which have seen suspected rural criminals disrupted and pursued out of the area. This will continue – and the more we know, the better placed we are to deal with these criminals effectively."

APPENDIX II.i CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

Savings Programme 2025 – budget meeting on 14th October

HCC Savings Proposals – HWRCs and School Crossing Patrols saved I campaigned to reject proposals to close local Household Waste and Recycling Centres and remove School Crossing Patrols at the budget meeting on 14th October.

The 12 HWRC sites at Aldershot, Bordon, Romsey, Hedge End, Marchwood, Petersfield, Somerley, Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Fair Oak, Hartley Wintney and Hayling Island will remain fully open.

The County Council has bold plans to improve recycling across Hampshire in the next four years, Cabinet felt that any change to the HWRC network needed to be taken into account alongside these emerging schemes.

The Cabinet also rejected plans to remove School Crossing Patrols from 17 locations across the county. Instead, a review will begin into more than 170 school crossing patrol sites to identify whether hard crossings could eventually be installed as an alternative to manned crossings as and when the posts become vacant. The review will start with the more than 30 sites where a school crossing patrol should be in place, but the Council have been unable to recruit to the role. Although school crossing patrols are a lovely, traditional way for school children to cross the road -it is unreliable. Ever fewer people wish to undertake the role. Investment in formal crossings will ensure our children's safety for years to come.

2024 [Government] Budget Our Leader Cllr Nick Adams-King asked to make a comment on the 30th October Budget, this is his full statement:

"This was a deeply disappointing budget for Hampshire County Council, for local growth and for our businesses.

The extra £1.3 billion for local government is like a few grains of sand when distributed across England but the fact the government has said it will be targeted means we cannot rely on it and I fear much will go to the midlands and the north.

Instead, we will have to grapple with added costs due to this budget. The huge increase in employer National Insurance contributions will cost the council millions, and while Government say it is funded, that is part of the extra local government funding so is in effect an extra burden. The effect of the national living wage rising way above inflation will also likely increase our costs substantially. We simply cannot afford this.

The Local Government Association said before the budget that local authorities were facing a £2.3 billion gap in 2025-26 to stand still. What the Chancellor has done is offer a totally inadequate sum - even if we receive our fair share of it. Then, almost immediately, she has hit us with increased operating costs. Our budget deficit will remain unless we are given the tools to decide how to spend and raise our money. We should not be forced to operate via government diktat and increased budget ring fencing or with second class status while money heads to other areas. Sadly, there was nothing concrete in the Budget to help us despite me writing to the Chancellor spelling out the situation and how we could improve it if we were given the powers to innovate through less central control of funding and reform of how councils operate. The only good news is extra money for schools and children's social care but they are relatively small sums and, again, we simply cannot rely on it coming to Hampshire, if the government is looking to push funding to other areas. The extra money for SEND, which is a huge issue for Hampshire, is a drop in the ocean compared to the pressure we face, if shared equally it will turn a deficit next year of £90m into one of £70-75m, so hardly a 'rescue package'!

I just don't see how this government is investing for growth in Hampshire. It has announced it will cease funding for the functions previously delivered by Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Business Board Network. None of this will drive good, local economic decision making.

Junction 8 of the M27 is now forever cancelled as an 'unfunded and unaffordable' in another blow to our local infrastructure.

Finally, I have to say, I am hugely concerned for our farmers, who have been treated terribly by the budget. As a former small business owner, I am also horrified for those who own their own businesses - they are the backbone of our local economy and must be devastated. I think the national insurance tax raid on working people and businesses will be disastrous, not just here in Hampshire, but across the country.'

APPENDIX II.ii (cont) CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024**Funding for disease-resistant elm trees**

Hampshire Forest Partnership has funding available to give away different variants of disease resistant elms (bare root and pot grown).

Farmers and landowners are eligible to apply and can specify preferred tree sizes. The land need not be publicly accessible, but the Partnership prefers locations where people will be able to see the elms once they grow to maturity - for example in fields, hedgerows or boundaries viewable from a road, footpath or viewpoint.

They prefer locations out of woodlands, and the trees must be allowed to grow to full maturity.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../peopl.../disease-resistant-elms>

Please contact; treeplanting@hants.gov.uk for an application form.

Nominate a rural business for The Countryside Alliance Awards?

The Countryside Alliance is seeking to find the best rural businesses in the country who go the extra mile for their customers and communities.

They will be presenting awards in the following categories:

- Village shop / Post Office
- Rural enterprise
- Pub
- Local food and drink
- Butcher

Anyone can nominate a local rural business, by going to: <https://www.countryside-alliance.org/awards>

Nominees simply have to explain why the business is special and deserves to be recognised, highlighting how the business champions local producers and makes a real contribution to the community. Nominations must be received by Sunday 17 November.

Solar together Hampshire is extending its registration deadline STILL TIME TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AFFORDABLE RENEWABLE ENERGY AS DEADLINE EXTENDS

With more than 4,900 households in Hampshire expressing interest in the latest opportunity to benefit from more affordable solar energy, Solar together Hampshire is extending its registration deadline

Still time to take advantage of affordable renewable energy as deadline extends | Hampshire County Council ([hants.gov.uk](https://www.hants.gov.uk))

Cabinet decides on County Council Services for the future

With the future of some Hampshire local services in the spotlight, the County Council's Leader and Cabinet have carefully considered proposals relating to Household Waste Recycling Centres, passenger transport services, School Crossing Patrols, and homelessness support services after careful consideration of consultation feedback and examination of every possible option to help balance residents' needs against the Council's future financial pressures

Happy 100th Birthday Hampshire Libraries

This autumn Hampshire Libraries is marking its centenary of providing a public library service in the county, and residents are invited to join the celebrations. Whether that's by attending an event at one of the County Council's 40 libraries, contributing to a 'letter to libraries' display or enjoying one of the books in the special collection

Happy 100th birthday Hampshire Libraries! | Hampshire County Council ([hants.gov.uk](https://www.hants.gov.uk))

Room in your home and in your heart – Hampshire County Council celebrates Foster Focus Week 2024

Could you create special, lifechanging memories by fostering a vulnerable child?

APPENDIX III.i WARD CLLR REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

Christmas bin collection changes... see BDBC website. Unless adverse weather affects bin rounds, collections will return to normal from Monday 13 January 2025.

For the first collection after Christmas ONLY, we will collect extra rubbish sacks left next to the grey bin.

Recycling collections Christmas is also an opportunity to recycle as much as you possibly can. Extra recycling is always collected as long as it is in a clear bin liner next to your bin. In dry weather residents can leave cardboard next to their recycling bin. Please ensure it is flattened and no bigger than one metre square. Most wrapping paper cannot be recycled so please put it in your grey waste bin. Information on what can and can't be recycled is available on our website.

Garden waste collections There will be a two-week break for garden waste collections over the festive period. The service will be suspended after collections on Friday 20 December and will resume on Monday 6 January. Once the service resumes, residents should put their brown bins out on their normal collection day.

Glass recycling Residents requiring extra glass recycling boxes for bottles and jars can collect a new or additional glass box for free from the council offices in London Road, Basingstoke. Visit Deanes reception between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. A 140l glass bin can be bought for £40 as an alternative to an extra box. This can be ordered by calling 01245 844844.

Bloomin' lovely Our grounds maintenance teams were the talk of the town last week while they were busy weeding and replanting the planters in the town centre and at the Civic Offices. Lots of positive comments were received from passers-by as the team planted winter and spring flowering bulbs and plants including viola, anemones and hyacinths. There are 19 large planters in this area which are refreshed twice a year with over 5,000 plants.

In late May, the team will replace the spring bedding plants with summer planting.

The team's hard work not only keeps our civic campus looking lovely for visitors and staff but also supports the targeted action we're taking to improve the look and feel of the Top of the Town to ensure it is a welcoming place for residents, businesses and visitors.

New touch screen parking machines New car parking pay and display machines are being installed in our long and short stay car parks in Basingstoke town centre. The current machines have reached the end of their life and are being replaced with new touch screen machines which are quicker and simpler for visitors to use.

Car park users can also pay for parking through the RingGo parking app.

Marking White Ribbon Day in Festival Place White Ribbon Day is on Monday 25 November, marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The council will be running a stand in Festival Place, outside M&S and Pret, between 10am and 5pm with partners from The You Trust and Stop Domestic Abuse. Visitors to the shopping centre can visit the stand to find out more about the campaign, take the white ribbon pledge, pick up a white ribbon to wear and learn more about the council's work with partners to support those affected and to challenge the harmful attitudes and behaviours that are behind the violence.

Clean sweep of new names for street cleaning vehicles Three new pathway sweepers have joined our street cleansing fleet to help tackle the borough's leaf fall and keep the borough clean and tidy.

All running off low-carbon biofuel, the new additions have replaced older vehicles and boosted the council's fleet of sustainable pathway sweepers from four to five. These sweepers form an important part of the council's mechanical and manual sweeping approach, helping to keep the borough's footways clean and clear.

And, thanks to a fun challenge created through the council's social media and e-newsletter, they are even more recognisable with a selection of puntastic names put forward by residents added to the sides of each vehicle. The sweepers, now named Sir Brushalot, Shaun the Sweep, Lightning McClean, Sweep Caroline and Obi-Wan Cleanobi will help to clear over 400 tonnes of leaf fall as part of the council's winter maintenance work.

APPENDIX III.ii cont... WARD CLLR REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

Search begins for partner to deliver new water and leisure complex A formal search for a partner to deliver a new water and leisure complex to replace the Aquadrome has been launched.

We have started inviting initial proposals from leisure specialists interested in designing, building and running the new energy-efficient centre to replace the council-owned Aquadrome, subject to getting planning permission, as part of a competitive procurement process.

The search is the latest milestone in the project after the council's decision-making Cabinet approved the range of new facilities and how the new centre would be delivered, in February.

Leisure specialists are being invited to submit first stage proposals by Friday 20 December. Following detailed work with short-listed suppliers that demonstrate the relevant interest, experience and capability to deliver the project, it is anticipated that a preferred partner would be identified, approved by Council and awarded with the contract in May 2026.

As well as delivering the new water and leisure complex, the procurement exercise will include the management of the council's existing leisure facilities in the borough.

This includes the management of Basingstoke Golf Centre, while the council continues to explore options to re-provide the facilities currently on offer at the site, following an in-principle deal with Great Wolf Resorts which, subject to planning permission, paves the way for it to build a new indoor water park resort on the land.

Helping nature recovery with over 14 acres of new wildflower meadows

Together with dedicated local conservation volunteers, we're sowing enough native wildflower seeds in the next few weeks to create new and better homes and food sources for bees, butterflies and other insects on over 14 acres of land across the borough – that's about 11 football fields or 85 tennis courts.

This will help to restore wildlife-rich chalk grasslands, which are very rare and fragile habitats that were once common in the south of the borough. With the help and support of Natural Basingstoke volunteers, the work will create spaces for those species to thrive once more and for everyone to enjoy.

Our Ranger team started this off at Overton Hill two weeks ago, spreading thousands of native wildflower seeds across the meadow after they used a tractor to prepare the soil for planting. You can find out more about this on our Facebook page.

Over 30 kilograms of these wildflower seeds were harvested from our green spaces before they were dried, sorted and analysed by local company Wildflower Turf, based in Overton. We also added extra seeds for key indicator species and plants that provide food for butterflies as the analysis showed there were fewer of these in our harvest.

More information about how we're taking action to help nature recovery is on our webpage about the ecological emergency.

For more detailed info on all these topics see the BDBC website.

APPENDIX IV – OPEN CONSULTATION**ENABLING REMOTE ATTENDANCE AND PROXY VOTING AT LOCAL AUTHORITY**

MEETINGS Published 24 October 2024 to 19 December

REMOTE ATTENDANCE**Question 1** – Responding on behalf of?**Question 2****Do you agree with the broad principle of granting local authorities powers to allow remote attendance at formal meetings?**

Yes/No

If you answered No to the above question please go directly to question 4.

Question 3

If you answered Yes to the above question, do you think that there should be specific limitations on remote attendance?

Please tick all the options below that correspond with your view and use the free text box for any other comments.

- a) Any formal meeting allowing remote attendance should have at least two thirds of members in physical attendance.
- b) Members should only be able to attend council meetings remotely in exceptional circumstances, such as those who are medically or physically unable to attend, or for reasons of local or national emergencies.
- c) There should be no limitations placed upon councils with regard to setting arrangements for remote attendance of council meetings, up to and including full remote attendance.
- d) [Free text box]

Question 4

If you are an elected member can you anticipate that you personally may seek to attend some of your council meetings remotely?

Yes / No

I am not an elected member

Question 4a

If you answered No please use the free text below

[Free text box]

Question 4b

If you answered Yes, could you indicate below which of the following options best describes your likely pattern of attending meetings remotely

- very occasionally
- from time to time
- regularly but not always
- all the time

Question 5

If you are responding to this consultation on behalf of a council as a whole, what proportion of the council's current elected members are likely to seek to attend council meetings remotely over the course of a year?

- less than 10%
- more than 10% but less than 50%
- more than 50% but less than 90%
- most of them 90% to 100%

Question 6**The government recognises that there may be cases in which it is necessary for councils to hold meetings fully remotely.**

Do you think there should be limitations placed on the number of fully remote meetings councils should be able to hold?

- a) Councils should be able to allow full remote attendance at up to half of council meetings within a twelve-month calendar period.
- b) Councils should only have the flexibility to change a meeting from in-person to online, or vice versa, due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.
- c) Councils should not have the flexibility to conduct fully remote meetings to ensure there is always an in-person presence.
- d) [Free text box]

Question 7

Do you think there are there any necessary procedural measures that would help to ensure a remote or hybrid attendance policy is workable and efficient?

Please tick all the options that correspond with your view and use the free text box for any other comments.

- a) Councils should be required to publish a list of attendees joining the meeting remotely and give notice if a meeting is being held with full remote attendance.
- b) Councils should be required to ensure that standard constitutional arrangements are followed for hybrid and fully remote meetings.
- c) Councils should be required to make arrangements to ensure restricted items (where a council decision is taken in private to protect confidentiality) are managed appropriately and to require remotely attending members to join from a private location.
- d) Other [Free text box]

APPENDIX IV – OPEN CONSULTATION CONT**Question 8**

Do you think legislative change to allow councillors to attend local authority meetings remotely should or should not be considered for the following reasons?

Tick all the statements below that apply to your point of view.

Should be considered because:

- It is a positive modernising measure. It would likely increase the diversity of people willing and able to stand for election in their local area, making councils more representative of the communities they serve.
- Councils would be more resilient in the event of local or national emergencies which prevent in-person attendance.

Free text box – please state any other reasons

Should not be considered because

- Councillors should be physically present at all formal meetings.
- It could lead to a significant number of councillors habitually attending remotely and ultimately reduce the effectiveness of councils.
- It would be more difficult for councillors to build personal working relationships with colleagues, and engage with members of the public in attendance at meetings.

Free text box – please state any other reasons

Question 9

In your view, would allowing councillors to attend formal local authority meetings remotely according to their needs particularly benefit or disadvantage individuals with protected characteristics, for example those with disabilities or caring responsibilities?

Please tick an option below:

- it would benefit members
- it would disadvantage members
- neither

Please use the text box below to make any further comment on this question.

PROXY VOTING**Question 10**

In addition to provisions allowing for remote attendance, do you consider that it would be helpful to introduce proxy voting?

Yes

No

Unsure

Question 11

If yes, for which of the following reasons which may prohibit a member's participation in council meetings do you consider it would be appropriate?

Please select all that apply:

physical or medical conditions

caring responsibilities

parental leave or other responsibilities

other [Free text box]

Question 12

Are there circumstances in which you feel proxy voting would not be appropriate?

[Free text box]

Question 13

If you think proxy voting is appropriate, are there any limitations you think should be placed upon it? [Free text box]

APPENDIX V – ACCOUNTS TO DATE

INCOME UPTON GREY 2024/25 - 20 Nov 2024									
Date	Description	Precept	Grass cutting grant	Grants (other)	Tennis subs	Bank interest	VAT reclaim 23/24	VAT reclaim this year	TOTAL
Balance brought forward from April 1st 2024									£25,135.47
24/04/24	Precept six months	£11,163.00							£11,163.00
24/04/24	BDBC Grass cutting grant		£1,292.47						£1,292.47
10/06/24	BDBC CIF grant (VH)			£9,500.00					£9,500.00
01/08/24	County Cllr Grant footway			£500.00					£500.00
24/09/24	Precept six months	£11,163.00							£11,163.00
08/11/24	VAT reclaim						£1,846.12	£1,810.34	£3,656.46
2024/25	Tennis subscriptions				£1,800.00				£1,800.00
2024/25	Bank Interest					£230.93			£230.93
TOTALS		£22,326.00	£1,292.47	£10,000.00	£1,800.00	£230.93	£1,846.12	£1,810.34	£39,305.86

Receipts and Payments Summary	
Start balance	£25,135.47
Plus Income	£39,305.86
Less Expend	£20,187.26
Balance	£44,254.07

Bank reconciliation	
Lloyds-Treasurers	£687.50
Lloyds-Business	£23,566.57
Lloyds-95-DayNotice	£20,000.00
Balance	£44,254.07

TENNIS ACCOUNT			
Bal t/o from	2023/24		£10,798.48
Income	2024/25		£1,800.00
Expend	2024/25		
Balance			£12,598.48

TREASURERS ACCOUNT 31 UPTON GREY PARISH COUNCIL
£ 687.50 Current balance
£687.50 Available funds
 Take card payments easily online
 Take payments
 Mobile card reader / mobile payment

BUS BANK INSTANT 30-80 UPTON GREY PARISH COUNCIL
£ 23,566.57 Balance

EXPENDITURE UG 2024/25 - 11-NOV-24				Salaries	Clerk allowance	Finance/ Governance	Community / Grants	Maintenance	SLR	Pond	Project	Village Hall	VAT	TOTAL			
Invoice date	Paid date	Payee	Description					Contract	General	Playground	VH	Hall					
1	22/03/24	29/04/24	Ornamental Trees	Pyrus salicifolia Pendula							£329.16		£65.84	£395.00			
2	2023/24	29/04/24	Clerk	Allowance 2023/24	£240.00									£240.00			
3	09/01/24	29/04/24	Andy Loos-STH/875354	Portaloos Church Fete			£180.00						£36.00	£216.00			
4	08/04/24	29/04/24	HALC / NALC-6473	Subs (incl NALC) 2024/25		£326.00								£326.00			
5	17/04/24	29/04/24	Saunders-2323	Maintenance Contract-April				£279.00						£279.00			
6	22/04/24	29/04/24	Hook Fencing	2 x 6'stakes, 4 x tree ties							£16.77		£3.35	£20.12			
7	16/04/24	29/04/24	Saunders-2327	Planting Willow tree							£85.00			£85.00			
8	16/04/24	29/04/24	Hi Tech Heating	V Hall boiler								£364.10	£72.82	£436.92			
9	27/04/24	29/04/24	Anscombe&Sons	Kitchen unit VH							£4,492.18	£1,332.02	£1,164.84	£6,989.04			
10	APRIL	29/04/24	Lengthsman	Salary APRIL	£61.60									£61.60			
10a	APRIL	29/04/24	Lengthsman	Salary APRIL	£3.82									£3.82			
11	APRIL	29/04/24	Clerk	Salary APRIL	£528.00									£528.00			
11a	APRIL	29/04/24	Clerk	Salary APRIL	£31.80									£31.80			
12	29/04/24	01/05/24	Helping Hand	Long reach litter-picker										£39.15			
13	29/04/24	01/05/24	SurryHillsSolicitors	VH Land Registry		£855.00							£7.83	£862.83			
14	17/05/24	28/05/24	Saunders-2323	Maintenance Contract-May				£286.00						£286.00			
15	MAY	28/05/24	Lengthsman	Salary MAY	£65.42									£65.42			
16	MAY	28/05/24	Clerk	Salary MAY	£559.80									£559.80			
17	02/04/24	19/06/24	Simone Systems Ltd	SID x 6					£300.00				£60.00	£360.00			
18	17/04/24	19/06/24	Clear Councils	Insurance from 03 June		805.46								£805.46			
19	13/06/24	19/06/24	DotheNumbers	Internal Audit		250.00								£250.00			
20	17/06/24	19/06/24	Carters	Fete table and chairs			£349.00						£69.80	£418.80			
21	17/06/24	28/06/24	Saunders-2323	Maintenance Contract-June				£286.00						£286.00			
22	JUNE	28/06/24	Lengthsman	Salary June	£65.42									£65.42			
23	JUNE	28/06/24	Clerk	Salary June	£559.80									£559.80			
24	A-M-J	25/07/24	HMRC A-M-J	PAYE CL E419.40 + LM E48.60	£468.00									£468.00			
25	11/07/24	25/07/24	BDBC-84014648	PlayInsp-2024/25						£221.02			£44.20	£265.22			
26	17/07/24	29/07/24	Saunders-	Maintenance Contract-July				£286.00						£286.00			
27	JULY	29/07/24	Lengthsman	Salary July	£65.42									£65.42			
28	JULY	29/07/24	Clerk	Salary July	£559.80									£559.80			
29	09/07/24	06/08/24	GH-Farm&Garden sup	Gate latch-FP9				£11.50					£2.30	£13.80			
30	15/08/24	29/08/24	Saunders-	Maintenance Contract-Aug				£286.00						£286.00			
31	AUG	29/08/24	Lengthsman	Salary Aug	£65.42									£65.42			
32	AUG	29/08/24	Clerk	Salary Aug	£559.80									£559.80			
33	22/08/22	29/08/24	Shire Tree Care	Pond Alder Tree						£280.00				£280.00			
34	18/09/24	29/09/24	Saunders-2134	Maintenance Contract-Sept				£286.00						£286.00			
35	AUG	29/09/24	Lengthsman	Salary Sept	£65.42									£65.42			
36	AUG	29/09/24	Clerk	Salary Sept	£559.80									£559.80			
37	A-M-J	30/09/24	HMRC-Jul-Agu-Sept	PAYE CL E420 + LM E49.20	£469.20									£469.20			
38	13/09/24	30/09/24	BDO LLP	External audit		£210.00							£42.00	£252.00			
39	23/09/24	08/10/24	BDBC-84016635	PlayInsp-2024/25-amend						£44.20			£8.84	£53.04			
40	30/09/24	08/10/24	Simone Systems Ltd	SID-Jul-Nov (6moves)					£300.00				£60.00	£360.00			
41	23/10/24	08/10/24	GH for AVS	6 x 3m-Gravel boards									£7.52	£45.14			
42	15/10/24	30/10/24	Saunders-	MaintenanceContract-OCT				£286.00				£37.62		£286.00			
43	OCT	30/10/24	Lengthsman	Salary OCT	£65.42									£65.42			
44	OCT	30/10/24	Clerk	Salary OCT	£559.80									£559.80			
TOTALS					£5,313.74	£240.00	£2,446.46	£529.00	£1,995.00	£50.65	£265.22	£600.00	£710.93	£4,529.80	£1,696.12	£1,810.34	£20,187.26
					Salary	Clerk Allowance	Finance / Governance	Community / grants	Maintenance contract	Main general	Playground	SLR	Pond	Project	Village Hall	VAT	TOTAL

APPENDIX V.I



COMMERCIAL BANKING

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Lloyds Bank plc
 1st Floor (East)
 10 Gresham Street
 London, EC2V 7AE
 Tel: 0345 305 5555
 E-mail: lloydstreasury@lloydsbanking.com

1 November 2024

Confirmation of your deposit

Dear Upton Grey Parish Council,

Thank you for your recent instruction to deposit money into your Account. Details are set out below.

Account:	95 Day Notice
Account Identification:	PTNGRYPR00 CLTKGBP001TSYLN
Short Identification:	PTNGRYPR00
Transaction Reference:	21192666LS
Payment Date:	1st November 2024
Amount:	GBP 20,000.00
Balance of the Account after deposit:	GBP 20,000.00
Gross Interest Rate:	3.81%

Settlement Details:

If you'd like to make further changes to your account or if you have any questions about this letter, please call us on the relevant number below. We're available from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday (apart from Bank Holidays)

Turnover up to GBP25m: 0345 305 5555
 Turnover GBP25m to GBP100m: 0345 300 5798
 Turnover GBP100m+: 0345 601 3645

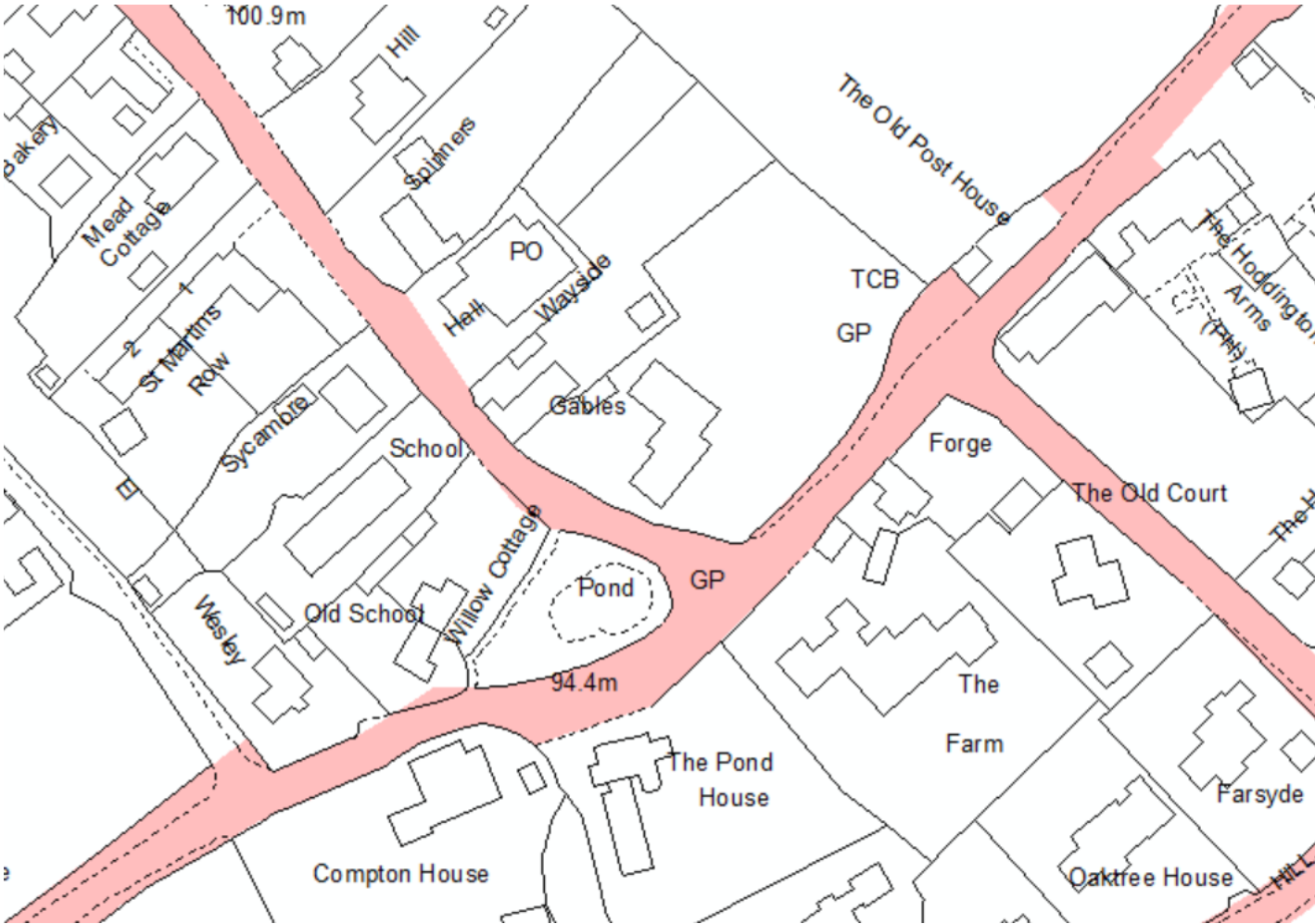
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APPENDIX VI – EXTENT OF HIGHWAY - FOR POND AND VILLAGE HALL AREA



APPENDIX VII – SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE - SAMPLE PRICES

- ◆ **Portable Mini Speed Indicator Device (miniSID), battery powered complete with spare Lead Acid battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign weatherproof cover and bracket set for a cost of £2,980.00 each excluding VAT.**



Weight: 7.5kg
Weight with Lead Acid: 11kg

- *Optional dual colour speed display for the above sign for an additional cost of £395.00 excluding VAT (bigger case and bracket on the back of unit to accommodate a larger battery due to power consumption).*



- ◆ **Portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) with SLOW DOWN Legend beneath, battery powered complete with spare Lead Acid battery, 'intelligent' charger, sign weatherproof cover and bracket set for a cost of £3,175.00 each excluding VAT.**



Weight: 12kg
Weight with Lead Acid: 23kg

- *Optional dual colour speed display for the above sign for an additional cost of £270.00 excluding VAT.*



APPENDIX VIII



HAMPSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP

a legacy in leaves

- About us
- Get involved
- News and events
- Contact us

WHAT IS THE HAMPSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP

The Hampshire Forest Partnership has been set up so communities can get involved in caring for our woodlands and planting more trees. There are lots of ways you can support the countryside, like volunteering or holding your own tree planting event. With your help we're sure to reach our goal of planting one million trees by 2050.



JOIN THE MILLION TREE CHALLENGE!

Help us reach our goal to plant one million trees and add your trees and hedge planting to our online map.



SPONSOR A TREE

Whether you are an individual or a business, please support us to plant more trees in Hampshire and help our wildlife to thrive.



HELP US BRING BACK THE MAJESTIC ELM TREE

We are trialling the planting of disease resistant elms. We can provide you with the trees at no cost, we just ask you to tell us exactly where you will plant them and allow us to monitor how successful they are.

ABOUT US

Find out how we are supporting Hampshire's tree population and making the county a greener place to live.

[Find out more](#)

GET INVOLVED

If you're a parish council, business, teacher, landowner, land manager or farmer with land that would be perfect for tree planting, we'd love to hear from you.

[Find out more](#)

NEWS

Our forest is always growing. With so much going on across Hampshire, find out more about our latest projects and tree planting events.

[Find out more](#)

APPENDIX IX – PLANNING UPDATE 21 NOV 2024
NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING OF 16 OCTOBER

[T/00576/24/TCA](#) (Validated 19 Nov 2024) Upton Grey Lodge, Basingstoke Road. T1 Willow - Fell dead tree.

[T/00570/24/TCA](#) (Validated 19 Nov 2024) Romney House, Cleves Lane. T1 Cherry, Reduce height by 2 meters and width by 1m leaving a finished height of 5m and width of 3m. T2 Pear, Reduce height by 2 meters and width by 1m leaving a finished height of 5m and width of 3m.

[T/00571/24/TCA](#) (Validated 15 Nov 2024) Highfield House, Cleves Lane. T1= Cherry, Extensive decay in base, Fell. T1a= Cherry, Suppressed by surrounding trees, fell. T2= Ash, Die back, Fell. T3= Field maple, Shading house, Fell. T4= Sycamore, Crown lift to 5/6 meters over the road and the drive. T5+6, Field maple, crown lift to 5 meters over the road.

[T/00569/24/TCA](#) (Validated 15 Nov 2024) Beam Ends, Weston Road. TI Damson. The damson tree has 2 trunks, A and B, which can be seen in the attached photos Trunk A runs SE-NW along the top of the boundary hedge at the rear of Beam Ends. In recent years it has dropped so that it now impinges on the telephone and internet cables serving The Orchard and Barn Cottage at the rear of Beam Ends. Trunk B is much higher and is located close to a telegraph post. More importantly it hangs over the corner of Beam Ends and some of its branches in the canopy are dead. The plan is to: Cut fallen Damson stem (Tree A) tangled in phone wires down to hedge height. Cut the remainder of stem adjacent to pole (Tree B) down to the height of the Ivy.

[24/02633/FUL](#) (Validated: Wed 13 Nov 2024) Champion House, Cleves Lane. Construction of vehicle access and driveway with erection of piers, gates and a carport

[24/02554/HSE](#) (Validated 14 Nov 2024) Campions, 3 South Hill. Extension of driveway to match existing.

[24/02348/HSE](#) (Validated 04 Nov 2024) Hoddington House, Proposed 3 bay garage.

[T/00535/24/TCA](#) (Validated 31 Oct 2024) Sherborne Cottage, Church Street. T1 Mature Sweet Chestnut – reduce crown height from 17m to finish at 14m, reduce crown spread by 2m in all dimensions leaving a finished radial crown spread of 7m, crown raise low hanging growth to a finished height of 3.5m, deadwood throughout.

Reasons – tree has lost several heavy limbs over the last two years and hangs directly over a footpath. The mature Chestnut behind in neighbours garden we had to reduce the previous year for the same reasons after also losing a large limb so the aim is to make the tree wind strong but keep good crown form for a prominent tree in the client's garden.

[24/00045/REF \(APPEAL\)](#) validated 24 Oct – awaiting start date) Thursden House, Basingstoke Road Erection of a single dwellinghouse, with garage and associated access, car parking, landscaping.

[24/02229/ROC](#) (Validated 25 Oct 2024) Hoddington Arms. Variation of condition 19 of 20/02048/FUL to change the approved air source heat pump

PROGRESS OF RECENT APPLICATIONS

[24/00334/HSE](#) (**Pending**,reconsultation on amended drawings to 18 July, Validated 16 Feb 2024) Foxgloves, Powntley Copse. Demolition of the rear conservatory, detached single storey garage and lean-to and shed structure. Erection of a two storey replacement garage with accommodation incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling house. Erection of an outdoor structure to cover existing outdoor kitchen, and extension of existing wall around two sides.

Plus corresponding application to East Hants District - land crosses District border to the South Objections raised by East Hants (Mar); Ecological appraisal requested by Biodiversity (July).

PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Planning Enquiry EC/24/00289/BOC3 - Manor Farm. Acknowledgement letter 16 Oct. Update 20 Nov: *'the Owner will be planting the missing trees by the end of this month'*

UPDATE ON SOLAR FARM, NORTH WARNBOROUGH, ODIHAM PARISH

[24/01557/AMCON](#) (**Refuse 07 November**, Validated 08 Aug 2024) Chosley Farm Bidden Road North Warnborough Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to Planning Permission 20/03185/FUL dated 11/11/2021 to rationalise approved battery units into a single compound.

[24/01342/AMCON](#) (**Refuse 30 September**, Validated 01 Jul 2024) Chosley Farm, Bidden Road, North Warnborough, Hook. Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to Planning Permission 20/03185/FUL dated 11/11/2021 to allow for the creation of an alternate construction and emergency access for the site..

[24/00914/AMCON](#) (**Withdrawn 22 May**, Validated 09 May 2024) Chosley Farm, Bidden Road, North Warnborough. Variation of Condition 1 attached to Planning Permission 20/03185/FUL dated 11/11/2021 to extend the time allowed for the implementation of the permission by an additional year from 3 years to 4 years. Out of District consultation from Hart.

[20/03185/FUL](#) (Grant 11 Nov 2021, Validated 21 Jan 2021) Chosley Farm, Bidden Road, North Warnborough. Construction of a Solar Photovoltaic Farm with an output capacity not to exceed 49.9MW of energy, with associated battery storage and supporting infrastructure including inverters and a transformer, fencing, CCTV installation and landscaping works