

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 19 SEPTEMBER 2024, Village Hall, 7pm

Present Parish Councillors: Charles Holroyd (Chairman) Paul Barnes, Nigel Long;
Clerk Susan Turner; Guests Parish LM Gordon Hunt, Council Leader Cllr Paul Harvey;
Members of the public 3

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES Apologies Alison Barker, Nick Ralls.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 25 July, agreed and to be signed.

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

4 PUBLIC SESSION

Footpath 8 Question re four cameras on FP8 by Cemetery Lane. They have been positioned by landowner temporarily in order to assess the level of use of the footpaths. This with a view to a possible planning application for a house where the farm buildings are, and possibly diverting the footpath.

5 REPORTS TO MEETING

.1 Police reports As per the time of year, a pattern of behaviour over the Area relating to trespass on land and hare coursing... reports received:

- 15/08/2024 02:10 Upton Grey caller noticed a spotlight in the field and when he approached, the vehicle sped towards him and the person driving shouted at him. The car in question was a Mitsubishi Shogun, no current keeper or insurance.
- 17/08/2024 00:00 Preston Candover caller quoting Op Galileo, reported lamping on the farm. Caller has a trap camera which has picked up silver/ light-coloured Mitsubishi Shogun. Same as above, no current keeper for vehicle RN03 JUT.
- 17/08/2024 19:56 Upton Grey, third party reported hare coursing ongoing
- 17/08/2024 21:03 Preston Candover report of a Mitsubishi van chasing hares and deer around the field heading towards Toles Hill. Van is full of people no VRN. Road between Axford and the Wheatsheaf pub.
- 31/08/2024 00:00 Robey's Farm, Brown Candover, reported hare coursing, however the call came in an hour and a half after the incident.
- 12/09/2024 23:43 Preston Candover report of two vehicles chasing deer and hare with dogs. Toyota RAV 4 spotted.

Police out many nights with 10-12 vehicles, mostly in the Candover Valley, maintaining high presence till one in morning. Has been quiet last few days, whether struck lucky, have no real intelligence In Oakley seized two dogs, number of vehicles and arrest an individual.

Understand the County Council working with PCC to try to get BOATs closed over winter; this has been mentioned in Old Basing and Mapledurwell. Five Lanes End is the bane of our lives – the police have off-road vehicles but not going to use them for car chases.

[To note – Sections 63 and 64 of the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 created the new offences of trespass with intent to search for or to pursue hares with dogs, and being equipped for searching for or pursuing hares with dogs. This legislation allows officers to arrest and prosecute individuals who have demonstrated intent to poach hares – such as having Lurchers in their possession on private land – without an offence of hare coursing having actually taken place.]

.2 Borough council update from Council Leader Cllr Paul Harvey

Progress of Local Plan Update and proposed new housing figures

- 1 Looking back since our last visit and to the Local Plan Reg 18 consultation...
We received 7K responses – on Policy framework, on individual sites – including push back from developers, their barristers and planning consultants – but also widespread support for the broad strategy.
The Officer team have been working through a huge amount of detail. Looking to how we can shape development delivery for the better; working hard to strengthen the language of Policy – ‘must’ rather than ‘should’. Included new Policies on the rivers

Loddon and Test, and on environmental restoration and protection. Managed to remove further greenfield sites from the Plan including Popham, much by reworking what can be done in Basingstoke town centre without disadvantaging urban communities, or compromising the economic footprint of the town. Included significant levels of new investment, £40M reinvestment in Basing View; a lot of work around proposals for a university and the accommodation that will need. Bringing a university to Basingstoke will happen, will put us on the international market for STEM subjects. All looking positive to reach the final Reg 19 Draft Plan consultation by the new year.

- 2 Then there was the General election. Government now looking to an increase in housing numbers in England of 1.5M over five years.
The housing figure for BDBC was 828 new dwellings per annum up to 2040; our intention was to build 700 per annum for the first five years and then re-evaluate upwards to potentially 900 per annum after that. Our housing figure is now 1,194 homes per annum; to achieve that figure over the Plan period would take more than all the sites put forward.
- 3 The officers are talking to KCs (King's Council). Seeking to find a way to continue to Examination under the present system. We have a Plan ready to go; will make every effort to challenge the proposals.
- 4 Some LPAs (Local Planning Authorities) are even more drastically affected; Rushmore's housing figure has trippled and the New Forest's doubled. Though where all the skilled labour will come from to build these numbers?
- 5 The Public consultation ends next Tuesday 24th. Looking to strength of responses and volume response. Government took three weeks to write this consultation, there will be areas where not sure of their own ground. BDBC will submit a strong response and will seek to continue with our current Plan – it is so far down the track and the new figures are too many homes for us to accommodate without beginning again.
- 6 We are continuing to work on elements of the Plan – eg Gypsy and Traveller sites – which not related to housing numbers. Not appropriate for us to incur additional costs which may prove wasted; as soon as we have more guidance can push the button again. Hope is to continue under current rules, the 828 figure.
- 7 Frustrating and most immediately worrying is if we lose our land supply position, if go back to a situation of five years again being mandatory. Have defended several sites over the past year, really would be open season again on all sites.
- 8 IF Government doesn't back down, there is NOT enough land put forward – will have to go back and start again with a call for sites; however there is no desire to put sites back into the Plan that have been taken out during the consultation process.
- 9 Industry can't build the number of houses the Government is proposing. To look first at how many outstanding planning consents we have; 7K homes in borough now with planning concent not been built out, and under new proposals that will only increase. Developers look to manage the market, not going to flood the market and cause prices to fall. Anyone who land banks a year after planning received should be charged full council tax. Trend that so many smaller and medium sized developers are being taken over, the last thing wanted is consolidation to a few big players.
- 10 Are positives in the proposals – Government looking to boost provision of social rented housing. Basingstoke is in need of truely affordable homes – 'social' rent at 50% market rather than 'affordable' at 80% which isn't affordable to those on the housing list.
- 11 Problem with these proposals, and with previous Government housing figures, that there is no local context. Basingstoke's demographics gives a figure of 700 per year.
- 12 Best can do now is encourage everyone to go to the Government website, look at the proposals and encourage responses to the NPPF consultation. Also write to MP. The key message is – let the Council get on with their job and proceed with the Plan as is with the housing figures they have been working towards.

Cllr Harvey left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council.

.3 County and Ward Councillor written reports APPENDIX I and APPENDIX II

.4 Parish Lengthsman September report

- All Parish Council assets are still in good order.
- I have walked FPs 8, 9, 12 and 14, litter picking all the way.
- I have replaced the gate latch at the Cleaves Lane end of FP9.
- While walking from Cleaves Lane to get to the junction of Basingstoke road and FP14, I came across a Highways team marking the road to repair the potholes. I asked if they were going on down as far as the Greywell Road and they did so.
- Met with the County Lengthsman on Wednesday 4th September to put the sawdust that was supplied by David Janaway along FP12 from Manor Farm.
- The Lengthsman laid the one bag of wood chip, but were concerned that the sawdust would get washed away as a weather front coming; we stopped work on that and left the bags there. It was a good shout by them as we had three days of quite heavy rain.
- The Lengthsman strimmed FP12 to Church Street.
- On Monday 9th September I went back and spread all the sawdust along the Church Street end of the path near the thatched building it did not cover all of the path at this stage.
- David said there was some more available and it was delivered on Friday the 14th; I went back on Monday 16th and spread the rest and completed the job. *Thank you David!*
- I reported a black oil drum along Bidden Road back in May/June and it was collected quite quickly.
- I reported another black drum on the other side of road in July. A few days later it had a large yellow label attached saying BDBC were investigating a fly tipping activity then nothing happened. It has now been removed. *End of report.*

6 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

.1 Conclusion of Audit 2023/24 from BDO received 12 September. **APPENDIX III**

Notice of Conclusion of Audit to be published on website 30 September.

.2 Accounts to end September APPENDIX IV

Payments since last meeting 25 July

26	Saunders- Maintenance Contract-Jul	£286.00
27	Lengthsman Salary July	£65.42
28	Clerk Salary July	£559.80
29	GH-Farm&Garden sup Gate latch-FP9	£13.80
30	Saunders- Maintenance Contract-Aug	£286.00
31	Lengthsman Salary Aug	£65.42
32	Clerk Salary Aug	£559.80
33	Shire Tree Care Pond Alder Tree	£280.00
34	Saunders-2134 Maintenance Contract-Sept	£286.00
35	Lengthsman Salary Sept	£65.42
36	Clerk Salary Sept	£559.80
37	HMRC-Jul-Aug-Sept PAYE CL £420 + LM £49.20	£469.20
38	BDO LLP External audit	£252.00

Bank Reconciliation at end September = £40,109.72

Income pending Tennis subs £1,800.

7 HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

.1 Weston Road footway – provision of a scalping pathway alongside the pinch point. Agreed date 06 October. Thanks to Janaways, they will supply machinery and materials, question raised re availability of small digger, Gordon will purchase gravel boards, Clerk can supply stop/go signs.

.2 Weston Road verge has been part cut as last year – up to about Weston Close? – thought to have been cut by the Estate. Question raised by neighbour re the rest of it. (Further noted that landowners too busy elsewhere to be verge cutting just now.)

Also noted the Estate had planned to lay the new hedge – hedge laying time November onwards – the hedge has now grown tall enough.

Pond trees

1. Thanks to neighbours for watering the new tree over the summer.
2. The Alder has been taken down but received comments from residents re the stump remaining. Agreed it would be ground out. Action Charles, Paul.

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- .3 **Public rights of way** – also see *Parish Lengthsman report at 5.4.*
 1. Question raised by resident re FP8 from Weston Road, and maintenance of the hedge on the Holme Hill side of the path. Action Clerk to contact the new Holme Hill Management Company (see item 9.2).
 2. Question raised re hedge roadside to the Arboretum growing out into road. Noted the hedge was cut back last year at hedge cutting time. Action Chairman with follow up.

.4 **County Lengthsman tasks – next visit**

To request next visit date to be brought forward asap, action Clerk.

- Urgent – cleaning, tidying and weeding around Village Hall and shop including the passageway on the north side of the Hall; also clearing gutters.
- Weeding, around tennis court and playground, brushing playground surfaces.

8 **PLANNING**

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

New applications for discussion

[T/00447/24/TCA \(Validated 10 Sep 2024\)](#) Keepers House, Hoddington. T1 to T6 Ash: fell. Noted re Ash dieback and intention to replant.

[24/01755/ROC \(Validated 08 August\)](#) Upton House Basingstoke Road. Variation of condition 1 of 22/00904/HSE (Part single storey, part two storey extensions to rear. Reconfiguration and extensions to first floor including first floor terrace with balcony. Glazed covered link to single storey games room following demolition of existing. Replacement porch and ground floor bay windows to front elevation.) to allow amendments to the roof, 3 no. new dormer windows, a Juliet balcony and addition of low level plinth wall to existing and extension areas in red facing brick.

Parish Council no objection, no comment.

Recent applications of note

Re the Silver Birch in Little Hoddington Close on BDBC, the case officer and tree officer who looks after BDBC trees are aware.

.2 **NPPF Consultation and new Standard Method** See 5.2 above, borough council discussion with Cllr Paul Harvey. Parish Council response to be circulated and submitted for 24th September. Action clerk:

Some positive comment but, in the main, opposition to –

- (Q6) Strengthening the presumption in favour of development;
- (Q7) reintroducing mandatory five year housing land supply
- (Q9) reintroducing the 5% buffer
- (Q16-19) the concept and application of an affordability uplift
- (Q82) removing the footnote text:

'The availability of agricultural land used for food production should be considered, alongside other policies in this Framework, when deciding what sites are most appropriate for development'

(Q103) transitional arrangements preventing Regulation 18 and most Regulation 19 Plans proceeding to examination under the December 2023 NPPF and housing numbers.

.3 **Questions re estate golf course** – comments from residents re heavy earth movement, trees removed, trees put in not native. The agent, saying doing/will do the right things re planning. Concern re precedent, whole thing sets wrong precedent. Meeting to be held to understand what has been done and a way forward.

9 **FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS**

.1 **Village Hall**

- Solar panel funding application The second round application for BDBC's CIF (Community Infrastructure Fund) to be submitted to BDBC for a solar/battery system, the closing date is tomorrow. Have gone through all requirements but not a foregone conclusion; first round proposals from 40 different organization amounted to over £1.4M from the £0.5M available; also the Village Hall received funding from this grant source last year.
- Concert to be hosted in November (to work out what the seating capacity will be).

.2 **Holme Hill update** Holme Hill has a recently-created Management Company which has taken over ownership of and responsibility all Holme Hill communal space. Appointed lawyer; seeking information from BDBC Legal and Landscaping team re tree planting.

- .3 Byways and seasonal closure** Cllr Henderson has requested an update and has support from PCC Donna Jones.
- .4 PCC Consultation** – Parish Council response to consultation on policing priorities requested a priority be given to combatting rural crime including hare coursing.
- .5 Domain name .gov.uk**

FOR CONSIDERATION The Parish Council website provider Hugo Fox is now licensed to host .gov.uk domains and so email addresses.

- No charge for initial cost of registering domain name, this included with email package.
- Email addresses have to be purchased in blocks of five, which not very helpful but this is how Hugo Fox’s ‘partner provider’ sells them.
- Cost of the five email addresses package would be £19.99 per month £119.88 per annum. (Discounted by Gov grant of £100 in the first year.)
- The cost of the present domain name registered (with Rackspace) via Vision ICT – with six email addresses – is £138 (2023/24 prices). Hugo Fox prices would be comparable with this other than the need to buy blocks of five .gov.uk addresses. The price for up to 10 addresses would be £209.88 per year.

AGREED No enthusiasm for a .gov.uk address.

10 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Third Thursdays in the month 7pm, in the Village Hall, 17 October, 21 November.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm with thanks to all

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APPENDIX I.I CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – AUGUST 2024**Hampshire Childrens Services rated 'Outstanding'**

As chairman of the select committee for Children and Young People I am absolutely delighted to see that our Children's services continue to be rated as outstanding by Ofsted

Supporting children and young people to get the best possible start in life and protecting those who are most vulnerable is one of our top priorities, so we're pleased to share that our Children's Services have once again been rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted – the second time in a row.

Hampshire children and families who need extra help and protection continue to be supported by one of the few authorities in the country with outstanding rated Children's Services. Our dedicated staff continue to make a positive difference, despite the backdrop of growing demand and complexity in the needs of children.

Learn more at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../20240723outstandingofstedresult>

Highways Information – Road Repair Update

Hampshire County Council has been hard at work fixing potholes and road defects!

From April 2023 to April 2024, they delivered a whopping 180,909 repairs – a 37% increase from the previous year.

Potholes impact daily journeys for residents, whether commuting to work, heading to school, running a business, or exploring our beautiful county.

Thanks to an additional £22.5 million investment over two years, our highways service and main contractor, Milestone, have been able to deploy more resources to tackle these road issues promptly.

And Hampshire isn't alone – colder, wetter winters take a toll on roads everywhere. Plus, inflation means it now costs taxpayers around 44% more to repair a pothole.

But fear not! Summer's here, bringing drier, warmer days. Our highways teams are on it, fixing potholes, smoothing surfaces, and maintaining roads across the county.

Reporting Highway Problems

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving

Problems with rights of way:

www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you

Hampshire Country Parks this Summer

With the school holidays upon us there is loads to do at Hampshire County Council country parks and farms.

From bug hunts at Staunton and Queen Elizabeth Country Parks, to a Film Festival at Royal Victoria Country Park and a Seashore Safari at Lepe there are dozens of things to do, most particularly to keep your little ones occupied.

The general link to the country park and farm site is here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/>

Hampshire Archives Talks

There's another fantastic event coming up from Archives - Hampshire County Council and Archives in a few weeks time.

Entitled 'The Women's Institute at War' this online talk is given by local historian Phoebe Merrick who will talk about how the WI contributed to the war effort in the villages of southern Test Valley.

The talk is on Monday 2nd September, from 6-7pm. It costs £6 per person and you can register for it here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../womens-institute-at-war-090924>

APPENDIX I.II CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2024**Savings Programme SP25**

Reports on the HCC Future Services Consultation (SP25 savings proposals) considered by HCC September Committee meetings.

A30 project - from Hook to Blackwater at Surrey border.

Financed by Central Government, this is an experimental project to reduce the amount of carbon used in road repairs – thought to largely for resurfacing work. (Also included in project are sections of road in South East Hampshire and in Somerset.) It seems the the main feature of this new surface is that it can be laid at a much lower temperature.

School attendance

Hampshire County Council is renewing its call for parents and carers to prioritise regular school attendance in the new academic year. The latest figures show that 93.4 per cent of all possible school sessions were attended by Hampshire pupils in the 2023/24 school year, compared to 95.5 per cent in 2018/19.

Hampshire's attendance rate remains above the national average of 92.8 per cent. However, we still have further to go to get back to where we were before the Covid-19 pandemic.

County farms

Hampshire County Council provide start up opportunities for young people hoping to make farming their career. We're not unique as a county in offering this, but have one of the most extensive county farm projects in the country, of which Hampshire is rightly proud. There are new farming opportunities coming up, details of which are below. Do please share with anyone who might be interested.

2024 Solar Together scheme

<https://solartogether.co.uk/basingstoke-and-deane/home>

Reporting Highway Problems

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

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APPENDIX II.I WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2024

From Ward Cllr Onnalee Cubitt – I detail below Council updates which may be of interest.

NPPF Consultation Our Council will be rejecting the Government's amendments.

Basingstoke Variety Show 2024 will take place at The Anvil on Saturday 5 October at 7.30pm. The proceeds from the show will go to the Mayor's Charity Appeal, which this year is supporting Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation Trust and the North Hampshire Prostate Cancer Support Group.

Electric vehicle charger survey If you or a resident would like to request an electric vehicle charger, you can fill out Hampshire County Council's survey online.

While the County Council is the transport authority and hold the powers over the highway, BDBC uses this data to see if we own any locations within the hot spots. Recently we have started a roll out to Community Centres owned by BDBC.

Our transport team has also curated a map of the most user request postcodes for electric vehicle charge point in Basingstoke and Deane.

50 years of Basingstoke & Deane

The 'Basingfolk' project and exhibition is part of a wider series of events and activities being led by the council to mark 50 years of the joining of the communities into the district now known as Basingstoke & Deane. Covering 245 square miles, the area was brought together on 1 April 1974, when the then Basingstoke District Council was created under the Local Government Act 1972. On 20 January 1978 the district was renamed Basingstoke and Deane and granted borough status – taking 'Deane' as the smallest Village to represent the rural parts of the borough .

Residents and businesses are being encouraged to share their experiences of living and working in the area. The council will be looking to capture memories from people who have been in the area since the 1970s for an exhibition of images and stories that is set to launch in October. Residents wanting to get involved can email the Love Basingstoke team or call 01256 844844 and ask to be part of the Basingfolk project.

Listen Up on Saturday 28 September is part of the council's work to breathe new life into the Top of the Town by working with venues to encourage more live music and enhance the arts and culture scene in the area.

Organised by BDBC and Love Basingstoke in partnership with local promoters RB Music and Basingstoke Jazz and Beyond.

Homegrown talent and national artists will treat audiences to a mix of live performances including rock, jazz, folk and acoustic. Performances will take place between 3pm and 9pm at venues including The Tea Bar, Laarsen's and The Royal Exchange. Under 18s should be accompanied by an adult. For more information including updates on the line-up, visit the Love Basingstoke website and follow Love Basingstoke on Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter).

Annual electoral register update – guide The council is required by law to contact households each year to confirm the names of residents are correct on the electoral register or to update them. As part of the process, a data-matching exercise is carried out with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

If the data the council holds is consistent with the DWP, residents will receive an email from electoral.services@basingstoke.gov.uk or paper form with their current details.

If the details are correct, no further action is required but residents should report any changes to the council's electoral services team. Households who have consented to receiving electoral registration updates by email will receive an email from the Electoral Services team with the subject line 'Do not delete - you need to respond. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are updating the electoral register.' Emails send out on 28 August.

If the data is not consistent with the DWP data, a property is empty or a household does not respond to the email they have received, they will receive paper forms to update the current details.

For more information call 01256 845467 or visit the council's canvass webpage.

APPENDIX II.II WARD COUNCILLOR UPDATE AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2024 *continued***Low cost home ownership event**

First-time buyers looking to get onto the housing ladder can find out more about low cost opportunities to own their own home at a free council-run event at the Civic Offices in London Road between 3pm and 7pm on Thursday 26 September.

Various schemes include the council's Own Home Loan scheme, First Homes, shared ownership schemes and the council's home ownership register.

There will be representatives from housing associations, independent financial advisors, solicitors and building societies on hand to answer questions.

Residents can receive regular updates on local low cost home ownership opportunities that are available by signing up to the council's register.

For more information visit the council's low cost home ownership webpage.

Domestic abuse Outreach Service

Victims of domestic abuse can now access vital support as part of a new service, following a successful funding bid.

The Outreach service, which is running for an initial two-year period since April, has dedicated support officers who are employed by The YOU Trust, a charity that specialises in domestic abuse, sexual violence and stalking services. They can provide targeted help to individuals fleeing domestic abuse, based on their specific needs.

Working closely with the council's housing team, the service provides therapeutic, practical and emotional trauma-centred support within 24 hours of a victim or survivor coming to the councils for assistance after experiencing domestic abuse.

Support officers work with individuals affected by domestic abuse who need housing support to help them stay in the borough by finding appropriate accommodation or to enable them to stay in their own homes. They provide specialist advice on topics such as debt, financial planning and benefits. Victims can also access one-to-one counselling to support them in their personal experiences.

For more information about the support available for anyone living with domestic abuse, visit the council's domestic abuse webpage.

Basingstoke town centre – Jet washing video cleans up on social media popularity

On Tuesday 20 August, the communications team posted a jet washing video on social media to raise awareness of the cleaning and improvement efforts going on in .

The post has seen an incredible level of engagement on Facebook, having exceeded more than 42,000 plays in just a few days. Watching someone clean-up appears to be very popular.

If you would like to see the video for yourself, the post is available on both Facebook and X.

Solar Together Hampshire. Hampshire residents can now sign up for a free no-obligation quote for solar panels and battery storage through the Solar Together Hampshire scheme.

Run by iChoosr on behalf of HCC, the group-buying scheme brings homeowners together to get more competitive prices for installing solar panels and battery storage.

There are five steps in the process:

1. Register: residents register their interest in getting a free, no-obligation quote for solar panels and, if they want it, battery storage.
2. Auction: once homeowners have registered, iChoosr will undertake a 'auction' where vetted suppliers will bid for the work. The supplier with the lowest price will win.
3. Personal quote: the winning supplier will contact individuals with a personalised quote based on their property's roof.
4. Decision: people decide whether they want to accept the quote. There is no obligation to go ahead.
5. Installation: people who accept the quote will be contacted by the winning supplier to arrange a roof survey and an installation date.

Residents can find out more and sign up on the website for Solar Together Hampshire

<https://solartogether.co.uk/basingstoke-and-deane/home>

APPENDIX III

Section 3 – External Auditor’s Report and Certificate 2023/24

In respect of

Eupton Grey Parish Council

1 Respective responsibilities of the auditor and the authority

Our responsibility as auditors to complete a **limited assurance review** is set out by the National Audit Office (NAO). A limited assurance review is **not a full statutory audit**, it does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and hence it **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would. The UK Government has determined that a lower level of assurance than that provided by a full statutory audit is appropriate for those local public bodies with the lowest levels of spending.

Under a limited assurance review, the auditor is responsible for reviewing Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with NAO Auditor Guidance Note 02 (AGN 02 as issued by the NAO on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General. AGN 02 is available from the NAO website – <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/guidance-and-information-for-auditors/> .

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2024; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

2 External auditor’s limited assurance opinion 2023/24

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority:

In the prior year, the smaller authority was exempt from review, therefore we have not reviewed any evidence to support the prior year comparatives on the AGAR.

To be in line with best practice we recommend that when minuting the appointment of the internal auditor, the council record they have considered the independence of the appointed auditor on an annual basis.

(continue on a separate sheet if required)

3 External auditor certificate 2023/24

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2024.

External Auditor Name

BDO LLP - Southampton OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR

External Auditor Signature

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12 September 2024 YY

APPENDIX IV – ACCOUNTS TO DATE

INCOME UPTON GREY 2024/25 - 23 Sept 2024									
Date	Description	Precept	Grass cutting grant	Grants (other)	Tennis subs	Bank interest	VAT reclaim 22/23	VAT reclaim 23/24	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
2024/25	Bank Interest					£173.64			£173.64
TOTALS		£22,326.00	£1,292.47	£10,000.00	£0.00	£173.64	£0.00	£0.00	£33,792.11

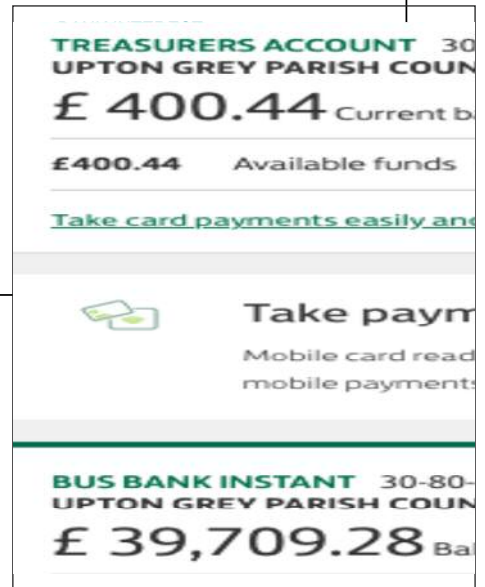
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Receipts and Payments Summary	
Start balance	£25,135.47
Plus Income	£33,792.11
Less Expend	£18,817.86
Balance	£40,109.72

Bank reconciliation	
Lloyds-Treasurers	£400.44
Lloyds-Business	£39,709.28
Balance	£40,109.72

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

Tennis subs pending £1,800.00



EXPENDITURE UG 2024/25 - 23 Sept 2024					Salaries	Clerk allowance	Finance/ Governance	Community / Grants	Maintenance			SLR	Pond	Project VH	Village Hall	VAT	TOTAL
Invoice date	Paid date	Payee	Description						Contract	General	Playground						
1 22/03/24	29/04/24	OrnamentalTrees	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	AndyLoos-STH1875354	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					£7.83	£46.98
13 29/04/24	01/05/24	SurryHillsSolicitors	VH Land Registry			£855.00										£165.00	£1,020.00
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 £419.40 + LM £48.60		£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	01/10/24	HMRC-Jul-Agu-Sept	PAYE CL £420 + LM £49.20		£469.20												£469.20
38 13/09/24	01/10/24	BDO LLP	External audit			£210.00										£42.00	£252.00

TOTALS					£4,688.52	£240.00	£2,446.46	£529.00	£1,709.00	£50.65	£221.02	£300.00	£710.93	£4,492.18	£1,696.12	£1,733.98	£18,817.86
					Salary	Clerk Allowance	Finance / Governance	Community / grants	Maintenance contract	Maintn general	Playground	SLR	Pond	Project	Village Hall	VAT	TOTAL

APPENDIX V – PLANNING UPDATE 19 SEPT 2024

APPLICATIONS NEW SINCE LAST MEETING

[T/00447/24/TCA](#) (Validated 10 Sep 2024) Keepers House, Hoddington. T1 to T6 Ash: fell.

[24/01755/ROC](#) (Pending, Validated 08 August) Upton House Basingstoke Road. Variation of condition 1 of 22/00904/HSE (Part single storey, part two storey extensions to rear. Reconfiguration and extensions to first floor including first floor terrace with balcony. Glazed covered link to single storey games room following demolition of existing. Replacement porch and ground floor bay windows to front elevation.) to allow amendments to the roof, 3 no. new dormer windows, a Juliet balcony and addition of low level plinth wall to existing and extension areas in red facing brick.

PROGRESS OF RECENT APPLICATIONS

[T/00360/24/TCA](#) (Objections raised by BDBC 03 Sept, Validated 24 Jul 2024) 5 Little Hoddington Close. 1 Silver birch: fell.

[24/01547/LBC](#) (Granted 05 Sept, Validated 30 Jul 2024) Manor House, Basingstoke Road Upton Grey. Installation of a stairlift

[24/01021/HSE](#) (Pending, Validated 24 May 2024) 17 Little Hoddington. Erection of a part single/part two storey wrap around extension, first floor extension and new front porch to include internal alterations and moving of front door. Installation of air source heat pump. (Alternative scheme to that approved under 21/03603/HSE to include additional obscured W/C window on side elevation ground floor and garage roof ridge to be raised by 212mm and to be centralised)

[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

[23/03050/FUL](#) (Pending, Validated 19 Dec 2023) Land At Manor Farm Yard. Erection of 1 no building with 4 no commercial units. *PC objection comment submitted. 27 public objections, none supporting. Objections from Landscape and Conservation, rebuttal of these objections from applicant; further response from Landscape and Conservation, their comments stand.*

SOLAR FARM, NORTH WARNBOROUGH, ODIHAM PARISH

[24/01557/AMCON](#) (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 the approved battery units into a single compound.

[24/01342/AMCON](#) (Pending, 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. List of approved plans to be updated. Out of District consultation from Hart.

REF [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

LODGE FARM, ODIHAM PARISH – PREAPP

[23/02242/PREAPP](#) (Website says 'opinion issued' 12 July – This was apparently verbal response to Developer in meeting - no written Officer Report posted to website as yet) Validated 09 Oct 2023) Land At Lodge Farm Hook Road North Warnborough. PREAPP re Outline proposal for circa 105,000 sqm GIA of commercial logistics floorspace (Use Class B2/B8) with ancillary office accommodation, associated car parking provision, plus landscaping and highway works.