

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Hursley Parish Council meeting

Parish Hall, Hursley

Monday 17th March 2025

Hursley Parish Hall

Present	In attendance	Apologies
Cllr Killeen	Cllr Warwick	Cllr Brophy
Cllr Edgoose		Cllr
Cllr Gregory		
Cllr Hanna		
Cllr Chik		
Cllr Guest		

	<u>Minutes of the meeting of the Hursley Parish Council</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
24/77	Welcome and apologies	
	Apologies were sent from Cllr Bell	
24/78	Public Participation	
	Jake Barns Scott – Clean Energy Capital – Solar Farm for IBM – Gave an update on the project and will forward contact details to Cllr Killeen/Clerk. Park will be a 5 megawatt – 1km SW of IBM campus. Private wire to the IBM and power solely for IBM campus The company build and operate. Will not connect to the grid. Planning application now in and live. There will be a 45% biodiversity gain. Asked about long-term future of the programme – It will be usable for 30 years with a 40-year planning permission and they are aware that there will be technological gain but no plans to change anything and may review within 15 years or so. The timeline to start and go live. – hope to be operational 2026 spring summer. The site is grade 4 agricultural land. Wet and not really useful land. Site access from main road. Sight lines from footpath will be improved. This has been taken care of in the plans – link to be sent, 6.46 hectares. No battery storage needed. Public consultation has been very good – community engagement. Suggest that they approach Ampfield PC. There won't be a community grant. On site bio diversity gain – most will be on site – 300 new hedgerow all onsite but cannot do water on site so will purchase that. Road impacts – will update us as work progresses. Richard Baker – Orchard has been relocated – Thanks to Richard for his work. HVCA – Open meeting and a number concerned people about the tennis courts. Comments were sent to the Clerk. The Chair noted that comments should be directed to the Council.	

	Tree project – will be started before the end of the month. SSEN – work in recreation ground. Will be six weeks. HVCA – Support for new events – Fete 14th June, Hursley 10k back 12th October. Safari supper and new comers' lunch, - Cllr Killeen noted that he would be attending the newcomer's lunch. VE day – Lee at Dolphin is looking at putting something on. Noted Otterborne have a large celebration. David Warwick – Interested in MUGA. Voiced concern about the cost. And insurance. Felt predetermined it would be a MUGA – asked the HPC to look at more options,	
24/79	To approve the minutes of the last meeting – 20th January 2025	
	RESOLVED to approve	
24/80	District Councillor report	
	Winchester City Council March parish report Devolution Consultation - Closes 13th Apr 2025 On Monday (17 February) the Government launched its Devolution consultation and is asking for views on the formation of a Mayoral Combined Authority for Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight. You can read more on the Government's website at: https://consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution-consultation/ Or can answer the consultation using their online form at this page. The Government is understood to also be considering in-person drop-in events, but these haven't been confirmed yet – WCC will share more details as we get them. Local enforcement – Additional funding and consultation During Full Council on 27 the February, councillors voted in favour of the 2025/26 Budget, which included a commitment of £200,000 to invest one-off resources into planning enforcement. WCC is also seeking views on its updated Local Enforcement Plan (LEP) in a consultation that runs to 20th March. The Local Enforcement Plan sets out our approach to planning enforcement, including how alleged cases of unauthorised development and breaches of planning control will be investigated, the basis for planning enforcement decisions, and us approach to proactive monitoring. WCC has prepared the revised LEP, last updated in July 2020, as part of our commitment to deliver an efficient and effective planning enforcement service in line with the government's National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The plan emphasises the importance of protecting the district's communities, heritage and natural environment from unauthorised development and the harm it causes. Head over to Citizen Space to have your say at https://winchester.citizenspace.com/development-management/enforcement-local-plan/ Community Grants WCC has just closed the application process for its District Small Grant and Winchester City Community Grant schemes (closed Feb 28 th). There are no current open grants but check for updates at https://www.winchester.gov.uk/grants-for-not-for-profit-organisations Winchester City Council Approves Budget for 2025/26 Winchester City Council has approved a balanced budget for the upcoming year, which supports vulnerable people, addresses the climate emergency, improves recycling and protects our environment. The budget sets out a commitment to the roll out of weekly food waste recycling collections to all households later this year with £595,000 allocated this year (£460,000 as one-off funding). It has a strong emphasis on supporting vulnerable people, with additional funding to help prevent homelessness (an additional £300,000) and a revision of income bands for the council tax reduction scheme – ensuring that support continues to be received after the changes to the DWPs universal credit scheme. Recognising the ongoing impact of the cost of living, the council has also extended the Council Tax Exceptional Hardship Fund into 2025/6.	

	The budget also allocates funding to increase capacity for planning enforcement cases, to help protect the district's communities, its heritage and the natural environment from harmful unauthorised development. The budget has been aligned to help achieve the council 39 priorities following approval of the new council plan, which was developed following public consultation. The Plan's priorities include: ☐ Going Greener Faster ☐ Thriving Places ☐ Healthy Communities ☐ Good homes for all The full council meeting also approved an average council tax increase of 2.7%. For a Band D property, the City Council's share of the council tax bill will be £163.66 per year (an increase of £4.30 per year). The council's immediate financial position is stable. However, as with many local authorities, it faces increasing budget pressure long term, which it is addressing through its transformation programme, focusing on reviewing contracts, creating an effective and efficient digital service and generating more income.	
24/81	County Councillor report	
	Cllr Warwick – Devolution decision making underway. HCC meeting on it on Thursday 20th. Link to consultation on website ACTION ACTION Cllr Warwick would share link to the consultation for Shepherds Down school Suggested a speed van in Pitt – ACTION Jan Warwick. North and Southbound. Bus stop – new post and sign in place. ACTION - Speedwatch Cllr Edgoose – to look into it and advice.	Cllr Warwick Cllr Edgoose
24/82	Police and Crime report	
	Matters arising – Item 23/68 Police Plan ACTION Cllr Gregory to tell people where to find copies of the plan in the Parish Hall	
	No report	
24/83	Finance and Council matters	
24/83.1	Matters arising - none	
24/83.2	To approve payments	
	Planters – David approx. £200 RESOLVED to approve. Precept letter has gone – ACTION Cllr Killeen will answer why the increase in his report. To put on the website	Cllr Killeen

March 2025			
28-Feb-25	Service Charge		£6.00
21-Feb-25	B/P to: E Billingham	HURSLEY LENGTHSMAN	£116.66
21-Feb-25	B/P to: E Billingham	Exp	£50.00
21-Feb-25	B/P to: Winchester City Cl	Dog Bins	£65.00
21-Feb-25	B/P to: Mr M Rebbeck	HURSLEY REC CLEAR	£225.00
21-Feb-25	B/P to: Hampshire County C	Pension	£220.14
21-Feb-25	B/P to: E Billingham	Salary	£645.90
21-Feb-25	B/P to: Rob Chik	Exp	£108.00
12-Feb-25	B/P to: JSW Planning Consultancy	Planning advice	£2,077.65
12-Feb-25	B/P to: C A B	HURSLEY GRANT	£200.00
12-Feb-25	B/P to: E Billingham	SLCC membership	£240.00
12-Feb-25	B/P to: Hampshire County R	Hedges at Recreation Ground	£926.40
17 - Mar- 25	Rural Services Partnership	Membership	£50.00
20 Mar 25	E Billingham	Salary	£645.90
20 Mar 25	HCC	Pension March	£220.14
20 Mar 25	E Billingham	Lengthsman	£116.66

20 Mar 25	Grass and Grounds		£2,736.00
			£8,649.45
	VAT due on Lengthsman scheme		
	Total spent so far Lengthsman Ext VAT	£13,040.25	
	VAT element to be reclaimed	£2,882.40	
		Unity	£21,922.29
		Lloyds	£8,722.46
		Lloyds	£18,359.26
			£49,004.01

24/83.4	Internal Audit – To appoint Do the Numbers Ltd as the Parish Councils internal auditor for the financial year 2024/25 To note that Do the Numbers Ltd remains independent of the Parish Council and has no other relationship with it or serving members.	
	RESOLVED	
24/83.5	Devolution/Local Government Reorganisation and local elections – Report from Cllr Killeen	
	Discussed at start of the meeting	
24/83.6	Village Sign – To agree the position of the Village Sign	
	Report sent ahead of the meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Guest had done a wonderful job and thanks were made for his hard work. General location ideas were discussed: General discussion about options – Agreed to look into the church yard as best position. Will need to get permission from PCC and discuss with Christine Didymus. Planning permission needed due to being in a conservation area. ACTION Cllr Guest to draft and work with Cllr Killeen and Cllr Waldron. And agree location. To meet after next meeting to see the reality.	Cllr Guest, Cllr Killeen and Cllr Waldron AGENDA
24/83.7	Update on the new website and new Councillor email addresses and agree actions needed.	
	ACTION – Cllr Killeen to cancel renewal of the old domain	Cllr Killeen
24/83.8	APM – To make final arrangements and agree any actions	
	Cllr Warwick to talk about – Devolution and local Govt organisation and Hampshire Hedge to update on project. David Key to talk about the archaeological works at IBM ACTION Cllr Killeen to confirm	Cllr Killeen
24/83.9	SSEN - update	
	Work will continue for 6 weeks.	
24/83.10	Litter picking – to arrange litter picking areas and volunteers	
	ACTION Cllr Edgoose to log to Hampshire Roads that Enmill lane and Main Road as needing litter. ACTION Cllr Hanna to ask Golf Course and Anderson Moore's and Veolia. Farley Mount rubbish in layby.	Cllr Edgoose Cllr Hanna
24/83.11	VE Day – To discuss any village celebrations	
	Dolphin might be holding celebration Bunting JG and JH How long up for down June 21 st up before 1st June	
24/84	Planning and Planning matters	
24/84.1	Matters arising - None	
24/84.2	Planning Applications – Planning report to follow inc. update on other undecided applications – Cllr Bell	
	RESOLVED to allow the Clerk to make comments outside the meeting.	

	White Beams – No Comment	
24/84.3	TPO – Holm Oak – To agree that a TPO application be placed on the Holm Oak	
	Cllr Killeen is communicating with Senior Planners.	
24/84.5	Old Forge - Update	
	It was noted that the application was withdrawn.	
24/84.6	Battery storage proposal on Poles Lane – update	
	Has been approved. Concern over the connection to the grid but will need to await further information.	
24/84.7	Neighbourhood Plan update	
	None	
24/84.8	Winchester Local Plan – Cllr Killeen	
	This is in the inspector stage.	
24/85	Regular Reports of Council Representatives	
24/85.1	Village Shop – Cllr Bell	
	Would like to know the outcome of finance to end of the year. It was asked if the HPC subsidise it with a grant – No as Ltd company,	
24/85.2	Parish Hall – Cllr Guest To discuss Parish Hall Constitution and agree way forward.	
	In process with legal firm.	
24/85.3	WVT report – Mr Barnes	
	WVT had given £250 to someone in the village for a new walker.	
24/85.4	Hampshire Hedge update – Matters arising: Item 23/71.4 ACTION Cllr Killeen to take forward.	
24/85.5	Flood report and preparedness for potential flooding – Cllr Hanna Southern Water – update	
	Cllr Hanna gave a summary of the outstanding items – Poles and Pitt ditches not done. Still high and still at flood alert. Cllr Waldron noted pumping should only be done if it is due to come into the house.	
24/85.6	HVCA report – at start of the meeting	
24/86	Grant research – Cllr Gregory Matters arising Item 24/71.6 - ACTION Cllr Gregory would pursue the WCC grant for the planting and tree work	
	It was agreed that the HPC needed to agree projects and then to apply and look for grants	
24/87	Highways	
24/87.1	Matters arising- Item 24/73.7 - Request for HCC to look at more drop kerbs. Glebelands Path and end of footpath. RESOLVED/ACTION for Cllr Killeen to investigate and come back with any costing to next meeting.	Cllr Killeen
24/87.2	Hampshire Highways report – Cllr Killeen / Cllr Edgoose	
	Highways March 2025 CFI Work All the signing and gateway work has been completed. The Passenger Transport Team have also relocated the bus stop and were due to add a new flag sign to this post, but I am unclear if this has been completed. The only other work required to complete the scheme was for new bus stop markings which HCC has instructed the lining gang to carry out asap. SLRs We have two units, a further older unit which has been repaired following vandalism and another new one on order. I await a schedule of locations for the future, as I believe that this needs monitoring for equitable location time throughout the Parish. Roadworks Main Road (A3090) Hursley from Standen to Ladwell, overnight carriageway resurfacing for Main Road Hursley from 21-29th March. The road will be closed from 2000-0600 hrs.	

	Bus stop lining would be done. To pursue the application for a new pole. Approval to move forward with a new position. Concern about needing shelter. ACTION JE to look into a possible shelter. New battery not working. Two unit and other non-recording unit. Enmill Lane – location – Bracket and put back on schedule. Look into it. What is gap timeline? PROPOSE to buy another. PUT on Agenda for next meeting	AGENDA
24/87.3	Update on CFI project (Village Gate and enhancements project with HCC)	
	See above	
24/87.4	SLR Matters arising Item 24/72.4 -ACTION Clerk to pursue new pole in centre of the village	Clerk
24/87.5	Bus stop – Update on temporary / repositioned bus stop – Cllr Killeen – see above	
24/88	Recreation Ground & Environment Matters Arising – Item 24/73.2 – Wildings area - ACTION Angela Elder to email the map etc. There is a mown path throughout it, - Done	
24/88.2	Recreation Ground report – Cllr Chik	
	12% response to the consultation. Feel unsure that response is enough to move forward, could consider remarking tennis courts. Seating the outside and look at play area. Feel it should only be self-funding from grants. Feel it should be still be thought through. Possible children's kick about area with seating. Shed – Leave in place. Might need some maintenance RESOLVED Agreed to not move forward with the MUGA at present Larger view of the whole Recreation Ground usage is needed. Possibly keep as it is – fence and grass cut. Other ideas included: Climbing frame idea. Continue to cut tennis court grass. ACTION Cllr Chik to explore options There was some discussion about dog walkers using the tennis court area. It was agreed to leave open and monitor the situation To look at the possible use old nets for informal tennis use. AGENDA for 19th May	Cllr Chik AGENDA
24/88.3	Grass Contract – to delegate power to the proper officer and Cllr Chik to agree the contract within set parameters and report back to the next meeting, RESOLVED to agree	Cllr Chik Clerk
24/88.4	Hedge Contract - to delegate power to the proper officer and Cllr Chik to agree the contract within set parameters and report back to the next meeting, RESOLVED to agree	Cllr Chik Clerk
24/88.5	Recreation Ground tree report/update – To ratify the approval that Wessex Woodland would undertake the work at the Recreation Ground on the boundary fence and plant 26 trees for £1777.11 plus VAT	
	RESOLVED to agree	
24/88.6	Pelican court trees ACTION Cllr Kileen to order trees. Parking concerns – hash marks indicated no parking outside – Markings changed ACTION Cllr Edgoose to pursue changing the painted lines outside shop,	Cllr Edgoose
24/88.7	Footpaths – Cllr Chik including Glebelands path	
	Glebelands Path was reviewed by Cllr Chik with Peter Yeates to look growth/issues – It was agreed that there was no need for works at present. Resurfacing £4500 supply and restore possible AGENDA	AGENDA
24/88.8	Lengthsman scheme – Clerk	
	On Going	
24/89	Cemetery report – Cllr Waldron	
	Burial ashes had taken place.	
24/90	Allotment report – Cllr Waldron	
	Ian Bawcott reported that all occupied with one on wating list. All fees paid. Trees pruned.	

Meeting ended 8.45pm