

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Hursley Parish Council meeting

Parish Hall, Hursley

January 2026

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Present	In attendance	Apologies
Cllr Waldron	Cllr Jan Warwick	Elizabeth Billingham (Clerk)
Cllr Guest (Chair & Acting Clerk)	Cllr Brian Laming	
Cllr Gregory		
Cllr Chik		
Cllr Killeen	Plus members of the public	
Cllr Bell		
Cllr Edgoose		

	<u>Minutes of the meeting of the Hursley Parish Council - Discussion Points</u>	<u>Pending Actions</u>
1	Public Participation	
	None	
2	Meeting resumed:	
3	To discuss and agree a response to Winchester Local Plan – deadline 16th January 2026	
	Report sent out before the meeting. Each Councillor was asked to comment. Councillors were asked to vote on the following: Option 1 A - 4 votes B 1 vote Option 2 A 0 votes B 1 vote C Majority voted. RESOLVED To agree to Option 1A and Option 2 C ACTION Cllr Guest to send the letter 13/1 6.55 Statement sent to WCC Local Plan In response to the email Consultation on Proposed Main Modifications to the Local Plan on 21/11/2025, and the various discussions that have since taken place with councillors and representatives at both Winchester and Hampshire level, Hursley Parish Council met last night to agree on our strategy going forward. The overwhelming majority voted: For the existing Winchester Local Plan (response due 16 January 2026) Hursley Parish will focus on village and wider parish windfall as backed by planning consultants, and other councillors. We shall not submit a Neighbourhood Plan at this stage. As you are aware we	

	have been developing our draft Neighbourhood Plan for several years now, so it's not a case of Hursley having not done anything, however the time taken in its production means that its validity and content is perhaps not as current or focussed as we would desire, it is also missing an updated consultation. For the 'new' Winchester Local Plan (running over the course of the next 24 months) Hursley Parish will commence the production of a new, concise and much-revised Neighbourhood Plan for the parish of Hursley from April-June 2026, once firm further requirements are communicated by Winchester CC (dates depend upon when workable clarity can be provided to the parishes). This will include securing a planning consultant running a parish-wide consultation and finalising for submission to the Local Plan by Dec 2026-Feb 2027 (timing dependent upon availability of a consultant, release of the requirements, workload of Hursley Parish Councillors and the findings of the Neighbourhood Plan itself). Funding for this is already ring-fenced within our budget. Baseline understanding and assumptions Relating to the existing Local Plan, it has been communicated to Hursley Parish Council that there is no immediate pressure on Hursley parish to provide significant numbers of housing stock (a target of 20 houses has been quoted in and around the village itself), nor housing stock outside of the current village building envelope. Relating to the new LP, we have already engaged with the WCC Housing Team regarding affordable and social housing within both the village and parish. Whilst there is a clear focus on Hursley village itself due to the access, proximity to services and clear consideration given to the sustainability of its pubs, shops, Post Office, school, local businesses and transportation, we strongly believe that a holistic proposal that includes the wider parish of Hursley and the sustainability of its various hamlets and settlements such as Standon, Pitt and Farley is also considered. Redevelopment of Hursley's existing council-owned brownfield sites could be one viable strategic alternative to building over the green fields, and consideration of a highly limited number and size of exception sites conjoining the village's existing building envelope another. Nevertheless we fully understand the need to balance the current state with the needs of future generations, survival of our local services, and the needs of those on low or more limited income wanting/needing to live in Hursley (in relation to current housing availability and pricing). We believe this should be our focus on future planning rather than just developing more high-cost developments to make up the numbers. There of course are Strategic Sites being mooted, such as the golf course and Pitt Vale, and we will also very likely continue to see applications put forward by local landowners and developers which Hursley Parish Council may or may not take into consideration at the relevant time. Early signs show a natural resistance to any significant development beyond our village's settlement boundary for the time being, as once this rule is broken for a few homes it will be harder to resist proposals for a larger number of houses on green fields in the future. However, resident consultation would form part of our Neighbourhood Plan and a more pragmatic position may present itself. This, alongside a consideration of some potential small brown field sites locally, and an additionally pragmatic consultative view to any more immediate landowner plans with more modest numbers may positively support the village's sustainability without significant development and loss of habitat, settlement gaps and heritage (also considering the needs and wants of hamlets like Standon, Farley, etc.). Thank you for your patience in awaiting Hursley's decision. Please direct any responses, questions and future requirements through Hursley Parish Council Clerk and Chair. We look forward to a strong future partnership with you, ongoing pragmatic collaboration, and open and transparent dialogue. Yours faithfully, Toby Guest (Chair) on behalf of Hursley Parish Council	
	Next meeting – 19th January 2026 Dates for next year: 2026 16th March 18th May – AGM APM TBA	

	13 th July 14 th September (to note this is 2 nd Monday) 16 th November	