

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2025 – Heckfield Village Hall, 7pm

Present: Parish Councillors Keith Alderman (Chairman), Guy Chessell, Andy Piercy, Jenny Roberts; Clerk Susan Turner; Guests District Cllr Anne Crampton, County Cllr Tim Davies; Members of the Public 1

2025.

**77 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

No apologies received.

**78 PUBLIC SESSION** No issues raised other than covered on the Agenda.

**79 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 29 September, agreed and signed.

**80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda, none.

**81 REPORTS TO MEETING**

**.1 Hart District Councillor Anne Crampton**, report and discussion

i Local Government Reorganisation – Majority proposal to Government at **APPENDIX I**. Hart has submitted its agreed preferred Option for Unitary Councils across Hampshire – Option 1A – to Government for deadline of 26 September. This is in agreement with the majority of other first and second tier councils in Hampshire. 'Option 1' is a proposal for four mainland unitaries – with various configurations for the southern councils considered along the way – but always including a North Hampshire Unitary comprising BDBC, Hart and Rushmoor. The joint proposal is entitled: *Close enough to be local, big enough to stay strong*. Government will consult later this year.

The proposed Northern Unitary has no current centre for 'County' responsibilities but a director of social services and adult social care has been appointed.

ii Local Plan update Progress is very behind, the delay much to do with lack of resources, more planners are being recruited. The proposed timetable (Local Development Scheme) **APPENDIX I** says submission by March 2028 just before the end of the life of Hart Council. Examination will go beyond that, adoption shown as October 2028.

iii Cost of living support grant total £50K – for grants up to 5K to help people in hardship, poverty – remains open to 07 November. Applications should be from local agencies who provide help and support to individuals and families in need; eg foodbanks / food clubs / food pantries; community projects supporting vulnerable residents; organisations promoting cookery skills on a budget; family support / care organisations. Examples of projects might be – cookery classes; self-help skills projects; money management / budgeting courses; winter school holiday programmes; health and wellbeing initiatives.

iv Question re what happens to existing Hart Council buildings? Council buildings are capital assets not allowed to be sold. Have been looking at where the new council offices would be. Part of the current Hart building is used by Farnborough Tech and they wish to stay; renting out the buildings is a good source of income.

**.2 County Councillor Tim Davies** report and discussion

i Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Everyone is aware that County, along with East Hants, submitted their own proposals for three mainland unitaries, based on a Greater Portsmouth, a Greater Southampton and the rest of Hants based in Winchester.

ii Discussion One reason Labour may favour a Northern Unitary is that it gives them some prospect of controlling the Council – LGR is very much about control; will only get money if do what Government wants – No matter what is submitted, will go ahead as Government wishes – But the money not there – To bear in mind Government is short of funds and this process not fully costed, potential for them to decide all too costly – Government has just rejected the idea of the Isle of Wight remaining a single unitary.

iii Some good news that the last Full Council meeting approved a new (though reduced)

County Councillor devolved budget for 2025/26, despite it not being a statutory requirement. The budget has been cut further from 8K to 5K; likely safe from further cuts now until the end of the life of the Council.

iv County elections will go ahead next May, along with District and Mayoral elections for the Combined County Authority. For County and newly-elected District Councillors, the term will be only be for two years.

**82 DEFIBRILLATORS**

.1 **Registration** Hound Green – Registered guardian ST; Leather Bottle – ST to register; The Mutton – Pub is registered guardian.

.2 **Regular checks** (ideally every week) to ascertain all is well; the defibs self-test daily the green tick should be showing in the corner box. Hound Green – Resident checks in place, backup KA. Leather Bottle – checking by GC. Reporting is to ST for logging on Circuit and recording in minutes. Current situation, both checked and operational. The Mutton – Pub is registered guardian and undertakes its own checks.

.3 **Training** South Central Ambulance to confirm date for training at the Leather Bottle; agreed Parish Council will cover suggested donation of £10 per person.

**83 HOUND GREEN**

.1 **Pond project:** Recent meeting, ST with Hart's Flood Risk Management officer at Hart offices; Hart officer is proposing a site visit and to provide local mapping for the area. The 1915 OS map showing the original location of the pond, and the Ecologist's initial report from the site visit April this year, have been forwarded to him.

.2 **Christmas tree and carols on the Green** KA to discuss tree with Hortus. Resident is pursuing potential for local choir support. To set a date for carols.

.3 **Bus shelter maintenance** KA to approach Merronbrook. AP is regularly checking on the shelter in passing.

**84 PLANNING**

.1 **Parish Planning Applications** – Planning Update **APPENDIX I.**

i. New applications since last meeting  
25/01916/CA (Validated 06 Oct) Bannisters Farmhouse, Mattingley Green. T1 Oak – deadwood. T2 - Wild cherry - Crown reduce by 5m and crown lift to 3.5 m from ground level. Parish Council no objection, no comment.  
24/00428/HRA (Validated 03 Oct) Priors Farm, Reading Road. Application under Regulation 77 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 pursuant to 24/00428/GPDAGD. Application for notification for prior approval for the change of use from use as agricultural buildings to use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses). Parish Council content to leave to discretion of Case Officer.

ii. Ongoing applications of note  
25/00477/FUL (Validated 21 March) The Mutton at Hazeley Heath. Erection of eight units of guest accommodation with associated parking, landscaping and new sewage treatment plant. New documents on website 30 September: Parking plan, and signed agreement with farmer to park staff cars at the farm. Noting the latter can be terminated at any time. Also covering letter from Agent which says:  
' It can be demonstrated that additional parking (eight spaces) can be provided within the scrub/overgrown area in the SW corner of the site that could be designated solely for the guest accommodation, hence more than adequate provision can easily be made.'

Discussion – problems caused by parking continues – the farmer unable to get milk tanker in and out – neighbours continue to be blocked in or out – drivers often rude if asked to move. However is better than it was, and the provision for eight extra spaces welcomed. Parish Council agreed it will no longer object if addition parking is provided.

.2 **Hart Local Plan Update** see District Councillor report, item 81.1. The Call for Sites (statutory time period) ended 10 October.  
[www.hart.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/new-hart-local-plan](http://www.hart.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/new-hart-local-plan)

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**FINANCE & GOVERNANCE****.1 Accounts to date APPENDIX II** Bank reconciliation 13 October = £31,392.45.

Payments since last meeting

31 Clerk – Salary-Sept	£187.20
32 HMRC – PAYE-Jul Aug Sept	£468.00
33 Peter Brown – Internal audit	£100.00
34 Heckfield VH (96) – Meeting venue Sept	£32.00
35 Poppy Appeal – Wreath, 50x lamppost poppies	£270.00

**.2 Budget update APPENDIX III.****.3 Grant funding** – To submit application to County Cllr budget for mapboards (ST).

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**FURTHER REPORTS****.1 Police camera van visits** – in layby near Pegasus, seen three times last month.**.2 SID update** – currently operating the two devices with just two batteries. To continue as is for time being.**.3 Horse box** – Hillside Farm is being offered for let and it seems the livery stables are being vacated. Horse box no longer there; a notice printed to be fixed to the windscreen if it returns.**.4 Hazeley Heath** – A massive clearing of birch and gorse. All cows now taken off the heath, may bring four back next summer..**.5 Little Church Farm hedges** Continue not to be cut, and not cut last year; Cllr Davies will again raise with County; Council farms are required to cut their hedges.**.6 Remembrance** – Wreath and 50 x lamp post poppies to be delivered 28 October. Lengthsman will make special clean and tidy of bus shelter and remove old wreaths, week prior. Service 12.15pm 09 November. KA and JR to attend.**.7 FP10 Bluehouse Farm** footpath diversion confirmed **APPENDIX IV.**

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**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Tuesday 17 November, 7.30pm, Heckfield Village Hall meeting room

*Meeting closed at 9.15 with thanks to all.*

For signature (p3of 3) ..... Date .....

## APPENDIX I Indicative timetable for the new Hart Local Plan to 2045

[www.hart.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/new-hart-local-plan](http://www.hart.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/new-hart-local-plan)

- Formal agreement to proceed with Local Plan Update	Jan 2025
- Preparatory evidence gathering and scoping	August 2025 - February 2026
- Notification of the start of the Local Plan process	February 2026
- Scoping and early participation	February - June 2026
- Gateway 1 (advisory)	June 2026
- Plan vision and strategy development	June - December 2026
- <u>First consultation [Reg 18?]</u>	January - February 2027
- Evidence gathering and drafting the plan	March - June 2027
- Gateway 2 (advisory)	June - July 2027
- Engagement, proposing changes and <b>Submission</b>	July 2027 - <b>March 2028</b>
- Second consultation [Reg 19?]	October - November 2027
- Gateway 3 (stop/go)	January - February 2028
- Examination	March - September 2028
- Finalisation and adoption	October 2028

## APPENDIX II PARISH PLANNING UPDATE 13 OCTOBER

### NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING of 29 September

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### APPLICATIONS PENDING / RECENTLY DECIDED

25/01877/HCC (**Pending**, Validated 29 Sept) Little Church Farm, Mattingley Green. Demolition of Lean-to Dairy

25/01772/CA (**Pending**, Validated 15 Sept) Yew Tree Cottage, Hazeley Bottom. T1 Sweetgum (Liquid Amber) – Lift canopy by up to 3 metres from ground, and crown thin by up to 20%.

25/01647/PREAPP (Validated 29 Aug) Stags Barn, Hazeley Lea. Replacement outbuilding and new lightweight glazed link to existing listed barn conversion with repositioned access into curtilage. Planning & heritage advice sought to include an on-site meeting and written response.

25/00477/FUL (**Pending**, Validated 21 March) The Mutton at Hazeley Heath. Erection of eight units of guest accommodation with associated parking, landscaping and new Sewage Treatment Plant.

NOTE 29 Sept: Objection from Conservation. More info required from Highways.

NOTE 13 Oct: New docs to website 30 Sept – new Parking Plan; agreement with Farm cover letter from Agent.

### NO PLANNING APPEALS

### **APPENDIX III ACCOUNTS TO DATE**

MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL - INCOME 2025/26 - 13 OCTOBER

Balance brought forward 1st April 2025						£24,885.07
Date	Item	Precept	Grants	VAT	Interest	Total Receipts
18/05/2025	Parish Precept	£15,569.00				£15,569.00
2025/26	Bank interest				£298.79	£298.79
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£15,569.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£298.79</b>	<b>£15,867.79</b>
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## RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Bal brought forward 1st April 2025	£24,885.07
Plus income	£15,867.79
Minus expenditure	£9,510.41

<b>Balance</b>	<b>£31,242.45</b>
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>	

## **BANK RECONCILIATION**

Club, charity, trust	£50.19
Bus instant access	£31,192.26
<i>Balance to take over</i>	<b>£31,242.45</b>

Vat to reclaim from 2025/25 £58 55

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Vat to reclaim from this year £856.75

## Club, Charity And Trust Account

Available funds:  
**£50.19**

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## Business Instant Access

> £31,192.26

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MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL - EXPENDITURE 2025/26 - 13 OCTOBER

## APPENDIX IV BUDGET UPDATE

MPC THIS YEAR at 13 OCT	2025/26 TO DATE	2025/26 LATEST ESTIMATE	2025/26 BUDGET - MAR 2025	2026/27 BUDGET - DRAFT	2027/28 BUDGET - DRAFT	
EXPENDITURE						EXPENDITURE
CLERK'S SALARY	£2,808.00	£5,616.00	£5,191.20	£5,191.20	£5,191.20	CLERK'S SALARY
CLERK'S ALLOWANCE		£324.00	£324.00	£324.00	£324.00	CLERK'S ALLOWANCE
EXPENSES		£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	EXPENSES
TRAINING						TRAINING
GOVERNANCE/ADMIN	£1,405.65	£1,575.00	£1,775.00	£1,825.00	£1,875.00	GOVERNANCE/ADMIN
COMMUNITY / DONATIONS	£445.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	COMMUNITY
HOUND GREEN contract	£1,892.75	£3,688.58	£3,688.58	£3,873.01	£4,066.66	HOUND GREEN -contract
HOUND GREEN other maint	£212.38	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	HOUND GREEN other maint
PARISH MAINTENANCE		£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	PARISH MAINTENANCE
GLEBE WOOD		£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	£500.00	GLEBE WOOD
HOUND GREEN TREES - ANNUAL		£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	HOUND GREEN TREES
Routine (Precept funded)	£6,763.78	£14,303.58	£14,078.78	£14,313.21	£14,556.86	Routine (Precept funded)
Projects						Projects
Mapboards		£800.00				
Hound Green trees - five-yr						Hound Green trees
HOUND GREEN POND	£268.00	£5,000.00	£5,000.00			HOUND GREEN POND
Phone Box	£408.28	£408.28	£408.28			Phone Box
Red Hill Gateway	£930.00	£930.00	£3,131.00			Plough Lane gateways
Phone B Debif cabinet install	£283.60	£283.60	£100.00			Debif cabinet install
VAT	£856.75	£856.75				VAT
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£9,510.41</b>	<b>£22,582.21</b>	<b>£22,718.06</b>	<b>£14,313.21</b>	<b>£14,556.86</b>	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>
Routine expend (Precept funded)	£6,763.78	£14,303.58	£14,078.78	£14,313.21	£14,556.86	Routine expend (Precept funded)
Project expenditure	£1,606.28	£8,278.63	£8,639.28			Project expenditure
<b>INCOME</b>						<b>INCOME</b>
PRECEPT	£15,569.00	£15,569.00	£15,569.00	£16,347.45	£17,164.82	PRECEPT
County Cllr grant		£800.00				County Cllr Dev budget
Grants other						Grants other
Vat refund		£915.30				Vat refund
Bank interest	£298.79	£350.00	£350.00	£400.00	£450.00	Bank interest
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£15,867.79</b>	<b>£17,634.30</b>	<b>£15,919.00</b>	<b>£16,747.45</b>	<b>£17,614.82</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>
Surplus // Deficit	£6,357.38	£4,947.91	£6,799.06	£2,434.24	£3,057.96	Surplus // Deficit
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£31,242.45</b>	<b>£19,937.16</b>	<b>£18,086.01</b>	<b>£20,520.25</b>	<b>£23,578.21</b>	<b>Balance</b>

## APPENDIX V FP10 BLUE HOUSE FARM: FOOTPATH DIVERSION

