	MINUTES FOR THE HURSLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	
	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2023 – 7.30pm – Parish Hall, Hursley	
	Present – 30 members of the public	
	Apologies	
	Cllr Edgoose	
Item	Subject	
1	Welcome to new Councilors, thanks to retiring Councilors and apologies	
	Welcome – thanks were made to all retiring Councilors and all new Councilors were introduced.	
2	Minutes of the meeting held on May 2022	
	All approved	
	Review of the parking outside shops – part of larger village calming scheme. Will come to the residents.	
4	Parish Council Annual Report 2022-2023 – Cllr David Killeen	
	Report attached. Cllr Killeen ran through highlight. Sent out over 100 coins to children within the village – waiting for more to come forward. If anyone would like one then please come to David in the Post Office.	
5	Financial Statement – Printed and available.	
	Report was handed out at the start of the meeting.	Clerk
	It was asked why there was such a large reserve. It was noted that the Parish should hold one year of spend in reserve plus the planned Neighbourhood Plan and replacement play equipment.	
	Lowered the Precept this year. Policy to hold annual precept.	
	St Johns grant – ACTION Clerk to request	
6	District Councilor's Report 2022 - 2023	
	WCC report attached – Cllr Jan Warwick spoke briefly on the difference between the two Councils and their responsibilities.	Cllr Killeen
	Gave some details of the Strategic Plan and Hursley's Neighbourhood Plan	
	Rural Prosperity Fund was released today - £10-£25,000 each — ACTION investigate if Council can use it. I.e. — Internet fibre in areas not covered.	
7	County Councilor's Report 2022 - 2023	
	HCC report attached.	
	Potholes – 40,000 fixed in Feb and March. Gritters are same employees as pothole repairs. £6million had been set aside for potholes. Ladwell potholes – urged to report. White lines means been reported.	
8	Update from Parish Organizations	
	Parish Hall Mgt – Will Cameron	

Village shop – David Killeen /Chris Beddoes **Church report – Kristin Tridimas HVCA** – Richard Baker Other groups Noted that Rob Gilbert had passed away – former Parish Chairman. Parish Hall – report attached. Had spent money on surfacing for play group. Village Shop – Chris Beddoes – Shop sales are similar year before – Net Profit £7k. Post Office. 100 shareholders. Grateful to small group of volunteers – thanks to them. Request for ideas of what to stock and encourage people to come in and use the shop. Shop AGM 14<sup>th</sup> June – Virtual. It was asked if it could be open for school age children coming home. Any more ideas are encouraged. 30,000 hours per year by volunteers. Is there a volunteer celebration event – Will try and arrange something – Christmas Church – Verbal report – One of the church wardens – noted it was a small congregation. Welcome to all. Want the building to be used more. Plans for small kitchenette and toilets but slow progress. Christmas Tree festival will be run again. Bell ringing competition – National competition. HVCA – Richard Baker – Busy year – Jubilee celebrations over 4 days. New Comers lunch – 32 new comers welcomed. Coronation celebration was held over 3 days - Grant obtained which covered it all - big screen with up to 78 people. Party in Park and the Big Help Out - Fencing into the village. Welcome for new committee members. Village transport group – group spending time taking people to hospitals Thanks were made to the volunteers. Alex Bell – Thanks were made to him for all the work he does maintaining and repairing equipment. Other village groups included Book clubs, Knit and Natter, Mother and Toddler group. How are allotments organized. Ian Bawcott day to day with Councilor Waldron Village Panto was a huge success and thanks to all involved. 9 **Speakers** Chris Beddoes – Footpath Warden

**David Key - Local Historian** 

To discuss the status of the Merdon Castle restoration and the up-coming third dig in the grounds of the IBM House

**Alison Talbot** 

To discuss the CPRE Hedge Project across Hampshire

Chris Beddoes – gave background of local footpaths. Urged public to let Chris Beddoes know if any problems or concerns. Clerk Noted that barriers are now in place on the long-distance path. Has spoken to landowner. Suggest a stile. Report to footpaths ACTION Clerk Working party – Footpath North End IBM to Standon David Key – local historian – Merdon Castle Castle – undergrowth removed; walls cleared. Well new cap. Restored head of well. Still private land. Will be available at certain times. Events will be organized. Tudor Lodge – archaeological dig. Returning in June for final year. Trenches will be dug to confirm the north front of the house. Medieval building underneath. Bicentennial – Charlotte Mary Young. More details to follow. CPRE - Alison Talbot - Hampshire Hedge - Green corridor project to connect the two National Parks. New Forest and South Downs. Lost 45% of hedgerows in the last 50 years. 14 miles Clerk needed. It would be a three-year project – where can plant hedges and connect areas. Presentation ACTION Clerk to put on the website. Community Hedge Fund and education resources. Training days for hedge lying. Funds to teach people. Starting In Compton. Project leader is Ellie Banks Locate landowners to work with on the project. Hedge Life – survey asking for help and take part. County Farms – 7/8 near Compton working with them. Thanks were made to all and invited to stay for drinks. Close – Meeting ended at 21:20 10