

	<p><b>AGENDA FOR THE HURSLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</b></p> <p><b>29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 6.30pm – Parish Hall, Hursley</b></p> <p><b>Please come and join us for an in person update from the Parish Council. Light refreshments will be available – wine and soft drinks.</b></p>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome to new Councilors, thanks to retiring Councilors and apologies</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on May 2023</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Parish Council Annual Report 2023-2024 – Cllr David Killeen</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Financial Statement – Printed and available.</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>District Councilor’s Report 2023 - 2024 – attached</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>County Councilor’s Report 2023 - 2024</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Updates from Councilors</b></p> <p><b>Highways – Cllr Edgoose</b></p> <p><b>Recreation Ground – Cllr Turvey and Cllr Chik</b></p> <p><b>Flood Group – Cllr Hanna</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Update from Parish Organizations</b></p> <p><b>Parish Hall Mgt – Will Cameron /Cllr Guest</b></p> <p><b>Village shop – Chris Beddoes</b></p> <p><b>Church report – Kristin Tridimas</b></p> <p><b>HVCA – Richard Baker</b></p> <p><b>Other groups</b></p>
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ellie Banks</b> To give an update the CPRE Hedge Project across Hampshire</li> <li>• <b>David Key</b> Update on Merdon Castle</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	<b>Close – Please join us for a drink at the end of the meeting</b>

	<p><b>MINUTES FOR THE HURSLEY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING</b></p> <p><b>22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 – 7.30pm – Parish Hall, Hursley</b></p> <p><b>Present – 30 members of the public</b></p> <p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Edgoose</b></p>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Subject</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome to new Councilors, thanks to retiring Councilors and apologies</b>	
	Welcome – thanks were made to all retiring Councilors and all new Councilors were introduced.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on May 2022</b>	
	All approved  Review of the parking outside shops – part of larger village calming scheme. Will come to the residents.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Parish Council Annual Report 2022-2023 – Cllr David Killeen</b>	
	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.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Financial Statement – Printed and available.</b>	
	Report was handed out at the start of the meeting.  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	<b>Clerk</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>District Councilor’s Report 2022 - 2023</b>	
	WCC report attached – Cllr Jan Warwick spoke briefly on the difference between the two Councils and their responsibilities.  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.	<b>Cllr Killeen</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>County Councilor’s Report 2022 - 2023</b>	
	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.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Update from Parish Organizations</b>	
	<b>Parish Hall Mgt – Will Cameron</b>	

	<p><b>Village shop – David Killeen /Chris Beddoes</b></p> <p><b>Church report – Kristin Tridimas</b></p> <p><b>HVCA – Richard Baker</b></p> <p><b>Other groups</b></p>	
	<p>Noted that Rob Gilbert had passed away – former Parish Chairman.</p> <p>Parish Hall – report attached. Had spent money on surfacing for play group.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Is there a volunteer celebration event – Will try and arrange something – Christmas</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Bell ringing competition – National competition.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Village transport group – group spending time taking people to hospitals Thanks were made to the volunteers.</p> <p>Alex Bell – Thanks were made to him for all the work he does maintaining and repairing equipment.</p> <p>Other village groups included Book clubs, Knit and Natter, Mother and Toddler group.</p> <p>How are allotments organized. Ian Bawcott day to day with Councilor Waldron</p> <p>Village Panto was a huge success and thanks to all involved.</p>	
9	<p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chris Beddoes – Footpath Warden</b></li> <li>• <b>David Key - Local Historian</b></li> </ul> <p><b>To discuss the status of the Merdon Castle restoration and the up-coming third dig in the grounds of the IBM House</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alison Talbot</b></li> </ul> <p><b>To discuss the CPRE Hedge Project across Hampshire</b></p>	

	<p>Chris Beddoes – gave background of local footpaths.</p> <p>Urged public to let Chris Beddoes know if any problems or concerns.</p> <p>Noted that barriers are now in place on the long-distance path. Has spoken to landowner. Suggest a stile. Report to footpaths ACTION Clerk</p> <p>Working party – Footpath North End IBM to Standon</p> <p>David Key – local historian – Merdon Castle</p> <p>Castle – undergrowth removed; walls cleared. Well new cap. Restored head of well.</p> <p>Still private land. Will be available at certain times. Events will be organized.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Bicentennial – Charlotte Mary Young. More details to follow.</p> <p>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 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</p> <p>Locate landowners to work with on the project.</p> <p>Hedge Life – survey asking for help and take part.</p> <p>County Farms – 7/8 near Compton working with them.</p> <p>Thanks were made to all and invited to stay for drinks.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10	<b>Close – Meeting ended at 21:20</b>	

## **David Killeen - Parish Council Annual Report – May 2024**

### **Councillors**

2023 necessitated a Parish Council election, and since then there has been one vacancy caused by the resignation of Jerry Barnes. Thanks go to Jerry for all the work he helped the Parish Council with, and Jerry continues to coordinate the village activities of the Winchester Villages Trust.

Our councillors are;

David Killeen – Chair, parish comms, police, farming and neighbourhood plan.

Toby Guest – Vice-Chair, parish hall, parish council finance, village sign

Eleanor Bell – Planning, Old Forge

Martin Waldron – Cemetery, allotments, parish clock, bus shelter, lengthsmen, trees

Robert Chik – Playground, footpaths, recreation ground, wilding, parish council finance, Glebelands path, tennis courts

Helen Turvey – Footpaths, recreation ground, wilding, parish council finance, Hampshire hedge, tennis courts

Jonathon Edgoose – Highways, pavements, Old Forge

James Hanna – HVCA, Litter, bins, emergency plan, flooding committee

Elizabeth Billingham – Clerk, RFO, website, flashing speed signs, lengthsman.

Co-option of another councillor is currently under way but if anyone else is interested could they please contact Elizabeth at [clerk@hursleypc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@hursleypc.org.uk)

### **Village Flooding**

At last we are seeing some respite from the effects of groundwater levels and sewage in the village. The level is now slowly decreasing. The tankers may have gone by the time of reading and traffic systems removed. This year has been an exceptionally bad year for us but due to the combined efforts from our flood group, Jan Warwick (county councillor), our parish council and Southern Water, the worst has been alleviated. Following the previous bad spell in 2013/14 there have been significant works carried out by Southern Water to line pipes and ensure pipework is cleared under the village which have proved their worth this time. The presence of the tankers has ensured that village sewage systems have not backed up into homes and also ensured that sewage was not allowed to flow into our local rivers.

### **Village gateway and traffic calming project**

This project continues to make progress to further improve the village whilst trying hard not to destroy its already calm essence. The current stage is that following extensive input from villagers, parish councillors and Hampshire roads, we have now approved village gateways, some signage, central white line removal, bus stop markings and the move of the bus stop.

The central village planters have proven very successful and will be summer planted around mid May. Thanks to Hampshire County Council for a grant to continue this village beautification.

Road speeds remain on average about 30mph, we have a regular police speed van at the south end of the village and we continue to move our flashing speed signs around the parish. Recent incidents in Pitt and just south of the Ladwell junction demonstrate the need for continual work by Hampshire to reduce risk.

### **Litter picking in Spring**

The parish is largely free of litter thanks to the teams of local people who do litter picking and thanks to them.

There continues to be fly tipping. If you see any fly tipping, please report it on the Winchester City Council website and it will be cleared. <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/flytipping/>

A team from IBM will also be assisting with litter picking this year.

### **Trees, fences and recreation ground**

The north side of the recreation ground has several Ash trees which have not survived and need to be removed. This will be carried out when the weather allows and they will be replaced following village consultation.

The recreation ground play equipment was refreshed/replaced this year and many thanks to Robert Chik, Helen Turvey, Alex Bell and Mark Terry who look after and maintain the play equipment for us.

The allotments are fully utilised and the Churchyard in the centre of the village is planned to be handed over to the parish council for maintenance.

The track up to the Allotments and Cemetery and car park has been restored. Work is in progress to also restore the parking area to the rear of the church, the entrance to the recreation ground and the track to the rear of the houses at the south end of the village has been restored by a residents working party using planings organised by the parish council.

During the year the Hursley Lawn Tennis Club was dissolved due to lack of members. The tennis courts, buildings and equipment have been handed to the parish council. A project has been started, led by Robert Chik and Helen Turvey, to review the use of the old tennis courts for the benefit of the village.

## **Website**

A new parish council website is currently under development.

## **High Speed Broadband**

After 6 years work and consultation by Jan Warwick and myself, we 'remain' almost there. Ladwell remains incomplete due to difficulties encountered by Openreach and BT. These are scheduled to be completed shortly.

## **Planning**

The Winchester Local Plan was delayed by a year due to large number of responses from the public and the complexities of the local plan. The plans for Sur John Moore Barracks and Bushfield have not changed and continue to evolve. The plan is now heading towards the final stage 'Regulation 19' consultation phase later in 2024. The 'Regulation 19' consultation is to provide an opportunity for representations to be made on the amendments to the local plan before it is examined by an Inspector in 2025.

Currently Hursley Parish is expected to build 40 houses within the next 30 years. There are no direct allocations, and Winchester's expectations are from 'windfall' and our Neighbourhood Plan which is on-going. The high risks to our parish are the development of Pittvale Field and the Golf course. These decisions by Winchester hinge on the proposals behind Sir John Moore Barracks use and Winchester Hospital proposals. The Local Plan is not yet complete, and your parish council continues to watch its progress closely.

The new Solar Farm has now passed planning and will be constructed in the north of the parish.

Two further Solar Farms are currently being proposed and one is at the planning stage for the East IBM car park. Your parish council supports this application.

The second larger solar park is in the planning stage with IBM but this one has not yet requested planning permission from Winchester council.

## **Coronation Coins**

Your parish council organised all the village bunting and gave all 18 year olds and under a shiny new 50p coin in a case and presentation card. To date we have given 163 of these away. If you have not yet had yours then please contact Cllr Eleanor Bell.

## **Hampshire Hedge**

This is now heading our way in Hursley after crossing Compton in early 2024 and there will be a presentation at the upcoming annual parish meeting. IBM has also been recently working closely with the Hampshire Hedge project and it now runs around IBM grounds.

David Killeen - Chair, Hursley Parish Council

# RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR TO 31st MARCH 2024

**Please note these are  
draft accounts prior to  
audit**

Last Year Ended 31st March 2023	RECEIPTS	End of Year 2024	
£ 41,000.00	Precept	£ 30,000.00	
£ 48.90	Interest on Investments	£ 491.07	
£ 117.70	Allotment Rents	£ 131.00	
£ 1,069.00	Burial Ground Fees	£ 729.00	
£ 300.00	Grants	£ 370.00	Grant for planters
	Lengthsman refund	£100.00	
£ -	VAT repayments	£ 5,000.20	Repayment
£ 2,400.00	SLR Income		Invoiced for SLR payment not yet received
£ 752.42	Cil Payment		
<b>£ 45,688.02</b>	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>£ 36,821.27</b>	
	<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
£ 8,872.51	General Administration	£ 13,561.08	This includes increase in Clerks wages and back pay, pension scheme which wasn't in place prior year.
£ 135.00	S.137 payments	£ 420.00	Grants - £200 Church magazine, £220 Church clock
£ 7,151.44	Capital projects		
£ 11,694.07	Recreation Ground & open spaces	£10708.98	
	Subscriptions – Previous years in General Admin	£1,060.93	SLCC, Parish Online mapping, ICO
£ 5,790.03	N Plan	£ -	
£ 2,748.78	Cemetery	£ 4564.64	Maintenance - This includes the labour for the scalping work at cemetery lane.
£ 6,600.00	SLR equipment and maint	£ 7,848.39	This includes purchase of LED batteries which last longer than Lithium - this is offset by income from Sparsholt - not yet received
	Chairman's Allowance	£ 190.90	
4613.64	VAT on Payments	£ 416.96	
<b>£47605.47</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£ 38,753.88</b>	
	<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY</b>		
£ 66,209.74	Audited Balance at 1st April 2023	£ 64,292.29	Audited Balance at 1st April 2023
£ 45,688.02	Add Total Receipts	£ 36,821.27	Add Total Receipts
<b>£ 111,897.76</b>		<b>£101,113.56</b>	
£ 47605.47	Deduct Total Payments	£ 38,753.88	Deduct Total Payments
<b>£ 64292.29</b>	Balance as at 31st March 2023	<b>£ 62,359.68</b>	Balance as at 31st March 2024
	<b>These cumulative funds are represented by:</b>	<b>BANK BALANCES</b>	
£ 31,309.61	Lloyds Treasurers	£8,736.29	
£ 22,471.89	Lloyds Instant	£52,962.96	
£ 10,510.79	Unity	£660.43	
	Uncleared cheques/deposits		
<b>£ 64,292.29</b>		<b>£ 62,359.68</b>	

<b>RESERVES:</b>			
	Village / Highway improvements	£ 10,000.00	
	Neighbourhood Plan	£ 21,000.00	
	Recreation Ground improvements (to be increased each year for future planning)	£ 15,000.00	
	General Reserve (should be between 25-50% of income)	£ 16,359.68	
		£ 62,359.68	



## Hampshire County Councillor: Annual Report 2023-2024

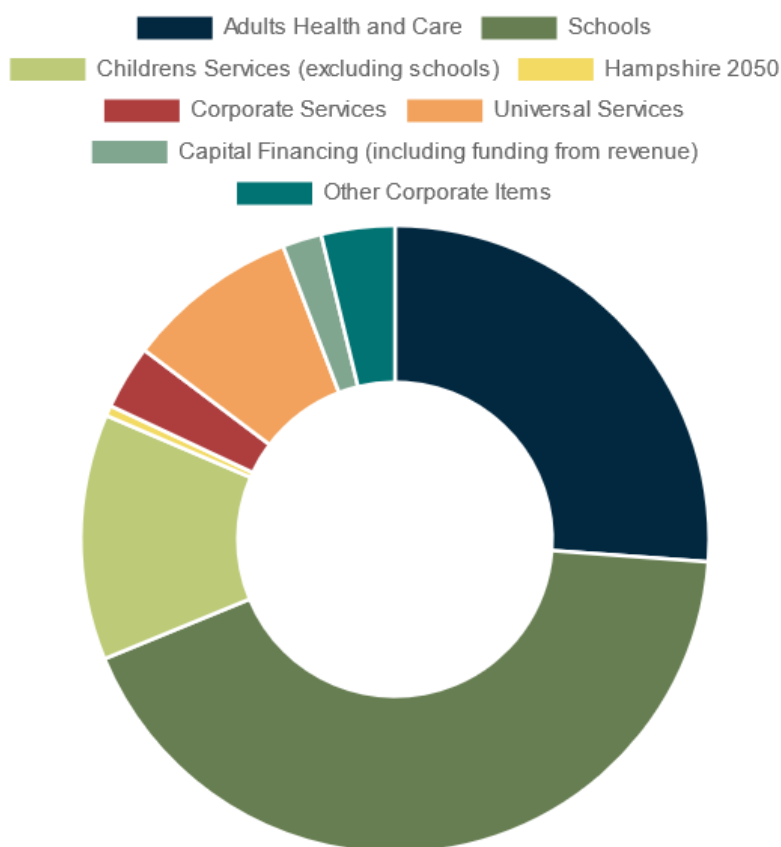
**HCC budget 2024-25** The County Council's budget for the next financial year has been approved by the council. This budget covers £2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents.

The County Council also approved the spending of **£880.6 million** over the next three years on capital programs, to help boost jobs and the local economy, the quality of the environment and contribute towards the County Council's commitment to tackling climate change. This provision for Hampshire's infrastructure, including more school places, improving roads and bridges and investing in the fabric of Hampshire's older people's social care estate, is one of the largest in the country, and brings the County Council's four-year total investment in the fabric of Hampshire to £1.4 billion, providing a huge boost to the local economy through jobs, skills and construction.

**Transforming in-house care for older people** The County Council operates in-house care homes for older people and will invest **£173m** on new specialist nursing and complex dementia care, as well as short term pre-and post-hospital support, to better meet the needs of the county's ageing population.

It will increase the overall number of beds available to local people from 900 to 1,000, within a network of 13 homes. Approving these plans secures the long-term future of our in-house homes ensuring they remain in the council's ownership.

### Where the budget will be spent



### HCC Highlights from 2023/2024

**Invitation by Hampshire County Council to bid for funding to plant disease resistant elms** Communities across Hampshire are invited to apply for funding to plant disease resistant elm trees. The English countryside was once dominated by elms, but since the 1960s these trees have been ravaged by Dutch elm disease that was accidentally introduced to Europe in the early 20th century. The disease has killed nearly all the mature elms in Britain, an

estimated toll of 60-100 million trees. Our planting initiative will be a great opportunity to enhance local spaces and provide essential habitats for wildlife including species of moth and butterfly.

The Hampshire Forest Partnership has already supported 1,205 disease resistant elm trees to be planted across Hampshire's green spaces by farmers, landowners, and local communities. Enquiries are open now for the 2024/25 tree planting season which starts from the autumn. Organisations such as town and parish councils, local groups and landowners can find out more information including how to apply for disease resistant elms by contacting the Hampshire Forest Partnership on [treeplanting@hants.gov.uk](mailto:treeplanting@hants.gov.uk)

**Bus Services** Hampshire's £7.2 million share of the Department for Transport's (DfT) Bus Service Improvement Plan Plus money and has been awarded to protect existing commercial services (that might otherwise see reduced timetables) and to fund more frequent services from May.

In Winchester the **Bluestar 1** service between Winchester and Southampton will have an additional evening weekday services and new late-night services in each direction on Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Service 66** between Romsey and Winchester will improve to every 30 minutes, Monday to Saturday daytime.

**Government appoints Hampshire County Council to take lead role in local nature recovery** Hampshire County Council has been appointed by our government to prepare a '**Local Nature Recovery Strategy**' for Hampshire, including the areas of Portsmouth and Southampton. £388,000 will be provided to coordinate the development of the new strategy in collaboration with key partners.

The Strategy will bring together organisations and residents to restore precious habitats, protect wildlife and combat climate change.

Hampshire County Council is one of 48 individual local authorities across England designated as leads for the delivery of Local Nature Recovery Strategies and will work with Southampton and Portsmouth unitary authorities, the region's two national parks and all eleven district and borough councils across Hampshire.

**Improving Recycling and Reuse at the Household Waste Recycling Centres** Residents are being asked to separate their waste ahead of a visit to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) to reuse and recycle more, and to reduce the amount of material that goes to costly disposal methods such as landfill. By taking a few moments more to sort our waste material, we could save up to £200,000 of taxpayers' money every year. The HWRC teams will be on hand to answer any questions and offer advice.

Most HWRCs in Hampshire will be able to recycle the following materials:

- Garden and green waste
- Metals
- Wood
- Cardboard
- Electrical equipment and appliances
- Batteries, printer cartridges, and light bulbs
- Furniture
- Clothing and textiles
- Paints, chemicals, engine oil and gas bottles

**County Councillor Grant** My annual devolved Councillor Grant pot is for projects or events across the Winchester Downlands Division. It was opened on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 for Coronation grants and will open again for other applications on 1st June 2024. Please contact me if you have a project or event that will benefit residents. In the meantime, please see the list of projects that benefitted from my grant funding last year:

**My £8000 Councillor Devolved Grant Budget for the financial year 23/2024 was shared amongst the following projects.**

Applicant	Project
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Compton & Shawford PC	Coronation Event
Otterbourne PC	Coronation Event
Hursley PC	Coronation Event
Oliver's Battery PC	Coronation Event
Chat T Café Badger Farm	Coronation Tea Party
Otterbourne Parish Council	Queen Elizabeth Memorial Garden
Hampshire Garden Projects	Edible Garden Oliver's Battery Primary School
Key Changes	Music Therapy for young people with a disability
Winchester Young Carers	Day Outing for carers
Winchester Go Learning Disability	Day Outing to Theatre
WinACC	Support for Green Week
Hygiene Basics Bank	Start Up grant

**Our Hants** -the county council's app is available for download to your smart phone. You can report a pothole, book your HWRC visit, find jobs at HCC and in education, apply for a school place, renew a library book, find things to do in Hampshire and much more too!

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## Winchester City Council

A snapshot of the past year from your ward councillors.

Supporting our communities

Grants for community projects

During the year several organisations in the ward benefited from District Project Grants, District, Small Grants, and Green Grants These provide support to local groups and organisations who may need new equipment, start-up assistance or help with events and activities in their communities.

Recipients include a grant to Compton Football Club for new youth equipment, to Oliver's Battery Parish for a new thermal camera to support residents' home insulation efforts, a grant for new technology at Waltham Chase Pre-school, and funding to help provide more efficient glazing to Otterbourne Pavilion.

WCC continued to support many other district-wide projects benefitting residents from the Badger Farm and Oliver's Battery ward (e.g. a standout example is the £60,000 grant to support homelessness services for the district provided to homelessness charity Trinity).

Winchester City Council also worked to award funding to rural businesses and not-for-profit and community groups as part of the Rural England Prosperity Funding (REPF). NB – this continues, with the next round of funding made open for applications in March 2024. The fund allows organisations to apply for between £15,000 and £40,000, with commercial businesses required to match fund

their projects.

### **Cost of Living Support**

Throughout the year, WCC continued to offer support for those affected by the cost-of-living crisis.

These measures included:

- ▣ £300,000 in emergency support for affected residents
- ▣ 318 council homes retrofitted to cut bills and carbon emissions
- ▣ Managing the cost of bills with the lowest council tax increase in Hampshire
- ▣ A dedicated Cost of Living Grant Scheme provided funding to organisations supporting residents in dealing with heightened costs of living.

### **Winchester District Co-Mentor Scheme**

To help boost local innovation and productivity in the district, WCC launched the Winchester District Co-Mentor Scheme for local businesses. The free scheme matched creative co-mentors with other business co-mentors so that both parties benefit from the co-mentoring relationship.

### **Support for Ukraine**

Our district has also continued to extend a hand of support further afield. In March 2024, Winchester City Council's Ukraine team was shortlisted for an award at the Local Government Chronicle Awards. The team, who work within the council's Housing and Communities services, have helped to support more than 280 Ukrainian families with settling down to life in the district by organising language and skills workshops, providing assistance with accommodation, promoting to access local services and more.

### **Going Greener Faster**

Taking urgent action on the climate emergency

In September, the council cabinet reaffirmed its commitment to carbon neutrality by agreeing a new Carbon Neutrality Action Plan (CNAP) to support WCC's goals to become a carbon neutral organisation by 2024 and a carbon neutral district by 2030. Focus areas of the plan include transport; renewable energy generation; nature-based solutions for capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide (such as tree planting); and supporting the creation of local carbon credits. Measures identified as having the most impact include: energy saving in 800 homes; funding schemes for residents' energy saving; continued installation of EV charging points and PV solar panels; exploration of large scale renewable energy generation; decarbonising council fleet vehicles including Park & Ride; and improving cycling and walking opportunities across the district.

Focusing on Renewable Energy, WCC also held a series of Carbon Neutrality Open Forums to understand public views on the different types of renewable energy, their pros and cons, and the

renewable energy choices they'd like to see made in the district.

In terms of results to date, WCC was proud to be named the fifth best council nationwide by Climate Emergency UK for its actions to achieving net zero. The results in the 2023 Council Climate Action Scorecards can be seen at <https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/about/>

The council was also recognised for its efforts in training staff about the impacts of carbon and how day-to-day actions in their work and at home, can help reduce carbon emissions. The council is one of only 5 local authorities across the UK to be awarded the silver accreditation by the Carbon Literacy Trust.

#### Exploring renewable energy for Winchester

The city council has plans to be a carbon neutral district by 2030 – renewable energy is likely to be one of the most effective ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Focusing on Renewable Energy, WCC held a series of Carbon Neutrality Open Forums to understand public views on the different types of renewable energy, their pros and cons, and the renewable energy choices they'd like to see made in the district.

#### **Tackling Antisocial behaviour**

##### Fly-tipping prosecutions

Winchester City Council is pursuing a zero-tolerance approach to fly-tipping by prosecuting offenders. It has recently reported a third successful fly-tipping prosecution in four months (following fly-tipping prosecutions have also been achieved by Winchester City Council in November 2023 and January 2024). By prosecuting in this way, offenders risk a prison sentence of up to five years and receive a criminal record.

#### **Alcohol Control zone extended to 2026**

In September, WCC's licensing and regulation committee voted to support a 3-year extension of the existing alcohol consumption public spaces protection order (PSPO) to September 2026.

The city's PSPO, which also covers Badger Farm, isn't a ban on public drinking but aims to address antisocial behaviour in response to complaints by the public and gives police the power to confiscate alcohol from people drinking in public and to issue a FPN for non-compliance.

#### **Expanding CCTV**

In the city, 40 additional CCTV cameras are being added to Chesil Street car park to provide additional reassurance for users and help deter anti-social behaviour. Winchester already has a network of 110 CCTV cameras across the city which are monitored from a local control room 24 hours a day. These additional cameras will bring the total to 150 and are a vital part of the city council's wider work with partners to ensure a safe and welcoming city.

#### **An Evolving District**

## Central Winchester Regeneration ongoing

Winchester City Council's is undertaking a regeneration of a circa four-acre area of the city with a wide-ranging mix of uses (e.g. including flexible work and creative spaces, food and drink offerings, a hotel and new high-quality public spaces). The proposals also include new homes to suit people of all life-stages, with a range of tenures available including private sale, homes for rent and affordable housing.

The project was included in WCC's Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) after extensive public engagement and community consultation.

In March 2023, WCC announced the appointment of Jigsaw Consortium trading as Partnerships & Places to bring forward the Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR) project. During the past year, Jigsaw held a series of meet and greet events to gather public views to shape proposals for the site. Work is now ongoing with key recent developments including the refurbishment of the Kings Walk area and the demolition of the Friarsgate Medical Centre. This area will be redeveloped in the interim ("meanwhile use" as an open space, ahead of the comprehensive programme of redevelopment. Concurrently, work is well advanced on the construction of the new St Clements Surgery in Middle Brook Street supported by WCC.

## Local plan revised timetable

In August, the Cabinet Committee for the Local plan agreed to extend the timetable for producing a Local Plan, citing the complexity of national nutrient neutrality legislation and the value of first completing ongoing Strategic Transport assessments and studies into the local economy – all factors that could influence the emerging Local Plan.

The revised timetable means that Regulation 19 consultation will take place in Summer/Autumn 2024, with adoption of the plan in 2025.

## Bushfield Camp – Clarifying the anticipated timeframe

Following consultation on Bushfield Camp during autumn-winter 2023, the process was delayed after National Highways requested more time to consider the impact of the proposals. At the full council session on 17th January, Cllrs Warwick and Brophy both asked questions to Cllr Jackie Porter, the Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan, to clarify the impact of the delay and likely timeframe. These questions and answers are included in full below, given the local interest in this issue:

From: Cllr Warwick - "Public consultation for the Bushfield Camp planning application opened on 27th October and closed on 7th December 2023. When will the application be heard by the planning committee and how many residents will be allowed to address the committee?"

Reply from Cllr Porter

"It's become clear as the process has continued, that concerns about the highways impact of

Bushfield are particularly important for residents – and so the Council is absolutely committed to ensuring that National Highways and Hampshire County Council take the time they need to properly and thoroughly assess the impact of the applications.

As a result, based on the timetable they have given us, it is likely that the Bushfield application will not be able to come to committee before May or June – possibly later.

The decision as to how it will be handled is – as was agreed in the new Constitution last month – is a matter for the Planning Committee itself and not for the administration.

If you look at page 67 of the Constitution - Part 3.3, section 1.8a – it makes clear that the Planning Committee decides their own public speaking arrangements and are also able to determine specific arrangements for public speaking on certain applications.

My hope is that the Committee will look to run a process that allows a full range of residents and affected organisations – including Parish Councils to have their say. I have spoken to the Chair of the Committee, Councillor Rutter, and this is her intention as well.”

From: Cllr Brophy - “Given the request by National Highways to have more time to assess the traffic impacts of the proposed development at Bushfield Camp, can the Cabinet Member for Place and Local Plan outline how this will affect the timeline for decision making?”

Reply from Cllr Porter

“I know how concerned local residents are about the traffic and transport implications of the Bushfield planning application.

I am reassured therefore, that National Highways have sought more time to work through the highway implications of the application with the developer.

The outcome of the National Highways’ discussions with the applicant will then be reconsidered by Hampshire Highways who will be given the opportunity to resubmit their comments too.

Once those comments have been received, it will be important for the public to have their say as well – particularly if there is significant new information. And, if this is the case, we will allow time in the process for this to happen.

The combined effect of this is likely to mean that determination will not be possible before May or June this year – possibly later.”

### **Regeneration of Station Approach**

A regeneration of Station Approach area in Winchester was also progressed. In summer 2023, officers recommend to the cabinet that a concept masterplan should be produced for Station Approach in order to allow residents and stakeholders to determine the vision for the whole area - setting out the priorities and defining the transport hub and public realm strategy.

### **Looking ahead – The council budget for 2024/2025**

Councillors approved a balanced budget for Winchester City Council at a council meeting on 22 February. The approved budget reflects continued investment in the Council Plan priorities, a below inflation increase in council tax and plans to improve online access for customers as part of a wider transformation programme.

Key highlights include:

☒ A below inflation rise in Council Tax for city council services (an increase of £4.07 per year for a Band D property, or 2.6%.)

☒ Investment in the council plan priority of 'Greener Faster' – This includes expanding recycling and introducing doorstep food waste collections and reducing carbon emissions in the waste vehicle fleet.

☒ Recognising the ongoing cost of living pressures for residents, budget has been set aside for a council tax support fund and the extension of the exceptional hardship fund.

☒ Investment in the Council Plan priority of Homes for All, providing additional support for the council's homelessness prevention strategy.

☒ Over half a million pounds of investment to refurbish Winchester's public toilets.

At the full council where the budget was approved, it was acknowledged that (as with the rest of the country) the financial landscape is particularly challenging for local government with uncertainty about future funding. A transformation programme (TC25), which has already identified immediate savings, has been launched to address a future funding gap challenge. Included within it are plans to improve customers' access to the council by improving the council's online services.



**AGM Highways report – Cllr Edgoose**

**Hursley community funded initiative road improvement scheme**

This was approved after lengthy discussions, both with Hursley Parish Councillors and HCC highways engineer. The net result meant that we didn't get everything on the wish list. For example, changing the limit through Hursley to 20mph and including a zebra crossing, while desirable would not get through Hampshire Highways.

See below the cost of all the elements of approved scheme as per the final attached plans

Signing/posts and gateway fencing	£9,750.00
Lining	£1,280.00
Temporary Traffic Management (including road space and permitting and C2's)	£900.00
CFI fees	£2,450.00
Scheme total:	£14,380.00

JE recently chased up Mr Maccadam, the highways engineer who is handling the matter. Mr Maccadam awaits new finance codes for 24/25 to be issued (just prior to April) before preparing the orders for this, but it's being actioned now and these orders should be on HCC system in the next couple of weeks.

Regarding timescales, HCC can commit to the 24/25 financial year at this stage, but once the orders are committed Mr Maccadam will be in a better position to chase the contractor up for implementation dates.

Prior to the orders being authorised HCC will need to raise an invoice for payment of half the scheme total. JE has chased Elizabeth for full details for the Invoice.

**Footpath clearance**

IBM to Standon. The problem of a narrow overgrown path, which needs digging to its full width. This has been an ongoing issue and raised several times via the HCC portal. Highways did cut back the hedge which was encroaching over the footpath. After several reminders, they stated that the footpath required no further work. It is planned that HPC will arrange for it to be dealt with direct with a contractor, subject to approval and budget.

Enmill Lane to Pitt roundabout. The path has been overgrown, width has been reduced due to debris and is dangerous due to its width. HCC has had several attempts to rectify, with some success. The lower end was recently cleaned up by a contractor. It is still narrow near the top and needs further work to make safer.

**Enmill Lane/Romsey Road safety**

This has been highlighted by the very recent two-car accident and near miss with the end cottage. This has reinvigorated local residents into trying to get safety changes made to the junction, before there is a fatal accident. This really is a matter for HCC, but HPC can play its part through support for local residents and liaising with Jan Warwick for necessary action.

(PDF of plans will be separate.)

# **Hursley Recreation Ground and Surfacing Works Report**

**Cllr Robert Chik**

**April 2024**

## Recreation Ground and Play Area

The 3 bay swings have had the horizontal beam replaced with a new compliant one and all the equipment has been reinstated, including a new single swing in place of the double rope swing. It will be painted in the colour scheme to match the rest of the equipment when the weather allows.

The area behind the pedestrian and large access gate on the recreation ground side became muddy and slippery after heavy rain. This has been remediated with a layer of road planings over a geofabric membrane to prevent fines from migrating to the surface from underneath.

A rotten timber fence post and barrier beams opposite the Old Vicarage collapsed during winter and has now been replaced with new timbers.

## Glebelands Footpath

There were reports of the lights not operating properly and staying on permanently at night. This was due to a fault with the PIR sensors at the ends of the footpath which has now been fixed.

## Use of road planings delivered to Hursley

The Parish Council was able to secure the delivery of a number of lorry loads of road planings from road works in the area and repurposed them throughout the village.

The undulations and hollow areas along Church Lane and the parking area behind the church cemetery have been filled and levelled out and compacted.

The large craters and hollows on the surface of the access path up to the allotments have been levelled out over a geofabric membrane. Standard size vehicles, rather than only 4x4's, are now able to drive up to the top. A small pile of left over planings have been put aside for topping up any settled areas as required.

A load was delivered to the private access drive to the south of the village opposite John Keble Primary School and a resident work party filled the various potholes and levelled the drive, making it more suitable for vehicles to access the garages and rear of the properties.

The entrance area to the recreation ground has been remediated to remove the risk of slipping from mud during wet seasons as noted above.

## **Flood Management Group Report**

For Hursley and beyond, most certainly including Otterbourne, it has been a challenging winter and beyond for flooding. Hursley in particular has faced frequent challenges due to persistent high-levels of ground water. There has also been significant localised surface flooding on the roads, and in particular some rather awful scenes along Poles Lane with stranded cars in deep water.

I categorise the response in the three ways:

**Personal/ Business level:** The majority of Hursley residents with cellars (the most frequently impacted aspect of the village) are aware of flooding and have made preparations and have had their pumps in operation. Frequent social media updates have been made to alert people of local road flooding issues.

**Hursley Flood Management Committee & wider council(s):** The committee have met several times to discuss the approach and support we can offer, as well as updating the Hursley Flood Management Plan, which we enacted. We engaged in door-to-door and wider social media comms to make people aware of the rising ground water levels. However, we have had some learnings from our experiences this year in how best to engage with the community and the type and level of support/ information we should give. We have taken this seriously and will look to ensure our future engagement is inline with these learnings. We have engaged with local business, such as Anderson Moore, on the severe surface flooding along Poles Lane. We will continue to perform gully/ ditch inspections with a view to inform Hampshire Roads of any immediate action required.

**Southern Water:** At the worst point of the ground water flooding in the village, pumping was required by Southern Water and this required traffic measures to be added. We continue to work closely with our City Council representative (Jan Warwick) who has been liaising with Southern Water to ensure they react quickly and effectively to help reduce impacts to the village relating to ground water flooding and the sewerage system.

Cllr. James PT Hanna - Hursley Flood Management Group Chair

## **Hursley Community Shop Association report:**

HPC annual meeting 29th April 2024

Hursley Village shop and Post Office continues to tick along. Thank you to all those who give their time to staff the shop and PO, and to all those who use both.

David Killeen resigned as shop manager and as a HCSA Director in September 2023.

Chris Bontoft has taken the lion's share of the routine administration since then, with others chipping in from time to time; we all owe thanks to Chris for all his quiet, unpublicised work. Janette continues to work part time in both the shop and PO. We welcome Annie Powell selected by shareholders as a new HCSA Director.

The key financial indicators for 2023 are:

- The shop and news turnover have small variations since 2021, running at close to £125k. Unfortunately with goods inflation averaging 9% pa since 2021, this means a significant drop in volume of sales.

- The cost of sales (ie all goods and news items bought for sale) increased to 2022 but stabilised since then. Gross margin is thus dropping, especially in real terms.
- Post Office income also shows a very slow decline.
- We try to manage the fixed costs and overheads carefully, but the cost of electricity for HCSA has tripled since 2021 contributing to a 15% overheads cost increase since 2021.
- The net result is a small profit of ~£6k for 2023, down slightly from 2022.
- £35k of retained cash was returned to shareholders in 2022/23, but HCSA continues to hold cash reserves of £75k.

So in summary, the Shop and Post Office continue to provide a service to the Parish, whilst generating a small income. However, we should not get complacent: income is flat and costs are rising. We urge two things of our community:

- Please use the shop and Post Office whenever you can: £2 a week more from each household could double profits and help secure the future.
- There are a small number of very active volunteers upon whom HCSA relies heavily: if you have any spare time, please volunteer, if only for a couple of hours from time to time.

Chris Beddoes, Chairman HCSA.

## **Hursley Parish Footpaths report:**

HPC annual meeting 29th April 2024

The Parish has a number of public footpaths crossing it, most notably the Monarchs Way.

As of April 2024, I have been able to survey most of these and have the following comments. In general after all the heavy rain there is of course quite a bit of mud.

- Paths from Farley Down to Farley Mount and from Pitt Down to Berry down Farm are in good condition and not over grown.
- Monarch's Way east to Silkstead is clear and generally in good condition, although muddy in two or three places.
- Monarch's Way west across the fields behind the school and through Ampfield Woods to Knapp is difficult to negotiate in places: it is very muddy and has many trees and branches across the path through the woods. Beyond Knapp to Slackstead, although muddy in places, the path is clear of obstacles.
- I haven't yet been able to survey the path from Ladwell to Otterbourne, nor that from Pitt.

Chris Beddoes - Footpath Warden

## **Annual Parish Meeting 29th April 2024 - HVCA**

Once again, the HVCA has been very busy in the past year.

Our first Wine Tasting and food pairing event was enjoyed by 60 people held in mid-June in the Parish Hall, with local sommelier Sam Searls hosting the evening.

Fin and Diana O'Sullivan of Home Farm kindly invited the HVCA to organise a walk and picnic to Merdon Castle in September, with refreshments being provided by Home Farm. They have been working closely with Historic England who co-ordinated the works and wanted to give everyone the opportunity to enjoy the completed renovations. There was a talk by local historian - Jason Collings, with support from Dave Key.

A group of us met at All Saints Church in early October, to carry out some trimming and strimming in and around the Churchyard. Refreshments were provided by Kristin Tridimas.

Village Carol Singing took place on Friday 22nd December, many thanks to all who supported the evening, we collected a total of £163.82 for Winchester Beacon.

In early March we held HVCA Newcomers Lunch and welcomed 17 new villagers for a drink, cottage pie and pudding. A huge thank you to Amanda Apps and the team for making a delicious lunch, this was well supported by regular faces from the Village.

Springtime Safari Supper was held in mid-April with 71 guests visiting, 8 starter hosts, 6 main course hosts & 5 pudding hosts all around the Village and then gathering back at the Parish Hall for some dancing. Many thanks to Amanda Apps and the organising team, along with all the hosts for great Village event.

We continue to cut the grass in the Churchyard and the HPC owned grass in Meredun Close, many thanks to Michael Arthur for doing this.

HVCA AGM is being held on Wednesday 22nd May commencing at 20.00 in the Archie Heath room, everyone is welcome.

Please note that the Hursley Fete will be postponed until later in the year, so not to clash with 'Larafest'

Date for the diary, Saturday 6th July Merdon Castle walk and picnic.

Richard Baker – HVCA Chairman