

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 3rd January 2023, Village Hall 7.30pm

Present – Parish Councillors Alan Tyler (Chairman), Simon Barker, Mark Gifford, Alison Mosson, David Rudge; Clerk Susan Turner; Members of the Public 4;  
Guest, Ward Cllr Onnalee Cubitt, joined part way through the meeting.

## 1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies from Ward Councillor Kate Tuck, County Cllr Juliet Henderson

## 2 PUBLIC SESSION

### .1 **Station Road verges** Question raised regarding Parish Council powers and permissions to manage Highways verges.

#### i. Parish Lengthsman Scheme

The Highways Authority (HCC) can designate its powers under licence to any other local authority – the Parish Lengthsman Scheme operates under such licence. The Lead Parish agreement with HCC says that:

'By virtue of Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000, a local authority's executive may arrange for the discharge of any of the local authority's executive functions by (*inter alia*) another local authority or its executive and, by virtue of Section 1 of the Local Authorities (Goods and Services) Act 1970, a local authority and certain other public bodies as permitted may enter into an agreement for the provision of certain services and works.

'...the County Council hereby agrees with the [Parish] Council and hereby so arranges that the [Parish] Council shall discharge... on behalf of the County Council such functions and provide such services as are specified in this Agreement. This Agreement shall apply to all Highways within the Parish area.'

The Agreement includes maintenance work associated with the Highway – subject to risk assessment – road safety / traffic management considerations. This allows Parish Councils to clear grips, trim, mow, cut back verges / hedges / vegetation (though no further than from the 'extent of the highway'). The Lengthsman Agreement also includes 'Village maintenance', effectively a catch-all for what might reasonably be included but not specifically mentioned. The agreement specifically excludes digging in the highway, works to the live highway, works to lighting / anything electrically powered.

#### ii. S96 Highways Act 1980 – Powers of highway and local authorities to plant trees, lay out grass verges, etc.

'(1) A Highway Authority may, in a highway maintainable at the public expense by them, plant trees and shrubs and lay out grass verges... and otherwise do anything expedient for the maintenance or protection of trees, shrubs and grass verges planted or laid out, whether or not by them, in such a highway.'

'(5) The council of a Parish or community may, with the consent of the Highway Authority for a highway maintainable at the public expense in the Parish or community, exercise with respect to that highway any of the powers conferred by subsections (1)..''

iii Cultivation Licence HCC operates a 'cultivation licence' system which allows Parish Councils / interested parties to apply for licence for responsibility to 'cultivate' – to plant and manage a specific section of the Highway, eg a length of verge (subject to all restrictions relating to the Highways). This means in practice that Highways should no longer cut the verges, so protecting for wild flowers from being cut at unsuitable times.

iv With regards to Station Road verges, the Parish Council (via Parish Lengthsman) specifically requested permission from the Highways Manager to mow the verges (for the avoidance of doubt) and also sought the goodwill and support of the Estate as adjacent landowner, for rewilding the verges.

**2. Question on planning**

The planning applications listed in the January *Newsletter* include proposals for in total 50 new houses. How many new houses have been built in Cliddesden in the last 20 years? Many are large houses, eg Langdale Rise, houses at the Old Rectory. In the proposal for 28 new houses, what is put forward suits the needs of the village. But where do we draw the line, can we stop continuous development?

Discussion

The Chairman noted that the areas of land around Cliddesden submitted to BDBC as potential housing sites – as per the call for sites to the SHELAA (sustainable housing and economic land availability assessment) – collectively has potential for 241 homes.

Re the past 20 years, couldn't immediately say exactly. There have been approvals for 22 new houses within the term of the present Local Plan, adopted in 2016 but dating back to 2011. Just prior to that were the 10 or so new houses in Cleresden Rise. Within the present Local Plan, Cliddesden has an SS5 allocation of 10 new houses, potentially 20 in the Local Plan Update. Cliddesden will be required to have a new housing development but need to make sure it is in the right place.

Re multiple proposals, a difficulty is that each has to be assessed individually, planners will consider cumulative impact to a degree. But Local Plan housing policies are deemed out of date, the Local Plan Update (Reg 18 consultation) has been paused, BDBC is unable to demonstrate a five year land supply. Only a updated Local Plan will give unallocated greenfield sites some policy protection. The Parish Council will continue to oppose housing applications it believes are not right for the Village.

Parish Councillors noted that the Neighbourhood Plan has listened to residents' request for smaller houses, it recognises that more five-bed houses are not wanted, the application for 28 houses meets a lot of the criteria identified and agreed in the Neighbourhood Plan. The difficulty with this application is that it is on Woods Lane – the right type of development in the wrong place. The community and Parish Council has consistently opposed the overdevelopment of Woods Lane.

**3 REPORTS TO THE MEETING****.1 County Councillor report APPENDIX I**

December report received from Cllr Juliet Henderson – covered in Jan *Newsletter*, features:

- Hants and Kent leaders' letter to Government re underfunding – 'and the need for Government's immediate help and a clear plan for long-term financial sustainability, if the two County Councils are to avoid filing bankruptcy notices within the next year or so.'
- HCC Minerals & Waste consultation - 12-week consultation to 31st January.
- Latest round of Household Support Funding from the Department for Work and Pensions – targeting households facing hardship, see connect4communities.

**.2 Ward Councillor report** Cllr Onnalee Cubitt joined the meeting.

- i Onnalee noted she has been a Ward Councillor for 15 years, she is local, was brought up in Weston Patrick and lives in Up Nately; was a Conservative Councillor but expelled from the party on 1st December. This due to her outspoken comments that Conservatives Councillors and MPs are not blameless in the present crises.

ii. Topics for note from BDBC meetings

**a. Rivers** – A motion put forward from Full Council of 15 December to Cabinet which recognises one of our biggest issues is with our rivers **APPENDIX II.I.**

'To protect our Rivers Itchen, Loddon, and Test – and their tributaries – this Council resolves to request the Environment and Climate Action Portfolio Holder write to:

- All three of the Borough's MPs asking for their support in this matter.
- The Chief Executives of Southern Water and Thames Water, calling for urgent action to address the impact of waste-water discharges on our local rivers.
- The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Environment Agency and the Regional Director of the National Farmers' Union requesting clarification on the action being taken locally by farmers to prevent nutrient run-off.
- The charities River Action and The Rivers Trust expressing this Council's support for their campaign to restore the health of Britain's rivers.

'And recognising the special status that the River Loddon represents, a rare type of habitat with only 210 chalk streams found worldwide, that this Council resolves to request the Environment and Climate Action Portfolio Holder write to

- The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Environment Agency requesting reversal of the triennial reporting system and implementation of a more robust annual assessment under the Water Framework Directive.'

**b. Council housing** Cllr Cubitt noted she is a passionate supporter of council housing. Some Councils kept their council houses. Some are bringing forward new council houses for their more vulnerable residents. BDBC sold its housing stock, the revenue from the sale being the £10M for the option on Manydown. BDBC promised council housing tenants that their agreement for the sale of council housing (52% to 48%) would lead to that money being spent on more housing provision.

December full Council motion to Cabinet – **APPENDIX II.II.**

'Building Affordable Homes – This Council believes that our Borough faces a housing crisis and we need to deliver more genuinely affordable homes to meet local needs... This Council recognises that building our own affordable homes – in effect, council housing – offers a potential solution to these problems especially giving us more control of what is being provided and where.... This Council resolves to request that Cabinet undertake the research required to enable us to urgently bring forward proposals on how the Council can become a housebuilder..'

iii J6 M3 Moto Application Requests have been made to BDBC to review, with the Cabinet member, the original decision that no Environmental Impact Assessment was needed for this application. Due to the pollutants in runoff to the source of the Loddon.

iv Local Plan Update Onnalee continues to be concerned for all the major greenfield sites put forward to the SHELAA; much of the land included in the most recent shortlist (put forward to the now delayed Reg 18 consultation) is not deliverable in the short term; it is unlikely the Borough will be allowed to reduce its housing figures.

v Local elections Of the three Ward Councillors, Onnalee is the only one to stand for election in May. She is a strong Conservative, but believes she should be able to speak out. She has previously stood and won as an Independent (May 2014). The Chairman voiced his concern that the three Ward Councillors have more weight together within the party. There is an evident focus from election candidates on Basing and Lychpit.

*Cllr Cubitt left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council, and an invitation for all Ward Councillors to future meetings*

**4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 1st November, agreed and signed.

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

**6 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

**.1 Payments since last meeting**

26	Clerk – Salary November 2022	£290.55
27	PGGM – Station Road verges	£660.10
28	Personalised Print – CVN Oct, Nov; Welcome pack	£309.00
29	Clerk – Allowance 2022/23	£324.00
30	ST for Hants County Council – Cultivation licence	£136.00
31	Clerk – Salary December 2022	£116.55
32	HMRC – PAYE Oct-Nov-Dec-2022	£174.00

**Income since last meeting**

CIL Appleyard (2)	£11,004.93
Groundwork UK (Locality – Neighbourhood Plan))	£3,826.00

**.2 Accounts to date** – **APPENDIX III** – Reconciliation = £54,264.10.

**.3 Neighbourhood Plan (Locality) funding**

The last of the £18K Locality grant funding of £3,826.00 almost covers the present quote (for Reg 15 preparation) of £3,964.50 (£138.50 short).

Locality have asked if the Neighbourhood Plan team would like to apply for a further technical assistance package for help with the Reg 15 draft. This to be reviewed. A concern

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expressed that this is likely to present differing views and so unwanted complication at a stage the Draft Plan is to be reviewed and signed off by BDBC.

AGREED The Parish Council budget covers the £138.50 shortfall this year, and allocates £5K for 2023/24. A further £5K is shown in allocated reserves.

**.4 Ward Councillor Grant funding stream – application for hedgecutter**

Grant application submitted to BDBC – for hedge trimmer Stihl HSA 86 – with two x AP300 batteries plus charger – for £612 as updated quote including larger batteries.

Confirmation received email 22nd December that the grant application is accepted subject to Executive approval, likely to take three to four weeks. The hedgecutter can be purchased once approval received.

**.5 Draft Budget and Precept request 2023/24**

AGREED Unanimously to confirm decision of November meeting, ie Budget for 2023/24 based on a Precept request of £9,331 (Precept unchanged from this year) **APPENDIX IV**.

Calculated on this year's tax base (2022/23) 245.9

= annual payment of  $(9,331 / 245.9) = £37.95$  per band D household.

(Bearing in mind will be double this for a band H dwelling and half for a band A.)

New tax base figure is due to be released in the second week in January and likely to show a noticeable increase due to the Mount and Appleyard developments. For the same Precept request, this will mean a small decrease in the Precept per individual household.

To note – tax base in previous years – 2021/22=£248.30; 2020/21=245.60 (increase indicates addition of Langdale development); 2019/20=238.30.

**.6 S106 funding**

i Open Space funding – £8,143.88 – See 7.2 below – application to be finalised.

ii Equipped Play funding – £12,103.50. Submitted request to defer a purchase, noting Cliddesden's SS5 housing allocation, and current new housing development applications.

**.7 Clerk review – salary and hours**

Hours as inherited in 2017 = five hours per week x 52 weeks per year.

Salary 2019/20 = £13.15 per hour = £3,419 per annum = £284.92 per month.

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Salary 2023/24 (as paid to date) = £13.41 per hour = £3,486.60 per annum.

AGREED £15 per hour to be back-dated to April 2022.

Additional two hours per week from Jan 2023.

Agreed salary 2022/23 = .

April to Dec 2022 (39 weeks) @ 5 hours per week = 195 hours @ £15 per hour = £2,925.

Jan to Mar 2023 (13 weeks) @ 7 hours per week = 91 hours @ £15 per hour = £1,365.

TOTAL salary 2022/23 for budget = £4,290 (increase for year of £803.40).

**7 PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESSES**

To consider proposal to set up dedicated Parish Councillor email addresses rather than using personal email addresses. Deferred for further consideration.

**8 PLANNING**

**.1 Parish Planning Applications – Planning update circulated.**

**New application for discussion**

22/03290/FUL (Validated 16 Dec) Land South Of Myhaven, Woods Lane. Erection of 28 new dwellings following the demolition of Newland Lodge.

See discussion at 2.2 Public session.

The Clerk raised a concern – in relation to the three significant development applications currently will BDBC – that although there has been opposition to all, all may be approved. Also noting the NPPF consultation transitional arrangement won't help BDBC's land supply position until the Local Plan Update has reached Reg 18 consultation. It has been recognised that the proposal for 28 dwellings offers much in line with draft Neighbourhood Plan policies on housing mix and smaller homes; the perfect proposal is unlikely to exist.

- AGREED unanimously the Parish Council opposes this development primarily due to its location and therefore unacceptable traffic impact on Woods Lane. The community and Parish Council has consistently opposed additional development in and the overdevelopment of Woods Lane. Clerk to draft a response on this basis.
- NOTED The proximity of the development to the abstraction point for the aquifer.
- Appeals in progress**
- Land Adjacent To Millars Cottages – Erection of a detached one and a half storey dwelling. Faerie Meadow, 14 Hackwood Lane. Retrospective change of use and domestic outbuilding.
- .2 Oakdown Farm appeal dismissed**  
22/00667/FUL Land At Oakdown Farm, Dummer APP/H1705/W/22/3301468  
 Public Inquiry 18th to 21st October 2022. Appeal dismissed 15 December 2022 on Landscape grounds, brief report published in January *Newsletter*.
- .3 NPPF Consultation**  
 NPPF public consultation published 22nd December, continues to 2nd March.  
 'Scope of this consultation: The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities is seeking views on how we might develop new and revise current national planning policy to support our wider objectives.'  
 Notes on proposals for housing numbers and land supply published in January *Newsletter*, see **APPENDIX VI**.  
Re wider objective, chapter 2 of the proposals, on Policy objectives, says that: '...the Framework should be revised to be clearer about the importance of planning for the homes and other development our communities need.'  
Also: 'The Government does not propose changes to the standard method formula or the data inputs to it through this consultation... Local authorities will be expected to continue to use local housing need assessed through the Standard Method.  
 'We will, though, make clearer in the Framework that the outcome of the Standard Method is an advisory starting-point... – and also propose to give more explicit indications in planning guidance of the types of local characteristics which may justify the use of an alternative method... We would welcome views on the sort of demographic and geographic factors which could be used to demonstrate these exceptional circumstances in practice.'  
Re the five year land supply: 'For the purposes of decision-making, where emerging Local Plans have been submitted for examination or where they have been subject to a Regulation 18 or 19 consultation... those authorities will benefit from a reduced requirement... a four-year supply of land for housing, instead of the usual five.'
- .4 STaNHd** – Public engagement event organised in the Village Hall for 17th February.
- .5 Neighbourhood Plan** Consultant is reviewing Reg 14 consultation responses.
- 9 ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY**
- .1 Re-wilding verges** – Station Road – see Public Session discussion at 2.1.  
Autumn / winter 2022  
 Saturday 3rd December – Verges mown and scarified, cuttings collected and removed, then chain harrowed in preparation for wild flower seed sowing:  
 Seed sown and rolled in – lower side Mon 5th Dec, completed upper side 7th January.  
 The Estate has responded: 'We are happy with the concept and would like to work with on this as we need to be able to protect the cropped field next to the verge going forward.'  
A Spring 2023 cut (potentially April) will depends on the growing season.
- .2 Pond floating islands** – Open space S106 funding. The application form includes supply and installation of pre-planted floating islands; larger central island, and smaller sections along the steep bank by the footway.
- .3 'Interpretation board'** may be included within the S106 funding application – ie providing information on pond environment (3CG) – and potentially linking other wildlife sites (eg SINC at St Leonard's, Station Road verges). Agreed to include in the application.

**10 HIGHWAYS & VILLAGE MAINTENANCE****.1 Parish Lengthsman**

i Next visit scheduled 18 January. Potential tasks:

- 1 All Parish road signs – including 30mph repeater signs – clean and clear of vegetation.
- 2 To check and clear the pond silt traps.

(Agreed grips into Southlea Meadow not in need of clearing, the road has sufficient drainage.)

ii LM scheme funding 2023/24?

The HCC Transport Decision Day of November 2021 said that the LM scheme would not be HCC-funded after 2022/23. Noting the distinction between the scheme continuing (in terms of the licence / permission afforded to Parishes) and HCC continuing to fund.

Recent reports via other Parish and Lengthsmen indicate it is thought funding will continue and this will be confirmed – or otherwise – by HCC at a January meeting.

**.2 Hedge trimmer** Stihl HSA 86 – with two x A330 batteries plus charger – awaiting grant funding confirmation from BDBC before purchasing, see 6.4.

**.3 Phone box door repair** – Metal frame with wooden panel at bottom – seeking someone to take on the task of replacing the wood – it is thought the door will need to be removed.

**.4 New pond noticeboard**

AGREED New three bay noticeboard as proposed by Chairman. To be purchased with CIL funding.

**.5 Gullies and silt traps around the pond – clearing by HCC contractor**

Question raised with Highways: Can it be arranged for contractors to make additional visits for the pond silt traps – if necessary charging to the Parish Council?

Answer – absolutely no. Silt traps (Highways call them 'catchpits') and gullies in the vicinity are scheduled three visits per annum – the maximum frequency scheduled. To change this would cause an anomaly HCC wouldn't consider.

And also, with shortage of drivers, a challenge to keep enough vehicles on the road as it is, HCC looking to reduce frequency where they can.

Highways engineers receive contractor reports logged on their system. Data from recent visits indicates the gullies and catchpits around the pond have sufficient capacity (with exception of one full gully on Church Lane). The three times a year is sufficient (possibly more than sufficient) and scheduled to anticipate the likely times of highest rainfall.

It was noted that gullies and catchpits will always be overwhelmed when there is high volume of surface water, this will happen in any case.

HCC engineer confirmed Parish Lengthsman can check and clean the silt traps.

**11 FURTHER REPORTS / UPDATES**

**.1 Welcome Pack** – Thanks to all involved, the printed Welcome Pack delivered to every household has been very well received.

**.2 SID report** With thanks to Dave Rudge, following discussion with the manufacturer, the SIDs have been reconfigured to display speeds up to 60mph. Dave has now taken over all the data from the SID recorders and is seeking the optimum format in which to present.

**.3 Jolly Farmer** Tenants have signed an annual lease with Punch Taverns. The *Newsletter* has offered to feature the pub.

**.4 Village Hall** Next Committee meeting January 17th.

**.5 Police Barn Meet** held by Hart Rural on Thursday 8th December in Rotherwick Village Hall, issues relevant to all interested in rural policing. Attended by Simon Barker. Police are seeking land in which to hold collective off-road training events, including for motorbikes and drones. Simon has approached the Estate, but not yet heard back. It is understood the estate manager has recently left or is to move on.

**12 NEXT MEETINGS** Tuesdays 7.30pm

7 March (Agenda item Parish Council elections) 9 May AGM , 4 July, 5 Sept, 7 Nov.

Parish Assembly Friday 12th May.

*Meeting closed 9.30pm with thanks to all*

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## **APPENDIX I.I** CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – DECEMBER 2022

### **1. HCC reorganisation**

Hampshire County Council is carrying out an internal reorganisation, with some changes in its senior leadership. This has necessitated a change in responsibilities of the Council's Cabinet. With effect from 1 January 2023, there will now be as follows:

- Adults' Health and Care - Cllr Liz Fairhurst (lead member) and Cllr Jan Warwick
- Children's Services - Cllr Edward Heron (lead member) and Cllr Steve Forster
- Universal Services - Cllr Nick Adams-King (lead member) and Cllr Russell Oppenheimer
- Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services - Cllr Rob Humby (leader) and Cllr Rob Chadd (deputy leader)
- Cllr Kirsty North will continue as Cabinet Member for HR, Performance, Communications and Inclusion and Diversity.

### **2. Leader calls on Government to address local government underfunding**

Rob Humby, the leader of Hampshire County Council has called on the Government to take urgent action to address the looming financial crisis facing upper tier local government over the next few years. In a letter sent to the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Secretary of State, Councillor Humby, and Kent County Council Leader, Councillor Roger Gough, have outlined the drastic budget implications facing the two authorities, and the need for Government's immediate help and a clear plan for long-term financial sustainability, if the two County Councils are to avoid filing bankruptcy notices within the next year or so.

Councillor Humby commented that 'both Hampshire and Kent are high-performing, financially well-run and long respected County Councils. However, we face budget deficits over the next few years of a scale that has never been seen before – but not of our own doing. Our budgets are now at breaking point. We have gone as far as we can to close the budget gaps we have faced to date, and there is nowhere left to go in future without severely impacting some of the most vulnerable people in our society.'

The two leaders have asked the Government to put local councils on a long-term sustainable financial footing. Their request includes more annual funding to keep up with growing demand for adults and children's social care services or legislative changes to reduce the demands on these services; fully funding the social care funding reforms and more money for growth in special educational needs; as well as greater freedom and flexibility around setting council tax and charging for services, alongside legislative changes to help local government help itself.

### **3. Winter support**

Hampshire's most vulnerable residents will not be left out in the cold this winter, thanks to a range of measures to help people with the costs of food, fuel and other essentials. Using its latest round of Household Support Funding from the Department for Work and Pensions, Hampshire County Council will be investing more than £7 million in a wide variety of schemes and initiatives targeting households facing hardship, between now and March 2023.

The initiatives will expand on what was offered in the previous funding round to include support for foster carers registered with the County Council, unpaid carers, care leavers, and people with disabilities. It will also widen the support available to reach out to those who may not be eligible for other assistance but are nevertheless in need.

Details can be found by emailing [connect4communities@hants.gov.uk](mailto:connect4communities@hants.gov.uk) or visiting the [connect4communities](https://www.hants.gov.uk/connect4communities) website.

### **4. Minerals and Waste Plan update consultation**

Hampshire's five minerals and waste planning authorities are asking residents, local groups and businesses to help scrutinise proposed changes to Hampshire's Minerals and Waste Plan to ensure that it will continue to ensure provision of a steady and adequate supply of minerals and sufficient waste infrastructure, as well as maintain communities, protect the local environment and address the impacts of climate change.

The consultation allows residents to comment on local sites that have been identified for minerals extraction and transportation. Sites for waste processing, recycling and disposal facilities are also indicated in the Plan - so that the millions of tonnes of household and commercial waste generated across the county can be dealt with as efficiently and sustainably as possible.

The proposed updated plan and the response form can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update](http://www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update). The consultation will close at 17:00 hours on Tuesday 31 January 2023.

### **5. Boundary Commission review of constituencies**

The Boundary Commission for England have published their revised proposals for parliamentary constituency boundaries. A final public consultation has commenced which closes on 5 December 2022. The revised proposals and maps can be viewed here [South East | Boundary Commission for England \(independent.gov.uk\)](https://www.boundarycommissionforengland.gov.uk/)

## APPENDIX I.II

CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022

### 1. County Deal update

Negotiations are poised to take place with central Government on plans for a Pan-Hampshire County Deal, with the aim of investing in Hampshire's economy and improving the lives of all residents and communities across the area – by bringing decisions and powers closer to people and places in the region.

Devolution proposals are now ready for formal negotiations with central Government, to secure the best possible deal for residents, businesses and communities across the whole Pan-Hampshire area, (covering Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, the 11 district and borough councils within the County Council administrative area, Isle of Wight Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council).

The combined prospectus can be viewed at <https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s100275/Pan-Hampshire%20Deal%20Prospectus%202022.pdf>

### 2. Support for warm winter hubs

Communities across Hampshire are being invited to apply to Hampshire County Council for support from the Leader's Community Grants Scheme in order to create a network of warm hubs this winter.

Voluntary and community organisations, including parish and town councils, can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 to develop and host warm hubs where people can gather together. This might be in the form of a regular coffee morning or the provision of a shared activity; creative ideas and concepts that will deliver support especially to our most vulnerable residents are particularly welcome. Information can be found at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/leaders-community-grants>.

Additional funding is also available to community groups from the Adult Services' Local Solutions Grant fund to support local people maintain their independence. This includes assistance to organisations offering finance and money management support to those unable to easily access existing services, as well as for groups undertaking projects to help vulnerable people by reducing social isolation and loneliness. Details can be found at

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/local-solutions-grants/local-solutions-grant>

### 3. National Census

Data about the population in your local area can now be viewed readily on census maps published by the Office for National Statistics, search for details at <https://www.ons.gov.uk/census/maps>.

### 4. Roads

Hampshire Highways' commitment to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate against the impact of climate change achieved national industry recognition last month. Its Carbon Strategy, which aligns with the County Council's ambition to be carbon neutral by 2050, won the Environmental Sustainability Award as well as the Special Merit Award in this year's Highways Industry Awards. The Special Merit Award is a particular achievement in that it is selected by its peers in the industry.

Last month 7,456 square metres of carriageway were resurfaced across the county, with 20,737 gullies and other drainage cleared, 6,535 potholes and other defects repaired and 5,489 square metres of footway repaired or resurfaced.

It is now prepared for the wetter and colder months ahead, with crews on standby 24/7, ready to salt the roads in snow and icy conditions, as well as deal with the impacts of high winds, heavy rain and flooding, such as those recently seen.

### 5. Police & Crime Commissioner

Donna Jones, Hampshire's Police and Crime Commissioner has launched her annual precept consultation on council tax contributions to policing. The survey is online and will run from 31 Oct to 4 Dec. This survey is to gather views on whether she should increase the level of council tax in support of policing, continuing investment in Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary. The survey can be found at

<https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/consultations/precept-consultation>

The Commissioner has also published her annual report for 2021/22, providing an overview of the Commissioner's activities and key successes from when she took post in May 2021. It covers the recruitment of nearly 600 new police officers, extra funding for the region to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB), domestic abuse and bespoke support for victims of sexual violence. It can be seen at <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Annual-Report-2022.pdf>

**APPENDIX II** WARD CLLR REPORT – FULL COUNCIL 15 DEC – MOTIONS TO CABINET 10 JAN**II .I Protection of the Borough's Rivers and Waterways (item 5)**

This Council notes that:

Every river in England is now polluted beyond legal limits and in 2019 the Environment Agency rated just 14% of rivers as 'Good'. The Government's own statistics show that continuous discharge of treated sewage is the largest source of water pollution from water companies and that these water companies have damaged 36% of English rivers, releasing untreated human waste into our waterways over 400,000 times to a total of three million hours in 2020 alone. In that same year just 3.6% of pollution complaints made to the Environment Agency resulted in penalties.

Government funding to the Environment Agency to monitor river quality and regulate farms and water companies, has dropped 75% since 2010/11. Consequently farms are now rarely inspected, water quality is rarely tested, and water companies can pump raw sewage into rivers with virtual impunity.

Therefore, to protect our Rivers Itchen, Loddon, and Test – and their tributaries – this Council resolves to request the Environment and Climate Action Portfolio Holder write to:

- The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs calling for the Government to urgently address these issues through the Environment Act 2021.
- All three of the Borough's Members of Parliament, asking for their support in this matter.
- The Chief Executives of Southern Water and Thames Water, calling for urgent action to address the impact of waste-water discharges on our local rivers.
- The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Environment Agency and the Regional Director of the National Farmers' Union requesting clarification on the action being taken locally by farmers to prevent nutrient run-off.
- The charities River Action and The Rivers Trust expressing this Council's support for their campaign to restore the health of Britain's rivers.

And recognising the special status that the River Loddon presents, a rare type of habitat with only 210 chalk streams found worldwide, that this Council resolves to request the Environment and Climate Action Portfolio Holder write to

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Environment Agency requesting reversal of the triennial reporting system and implementation of a more robust annual assessment under the Water Framework Directive.

Additionally, that officers report any instances or complaints of pollution in Basingstoke & Deane's waterways and rivers to the Portfolio Holder for the Environment and Climate Action and that CEP be asked to review such reports, including requesting the appropriate agencies account for their actions.

**II .II Building Affordable Homes (item 6)**

This Council believes that our Borough faces a housing crisis and we need to deliver more, genuinely affordable homes to meet local needs.

We also share a frustration about the limited influence that the planning system gives us in relation to private developers and housebuilders. This has far-reaching implications and leads to problems such as lack of housing affordability, long waits for local people on our housing register, insufficient infrastructure delivery, low quality design and build, poor environmental standards and an inadequate housing land supply position, to name just a few of the serious issues facing our Borough.

This Council recognises that building our own affordable homes – in effect, council housing – offers a potential solution to these problems especially giving us more control of what is being provided and where. Moreover, these homes should be offered to local people in the first instance so that our residents benefit most from the Council's investment.

This Council resolves to request that Cabinet undertake the research required to enable us to urgently bring forward proposals on how the Council can become a housebuilder. This can be either by becoming a Housing Authority or adopting one of many delivery solutions already deployed by many other local authorities across England. Any report on the findings to be brought to the EPH committee for their initial consideration within six months.

## APPENDIX III

## CLIDDESSEN PC – INCOME 2022/23 - 19 DEC

Balance brought forward 1st April 2022

£28,500.86

Date	Item	Precept	Grants	NP	CIL	Interest	VAT	Total
03/05/22	Parish Precept (six months)	£4,665.50						£4,665.50
20/06/22	CIL Mount 20/00489/TDC				£9,256.80			£9,256.80
20/06/22	CIL Applyared				£4,435.49			£4,435.49
26/09/22	Parish Precept (six months)	£4,665.50						£4,665.50
08/11/22	CIL Appleyard-2				£11,004.93			£11,004.93
25/11/22	GroundworkUk (Locality)			£3,826.00				£3,826.00
2022/23	Bank interest					£22.52		£22.52
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£9,331.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£3,826.00</b>	<b>£24,697.22</b>	<b>£22.52</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£37,876.74</b>

£37,876.74

## RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Bal brought forward	£28,500.86
Plus income	£37,876.74
Minus expenditure	£12,113.50
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£54,264.10</b>

## BANK RECONCILIATION

Treasurers account	£820.82
Inst Accesss	£53,443.28
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£54,264.10</b>

**TREASURERS ACCOUNT** 30-90-53 00320253  
PARISH COUNCIL OF CLIDDESSEN

**£ 820.82** Current balance

**£820.82** Available funds

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**BUS BANK INSTANT** 30-90-53 02914789  
CLIDDESSEN PARISH COUNCIL

**£ 53,443.28** Balance

## CLIDDESSEN PC – EXPENDITURE 2022/23 -19 DEC

	Date inv	Date paid	Supplier	Description		Salary	Expenses	Finance/ Admin	Newsletter	Community	Maint/ce	CIL Projects	NP	VAT	TOTAL
1	Apr	03/05/22	Clerk	SalaryApr 2022	BACs	£290.55									£290.55
2	31/03/22	03/05/22	Personalised Print	21062-APRIL-2022	BACs				£43.95						£43.95
3	30/03/22	03/05/22	HALC (NALC)	Subscription	BACs			£268.04							£268.04
4	13/04/22	03/05/22	BHIB	Insurance	BACs			£359.87							£359.87
5	06/05/82	08/05/22	HM - for ASDA	Parish Assembly	BACs		£13.40							£2.68	£16.08
6	02/05/22	10/05/22	Personalised Print	22008-MAY-2022	BACs				£43.95						£43.95
7	May	31/05/22	Clerk	SalaryMay-2022	BACs	£290.55									£290.55
8	02/05/22	03/07/22	Personalised Print	22012-june-2022	BACs				£43.95						£43.95
9	June	03/07/22	Clerk	SalaryJune-2022	BACs	£116.55									£116.55
10	A-M-J	03/07/22	HMRC	PAYE-Apr-May-Jun	BACs	£174.00									£174.00
11	15/07/23	15/07/23	GroundworksUK	NP Grant returned	BACs								£1,981.90		£1,981.90
12	26/07/22	28/07/22	HCC	Gateways balance	BACs							£1,942.03			£1,942.03
13	July	28/07/22	Clerk	SalaryJuly-2022	BACs	£290.55									£290.55
14	05/08/22	05/08/22	Signways	Road name signs	BACs							£2,054.96		£410.99	£2,465.95
15	16/08/22	16/08/22	Peter Brown	Internal Audit	BACs			£75.00							£75.00
16	Aug	01/09/22	Clerk	Salary-Aug-2022	BACs	£290.55									£290.55
17	02/09/22	02/09/22	Personalised Print	CVN-Jul-Au-S-MM	BACs				£161.58					£5.78	£167.36
18	22/09/22	22/09/22	CPRE	Subs 2022/23	DD					£36.00					£36.00
19	Sept	28/09/22	Clerk	SalarySept-2022	BACs	£116.55									£116.55
20	J-A-S	03/10/22	HMRC	PAYE-Jul-Aug-Sept	BACs	£174.00									£174.00
21	03/10/22	03/10/22	DB for Wix	Website-renewal x2	BACs								£182.45	£36.49	£218.94
22	2019-22	07/10/22	ST-for ICO (4yrs)	Data Protection Reg	BACs			£140.00							£140.00
23	19/10/22	20/10/22	Signways	Road name signs	BACs							£184.90		£36.98	£221.88
24	Oct	30/10/22	Clerk	Salary-Oct-2022	BACs	£290.55									£290.55
25	01/10/22	31/10/22	Personalised Print	CVN-Oct	BACs				£44.55						£44.55
26	Nov	01/12/22	Clerk	Salary-Nov-2022	BACs	£290.55									£290.55
27	03/12/22	03/12/22	PGGM	Station Rd verges	BACs							£550.08		£110.02	£660.10
28	04/12/22	04/12/22	Personalised Print	CVN-O-N-WelPack	BACs				£112.00	£197.00					£309.00
29	04/12/22	04/12/22	Clerk	Clerk allowance	BACs		£324.00								£324.00
30	29/11/22	19/12/22	ST for HCC	Cultivation licence	BACs							£136.00			£136.00
31	Dec	19/12/22	Clerk	SalaryDec-2022	BACs	£116.55									£116.55
32	O-N-D	19/12/22	HMRC	PAYE-Oct-Nov-Dec	BACs	£174.00									£174.00
			<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>£2,614.95</b>	<b>£337.40</b>	<b>£842.91</b>	<b>£449.98</b>	<b>£233.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£4,867.97</b>	<b>£2,164.35</b>	<b>£602.94</b>	<b>£12,113.50</b>
	Date		Supplier	Description		Salary	Expenses	Finance/ Admin	Newsletter	Community	Maint/ce	CIL Projects	NP	VAT	TOTAL

£12,113.50

APPENDIX IV

CLIDDESSEN YEAR END, YEAR TO DATE and BUDGET 2023/24				CIL	2022/23 LATEST EST NOV 2022	CIL	2023/24 Budget JAN 23 DRAFT	CIL																
03/01/2023	2021/22 YEAR END	CIL 2021/22	2022/23 TO DATE	2022/23 to date		22/23 latest estimate		2023/24 draft																
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>																								
CLERK'S SALARY	£3,486.60		£2,614.95		£5,460.00		£5,460.00																	
CLERK'S ALLOWANCE	£324.00		£324.00		£324.00		£324.00																	
EXPENSES			£13.40		£95.00		£95.00																	
TRAINING	£0.00				£300.00		£300.00																	
FINANCE / ADMIN	£638.14		£842.91		£1,150.00		£1,050.00																	
NEWSLETTER	£471.14		£449.98		£650.00		£750.00																	
COMMUNITY	£232.00		£233.00		£400.00		£400.00																	
MAINTENANCE	£30.65				£500.00		£500.00																	
PROJECT-hedgecutter/Noticeboard					£612.00		£2,000.00	£2,000.00																
GATEWAYS	£600.00	£100.00	£1,942.03	£1,942.03	£1,942.03	£1,942.03																		
ROAD NAME SIGNS			£2,239.86	£2,239.86	£2,239.86	£2,239.86																		
VERGES			£686.08	£686.08	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00																
<b>S106</b>					<b>£8,143.88</b>																			
NEIGHBOURHOODPLAN	£7,052.10		£182.45		£4,008.45		£5,000.00																	
NP - returned funds	£2,504.50		£1,981.90		£1,981.90																			
VAT	£1,425.74		£602.94		£2,000.00		£1,000.00																	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£16,764.87</b>	<b>£100.00</b>	<b>£12,113.50</b>	<b>£4,867.97</b>	<b>£30,807.12</b>	<b>£5,181.89</b>	<b>£17,879.00</b>	<b>£3,000.00</b>																
<b>INCOME</b>																								
Precept	£8,886.00		£9,331.00		£9,331.00		£9,331.00																	
BDBC grant (General & Ctax support)					£612.00																			
Other Grants/Donations	£500.00																							
<b>S106</b>					<b>£8,143.88</b>																			
CIL	£9,256.79	£9,256.79	£24,697.22	£24,697.22	£24,697.22	£24,697.22		£0.00																
Returned funds																								
Neighbourhood Plan	£9,034.00		£3,826.00		£3,826.00																			
Bank Interest	£2.16		£22.52		£25.00		£20.00																	
VAT refund	£324.77				£3,425.74		£1,000.00																	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£28,003.72</b>	<b>£9,256.79</b>	<b>£37,876.74</b>	<b>£24,697.22</b>	<b>£50,060.84</b>	<b>£24,697.22</b>	<b>£10,351.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>																
Surplus/(Deficit)	£11,238.85	£9,156.79	£25,763.24	£19,829.25	£19,253.72	£19,515.33	£7,528.00	£3,000.00																
<b>Balance to take over</b>	<b>£28,500.86</b>	<b>£9,156.79</b>	<b>£54,264.10</b>	<b>£28,986.04</b>	<b>£47,754.58</b>	<b>£28,672.12</b>	<b>£40,226.58</b>	<b>£25,672.12</b>																
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## APPENDIX V PLANNING UPDATE – 02 JANUARY 2023

### Applications new since last meeting

22/03290/FUL (Validated 16 Dec) Land South Of Myhaven, Woods Lane. Erection of 28 new dwellings following the demolition of Newland Lodge. [Consultation to 10th January.](#) (Consultee response in favour from Housing Strategy manager.)

22/03241/RET (Validated 01 Dec) Bellaire Grange 14C Hackwood Lane. Retrospective extension of residential amenity land and retrospective erection of garden amenity shed.

[WINSLADE](#)

22/03187/HSE (Validated 25 Nov) 4 Langdale Rise. Installation of Solar Panels to flat roof and East facing pitched roof. [PC Comment submitted in support of principle of solar panels.](#)

### Applications pending, recently decided

22/02909/HSE ([Pending](#) 31 Oct 2022) Swallick Cottage Alton Road. Erection of a part single storey and part two storey rear extension.

T/00451/22/TCA ([Approved](#) 22 Nov) Cart Cottage, Church Lane. TG1: 2 x Cherry and 1 x Plum – Prune back to previous pruning points approx 2m regrowth. T2: Cherry (on Pond grounds) Reduce in height by approx 2m to height of TG1 and maintain shape.

22/02537/FUL ([Withdrawn](#) 4th November) Bellaire Grange 14C Hackwood Lane. Extension of residential curtilage and change of use of land from equestrian to residential (part retrospective) [WINSLADE](#)

[APPEAL - 21/02118/FUL](#) (Refused 28th April, Validated 23 Jun 2021)

**Land Adjacent To Millars Cottages** A single detached one and a half storey dwelling.

[22/00024/REF](#) Appeal ref: APP/H1705/W/22/3302809 Start date 24 Oct - In progress.

[APPEAL - 21/01321/RET](#) Refused 08 April (DC 06 April) Faerie Meadow, 14 Hackwood Lane.

### Change of use to residential garden land.

[\(22/00024/REF – APP/H1705/W/22/3302126](#) LEAD CASE Start 14 Sept – In progress..

[APPEAL - 21/03638/RET](#) (Refused 8 April – DC 6th of April) Faerie Meadows 14 Hackwood Lane.

### Retention of a domestic outbuilding (retrospective).

[\(22/00025/REF – APP/H1705/W/22/3302127](#) Start 14 Sept – In progress.

22/02308/RET ([Pending](#) 15 Aug) 5 Langdale Rise. Installation of piers supporting security gates across access (retrospective)

22/02233/HSE ([Pending](#) 09 Aug 2022) 27 Southlea. Erection of home workshop/office/playroom and new access arrangement. New entrance gates. ([Sufficient 'objection' comments to go to DC if officer minded to approve.](#))

T/00233/22/TCA ([Approved](#) 22 Nov) Yew Tree Cottage Farleigh Road. 1 Eucalyptus: fell. 1 Norway maple: reduce by 5m, finished dimension 7m. 1 Field maple: reduce to old pruning points. 1 Yew: cut back to boundary line.

22/01551/PIP ([Pending](#), 08 Jun) Land South Of Woods Lane. Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 9 dwellings - Katherine Fitzherbert-Green - [PC objection](#).

22/01550/PIP ([Pending](#), 08 Jun) Land To Rear Of Manor Farm. Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 9 dwellings - Katherine Fitzherbert-Green [PC objection](#).

22/00466/FUL ([Pending](#), Amended drawings 21st July, Validated 21 Feb 2022) 11 Woods Lane. Development of 3no. detached dwellings with associated access and landscaping. Amended description Development of a pair of semi-detached dwellings and one detached dwelling. [Parish Council objection re entrance, traffic, overdevelopment Woods Lane](#)

### Dummer Appeal

22/00667/FUL Land At Oakdown Farm, Dummer APP/H1705/W/22/3301468

Public Inquiry 18th to 21st October 2022 [Appeal dismissed 15 December 2022.](#)

# OPEN CONSULTATION – LEVELLING-UP AND REGENERATION BILL: REFORMS TO NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

PUBLISHED 22 DECEMBER 2022

[www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy)

This consultation on proposals to update the National Planning Policy Framework is open until 2nd March.

**'Scope of this consultation: The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities is seeking views on how we might develop new and revise current national planning policy to support our wider objectives.'**

In a first read of the online Consultation Document, it seems the wider objective is to prioritise house building, and to strengthen this position within the NPPF.

Chapter 2 discusses Policy Objectives in the LURB Bill – for good design and place making, securing infrastructure, more engagement with communities, better environmental outcomes, empowering communities to shape their neighbourhood... 'ALL THIS IS NEEDED TO DELIVER MORE HOMES...'

*Excerpts below from the online Consultation proposals:*

2.4. 'The Government remains committed to its manifesto commitment of 300,000 homes a year by the mid-2020s and is clear that every Local Planning Authority having a Local Plan in place is the best way of achieving this.'

4.1. 'This chapter is seeking your views on potential changes to the Framework and Planning Practice Guidance THAT WILL SUPPORT OUR OBJECTIVE OF A PLANNING SYSTEM THAT DELIVERS THE NEW HOMES WE NEED....'

4.2. 'We propose making small additions to paras 1 and 7 of the existing Framework (the Introduction and Chapter 2 on Achieving Sustainable Development). These changes are intended to signal that **providing for necessary development** that is integrated with local infrastructure **is a core purpose of the planning system...'**

'...THE FRAMEWORK SHOULD BE REVISED TO BE CLEARER ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING FOR THE HOMES AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED.'

### *Re the housing numbers calculation*

There is no proposal for change to Government's 'standard method' for assessing housing need. The 'affordability uplift' in the calculation is not mentioned, the intention continues to use outdated census data until 2024.

'4.16 The Government does not propose changes to the standard method formula or the data inputs to it through this consultation... The Government continues to use these data to provide stability, consistency and certainty to Local Planning Authorities. Once we have considered the implications of new 2021 Census-based household projections, planned to be published by the Office for National Statistics in 2024, the Government will review the approach to assessing housing need...'

4.8. 'Local authorities will be expected to continue to use local housing need, assessed through the Standard Method, to inform the preparation of their Plans; although the ability to use an alternative approach where there are exceptional circumstances that can be justified will be retained.'

### *Re exceptional circumstances:*

4.8 cont... 'We will, though, make clearer in the Framework that the outcome of the Standard Method is an advisory starting-point to inform Plan-making – a guide that is not mandatory – and also propose to give more explicit indications in planning guidance of the types of local characteristics which may justify the use of an alternative method, such as islands with a high percentage of elderly residents, or university towns with an above-average proportion of students.'

**'We would welcome views on the sort of demographic and geographic factors which could be used to demonstrate these exceptional circumstances in practice.'**

Para 4.9 makes three specific proposals for circumstances in which 'exceptional circumstances' will be considered:

1. Where building at unacceptably high densities is the only way to meet need in full.
2. Where building on Green Belt land is the only way of meeting need.
3. Past housing delivery. This considers only where local planning authorities have 'delivered more homes than were planned for **during the preceding Plan period.... [and] if permissions that have been granted exceed the provision made in the existing plan...'**

### *On the five-year housing land supply*

The Consultation has potential for positive suggestions, including in Chapter 3 on 'Reforming the five-year housing land supply' and 'Boosting status of Neighbourhood Plans'.

'3.4. We propose to remove the requirement for local authorities with an up-to-date Plan (which in this case means where the housing requirement as set out in strategic policies is less than five years old), to demonstrate continually a deliverable five-year housing land supply. [Also] 3.5...we propose removing five-year housing land supply buffers from National Planning Policy in the future, [and] 3.7 We propose bringing our position on oversupply in line with that on undersupply, when calculating a five-year housing land supply.'

### *Re transitional arrangements*

BDBC will not however benefit from the lower land supply requirement until its Reg 18 (Draft Plan) Consultation.

4.17. 'Authorities can begin planning in line with these changes, should they be implemented following public consultation, in Spring 2023... **For the purposes of decision-making, where emerging Local Plans have been submitted for examination or where they have been subject to a Regulation 18 or 19 consultation** – which included both a policies map and proposed allocations towards meeting housing need – those authorities will benefit from a reduced requirement... a four-year supply of land for housing, instead of the usual five.'

The Parish Council will consider in more detail and awaits a response from BDBC. Further info in February *Newsletter*.