

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2024, 7pm, Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall

Present – Parish Councillors Hugo Cubitt (Chairman), Suzie Horsey, Kevin Rafferty, Colin Robertson, Alison Stent; Guest – Footpaths Warden Martin Carfrae; Clerk Susan Turner; One member of public.

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies received from PCSO Andy Jones.

2 PUBLIC SESSION & REPORTS TO THE MEETING

- .1 Public Session** Discussion regarding submitted planning application [24/02372/HSE](#) to extend the Old School House, explaining the background and detail of the proposal.

The Old School House, despite its name, is a relatively modern building on the site of the original. No elements of the historical school building remain – pictures show an old square structure. The current building is on the same footprint and at the time of construction it was required that the brickwork marry with that of the church. Parish Councillors noted from Google street view images that the proposals will have little impact from the Church or from public viewpoints.

- .2** County and Borough Councillor emailed reports – *see Item 9 – Further reports.*

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 26 September agreed and signed.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda, none.

5 PLANNING

- .1 Parish planning applications and appeals** see Planning update **APPENDIX I.**

1A New applications for discussion

[24/02523/HSE](#) (Validated 11 Nov 2024) Lanterns, Tunworth Road. Part demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey flat roof extension with roof lantern.

No objection, no comment.

[24/02372/HSE](#) (Validated 21 October) The Old School House, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Erection of side and rear extension, new front entrance porch, replacement windows / doors and demolition of the existing garage. No objection.

[24/02283/ROC](#) (Validated 04 October) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Variation of condition 13 of [21/00427/FUL](#) (Erection of four-bed dwelling etc on land to north of Nunnery House) to change from septic tank or cess pit to now discharge foul water via water treatment plant.

Response at **APPENDIX II.**

Noted that water output from any treatment plant or septic tank will need to discharge to ground water, so overall the treatment plant proposed is likely the better option.

1B Ongoing applications of note

[24/02002/FUL](#) (Validated 18 Sep 2024) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Demolition of barn and erection of 1 no. dwelling (part retrospective).

This application was submitted following Enforcement Officer visit due to demolition of the barn contrary to planning consent for conversion. The original frame it is said will be re-used. Response at **APPENDIX III**

Noted local resident response that: 'The barn has already been demolished and the proposed site for the new house has already been prepared and levelled. This is not in the same place and is larger than the demolished barn.'

CONFIRMED by BDBC Planning Manager that:

'All planning applications received will be visited by the case officer to inform their assessment of the application. If on visiting the site further breaches are identified then either the case officer will seek to address that within the application or may seek further engagement with the enforcement team as necessary.'

.2 Parish tree applications of note

[T/00525/24/TCA](#) (Validated 22 Oct) Field House Tunworth Road. T1 Oak - remove to ground level, too close to property; T2 Walnut, remove to ground level, decay at base; T3 Dead Ivy stump, remove to ground level; T4 Cedar, remove to ground level; T5 Sycamore, crown lift to 5m, thin out

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crown; T6 Poplar, remove to ground level; T7 Poplar, re pollard to previous pruning points, thin out crown; T8 Beech, crown lift to 5m, thin out crown; T9 Ash, crown lift above cable, thin out crown; T10 Sycamore, crown lift above cable, thin out crown; T11 Dead stump, remove to ground level.

Agreed Objections to the removal of the TI Oak to ground level. Support removal / truncating the long unbalanced branch which leans towards the house which would otherwise improve its overall shape.

Agreed Objections to the removal (T4) Deciduous Cedar to ground level. It looks to be an attractive / healthy tree (turning orange / red at present). Clerk to respond accordingly.

.3 NPPF and Local Plan Update – www.basingstoke.gov.uk/LDS
BDBC's Local Development Scheme (Local Plan Update schedule) on the website says...
'Government's recent consultation on draft changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) could have a considerable impact on the borough, including a significant increase in the housing need figure, if the NPPF is published as per the consultation version. The Council is considering the potential impact of the changes upon the plan-making process and will provide an update position once the new NPPF has been published.'
Government's Budget document (30 October) said response to the consultation would be 'before the end of the year to confirm pro-growth reforms to the planning system'.

.4 Oakdown Farm J7 Warehousing (Dummer Parish) Approved by Development Control Committee of 06 November.

NOTED Strong opposition from Parish Councils, Councillors and Community Groups, 344 public objections; little outright objection from most statutory consultees. Historic Environment continued to express concerns; Landscape, Biodiversity, Tree officers, Urban Design, Environmental Health, Hampshire Highways, National Highways – all indicated that issues raised have been in the main addressed or can be dealt with via condition.

6 FINANCE

.1 Accounts to date APPENDIX IV – Reconciliation 15 November = £23,021.74
Payments since last meeting
31 Clerk – Salary SEPT £301.60
32 HMRC – PAYE-JUL,AUG,SEPT £365.60
33 Martin Gosling – Contract SEPT £425.67
34 Martin Gosling – UN Land extra cut £216.00
35A CR for Andwell Brewery – Appreciation £50.00
35B CR for Conkers GS – Straw lagging £16.47
36 PGGM – Bark pit timber and repair £480.00
37 PGGM – Scalpings, playground jobs £370.80
38 Clerk – Salary OCT £365.60
39 Martin Gosling – Contract OCT £425.67
40 X2 Connect – PhoneBox glass + tube of silicon £27.96
41 CPA Horticulture – Playgrade wood chip £807.78
42 Namesco – Domain renewal 2yrs £40.79
43 Castle Water-DD SE0030239174 – Allotments £7.54
44 PGGM 2919 – Fill bark pit incl digger & dumper hire £846.00
Income of note since the last meeting = CIL funding = £580.93
Vat reclaim 2024/25 to date = £786.05 Chineham Tigers 2025/26 = £900.10
Income agreed – pending = Village Hall insurance contribution = £3,501.99
Village Hall funds owing (contribution to tennis court resurfacing) = £886.57

.2 Latest Estimate and Draft Budget APPENDIX V

.3 Grounds maintenance contract
AGREED for 2025 contract, a 5% increase on 2024, giving annual cost of £4,469.54 plus VAT, monthly payments of £372.46 plus VAT from 28 January 2025.

.4 Parish Precept – Current level of Precept and recent increases:
NOTED This current year (2024/25) Precept = £12,086
= an increase of 5% per household on last year (2023/24)
= £37.96 per Band D x 318.4 (tax base) = £12,086; annual increase of £1.81 per Band D.
The tax base (2024/25) of 318.4 increased by 18.5 on last financial year 2023/24, presumably in main due to the new apartments by the Hatch. Thus a precept increase for this year of 5% per household amounted to near an 11.5% increase overall.

- NOTED Last year's Precept 2023/24 = £10,842, an increase 5% on total Precept of previous year (2022/23) but in real terms equated to c3.5% again due to an increase in tax base of 4.7.
= £36.15 per band D x 299.9 (tax base) = £10,842, an increase of £1.09 per band D household.
- NOTED Minuted discussion last year that Precept increases have historically been kept very low; thus agreed (Jan 2024 minutes) 'increases are needed sufficient to help build reserves for larger maintenance projects'.
- .5 Precept request 2025/26** to be submitted to BDBC for 31 January.
- PROVISIONALLY AGREED: for next year, further 5% increase. The 2025/26 tax base will be published in early January. (Five percent on the current total Precept would be £12,690.)
- TO BE CONFIRMED January meeting
- .6 Grant funding update**
1. Ward Councillor Community Grant application for £3K (or a contribution up to £3K) towards tennis courts resurfacing project, unsuccessful.
Response: 'We received a significant number of requests this year amounting to £15K. Sadly, not every request has been successful as we only have £6K available.'
 2. BDBC's grass-cutting grant continues next year, but frozen at this year's rate of £1,219.02.
- 7 VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS**
- .1 Village Hall grounds working party** Deferred to New Year.
Noted that to clear the Old Road once a year is included in the maintenance contract. Old car park area to be tidied; posts bordering car park are rotting and the bin unsightly.
- AGREED To seek funding for a more 'in keeping' wood-effect (recycled plastic) bin.
- .2 Playground maintenance APPENDIX VI** Gate backstop added; cross-cuts cut into balance beam; scalplings laid beneath bench, by gate and along path to tennis courts gate; trees trimmed back from play equipment.
Jobs outstanding – leaf clearing, cleaning play equipment. Fix 'No dogs' sign to gate.
- .3 Bark pit** timber edging repaired. Bark pit refilled with 8m³ softwood woodchip.
- .4 Tennis court resurfacing**
- AGREED Plan B, the affordable, most cost-effective option of resin-bound patching, surface binding and repainting. Preferred supplier Surrey-based Tennis Court Services Ltd, quote received for £5,590 (to be paid for from grant funding and CIL budget).
Scheduled for cleaning in the New Year, and Spring for new surface / painting. All is weather-dependent; details as below.
Info from Tennis Court Services Ltd
- 1 Cleaning the courts will take two days – maybe three if water pressure is low. Play can take place from the evening after we finish cleaning.
 - 2 Repairs will take a day – play can take place one hour after the repairs have finished. (Can be cold but needs to be dry.)
 - 3 Painting will result in courts being out of action for two/three days. (Needs to be warm and dry.)
- .5 Entrance gate** from Oak Tree Cottages access to Old Road (playground end). Secured with a key padlock.
- ACTION To replace padlock.
- .6 Pavilion water meter readings – update APPENDIX VII.i**
(Meter serial number 82095493. Castle water account number 2440975.)
- Parish Council reading of 23 October 2024 = 0849.30.6. Water bill 2023/24 = £150.10
 - Castle Water reading 22 September 2023 = 0847. Water bill 2022/23 = £155.99
 - Parish Council reading of 12 November 2022 = 0842.55.8. Water bill 2021/22 = £152.30.
- 8 PARISH UPKEEP & HIGHWAYS**
- .1 Up Nately phone box and defibrillator**
- i Two panes of glass broken – two 'bullet holes' – lead shot catapult? New glass fitted, to record thanks to neighbour for installing.
 - ii Power cut to cabinet Email received 04 November 2024 from BT confirming:
- TO NOTE 1. 'BT is responsible for UG faults which is cable up to the REC fuse box in the kiosk service chamber. However, from REC fuse box upwards would be the responsibility of the adoptee.'

2. SSen procedure that they will take instruction from the 'adoptees' for a defib phone box. Advice from BT is now to call SSen directly on emergency number 105; SSen are obliged to respond within two hours of an emergency call.

To record thanks to Dave and Moira Bone for their help.

- iii Battery Now four year's old, nearing end of life. Replacement cost = c£205 plus VAT, from 'General maintenance' budget.

.2 Canal Society working parties

- i Email from Canal Society, 16 October:

'Re BCA Rangers, Tuesday Group volunteers, winter work party for towpath cut back work on the Up Nately section of the canal from the eastern end of Greywell Tunnel to Greywell Road (Penny Bridge). From previous conversation with you, this section is often overlooked and lower priority.'

TO RECORD: Thanks to BCA Rangers who came out on two Tuesdays and did a brilliant job, clearing banks from Up Nately to Tunnel. (Thanks also to neighbours for providing parking.)

- ii Further email of 29 October reporting sewage pollution:

'Working along that section today there was a very strong smell of sewage down at the water's edge. Different from the normal stagnant water/rotting vegetation smell that we normally find.'

Source identified as septic tank owned and serviced by BDBC. Problem now rectified.

.3 Footpaths update

- i Public rights of way – M&UN FP 502 closed Nov 2025 to cApril 2025

Published notice: Hampshire County Council has made an Order under S14(1)a of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to allow for works in connection with the bridge requiring repair/rebuild.

Road to be closed: Part of M&UN FP 502 and Old Basing & Lychpit FPs 24 and 32.

Closure from 07.11.2024 until 14.04.2025 or until completion of the works, whichever is sooner.

- ii Footpaths Warden report: FP 11 which runs through the allotments, behind Hurdles, the across the field, the between houses, emerging onto Tunworth Road. The stile onto the road is usable but needs fixing. Stiles are landowner responsibility. With thanks to Martin, he will raise with the owner.

.4 Parish Lengthsman – grip clearing – Scheduled 14 December.

.5 Allotments water meter reading **APPENDIX VII.ii**

- Meter serial number 14M174534. Castle water account number 2501111.

- Meter readings 23 October 2024 182.545; October 2023 164.859; October 2022 131.860

Low usage this past year compared to previous two years no surprise given wet weather:

- 2023/24 = 17.69 units ; 2023/24 = 33.00 units; 2023/24 = 34.43 units.

9 FURTHER REPORTS AND UPDATES

- .1 Village Hall update** The Village Hall Committee AGM is scheduled for Thurs 23 January. The Kitchen oven, hobs and worktops to be replaced over Christmas Holidays.

- .2 Hampshire Forest Partnership – Elm trees** The Hampshire Forest Partnership **APPENDIX VIII** has a grant from 'Nature for Climate Fund' to supply over 300 standard trees free of charge to communities for public open spaces; also a stock of smaller 'feathered' trees (up to 2m) and whips for landowners, other organisations, groups and individuals. Includes disease-resistant Elms.

- .3 'Remote attendance and proxy voting' **APPENDIX IX**** Consultation to 19 Dec.

Government (Ministry of Housing, Communities Local Government) consultation: 'Enabling remote attendance and proxy voting at local authority meetings.'

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-standards-and-conduct/remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting/> Includes Parish and Town Councils, and Parish Meetings – in England.

AGREED In general all Parish Council members should attend meetings in person. However the option for remote attendance in special circumstances would be helpful.

- .4 Borough and County Cllr monthly reports **APPENDICES X** and **XI**.**

10 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2025 Wednesdays 7pm, Village Hall meeting room 15 Jan, 19 March, 21 May AGM & Assembly (main Hall), 16 July, 17 Sept, 19 Nov

Meeting close 8.16pm, with thanks to all

APPENDIX I M&UN PARISH PLANNING UPDATE – 19 NOV 2024

APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING (26 September)

24/02523/HSE (Validated 11 Nov 2024) Lanterns, Tunworth Road. Part demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey flat roof extension with roof lantern.

T/00525/24/TCA (Validated 22 Oct) Field House Tunworth Road. T1 Oak - remove to ground level, too close to property; T2 Walnut, remove to ground level, decay at base; T3 Dead Ivy stump, remove to ground level; T4 Cedar, remove to ground level; T5 Sycamore, crown lift to 5m, thin out crown; T6 Poplar, remove to ground level; T7 Poplar, re pollard to previous pruning points, thin out crown; T8 Beech, crown lift to 5m, thin out crown; T9 Ash, crown lift above cable, thin out crown; T10 Sycamore, crown lift above cable, thin out crown; T11 Dead stump, remove to ground level.

24/02372/HSE (Validated 21 October) The Old School House, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Erection of side and rear extension, new front entrance porch, replacement windows / doors and demolition of the existing garage.

T/00499/24/TCA (Validated 10 Oct 2024) The Old Orchard, Tunworth Road. T1 Ash subject to ash died back, fell; T9 Liriodendron, reduce height by 5m to 12m and spread by 4m to 8m.

24/02283/ROC (Validated 04 October) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Variation of condition 13 of 21/00427/FUL (Erection of four-bed dwelling etc on land to north of Nunnery House) to change from septic tank or cess pit to now discharge foul water via water treatment plant.

APPLICATIONS PENDING OR RECENTLY DECIDED

T/00445/24/TCA (Approve 06 November, Validated 19 Sep 2024) Hurdles Tunworth Road Mapledurwell T1. Eucalyptus. Over extending branches on all sides suppressing adjacent trees. Crown reduce by 5m leaving a finished height of 10m with a crown spread (radius) of 5m.

24/02002/FUL (Pending Validated 18 Sep 2024) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road. Demolition of barn and erection of 1 no. dwelling (part retrospective).

24/01821/HSE (Granted 18 October, Validated 08 Aug 2024) Silver Birches, Wood Lane (of Heather Lane) Up Nately. Erection of a single storey extension to the side of the property and extension of terrace to rear of building.

24/01354/FUL (Pending 24 Jun 2024) The Gamekeepers. Laying of hardstanding to provide access to the cesspit for the pump-out lorry and to enable the dray lorry to make deliveries clear of the highway; the hardstanding also to serve as additional parking to serve The Gamekeepers; provision of 4 No. low-level, bat-friendly downlighters within the landscaped margin. (Reduced scheme to 21/01777/RET)

24/01259/GPDMA (Decision 24 Oct, Prior Approval not required; validated 10 Jun 2024) Riverview House London Road. Application for prior approval of conversion of existing building into 8 flats

24/01063/ROC (Granted 24 Oct, 09 May 2024) Riverview House, London Road, Old Basing. Variation of Condition 1 of 22/02416/FUL to amend drawing numbers to allow for alterations to design.

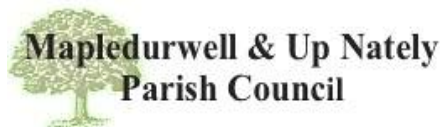
24/00756/FUL (Pending, Validated 16 Apr 2024) Land To The North Of Parrotts, Greywell Road. The erection of four detached dwellings, together with garages and associated vehicular access, car parking, amenity space and landscaping. **New supporting doc - flood risk assess**

23/02103/FUL (Pending 18 Aug 2023) Land Adjacent To Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of residential dwelling with garage.

22/02210/RET (Pending 05 Aug 2022) Priory Farmhouse. Variation of Condition 2 of 15/04301/FUL to allow continued use as Class E children's nursery to 31/08/2032.

APPEALS

APPEAL IN PROGRESS APP/H1705/W/24/3347575 Brockwell Paddock and Stable, Andwell Lane. Erection of three dwellings and landscaping. APPEAL OUT-OF-TIME (allowed 18 September 2024) 24/00027/REF (Received 08 July) Brockwell (Paddock And Stable) Andwell Lane. Erection of three dwellings and provision of landscaping. 23/01236/FUL (Refused 18 Jan 2024)

APPENDIX II RESPONSE RE NUNNERY HOUSE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Jemma Cox, Case Officer
Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council

Dear Jemma

24/02283/ROC (Validated 04 October) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road.

Variation of condition 13 of 21/00427/FUL (Erection of four-bed dwelling etc on land to north of Nunnery House) to change from septic tank or cess pit to now discharge foul water via water treatment plant.

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

The Parish Council wishes to raise questions with regards to
Statutory guidance:

General binding rules for small sewage discharges (SSDs) with effect from 2 October 2023 Updated 2 October 2023

www.gov.uk/government/publications/small-sewage-discharges-in-england-the-general-binding-rules/general-binding-rules-for-small-sewage-discharges-ssds-with-effect-from-2-october-2023

1. 'Rule no 17, Discharge to surface water. Discharges must not be in or within... 50 metres of a chalk river..'

The ordinary watercourse at this location is part of the headwaters of the River Lyde, a chalk stream. The spring-fed watercourse feeds the Village pond, the outflow is now piped under the road, then continues northwards besides Frog Lane. The chalk stream does not gain River status until the other side of the M3, as the Technical Note points out, approx 1km to the North. The question is, if the rule applies to the chalk river, would it not also apply to its tributaries?

2. 'Rule no 19, Discharge to surface water. Discharges must be made to a watercourse that normally has flow throughout the year.'

A spring-fed chalk stream normally flows when the weather has been wet, the water table feeding the spring high. Following dry weather, there is the potential for the stream flow to be much reduced or dry up. Neighbour comments indicate this to be the case. Should further investigation be carried out?

The technical notes says site investigations were conducted in April and June 2023.

The Mapledurwell pond was cleared of silt in early September 2023 and a new liner put in. The pond at the time was dry.

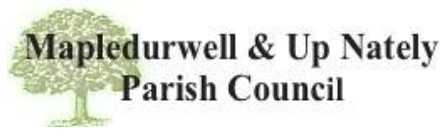
These questions put forward for your consideration

Kind regards

Susan Turner

Clerk to Mapledurwell & Up Nately
Parish Council

APPENDIX III RESPONSE RE NUNNERY HOUSE BARN REBUILD



Jemma Cox, Case Officer
Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council

Dear Jemma

24/02002/FUL Nunnery House, Tunworth Road.

Demolition of barn and erection of 1 no. dwelling (part retrospective).

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS

The original PIP application 20/00009/PIP was supported by documents on Structural Calculations, Structural Report, Design Feasibility which clarified, despite questions being raised to the contrary, that the building and footings were suitable for conversion. This was noted and accepted by the Inspector in granting the Appeal. This new application therefore contradicts much that was confirmed in the original technical / structural reports.

Following approval of TDC for conversion, the barn was demolished and groundworks and new footings constructed, without planning permission.

Mindful of this history, the Parish Council wishes to seek clarification regarding neighbour reports that the works for the new building so far are not in the same place and cover a larger area than the original footprint.

Noting that the current Planning Design and Access Statement states:

'The intention of the works at all points was, and is, to maintain the size, scale, placement and look of the existing barn and the approved design drawings (23/00962/TDC). We will not be deviating in any way from these plans; we have just taken a strategy which is the safest, conforms to modern building regulations & provides the satisfactory conversion of the barn. The dimensions and location remain as the plans approved at 23/00962/TDC.'

Kind regards
Susan Turner
Clerk to Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council

APPENDIX IV.I – ACCOUNTS TO DATE 2024/25

INCOME M&UN 2024/25 - 21 NOV												
Balance brought forward from April 1st 2024												£6,056.93
Date	Description	Precept	CIL	Grants other	Rec / grass cutting	Allotments 2023/24	Allotments 2024/25	Chineham Tigers	Bank interest	VillageH contra	VAT reclaim	TOTAL
04/04/24	BDBC - CIL		£8,410.41									£8,410.41
29/04/24	Half precept	£6,043.00										£6,043.00
29/04/24	BDBC - Grass cutting grant				£1,219.02							£1,219.02
07/06/24	Allot-Plot 5					£35.14						£35.14
10/06/24	Allot-Plot 6					£20.00						£20.00
10/06/24	Allot-Plot 3					£35.14						£35.14
10/06/24	Allot-Apiary					£20.00						£20.00
17/06/24	Allot-Plot 1					£35.14						£35.14
26/06/24	Allot-Plot 4					£20.00						£20.00
11/07/24	Vat Reclaim 2023/24										£4,098.52	£4,098.52
19/07/24	Allot-Plot 9&10					£70.28						£70.28
23/09/24	Half precept	£6,043.00										£6,043.00
28/10/24	BDBC - CIL		£580.93									£580.93
13/11/24	Vat Reclaim 2024/25										£786.05	£786.05
14/11/24	Chineham Tigers							£900.10				£900.10
2024/25	Bank Interest								£120.88			£120.88
2022/23	VH contra (lease)									£5.00		£5.00
TOTALS		£12,086.00	£8,991.34	£0.00	£1,219.02	£235.70	£0.00	£900.10	£120.88	£5.00	£4,884.57	£28,442.61

Receipts and Payments Summary –
Start balance £6,056.93
Plus Income £28,442.61
Less Expend £12,331.34
End balance £22,168.20

Bank reconciliation
Treasurer's £585.22
Business bank access £11,582.98
95-Day-Notice-Acct £10,000.00
BALANCE £22,168.20

TREASURERS ACCOUNT
PARISH CNCL OF MAPLE
£ 585.22 Current
£585.22 Available fund
Open a savings account

Take paym
Mobile card read
take card and mc
location, or on-th

BUS BANK INSTANT 30-S
PARISH CNCL OF MAPLE
£ 11,582.98

EXPENDITURE MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY PARISH COUNCIL 2024/25 - 21 NOV

		SUB TOTAL APRIL TO SEPTEMBER			£2,193.60	£2,418.38		£953.00	£2,128.38	£180.00	£185.00	£204.85	£17.30	£45.00		£562.22	£8,887.73
				Salary	Finance	Expenses	Villager	Maintenance		Playground Insp & Maintn	Allotments	Project grant-funded	Project CIL	VH contra	VAT	TOTAL	
	Invoice date	Paid date	Payee		Description	Governance		Grounds	General								
35A	03/10/24	16/10/24	CR-AndwellBrewery	Appreciation								£41.66				£8.34	£50.00
35B	03/10/24	16/10/24	CR-Conkers GS	Straw lagging								£13.72				£2.75	£16.47
36	20/10/24	20/10/24	PGGM	Bark pit timbers										£400.00		£80.00	£480.00
37	25/10/24	25/10/24	PGGM 2880	Scalplings, playgd jobs							£309.00					£61.80	£370.80
38	SETP	25/10/24	Clerk	Salary OCT	£365.60												£365.60
39	OCT	28/09/24	Martin Gosling	Contract OCT					£354.73							£70.94	£425.67
40	28/10/24	28/10/24	X2-Connect	PhoneBox glass+silic									£23.30			£4.66	£27.96
41	11/11/24	11/11/24	CPA Horticulture	Play barkchip											£673.15	£134.63	£807.78
42	08/10/24	13/11/24	Namesco	Domain renewal2yrs		£33.99										£6.80	£40.79
43	19/11/24	19/11/24	Castle Water-DD	SE0030239174-Allot								£6.28				£1.26	£7.54
44	20/11/24	20/11/24	PGGM 2919	Fill bark pit											£705.00	£141.00	£846.00
		2024/25	VH	Lease (contra)											£5.00		£5.00
508.34																	
		TOTAL			£2,559.20	£2,452.37		£953.00	£2,483.11	£180.00	£494.00	£266.51	£40.60	£1,823.15	£5.00	£1,074.40	£12,331.34
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APPENDIX IV.II – DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT 01 NOV



COMMERCIAL BANKING

PRIVATE & CONFIDENTIAL

Parish Council of Mapledurwell/Up Nately

Lloyds Bank plc
1st Floor (East)
10 Gresham Street
London, EC2V 7AE
Tel: 0345 305 5555
E-mail: lloydstreasury@lloydsbanking.com

1 November 2024

Confirmation of your deposit

Dear Parish Council of Mapledurwell/Up Nately,

Thank you for your recent instruction to deposit money into your Account. Details are set out below.

Account:	95 Day Notice
Account Identification:	PRSHCNCL12 CLTKGBP001TSYLN
Short Identification:	PRSHCNCL12
Transaction Reference:	21192565LS
Payment Date:	1st November 2024
Amount:	GBP 10,000.00
Balance of the Account after deposit:	GBP 10,000.00
Gross Interest Rate:	3.81%

Settlement Details:

Lloyds Bank plc, Swift Code: LOYDGB22TSY

We Debit:-

Sort Code: 309053
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Parish Council of Mapledurwell/Up Nately

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APPENDIX V – LATEST ESTIMATE AND BUDGET

M&UN YEAR END				2024/25 TO DATE 19 Nov	CIL 2024-25 TO DATE	2024/25 LATEST NOV 24	CIL 2024-25 LATEST EST	2024/25 BUDGET MAR 24	2025/26 BUDGET NOV DRAFT
EXPENDITURE	2023/24 YEAR END	CIL 2023-24							
SALARY	£4,387.20			£2,559.20		£4,731.84		£4,507.20	£4,968.00
Back-pay-previous-year	£187.00								
Allowable-expenses22/23-24	£432.00					£325.00		£325.00	£325.00
Assembly expenses									£75.00
Training						£300.00		£300.00	£300.00
Finance/Governance	£1,098.46			£817.99		£817.99		£1,000.00	£1,000.00
PC & VH Insurance	£1,538.43			£1,634.38		£1,634.38		£1,600.00	£1,670.00
Villager	£953.00			£953.00		£953.00		£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Community									
Maintn contract	£4,264.66			£2,483.11		£4,305.00		£4,305.00	£4,520.25
Maintn other	£457.42			£180.00		£1,000.00		£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Playground Insp/Maint	£85.50			£494.00		£1,000.00		£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Water – pavillion									
Allotments	£463.10			£266.51		£500.00		£500.00	£500.00
PROJECTS									
S106						£3,447.16		£3,447.16	
Up Nately Land									
Five Lanes End									
Coronation tree	£357.88								
W/C beds / Frog Lane	£202.32	£202.32		£45.00	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00		
Allot - water connect	£1,400.00	£1,400.00							
Allot coppicing	£600.00	£600.00							
Allotment Orchard	£158.30								
UN Pond/phone box				£40.60		£40.60			
Playgound bench	£899.17								
Bark pit				£1,778.15	£1,778.15	£1,778.15	£1,778.15		
MAPLE POND	£7,721.49								
Tennis Courts						£5,590.00	£5,590.00		
Vat expend	£3,342.05			£1,074.40		£1,074.40			
Village Hall contra	£5.00			£5.00		£5.00		£5.00	£5.00
TOTAL EXPEND	£28,552.98	£2,202.32		£12,331.34	£1,823.15	£27,547.52	£7,413.15	£18,989.36	£16,363.25

M&UN YEAR END				2024/25 TO DATE 19 NOV	CIL 2024-25 TO DATE	2024/25 LATEST NOV 24	CIL 2024-25 LATEST EST	2024/25 BUDGET MAR 24	2025/26 BUDGET NOV DRAFT
INCOME	2023/24 YEAR END	CIL 2023-24							
Precept	£10,842.00			£12,086.00		£12,086.00		£12,086.00	£12,690.00
Grass Cutting Grant	£1,219.02			£1,219.02		£1,219.02		£1,231.21	£1,219.02
Tigers	£714.00			£750.00		£750.00		£750.00	£787.50
Tigers-water charge	£155.99			£150.10		£150.10		£160.00	£160.00
Allotments 2023/34	£20.00			£235.70		£451.40		£180.00	£180.00
Allotments 2024/25								100	100
Maple pond	£7,700.00								
Grants County Cllr	£500.00								
Ward Cllr22/23-allot	£269.44								
Ward Cllr23/24=bench	£899.16								
CIL-20/3328/FUL	£3,706.26	£3,706.26		£8,991.34	£8,991.34	£8,991.34	£8,991.34		
S106						£3,447.16		£3,447.16	
VH-tennis courts						£886.37			
Returned funds									
VH Insurance						£3,501.99		£800.00	£1,030.00
Bank Interest	£102.00			£120.88		£200.00		£50.00	£200.00
VAT reclaim 2024/25				£786.05		£1,074.40			
VAT reclaim 2023/24				£4,098.52		£4,098.52			
Village Hall rent	£5.00			£5.00		£5.00		£5.00	£5.00
TOTAL INCOME	£26,132.87	£3,706.26		£28,442.61	£8,991.34	£36,861.30	£8,991.34	£18,809.37	£16,371.52
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	£2,420.11	£1,503.94		£16,111.27	£7,168.19	£9,313.78	£1,578.19	£179.99	£8.27
Total balance	£6,056.93	£1,618.57		£22,168.20	£8,786.76	£15,370.71	£3,196.76	£8,640.18	£15,378.98
BALANCE LESS CIL	£4,438.36			£13,381.44		£12,173.95			£12,182.22

APPENDIX VI PLAYGROUND – CROSS CUTS IN BALANCE BEAM AND NEW PATH



APPENDIX VII.I PAVILION WATER
METRE READING 23 OCT 2024
0849.30.6



APPENDIX VII.II ALLOTMENT
WATER METRE READING 23 OCT
2024
00182.545



APPENDIX VIII



HAMPSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP

a legacy in leaves

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WHAT IS THE HAMPSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP

The Hampshire Forest Partnership has been set up so communities can get involved in caring for our woodlands and planting more trees. There are lots of ways you can support the countryside, like volunteering or holding your own tree planting event. With your help we're sure to reach our goal of planting one million trees by 2050.





JOIN THE MILLION TREE CHALLENGE!

Help us reach our goal to plant one million trees and add your trees and hedge planting to our online map.



SPONSOR A TREE

Whether you are an individual or a business, please support us to plant more trees in Hampshire and help our wildlife to thrive.



HELP US BRING BACK THE MAJESTIC ELM TREE

We are trialling the planting of disease resistant elms. We can provide you with the trees at no cost, we just ask you to tell us exactly where you will plant them and allow us to monitor how successful they are.



ABOUT US

Find out how we are supporting Hampshire's tree population and making the county a greener place to live.

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GET INVOLVED

If you're a parish council, business, teacher, landowner, land manager or farmer with land that would be perfect for tree planting, we'd love to hear from you.

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NEWS

Our forest is always growing. With so much going on across Hampshire, find out more about our latest projects and tree planting events.

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APPENDIX IX.I OPEN CONSULTATION**ENABLING REMOTE ATTENDANCE AND PROXY VOTING AT LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETINGS** Published 24 October 2024 to 19 December**REMOTE ATTENDANCE****Question 1** – Responding on behalf of?**Question 2****Do you agree with the broad principle of granting local authorities powers to allow remote attendance at formal meetings?**

Yes/No – If you answered No to the above question please go directly to question 4.

Question 3

If you answered Yes to the above question, do you think that there should be specific limitations on remote attendance?

Please tick all the options below that correspond with your view and use the free text box for any other comments.

- a) Any formal meeting allowing remote attendance should have at least two thirds of members in physical attendance.
- b) Members should only be able to attend council meetings remotely in exceptional circumstances, such as those who are medically or physically unable to attend, or for reasons of local or national emergencies.
- c) There should be no limitations placed upon councils with regard to setting arrangements for remote attendance of council meetings, up to and including full remote attendance.
- d) [Free text box]

Question 4

If you are an elected member can you anticipate that you personally may seek to attend some of your council meetings remotely?

Yes

No

I am not an elected member

Question 4a

If you answered No please use the free text box below

[Free text box]

Question 4b

If you answered Yes, could you indicate below which of the following options best describes your likely pattern of attending meetings remotely

- very occasionally
- from time to time
- regularly but not always
- all the time

Question 5

If you are responding to this consultation on behalf of a council as a whole, what proportion of the council's current elected members are likely to seek to attend council meetings remotely over the course of a year?

less than 10%

more than 10% but less than 50%

more than 50% but less than 90%

most of them 90% to 100%

Question 6**The government recognises that there may be cases in which it is necessary for councils to hold meetings fully remotely.**

Do you think there should be limitations placed on the number of fully remote meetings councils should be able to hold?

- a) Councils should be able to allow full remote attendance at up to half of council meetings within a twelve-month calendar period.
- b) Councils should only have the flexibility to change a meeting from in-person to online, or vice versa, due to unforeseen and exceptional circumstances.
- c) Councils should not have the flexibility to conduct fully remote meetings to ensure there is always an in-person presence.
- d) [Free text box]

Question 7

Do you think there are there any necessary procedural measures that would help to ensure a remote or hybrid attendance policy is workable and efficient?

Please tick all the options that correspond with your view and use the free text box for any other comments.

- a) Councils should be required to publish a list of attendees joining the meeting remotely and give notice if a meeting is being held with full remote attendance.
- b) Councils should be required to ensure that standard constitutional arrangements are followed for hybrid and fully remote meetings.
- c) Councils should be required to make arrangements to ensure restricted items (where a council decision is taken in private to protect confidentiality) are managed appropriately and to require remotely attending members to join from a private location.
- d) Other [Free text box]

APPENDIX IX.II OPEN CONSULTATION CONTINUED**Question 8**

Do you think legislative change to allow councillors to attend local authority meetings remotely should or should not be considered for the following reasons?

Tick all the statements below that apply to your point of view.

Should be considered because:

- It is a positive modernising measure. It would likely increase the diversity of people willing and able to stand for election in their local area, making councils more representative of the communities they serve.
- Councils would be more resilient in the event of local or national emergencies which prevent in-person attendance.

Free text box – please state any other reasons

Should not be considered because

- Councillors should be physically present at all formal meetings.
- It could lead to a significant number of councillors habitually attending remotely and ultimately reduce the effectiveness of councils.
- It would be more difficult for councillors to build personal working relationships with colleagues, and engage with members of the public in attendance at meetings.

Free text box – please state any other reasons

Question 9

In your view, would allowing councillors to attend formal local authority meetings remotely according to their needs particularly benefit or disadvantage individuals with protected characteristics, for example those with disabilities or caring responsibilities?

Please tick an option below:

- it would benefit members
- it would disadvantage members
- neither

Please use the text box below to make any further comment on this question.

PROXY VOTING**Question 10**

In addition to provisions allowing for remote attendance, do you consider that it would be helpful to introduce proxy voting?

- yes
- no
- unsure

Question 11

If yes, for which of the following reasons which may prohibit a member's participation in council meetings do you consider it would be appropriate?

Please select all that apply:

- physical or medical conditions
- caring responsibilities
- parental leave or other responsibilities
- other [Free text box]

Question 12

Are there circumstances in which you feel proxy voting would not be appropriate?

[Free text box]

Question 13

If you think proxy voting is appropriate, are there any limitations you think should be placed upon it? [Free text box]

APPENDIX X.I WARD CLLR REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

Christmas bin collection changes... see BDBC website. Unless adverse weather affects bin rounds, collections will return to normal from Monday 13 January 2025.

For the first collection after Christmas ONLY, we will collect extra rubbish sacks left next to the grey bin.

Recycling collections Christmas is also an opportunity to recycle as much as you possibly can. Extra recycling is always collected as long as it is in a clear bin liner next to your bin. In dry weather residents can leave cardboard next to their recycling bin. Please ensure it is flattened and no bigger than one metre square. Most wrapping paper cannot be recycled so please put it in your grey waste bin. Information on what can and can't be recycled is available on our website.

Garden waste collections There will be a two-week break for garden waste collections over the festive period. The service will be suspended after collections on Friday 20 December and will resume on Monday 6 January. Once the service resumes, residents should put their brown bins out on their normal collection day.

Glass recycling Residents requiring extra glass recycling boxes for bottles and jars can collect a new or additional glass box for free from the council offices in London Road, Basingstoke. Visit Deanes reception between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. A 140l glass bin can be bought for £40 as an alternative to an extra box. This can be ordered by calling 01245 844844.

Bloomin' lovely Our grounds maintenance teams were the talk of the town last week while they were busy weeding and replanting the planters in the town centre and at the Civic Offices. Lots of positive comments were received from passers-by as the team planted winter and spring flowering bulbs and plants including viola, anemones and hyacinths. There are 19 large planters in this area which are refreshed twice a year with over 5,000 plants.

In late May, the team will replace the spring bedding plants with summer planting.

The team's hard work not only keeps our civic campus looking lovely for visitors and staff but also supports the targeted action we're taking to improve the look and feel of the Top of the Town to ensure it is a welcoming place for residents, businesses and visitors.

New touch screen parking machines New car parking pay and display machines are being installed in our long and short stay car parks in Basingstoke town centre. The current machines have reached the end of their life and are being replaced with new touch screen machines which are quicker and simpler for visitors to use.

Car park users can also pay for parking through the RingGo parking app.

Marking White Ribbon Day in Festival Place White Ribbon Day is on Monday 25 November, marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The council will be running a stand in Festival Place, outside M&S and Pret, between 10am and 5pm with partners from The You Trust and Stop Domestic Abuse. Visitors to the shopping centre can visit the stand to find out more about the campaign, take the white ribbon pledge, pick up a white ribbon to wear and learn more about the council's work with partners to support those affected and to challenge the harmful attitudes and behaviours that are behind the violence.

Clean sweep of new names for street cleaning vehicles Three new pathway sweepers have joined our street cleansing fleet to help tackle the borough's leaf fall and keep the borough clean and tidy.

All running off low-carbon biofuel, the new additions have replaced older vehicles and boosted the council's fleet of sustainable pathway sweepers from four to five. These sweepers form an important part of the council's mechanical and manual sweeping approach, helping to keep the borough's footways clean and clear.

And, thanks to a fun challenge created through the council's social media and e-newsletter, they are even more recognisable with a selection of puntastic names put forward by residents added to the sides of each vehicle. The sweepers, now named Sir Brushalot, Shaun the Sweep, Lightning McClean, Sweep Caroline and Obi-Wan Cleanobi will help to clear over 400 tonnes of leaf fall as part of the council's winter maintenance work.

APPENDIX II.i cont... WARD CLLR REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

Search begins for partner to deliver new water and leisure complex A formal search for a partner to deliver a new water and leisure complex to replace the Aquadrome has been launched.

We have started inviting initial proposals from leisure specialists interested in designing, building and running the new energy-efficient centre to replace the council-owned Aquadrome, subject to getting planning permission, as part of a competitive procurement process.

The search is the latest milestone in the project after the council's decision-making Cabinet approved the range of new facilities and how the new centre would be delivered, in February.

Leisure specialists are being invited to submit first stage proposals by Friday 20 December. Following detailed work with short-listed suppliers that demonstrate the relevant interest, experience and capability to deliver the project, it is anticipated that a preferred partner would be identified, approved by Council and awarded with the contract in May 2026.

As well as delivering the new water and leisure complex, the procurement exercise will include the management of the council's existing leisure facilities in the borough.

This includes the management of Basingstoke Golf Centre, while the council continues to explore options to re-provide the facilities currently on offer at the site, following an in-principle deal with Great Wolf Resorts which, subject to planning permission, paves the way for it to build a new indoor water park resort on the land.

Helping nature recovery with over 14 acres of new wildflower meadows

Together with dedicated local conservation volunteers, we're sowing enough native wildflower seeds in the next few weeks to create new and better homes and food sources for bees, butterflies and other insects on over 14 acres of land across the borough – that's about 11 football fields or 85 tennis courts.

This will help to restore wildlife-rich chalk grasslands, which are very rare and fragile habitats that were once common in the south of the borough. With the help and support of Natural Basingstoke volunteers, the work will create spaces for those species to thrive once more and for everyone to enjoy.

Our Ranger team started this off at Overton Hill two weeks ago, spreading thousands of native wildflower seeds across the meadow after they used a tractor to prepare the soil for planting. You can find out more about this on our Facebook page.

Over 30 kilograms of these wildflower seeds were harvested from our green spaces before they were dried, sorted and analysed by local company Wildflower Turf, based in Overton. We also added extra seeds for key indicator species and plants that provide food for butterflies as the analysis showed there were fewer of these in our harvest. For more detailed info on all these topics see the BDBC website.

APPENDIX X.II WARD CLLR / BDBC REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

Grass cutting and winter maintenance [To note this applies to BDBC-owned land]

Our grass cutting teams have completed their eighth and final cut of the year across the borough. This was achieved on schedule, despite issues with the weather at times over the summer and periods of very fast growth. The five main teams, which include sub teams covering the rural areas, cut six million square metres of grass on each cycle.

Hedges The majority of hedges and shrubs are on Hampshire County Council highway land and they pay us to cut them once a year. This work is carried out over the winter months, outside of the bird nesting season. However, the team will respond to requests to cut back any overgrown hedges or vegetation on either County Council or Borough Council land which is obstructing footpaths during summer months. Please report these issues online or call the contact centre on 01256 844844.

Weed spraying The second weed spray of the borough is now underway and will take several weeks to complete. It can take a few weeks for weeds to die off once sprayed. The teams are working closely with our new contractors [?] and are monitoring this work closely.

Leaf clearance The street cleansing team will begin its winter leaf fall clearance work in early November, working around areas of the borough until the end of January. Last year the team introduced a new method of leaf fall clearance. This involved working as a team within each ward, before moving onto the next area. Both manual and mechanical sweeping methods were used, which proved to be highly effective and the team will be applying the same method this year.

On-call support A new on-call system was introduced in 2024 which has proved to be highly effective in dealing with urgent issues which arise outside of normal working hours. This will continue and help to ensure the street cleansing and grounds maintenance teams can respond to urgent work during the winter period. Out of hours emergencies can be reported to the Council by calling 01256 844844 and these issues could include urgent waste clearance, for example discarded needles or glass in children's play areas. The teams are also activating their winter maintenance rota to ensure they can respond to adverse weather conditions such as snow and ice.

New grant scheme to support borough's independent retailers Businesses in Basingstoke's Top of the Town and other towns and villages across the borough can now get help to fund improvements to their buildings, following the launch of a new grant scheme. We have launched the £75,000 Town and Village Centre Fund to support independent high street businesses and landlords to make improvements to their shop fronts, interiors and the creation of new outdoor seating areas. As part of the scheme, new and existing businesses will be able to apply for a grant of up to £10,000 towards the cost of improving their shop fronts and other exterior improvements, such as repainting and signage. New businesses will also be able to apply for up to £5,000 to cover the costs of fitting out new retail or hospitality units. And to support a thriving café culture, hospitality businesses will also be able to apply for up to £3,000 to help them create new outdoor seating areas for their customers. More information about eligibility and how to apply can be found at our Town and Village Centre Fund webpage. www.basingstoke.gov.uk/town-and-village-centre-fund

Cabinet approve renewal of town centre antisocial drinking order Plans to renew an order to curb antisocial street drinking in Basingstoke town centre to keep it a safe and welcoming place have been agreed by Cabinet. During a meeting held on Tuesday 08 October, it was agreed to stand firm on the council's robust approach to alcohol-related antisocial behaviour and renew the public space protection order for the town centre area. This decision followed feedback supporting the renewal of the order, that was first put in place in November 2021, received during consultation with residents, businesses and visitors earlier this year.

The order, which will last for three years, makes it an offence to continue to drink alcohol in designated areas after being asked to stop by officers from the police or council. Those who don't comply could receive an on-the-spot fine of £100 or a £1,000 fine if convicted by a magistrates' court. It covers the town centre, War Memorial Park, Eastrop Park, Glebe Gardens, Holy Ghost Cemetery and small sections of Brookvale, Norden and Eastrop. This is based on evidence of areas where alcohol-related antisocial behaviour has been reported to the police or the council and has had a negative impact on businesses, visitors or residents in the town.

For more information visit our Alcohol related Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) webpage.

Fang-tastic activities for children in Basingstoke town centre this half-term

Children will be able to enjoy a frightfully fun programme of activities this October half-term as Love Basingstoke Presents returns to the Top of the Town. Spooktacular fun on offer for children aged between two and 16 years-old includes potion making, pottery painting, slime workshops, trails and dinosaurs. Activities will take place between 11am and 3pm every day from Monday 28 Oct to Friday 1 Nov.

APPENDIX II.ii WARD CLLR / BDBC REPORT – OCTOBER 2024 continued

Council marks the start of Black History Month The start of Black History Month was marked by the council with a flag raising and an event to honour the Black communities in the borough. The celebrations began with a flag raising ceremony at the Civic Offices on Tuesday 1 October at 2pm and guests included local community leaders along with representatives from Basingstoke College of Technology, Hampshire Hospitals, Basingstoke and Deane Hate Crime Working Group and the Rotary Club. Black History Month is a national event that runs throughout October to recognise the invaluable contributions of Black people to British society. This year the theme is 'Reclaiming Narratives' and will encourage Black communities to take control of their stories, celebrate their heritage and ensure their voices are heard. Events later in the month will include a service at St Bede's Church, a Reclaiming Narratives event in Popley and an awards ceremony at Queen Mary's College.

Compliments for council teams Compliment about Basingstoke's green train station – The Make a Difference team received a compliment from a visitor to the borough about their work to make the front of Basingstoke train station a welcoming and attractive space. They said: "I visited Basingstoke earlier on in the year and loved the greenery in and around the station. Can you please thank the people involved as it made a huge difference to my visit. This is because I had to wait an hour for my friend to arrive from London and, instead of waiting in a cafe, I sat outside and enjoyed the surrounding plants, flowers, trees." The visitor was so impressed that they have filmed several short clips and compiled them into a YouTube video about Basingstoke's green train station.

Compliment for the Grounds Maintenance team A customer called the contact centre to thank the Grounds Maintenance team for a quick response to an issue that was raised near her house. The team recently attended and fixed a broken fence and dealt with a bunker. The customer was "thrilled with the work".

Compliments for the Economy and Culture team and Love Basingstoke events programme The Economy and Culture team received a couple of compliments from people who attended the Love Basingstoke Fri-YAY events programme. They said: "We always love the sessions you put on and it's a great facility for the town to have every holiday for something free and fun to do!" "You guys are absolutely brilliant. We are lucky to live in Basingstoke and experience such amazing activities and entertainment. It's fantastic because it brings the community together, we've made numerous new friends trying hard to keep in touch with them all however it's a great feeling to see them again during such events and activities. It really builds a great platform for making social connections with people from different cultures and ethnicities without the use of social media. Thank you to each and every member involved."

Compliment from Thornycroft Bowls and Basingstoke Croquet Club Play and Sport Manager Bernard Crisp and Sports Team Leader Gerard Beschizza received a compliment from Thornycroft Bowls and Basingstoke Croquet Club. They said: "The croquet and bowls seasons have now ended and I want to thank you and the team for the excellent service that you give us year by year. It really is appreciated."

Compliment for the Rangers The Rangers received a compliment from a resident through the contact centre. The resident said: "As a local scout leader I would just like to drop a note to say how easy it is to get the car park at the Lime Pits secured slightly later to allow for parental pick up. All that was needed was a call to security and letting you know."

Compliment for the street cleaning teams The street care and cleaning teams received a compliment from a resident. They said: "Just want to thank all involved in clearing the pavement from Brighton Hill to Kempshott within days of reporting it. You're doing a great job."

Greener bin collections The council has saved over half a million tonnes of carbon since it began fuelling its bin trucks with a low-emission biofuel six months ago. The move from diesel to a more environmentally friendly fuel has more than halved the council's carbon footprint, compared to the same period last year, and is part of its work towards becoming a carbon-neutral council by December 2025 to help tackle the climate emergency.

APPENDIX XI.I HCC REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024**Savings Programme 2025 – budget meeting on 14th October****HCC Savings Proposals – HWRCs and school crossing patrols**

The 12 HWRC sites at Aldershot, Bordon, Romsey, Hedge End, Marchwood, Petersfield, Somerley, Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Fair Oak, Hartley Wintney and Hayling Island will remain fully open.

The County Council has bold plans to improve recycling across Hampshire in the next four years, Cabinet felt that any change to the HWRC network needed to be taken into account alongside these emerging schemes.

The Cabinet also rejected plans to remove School Crossing Patrols from 17 locations across the county. Instead, a review will begin into more than 170 school crossing patrol sites to identify whether hard crossings could eventually be installed as an alternative to manned crossings as and when the posts become vacant. The review will start with the more than 30 sites where a school crossing patrol should be in place, but the Council have been unable to recruit to the role. Although school crossing patrols are a lovely, traditional way for school children to cross the road -it is unreliable. Ever fewer people wish to undertake the role. Investment in formal crossings will ensure our children's safety for years to come.

2024 [Government] Budget Statement from Leader Cllr Nick Adams-King:

"This was a deeply disappointing budget for Hampshire County Council, for local growth and for our businesses.

The extra £1.3 billion for local government is like a few grains of sand when distributed across England but the fact the government has said it will be targeted means we cannot rely on it and I fear much will go to the midlands and the north.

Instead, we will have to grapple with added costs due to this budget. The huge increase in employer National Insurance contributions will cost the council millions, and while Government say it is funded, that is part of the extra local government funding so is in effect an extra burden. The effect of the national living wage rising way above inflation will also likely increase our costs substantially. We simply cannot afford this.

The Local Government Association said before the budget that local authorities were facing a £2.3 billion gap in 2025-26 to stand still. What the Chancellor has done is offer a totally inadequate sum - even if we receive our fair share of it. Then, almost immediately, she has hit us with increased operating costs. Our budget deficit will remain unless we are given the tools to decide how to spend and raise our money. We should not be forced to operate via government diktat and increased budget ring fencing or with second class status while money heads to other areas. Sadly, there was nothing concrete in the Budget to help us despite me writing to the Chancellor spelling out the situation and how we could improve it if we were given the powers to innovate through less central control of funding and reform of how councils operate. The only good news is extra money for schools and children's social care but they are relatively small sums and, again, we simply cannot rely on it coming to Hampshire, if the government is looking to push funding to other areas.

The extra money for SEND, which is a huge issue for Hampshire, is a drop in the ocean compared to the pressure we face, if shared equally it will turn a deficit next year of £90m into one of £70-75m, so hardly a 'rescue package'!

I just don't see how this government is investing for growth in Hampshire. It has announced it will cease funding for the functions previously delivered by Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Business Board Network. None of this will drive good, local economic decision making.

Junction 8 of the M27 is now forever cancelled as an 'unfunded and unaffordable' in another blow to our local infrastructure.

Finally, I have to say, I am hugely concerned for our farmers, who have been treated terribly by the budget. As a former small business owner, I am also horrified for those who own their own businesses - they are the backbone of our local economy and must be devastated. I think the national insurance tax raid on working people and businesses will be disastrous, not just here in Hampshire, but across the country.'

Funding for disease-resistant elm trees Hampshire Forest Partnership has funding available to give away different variants of disease resistant elms (bare root and pot grown). Farmers and landowners also are eligible to apply and can specify preferred tree sizes. The land need not be publicly accessible, but the Partnership prefers locations where people will be able to see the elms once they grow to maturity – for example in fields, hedgerows or boundaries viewable from a road, footpath or viewpoint.

They prefer locations out of woodlands, and the trees must be allowed to grow to full maturity.

Nominate a rural business for The Countryside Alliance Awards The Countryside Alliance is seeking to find the best rural businesses in the country who go the extra mile for their customers and communities. They will be presenting awards in the following categories:

- Village shop / Post Office • Rural enterprise • Pub • Local food and drink • Butcher

Anyone can nominate a local rural business, by going to: <https://www.countryside-alliance.org/awards>

Nominees simply have to explain why the business is special and deserves to be recognised, highlighting how the business champions local producers and makes a real contribution to the community. Nominations must be received by Sunday 17 November.

Solar together Hampshire is extending its registration deadline With more than 4,900 households in Hampshire expressing interest in the latest opportunity to benefit from more affordable solar energy, Solar together Hampshire is extending its registration deadline

Cabinet decides on future County Council Services With the future of some Hampshire local services in the spotlight, the County Council's Leader and Cabinet have considered proposals relating to Household Waste Recycling Centres, passenger transport services, School Crossing Patrols, and homelessness support services after careful consideration of consultation feedback and examination of every possible option to help balance residents' needs against the Council's future financial pressures

This autumn Hampshire Libraries is marking its centenary of providing a public library service in the county, and residents are invited to join the celebrations. Whether that's by attending an event at one of the County Council's 40 libraries, contributing to a 'letter to libraries' display or enjoying one of the books in the special collection

Hampshire County Council celebrates foster focus week 2024

Could you create special, lifechanging memories by fostering a vulnerable child?

APPENDIX XI.II HCC REPORT – OCTOBER 2024

Winter Fuel Allowance The Government has recently made the decision to restrict the Winter Fuel Payment to only pensioners in receipt of Pension Credit or other means-tested benefits.

HCC in a motion to full council resolved to:

Bring forward a Council-led local awareness campaign to alert those eligible of Pension Credit which in some respects will help access to the Winter Fuel Payment for those most in need.

- Request that the Council Leader write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, urging a review of the decision to means-test the Winter Fuel Payment and asking the government to ensure that vulnerable pensioners, particularly those who do not claim Pension Credit, are protected from fuel poverty.
- Commit the Council to signing the 'Save the Winter Fuel Payment for Struggling Pensioners' petition being run by Age UK and to encourage all members to sign the petition themselves.
- Encourage local efforts to promote Pension Credit uptake through council services and partnerships with local charities and community organisations to ensure that all eligible pensioners in Hampshire are supported in claiming their entitlement.
- Make the commitment that all Hampshire County Council Libraries are designated under the warm spaces scheme for the winter of 2024/2025

Highways Updates: From Cllr Lulu Bowerman, Cabinet Member for Highways and Waste

We know just how important roads, and specifically their condition, are to the people of Hampshire and we're working hard to make them stronger – having invested extra funding so that we can make even more improvements to the 5,500 miles of roads that the County Council is responsible for. The additional £22.5m investment over two years, on top of the £89m we typically spend annually to maintain the roads has so far enabled extra crews, equipment and materials to be brought in to repair even more road defects, like potholes, more quickly, as well as improve the surface quality of many more miles of road. Latest data shows that between April and June this year, we've made good progress - having improved the surface of 345,655 square metres of road and repaired 18,505 road defects. And, with the autumn and winter weather in mind, 43,479 drains and gullies have also been cleared and cleaned, ready to cope with heavy rainfall. We'll soon be starting our winter maintenance season (from 1 October) and, as with previous years, our highways crews will be ready day and night to spread salt on the main routes when freezing road surface temperatures are forecast, in order to keep Hampshire moving. We know that work to make improvements to the roads can sometimes be inconvenient to road users, so we appreciate people's patience as we keep up the momentum on this vital work. We also wish to thank everyone who has reported road defects to us - such as potholes and other issues affecting the condition of the county's roads. Please continue to do so, because when you report a road issue to us, it means we can act more quickly to fix the problem and make our roads stronger. You can do this via the OurHants app (which can be downloaded from the Apple or Google play store) or online via the County Council's website

Reporting Highway Problems

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report.

HCC Flooding Toolkit The proposals for a community toolkit to assist Hampshire's residents and communities identify the risk of, prepare for and mitigate the effect of flooding has been taken forward by the County Council. We started this work when the exceptional rain last winter threatened flooding in many areas of the County. Great to see it now deliver in time for this autumn's rains.

To help everyone across Hampshire, we've developed an online guide providing you with lots of information about flooding including which organisations have responsibility for flooding, your responsibilities as a property and/or landowner and advice on how to prepare for flood incidents. The new Community Toolkit can be downloaded from our website

Use the links below for flood risk information and to sign up for alerts:

Check your flood risk for the next five days <https://www.gov.uk/check-floodin>

Sign up for flood warnings by phone, text or email <https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings>

Check your flood risk over a longer period from rivers, the sea, surface water, reservoirs and groundwater <https://www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk>

Call the Environment Agency's 24-hour Floodline on 0845 988 1188 to listen to recorded information on the latest warnings and predictions, or to speak to an operator for more general information.

CHECK YOUR FLOOD RISK AHEAD OF WINTER RAINFALL Around 400,000 households in Hampshire are at risk of flooding and with the potential for increased rainfall because of climate change, particularly during autumn and winter, Hampshire County Council has created a new online tool to help people check their flood risk to help protect homes, land and businesses.