

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY 2025, 7pm, Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors – Alison Stent (Chairman for meeting), Suzie Horsey, Colin Robertson;
Clerk Susan Turner; Guest – Footpaths Warden Martin Carfrae

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies from Hugo Cubitt, Kevin Rafferty.

AGREED Alison Stent to chair the meeting

2 PUBLIC SESSION & REPORTS TO THE MEETING

.1 No members of the public present.

.2 Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation APPENDIX I

Brief discussion re the two concepts – both of which are Government requirements:

- Devolution – ie all areas of England are to be part of regional Strategic Authorities with an elected Mayor
- 'Local Government Reorganisation' which will abolish the two-tier structure of County and District so all authorities are Unitary, and will also require existing smaller unitaries to be part of larger entities.

i Devolution

- A 'Hampshire & Solent' Combined Authority will include areas presently covered by Hampshire County Council – which is all two-tier – and Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the Isle of Wight which are each separate Unitary Councils.
- Government is to confirm by end January whether the 'Hants & Solent' Combined Authority has been accepted for Priority Devolution.
- If Priority Devolution goes ahead, County Council May 2025 elections will be postponed for 12 months (in this eventuality Elaine Still has agreed to continue as our County Councillor for another year); Government consultation is scheduled for February.

ii Local Government Reorganisation

- Within the new 'Hampshire & Solent' combined authority, new Unitary Councils must be organised. If the priority Devolution for Hants & Solent goes ahead, then proposals for the new Councils must be submitted to Government by Autumn 2025.

.3 County Cllr written reports – APPENDIX II.

.4 Ward Cllr written reports – APPENDIX III.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 20 November, agreed and signed.

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

5 FINANCE

.1 Accounts to date – APPENDIX IV– Reconciliation 11 January = £25,709.57

Payments since last meeting

45	Castle Water-DD PR100111262821 – Pavilion	£24.45
46	Clerk – Salary NOV	£365.60
47	Martin Gosling – Contract NOV	£425.67
48	Castle Water-DD PR100111262821 – Pavilion	£15.63
49	PGGM-2962 – Digger hire for grips	£104.40
50	Clerk – Salary DEC	£365.60
51	Martin Gosling – Contract DEC	£425.67
52	Hugo Fox – Website hosting 2025	£143.86

Income of note since last meeting

Village Hall insurance contribution = £3,501.99

Village Hall re Energy Efficiency work – contrib to tennis courts = £886.57.

County Cllr devolved budget grant for tennis courts = £1,000.

.2 Budget update 2024/25 – APPENDIX V

1. Budget update noted, including CIL expenditure and budget allocations not yet spent.
2. Bank balance at the end of last year £4K below anticipated due to Vat reclaim of £4,098.52 coming into this year's figures, thus an additional £4K in surplus this year.

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- 3 Year End figure further brought into line (to total as should be expected) by receipt of Village Hall insurance contributions.
- 4 Castle Water are now invoicing monthly in arrears rather than estimating for six months in advance which makes more accurate, easier to account for.
- 5 Pavilion Castle Water account credit now used, new direct debit set up from November.

.3 Draft Budget and Precept request 2025/26

- i Previous years – for comparison

Tax base (2023/24) = 299.9

Precept of (10,842 / 299.9) = £36.15 – annual increase of £1.09 – per band D household.

Tax base (2024/25) = 318.4

= Precept of (12,086 / 318.4) = £37.96 – annual increase of £1.81 – per band D household.

- ii For 2025/26, a 5% increase provisionally agreed at the November meeting.

This year's band D contribution of £37.96 x 1.05 = £39.86

Tax base (2025/26) = 319.5

Precept of (12,735 / 319.5) = £39.86 – annual increase of £1.90 – per band D household.

(Noting this will be half for Band A, and double for Band H)

AGREED (As proposed at November meeting) A Precept request of £12,735.

Precept request form completed and signed. To be submitted to BDBC for 31 January.

.4 Grant funding

1. To record thanks to County Cllr Elaine Still for grant funding from her devolved budget of £1K toward the tennis courts resurfacing.
2. Grant funding 2025/26 – to potentially apply for:
 - Funding for trail camera(s) for allotments
 - Funding for new bin for vicinity of playground / old car park.

6 PLANNING

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

1A New applications for discussion

24/02833/HSE (Validated 03 Dec 2024) Field House, Tunworth Road. Demolition of single storey element and conservatory. Erection of a 2 storey side and single storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration and internal alterations. Parish Council no objection, no comment.

1B Ongoing applications of note

Nunnery barn and house applications still pending

Nunnery house ROC application for water treatment plant listed for decision by Development Control Committee.

Gamekeepers retrospective application for additional hard standing still pending

North of Parrotts application for four new houses still pending.

1C Appeal in progress for four new house Brockwell Stables and Paddock, Andwell Lane.

.2 Parish tree applications see *Planning update* at **APPENDIX VI.** Responses submitted, no new applications for discussion.

.3 New NPPF and Local Plan Update

- Dec 2024 NPPF reinstates five-year land supply requirement with immediate effect (plus a 20% buffer – ie six years – where there has been significant under-delivery of housing over the previous three years). BDBC's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) of Dec 2024 showed a land supply of 4.2 years as per the published 01 April 2024 Standard Method figure of 828 dwellings per annum.
- New Standard method requirement to build 1,127 new houses each year during Local Plan period, to 2040 – an extra c4.5K dwellings.
- Emails from Cllr Andy Konieczko **APPENDIX VII.**
- New Call for Sites launched on Monday 06 January to 5pm Monday 17 February.
- Open letter from Whitchurch to Andy Konieczko dated 11 Jan calling on BDBC to continue to Reg 19 by 11 March under transitional arrangements and with additional sites.

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7 PARISH UPKEEP & HIGHWAYS

.1 Parish Lengthsman – grip clearing – Saturday 14 December.

- Grip mouths cleared from M3 to Andwell.
- Ditch further dug out on Greywell Road at the corner of Tunworth Road.

.2 Tunworth Road pond and grips *Report, Clerk*

The balancing pond half way up Tunworth Road (South) was dug by HCC Highways to take flood water (? years ago). Highways cleared the pond in September 2024 as part of their 'Planning Maintenance Programme', but it continues to be overwhelmed in heavy rain – the road at this point continues to flood. The pond is supposed to work in conjunction with a series of deep grips dishes / holding ditches higher up on Tunworth Road above Grey's Farm which have not been cleared by Highways for many years. The grips in vicinity of Grey's Farm (long channels over six feet deep) were cleared by Parish Lengthsman two years ago; but much more work needed, more than LM hours can cover.

County Cllr Elaine Still is engaging with Highways Engineers regarding the grip clearing – and relating the issues here to similar locations at the edge of the chalk downlands where grip dishes had not previously been recorded by County.

Cllr Still and Highways' Engineer have also responded directly to resident's complaints and photographs of the flooded road.

.3 Allotments *Report, Colin Robertson*

- i A new allotment holder; all plots now taken once again.
- ii Maintenance update – written report to meeting

Frog Lane & Allotments – overview on potential works required over the next 12 months.

- a Shed decking and fascia boards need replacing – agreed task for carpenter (CR).
- b Tree work – cutting back from paths and re storm damage **APPENDIX IX** – to confirm date with PGGM (Parish Lengthsman) for asap (ST).
- c More scalplings to build up car parking area (plus roadside opposite allotment gate north). PGGM (Parish Lengthsman) to make site visit asap (ST).
- d Gate and fencing work – on list for PGGM.

.4 Frog Lane *Report, Colin Robertson*

- i Roadside opposite allotment gate north (above the chalk stream) see 3.2c above **APPENDIX IX.I**.
- ii Noted extensive Frog Lane verge and roadside damage.
- iii Water flowing across Frog Lane / Greywell Road junction from gully – blocked culvert? Reported HCC website over year ago: Nov update on website 'Your enquiry is progressing and will be assessed by a member of the Hampshire County Council Highways team.'

.5 Footpaths update *Footpaths Warden report*: Stile on FP11 as it emerges onto Tunworth Road – was in need of some attention – has been rectified with thanks to landowner.

8 VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS

.1 Maintenance to-do list

Potential for working party (or Community Payback if can be arranged).

- Leaf, detritus, mud clearing – old car park, old road, village hall entrance.
- Cutting back branches (before 01 March) along old road.
- Cleaning – play equipment, benches, playground safety surfaces (moss); Village Hall entrance gate and barrier.
- Leaf clearing – playground

Tasks for PGGM (Parish Lengthsman).

- Broken fence by new car park, broken posts by old car park
- Low tree branches overgrowing parking spaces in new car park.

.2 Playground

Playground inspection report from Kevin Rafferty **APPENDIX X**

.3 Tennis courts to be professionally cleaned w/c 27 January.

Note – need access to water (available in pavilion and Village Hall outside tap).

- .4 **New bin** – See 5.4 Grant funding.

Suggestion that having wooden bin housings made could be more cost effective than off-the shelf recycled plastic (wood effect).

9 **FURTHER REPORTS AND UPDATES**

- .1 **Village Hall update** – AGM Thurs 23 Jan, ST to attend.

- .2 **Villager** delivery to Lyde Court

AGREED Unanimously that due to obstacles put forward by Lyde Court Management Committee Chairman regarding access, to not deliver to Lyde Court unless their stance changes.

- .3 **PCC Rural Crime Roundtable** Public meeting with Police & Crime Commissioner Donna Jones, scheduled for Mon 20 January, 6.30pm, North Waltham.

- .4 **HCC gritting route and salt bin map for M&UN** **APPENDIX XI**

Ref County Councillor report, HCC website has online maps at

See <https://maps.hants.gov.uk/highwayssaltroutes/>

Noted that the HCC salt bins are full.

10 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Third Wednesdays, alternate months, from 7pm, Village Hall meeting room

19 March, 21 May AGM & Assembly (Main Hall), 16 July, 17 Sept, 19 Nov.

Meeting close at 8.30pm with thanks to all

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APPENDIX I NOTES ON DEVOLUTION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

See Government White Paper, plus Hampshire County Council website

www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250110DevolutionPriorityProgramme

See letter from Council Leader, also webcasts for Council meetings Extraordinary Full Council meeting of Thursday 9th Jan, Cabinet Friday 10th.

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- i A 'Hampshire & Solent' Combined Authority will comprise the areas presently covered by Hampshire County Council – which is all two-tier – and Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the Isle of Wight which are each separate Unitary Councils.
- ii All parties agreed to submit a request for inclusion in Government's Priority Devolution programme. HCC agreed at its Full Council meeting on Thursday 9th January, Cabinet of Friday 10th, and the joint request was submitted by the deadline of Friday 10 January. Part of the rationale for Priority Devolution is that it will enable 'Reorganisation' to come (a bit) later.
 - a With this request comes agreement that County elections scheduled for May 2025 will be postponed for a year, and that the Combined Authority will submit plans for Local Government Reorganisation (into Unitary Councils) by Autumn this year.
 - b Government will announce those accepted on the Priority Devolution programme by the end of January.
 - c If the Hants & Solent Combined Authority has been accepted, Government will confirm postponement of 2025 County elections and will publish a six-week consultation in February.
 - d The aim is for the Combined Authority to be in place by April 2026 and the Mayor elected in May 2026.
- iii The Combined Authority will have a seat on the Council of Regions & Nations; will have access to long term strategic funding; will have strategic responsibility for – transport & local infrastructure; housing & strategic planning; economic development & regeneration; environment & climate change; skills & employment support; health & public service reform; public safety, eg Police & Crime Commissioner functions (deputy mayor responsibilities), fire & rescue authority functions.

3. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

- i Within the new 'Hampshire & Solent' combined authority, new Unitary Councils must be organised. If the Priority Devolution for Hants & Solent goes ahead, then proposals for the new Councils must be submitted to Government by Autumn 2025 (22.ii.a above).
- ii LGR is the big unknown and all will be up for debate.
- ii The White Paper says Unitaries should comprise 500K - 1.2M people.
 - As such the area of HCC is too big to be one Unitary Authority.
 - No county cllrs seem to support Unitaries of 500K to 1.2M people – all think far too big.
 - It has however been suggested that a 'Hampshire Unitary' might include Hart, Rushmoor, Basingstoke & Deane, East Hampshire, and Test Valley.
(This would be similar to the 'Heart of Hants' Unitary discussed in 2016, except the 2016 version included New Forest and not E Hants.)

4. Parish Councils

Parish Councils mentioned in the White Paper twice, but little is said:

- 'We will also work with the town and parish council sector to improve engagement between them and local authorities.'
- 'We will also rewire the relationship between town and parish councils and principal Local Authorities, strengthening expectations on engagement and community voice.'

APPENDIX II.II COUNTY CLLR ELAINE STILL – HCC REPORT – 06 JANUARY 2025

Happy New Year. Please see my report for your next Parish Council Meeting.

There is an interesting news statement from the leader of HCC on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.

Salt Bins – HCC's network of blue and yellow community salt bins has been refilled ready for the coming months, making salt freely available for anyone to spread on local roads and pavements – useful to 'join up' with the salting on main roads by our gritters.

A little salt goes a long way, you'll only need one tablespoon to treat up to a square metre of road or pavement.

If you're able to, salting your local roads when it's forecast to be icy can be a big help for your community, reducing the risk of incident and injury, especially for those who are less mobile.

You can report salt bins needing re-filling, those that are damaged or request one for your area here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem>

Reporting Highway Problems

<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. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

Message From The Leader Of Hampshire County Council.

We are on the brink of a transformative journey for Hampshire, and the vehicle driving us forward is devolution. Our goal is a Hampshire & Solent where decisions, big and small, are made close to the people they affect; where less bureaucracy means quicker, simpler processes; and where councils can deliver even better value for money to residents and businesses.

There has been much discussion recently about the prospect of devolution for, and local government reorganisation in, Hampshire. I therefore wanted to provide you with some clarity about the current situation.

I believe devolution would be a beneficial move for Hampshire. Devolution means moving powers, and the money to enact them, from Central Government to a more local level. These powers would be devolved to a Combined Authority, in our case covering Hampshire and the Solent (including Southampton, Portsmouth, and the Isle of Wight), overseen by an elected mayor. The new government wants us to be one of their priority areas, targeting implementation by May 2026..

While I welcome devolution I have strong concerns about Local Government Reorganisation, which the Labour Government is closely linking to the devolution process.

Let me be clear, this journey is one the Labour Government is requiring Hampshire to take. There is no alternative, and I liken it to travelling in a vehicle where the Government controls the accelerator and the brakes, better therefore that we have control of the steering wheel rather than leave the route and destination to chance

It's crucial for the County Council to have a strong voice in these discussions to represent our residents' interests. A Full Council meeting has been called for 9th January to decide the best way forward, with Cabinet ratification of the Council's decision the following day. If we proceed with the priority list, the government will determine by late January whether the 2025 County elections will be postponed.

Why would elections be postponed? The Government must carry out a full consultation on their devolution proposals. They aim to complete this and conclude any negotiations by Summer. The uncertainty of an election, and the inability to complete a consultation during the pre-election period, would disrupt the consultation and negotiation process too greatly. Hence, the Government expects those on the Priority Programme to request their elections be postponed.

If Hampshire is accepted as a priority area, we will need to submit our proposals for new Council areas by the autumn. If we do not enter the priority programme, then the Government expects proposals for new Councils to be submitted by May.

Before Christmas local leaders met with Local Government Minister Baroness Taylor and several important principles were clarified:

- The size of new Unitary authorities: populations of at least 500,000 but less than 1.2 million: Hampshire is too large to become a single unitary authority.

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- Southampton and Portsmouth must expand and cannot remain unchanged.
- Existing district and borough boundaries should be retained as much as possible when creating new Unitary Councils.
- A decision on the proposed way forward must be submitted to the Government by January 10, 2025.

As this situation evolves, I am clear the focus must be on ensuring reforms deliver benefits such as:

- cost reductions for residents,
- service protection and simplification, and
- safeguarding frontline staff.

Councils across Hampshire employ thousands of staff and contract with thousands more partners and businesses, all of whom rely on us for their livelihoods. More importantly, tens of thousands of people rely on their local Council for support and assistance. These people must be at the forefront of our decision-making. We should and must only move forward with reform if the outcome for our residents is an improvement on the services and support they currently receive. While devolution presents a promising path forward for Hampshire, it's essential to navigate the associated local government reforms carefully, ensuring they truly benefit the residents and communities they aim to serve.

I remain positive and hopeful as we enter this New Year, the path ahead is difficult and full of challenge. Working alongside my colleagues of all political colours I am sure we will, together, find the best way forward, one that will result in a positive improvement for all of us who live in our wonderful County.

Devolution & Local Government Reform – the options open to us.

In addition to the above, this note hopefully helps explain the options open to the County Council when we make our decision later this week:

There are three options before us:

1. We agree to progress devolution (the elected mayor and creation of a Combined Authority) in order that it can be introduced in April 2026 with the mayoral election in May 2026. We would have to postpone this year's elections in order for the necessary processes to be completed in time, as a pre election period would take too much time out of the schedule to enable the process of consulting on, negotiating, drafting and passing the legislation in Parliament and establishing the Combined Authority itself to be completed in a year.

We then have to submit our plans for new unitary councils by the 'autumn', this is undefined by Government but we assume this means the end of the year.

2. We agree to progress Local Government Reform (LGR) as a priority, agreeing to submit new Council proposals by September at the latest. These would be established by 2026 with it being likely we would have elections to 'Shadow' authorities, (the new Councils we would have to create – electing councillors who could begin the process of setting up, creating administrations and hiring senior staff for them) in May 2026 and elections to the new Councils which would be fully created in May 2027.

Again we would postpone elections to allow for the process of consulting on, negotiating, drafting and passing the legislation in Parliament and establishing the plans for new Councils to be completed in a year.

Devolution would then follow, with a mayor being elected in 2027 or 2028.

3. We don't agree to either of these paths. In which case the Government want plans for the new councils lodged by September and, if we do not do that, then they will create the proposals for new Councils themselves and progress with those plans. Probably for elections in 2027 and 2028. In this scenario the elections in May go ahead.

I think devolution is a good thing. It brings power and money from Government and provides a strategic over-view helpful to the entire area.

I am much more concerned about local government reorganisation, particularly if we have to create unitary councils of over 500,000 population. They will be remote from people and we will lose much of the good things both the districts and the county currently do.

So that's why I think Option 1 is the best. It gives us the main prize – devolution. It gives us the longest to think about how LGR might work. And because we would therefore be amongst the last having to submit our plans it might well mean we are at the back of the queue for that reorganisation increasing the chances that we eventually shape new Councils much more in keeping with what we think would work for Hampshire – smaller than 500,000, more centred on the areas people recognise as their 'home community'.

Doing nothing is not an option. Doing nothing in fact brings a much greater chance that we will be 'done unto'. The doing nothing option does include our holding elections this year rather than next, however for me the risks associated with that course are too great.

APPENDIX II.II HCC REPORT – DECEMBER 2024

Support for Hampshire's Farmers – a Motion in support of Hampshire farmers at a meeting of the full council in Winchester. Beforehand we were able to meet with the farmers, their families and NFU representatives to discuss the changes announced last month by the Chancellor Rachel Reeves, who imposed a 20% inheritance tax on farms.

The move could affect 2,500 farms a year, according to the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers, and not the 500 the government initially claimed. Many families will be unable to meet the bill and be forced to sell up, ruining a way of life across the county and putting food security at risk.

I made this comment at the meeting. 'Never has food security been more important. Farmers provide food and do invaluable work with nature conservation; we owe it to our farmers to support them.'

Putting farming families, who have worked the land in Hampshire for centuries in some cases, under so much pressure when they are already struggling is completely wrong and will have consequences for our food security and our rural economy when farmers give up.

Leader, Cllr Nick Adams King has written to the Secretary of State asking for the government to reconsider this move.

Hampshire County Council is urging people to become foster carers for vulnerable children The new campaign is inspired by the experiences of a local foster carer, Hannah, and her story has been made into a short film.

The animation, voiced by a fellow foster carer, highlights the impact of simple everyday moments on both foster carers and the children they look after.

Fostering opportunities vary from short-term to long-term care, emergency and out-of-hours care, respite care, and parent and child fostering.

Carers can look after children and young people of all ages, from infants to teenagers, as well as sibling groups and children with additional needs and disabilities.

Hampshire Highways With winter here, HCC's Highways teams are geared up to keep you moving through all weather conditions and ready to work 24/7 to deal with emergency incidents including fallen trees, flooded roads, and icy surfaces.

Earlier this year, we accelerated our work to strengthen roads via our two-year additional investment programme that has ploughed an extra £22.5 million into repairs. As a result, we've put more resources into fixing road defects including potholes – and carried out almost 181,000 repairs in the 12 months to April this year, and over 80,000 repairs completed during April to September.

APPENDIX IIIi – BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT – 07 JANUARY 2025

Councillor information

Consultation to Wed 26 Feb – Strengthening the standards and conduct framework

The Government is consulting on introducing measures to strengthen the standards and conduct regime in England. The consultation is seeking views on ensuring consistency of approach amongst councils investigating serious breaches of their member codes of conduct, including the introduction of the power of suspension. All views are welcome.

Proposals being consulted upon for legislative change include:

- the introduction of a mandatory minimum code of conduct for local authorities in England
- a requirement that all principal authorities convene formal standards committees to make decisions on code of conduct breaches, and publish the outcomes of all formal investigations
- the introduction of the power for all local authorities to suspend councillors found in serious breach of their code of conduct and, as appropriate, interim suspension for the most serious and complex cases that may involve police investigations
- a new category of disqualification for gross misconduct and those subject to a sanction of suspension more than once in a five-year period
- a role for a national body to deal with appeals.

Updates on council projects and services

Thank you to everyone who has shared their views on the council's plans to continue its significant investment in front line services over the next year.

Proposals for the budget, from April 2025, include continuing significant additional funding introduced last April for front line services following feedback from residents, as well as additional funding for new initiatives.

The final budget proposals will be agreed by Cabinet and Council in February.

Rink repair programme agreed to keep ice in Basingstoke

Major refurbishment work is set to begin at Basingstoke's ice rink after the council agreed a deal for a new owner to take over the long-term lease. The investment from new owner Nice Leisure Limited will secure the future of ice in Basingstoke for the next 15 years through a programme of repairs needed to the ice pad and upgrading of the rink facilities, led by Planet Ice, as the operator. The council, as freehold owner of the leisure park, agreed to Nice Leisure Limited taking over the long-term lease of the rink.

Planet Ice will be providing regular updates on the refurbishment work.

Proposals to relocate facilities at Basingstoke Golf Centre considered by Cabinet

Down Grange Sports Complex is being proposed as an option to relocate facilities currently on offer at Basingstoke Golf Centre, if a new indoor water park resort is built on the land the facility currently sits on.

Recognising the importance of the activities provided at Basingstoke Golf Centre, we have been investigating options for council-owned land that could provide a good location for the replacement golf facilities.

This follows the agreement of a conditional deal in July 2024 for Great Wolf Resorts to build an indoor water park resort on land next to the leisure park after the major US-based leisure operator identified an interest in bringing one of its family attractions to Basingstoke.

Following the review of sites in our ownership, land at Down Grange is being proposed as the most suitable site to take forward for more detailed investigation in a report agree by Cabinet on Tuesday 7 January.

Detailed investigation work, including developing technical designs, will be carried out before a planning application could be submitted for the site. As part of this work, we will continue to engage with other sports clubs and ward councillors and listen to feedback from the local community.

Land at Basingstoke Leisure Park would also be reserved to provide an alternative location for the adventure golf course and golf-pod style driving range facilities as part of our work to attract new operators and improve the leisure offer at the park.

Our work to improve the town centre continues.

Over the past few months we've been jet washing, deep cleaning bins, painting barriers, replanting our planters and removing gum from the pavements to improve the look and feel of areas in the town centre, including the top of the town.

Our teams have also replanted areas at the Station Approach and we look forward to seeing this display bloom in the future.

Jane Austen's 250th anniversary in Basingstoke and Deane

A year-long programme of events to celebrate the life and works of one of literature's most beloved authors who was born and raised in Basingstoke and Deane has been launched.

To mark the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth, Basingstoke and Deane will host a diverse programme of events, exhibitions and activities for residents and visitors to enjoy which are being arranged by a group of organisations in the area where Jane spent her formative years.

Connected by their shared admiration for Jane Austen, organisations across the borough have worked together as the Basingstoke and Deane Jane Austen 250 group. Organisations involved include Love Basingstoke, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Overton Jane Austen Trails, The Willis Museum, Hidden Britain Tours, Destination Basingstoke, Steventon Jane Austen 250. They have created a programme of events and exhibitions to give people the chance to explore Jane's history in the communities where she spent her first 25 years.

For more information and a full calendar of events, please visit: the Love Basingstoke website.

Borough success at tourism awards

Basingstoke's free summer outdoor arts festival has won an award from Tourism South East against tough competition.

Basingstoke Festival, a free family-friendly programme of summer events, won bronze in the Tourism Event/Festival of the Year Award at the Beautiful South Award ceremony this week. The Tourism Event/Festival of the Year Award recognises organisers of memorable and immersive tourism events and festivals that contribute to the visitor economy.

Run by the council in partnership with local and national artists and organisations, Basingstoke Festival has been running for 13 years and encourages residents and visitors to explore arts and culture through music, dance, visual art and street theatre performances.

Organisations from elsewhere in the borough were also celebrating multiple wins at the awards. Whitchurch Silk Mill won gold in their category for Cafe/tea room of the Year and a bronze award for Small Attraction. Oakley Hall won gold for Wedding Venue of the Year and a bronze for Large Hotel of the Year and their Glasshouse restaurant scooped bronze for Restaurant of the Year.

Basingstoke Festival will return in summer 2025 with more original performances across dance, music, street theatre and visual arts. Find out more by visiting the Basingstoke Festival website.

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Promoting safe nights out

Our licensing officers have been visiting licensed premises in Basingstoke town centre promoting public safety during the busy festive period for venues.

The team visited 10 licensed premises on the evening of Friday 6 December, placing a focus on promoting 'Ask for Angela' and 'Spike Aware' schemes following recent press reports on the schemes.

The 'Ask for Angela' scheme is a safety initiative that allows people to discreetly seek help if they feel unsafe or vulnerable in a licensed venue. Asking venue staff for 'Angela' is a signal they need assistance.

Officers were pleased to find positive measures implemented at late night venues to safeguard vulnerable customers, and to deter spiking related incidents. Where 'Ask for Angela' and 'Spike Aware' schemes had not been formally implemented, venues received details and advice and explained their procedures to monitor customer conduct and welfare.

Those premises that had not formally adopted the Pubwatch and police promoted schemes proposed further staff training would take place promptly to ensure venues are using best practice to look after their customers. Officers are following up their visits by providing best practice advice and working with local venues to promote the safety of the community enjoying night-time economy venues.

Compliments for council staff

Compliment for the Grounds Maintenance Team

The Make a Difference Team received a compliment from a resident on social media for cleaning their area and cutting a bush they had contacted us about. They said: "I just want to say a big thank you to the team who cut the bush in Van Dyck Close. They did a really good job, clearing all the mess away and leaving it really clean. Thank you!"

Compliment for Natasha, Owen and Paula

Benefits Team Leader Natasha Jones, Licensing Support Officer Owen Castelli and Community Safety Patrol Officer Paula James-Bailey received a compliment from the contact centre after assisting a lady with mobility issues that came into reception. After helping the lady with a benefit review, the three of them liaised with multiple taxi firms to ensure there would be a suitable vehicle she could get home in.

Compliment for Ben and Harry

The police's Priority Crime Team has thanked CSPOs Harry Heath and Benjamin Esprit. During a patrol Harry and Benjamin witnessed what appeared to be a drugs deal in a public place. As a result of what they had witnessed, they phoned the police who tracked down the individuals and recovered Class A drugs along with a mobile phone, with relevant safeguards being made.

Compliment for Paula James-Bailey and Debbie Mason

Community Safety Patrol Officer Paula James-Bailey and Community Safety Team Leader Debbie Mason received a message of thanks following their work to support members of the public at the Mayor's Christmas Carol concert on Saturday 7 December. The customer wrote: "Thank you very much to you and your colleague for assisting Laura and I back to the car after the Mayor's Christmas Carol Service yesterday. It was very much appreciated particularly in the windy weather."

Compliment for Andy Marshall

Cemetery Manager Andy Marshall received a hand-written thank you message from a resident. "Thank you for the kindness you showed my dad and I a few weeks ago. Merry Christmas to you and your family."

Compliment for Florence Baxter

Sustainability Advisor Florence Baxter received a compliment from a resident after performing a thermal imaging survey for them. The resident said: "I just wanted to let you know that Florence Baxter performed the heat survey, which I found very helpful. She came out in her own time after work and spent over an hour diligently asking me questions and patiently answering any questions I had."

"It was interesting finding out about the benefits of having a heat pump installed and good to know I already have cavity wall insulation as I was not aware of this. I was very pleased she carried out an examination of my house with the heat imaging camera, to find out the effectiveness of my radiators, which was an eye opener."

"I was very pleased with trouble she took and was very grateful for her professionalism and dedication. Many thanks to her and your team."

Compliment for Steve Lawford

Steve Lawford in the Parks and Streetscene team received a compliment from a resident on social media. They said: "The guy who works up at the station cleaning up after everyone in the early morning is a star. He's a real asset to your team."

Compliment for the grounds maintenance team

The grounds maintenance team received a compliment from Cllr Sheena Grassi for clearing up leaves in Lychpit. She said: "Thank to you and your team of sweepers and leaf blowers. They are working hard in beautiful leafy Lychpit today and doing an excellent job of clearing away a huge number of leaves. The very steep hill up to the main Tesco is especially treacherous and slippery, so it is with relief that this has been completed today. My appreciation goes to the team for all work carried out to an excellent standard."

Our steps to a greener Basingstoke and Deane

Borough to bloom with thousands more wildflowers

Over 14 acres of native wildflower meadows will spring up across the borough thanks to a project to restore and create habitats for bees, butterflies and other native wildlife.

Together with dedicated nature conservation volunteers, our Ranger team has been sowing wildflower seeds to create swathes of wildflowers that will cover an area equivalent to more than 85 domestic tennis courts.

As the wildflowers begin to bloom in coming years, they will help to restore very rare and fragile wildlife-rich chalk grassland habitats that were once common in the southern part of the borough. With the support of Natural Basingstoke volunteers, the work will create spaces for native species to thrive once more and for local communities to enjoy.

The last of the seed sowing sessions took place on Saturday (14 December) at the Holy Ghost Cemetery in South View. The nine other areas that have been seeded are Beggarwood Park, Marnel Park, War Memorial Park, Old Down, Danebury Road and Down Grange in Basingstoke, along with the park on Daniel Road in Whitchurch, Crabtree Plantation in Old Basing and Overton Hill in Overton.

Cowslips, yellow rattle, clustered bell flowers and harebells are among the diverse variety of chalk meadow wildflower species whose seeds were sown across the 10 council-owned sites. Over 30 kilograms of these were harvested from the council's green spaces before being dried, sorted and analysed by local company Wildflower Turf, based in Overton. Extra seeds were also purchased to provide more food sources for key species including butterflies.

More information on conservation volunteering and groups in the borough – <https://NaturalBasingstoke.org.uk>

APPENDIX IV – ACCOUNTS TO DATE 2024/25

INCOME M&UN 2024/25 - 15 JAN													
Balance brought forward from April 1st 2024													£6,056.93
Date	Description	Precept	CIL	Grants other	Grass cutting grant	VH insurance contribution	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
20/11/24	Village Hall - (energy)			£886.37									£886.37
20/11/24	Village Hall - insurance					£3,501.99							£3,501.99
15/01/25	County Cllr grant			£1,000.00									£1,000.00
2024/25	Bank Interest									£144.77			£144.77
2022/23	VH contra (lease)										£5.00		£5.00
TOTALS		£12,086.00	£8,991.34	£1,886.37	£1,219.02	£3,501.99	£235.70	£0.00	£900.10	£144.77	£5.00	£4,884.57	£33,854.86

Receipts and Payments Summary –	
Start balance	£6,056.93
Plus Income	£33,854.86
Less Expend	£14,202.22
End balance	£25,709.57


Bank reconciliation	
Treasurer's	£1,102.70
Business bank access	£14,606.87
95-Day-Notice-Acct	£10,000.00
BALANCE	£25,709.57

Interest	
April	£6.29
May	£8.91
June	£20.69
July	£16.89
August	£18.46
Sept	£15.97
October	£16.83

COMMUNITY ACCOUNT	
PARISH CNCL OF MAPLE	
£ 1,102.70	Cu
£1,102.70	Available for fur

VAT to be reclaimed £471.61

LLOYDS BANK



COMMERCIAL BANKING

Entry Date	Value Date	Description	Transaction Reference	Entries	Balance
24-Dec-24	27-Dec-24	Interest Payment		2.94 CR	10,056.93 CR
27-Dec-24	30-Dec-24	Interest Payment		2.94 CR	10,059.87 CR
30-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	Interest Payment		0.98 CR	10,060.85 CR
31-Dec-24	CLOSING BALANCE				10,060.85 CR

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PARISH CNCL OF MAPLE
£ 14,606.87

EXPENDITURE MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY PARISH COUNCIL 2024/25 - 09 JAN

		SUB TOTAL APRIL TO SEPTEMBER			£2,193.60	£2,418.38			£953.00	£2,128.38	£180.00	£185.00	£204.85			£62.30		£562.22	£8,887.73
					Salary	Finance	Expenses	Villager	Maintenance		Playground Insp & Maintn	Allotments	Water& Mains Pavilion	Project grant/CIL-funded	VH contra	VAT			
	Invoice date	Paid date	Payee	Description		Governance			Grounds	General							TOTAL		
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
45	22/11/24	22/11/24	Castle Water-DD	PR100111262821-Pav										£24.45					£24.45
47	NOV	27/11/24	Clerk	Salary NOV	£365.60														£365.60
48	NOV	28/09/24	Martin Gosling	Contract NOV					£354.73									£70.94	£425.67
49	18/12/24	18/12/24	Castle Water-DD	PR100111262821-Pav										£15.63					£15.63
50	18/12/24	18/12/24	PGGM-2962	Digger hire-grips						£87.00								£17.40	£104.40
51	DEC	30/12/24	Clerk	Salary DEC	£365.60														£365.60
52	DEC	30/12/24	Martin Gosling	Contract dec					£354.73									£70.94	£425.67
53	09/01/25	14/10/23	HugoFox	Website hosting		£119.88												£23.98	£143.86
		2024/25	VH	Lease (contra)													£5.00		£5.00
			TOTAL			£3,290.40	£2,572.25		£953.00	£3,192.57	£267.00	£2,272.15	£266.51	£40.08		£85.60	£5.00	£1,257.66	£14,202.22
					Salary	Finance	Expenses	Villager	Maintenance		Playground Insp & Maintn	Allotments	Water& Mains Pavilion	Project grant/CIL-funded	VH contra	VAT			
	Invoice date	Paid date	Payee	Description		Governance			Grounds	General							TOTAL		

£14,202.22

APPENDIX V – LATEST ESTIMATE AND BUDGET

M&UN YEAR END COMPARISON			M&UN ACCOUNT SUMMARY					EXPEND TO DATE v BUDGET	2024/25 BUDGET
EXPENDITURE	2023/24 YEAR END	CIL 2023-24	2024/25 TO DATE	CIL 2024-25 TO DATE	LATEST ESTIMATE	CIL 2024-25 LATEST EST			
			EXPENDITURE						
SALARY	£4,507.20		£3,290.40		£4,507.20		£1,216.60	£4,507.00	
	£120.00								
Back-pay-previous-year	£187.00				£120.00			£0.00	
Clerk allowance 22/23	£216.00				£324.00		£324.00	£324.00	
Clerk allowance 24/25	£216.00								
Assembly expenses									
Training					£300.00		£300.00	£300.00	
Governance/Admin	£1,098.46			£937.87	£937.87		£62.13	£1,000.00	
PC & VH Insurance	£1,538.43			£1,634.38	£1,634.38		£34.38	£1,600.00	
Villager	£953.00			£953.00	£953.00		£47.00	£1,000.00	
Community									
Maintn contract	£4,264.66		£3,192.57		£4,305.00		£1,112.43	£4,305.00	
Maintn other	£457.42		£267.00		£1,000.00		£733.00	£1,000.00	
Playground Insp/Maint	£85.50		£2,272.15		£2,272.15		£272.15	£2,000.00	
Water&Mains: pavillion			£40.08		£40.08		£40.08		
Allotments	£463.10		£266.51		£500.00		£233.49	£500.00	
PROJECTS									
S106 for equipud play		£202.32 £1,400.00 £600.00			£3,447.16			£3,447.16	
Up Nately Land									
Five Lanes End									
Coronation tree	£357.88								
W/C beds / Frog Lane	£202.32		£45.00	£45.00	£45.00	£45.00			
Allot - water connect	£1,400.00								
Allot coppicing	£600.00				£600.00	£600.00			
Allotment Orchard	£158.30								
UN Pond/phone box			£40.60		£40.60				
Playgound bench	£899.17								
MAPLE POND	£7,721.49								
Tennis Courts				£5,590.00	£3,703.63				
Vat expend	£3,342.05		£1,257.66		£1,257.66				
Village Hall contra	£5.00		£5.00		£5.00		£5.00		
TOTAL EXPEND	£28,552.98	£2,202.32	£14,202.22	£45.00	£27,879.10	£4,348.63		£19,988.16	

2025/26 BUDGET JAN DRAFT	EXPENDITURE
£4,507.20	SALARY
£324.00	Clerk allowance
£75.00	Assembly expenses
£300.00	Training
£1,000.00	Governance/Admin
£1,670.00	PC & VH Insurance
£1,000.00	Villager
	Community
£4,520.25	Maintn contract
£1,000.00	Maintn other
£1,000.00	Playground Insp/Maint
£160.00	Water – pavillion
£500.00	Allotments

M&UN YEAR END COMPARISON			M&UN ACCOUNT SUMMARY					2024/25 BUDGET		2025/26 BUDGET NOV DRAFT	INCOME
INCOME	2023/24 YEAR END	CIL 2023-24	2024/25 TO DATE	CIL 2024-25 TO DATE	LATEST ESTIMATE	CIL 2024-25 LATEST EST					
			INCOME								
Precept	£10,842.00		£12,086.00		£12,086.00			£12,086.00		£12,735.00	Precept
Grass Cutting Grant	£1,219.02		£1,219.02		£1,219.02			£1,219.02		£1,219.02	Grass Cutting Grant
Tigers	£714.00		£750.00		£750.00			£750.00		£787.50	Tigers
Tigers-water charge	£155.99		£150.10		£150.10			£160.00		£160.00	Tigers-water charge
Allotments 2023/34	£20.00		£235.70		£235.70			£180.00		£180.00	Allotments
Allotments 2024/25					£180.00			£180.00			
Maple pond	£7,700.00										
Grants County Cllr	£500.00		£1,000.00		£1,000.00						
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 for equipued play					£3,447.16			£3,447.16			
VH grant tennis courts			£886.37		£886.37						
Returned funds											
VH Insurance			£3,501.99		£3,501.99			£800.00		£1,000.00	VH Insurance
Bank Interest	£102.00		£144.77		£200.00			£50.00		£200.00	Bank Interest
VAT reclaim 2024/25			£786.05		£1,257.66						
VAT reclaim 2023/24			£4,098.52		£4,098.52						
Village Hall rent	£5.00		£5.00		£5.00			£5.00		£5.00	Village Hall rent
TOTAL INCOME	£26,132.87	£3,706.26	£33,854.86	£8,991.34	£38,008.86	£8,991.34		£18,877.20		£16,286.52	TOTAL INCOME

M&UN YEAR END SUMMARY 2023/24			M&UN YEAR END SUMMARY 2024/25				BUDGET		BUDGET 25/26 Y/E SUMMARY		
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	£2,420.11	£1,503.94	£19,652.64	£8,946.34	£10,129.76	£4,642.71		£1,110.96		£225.07	SURPLUS / DEFICIT
Total balance	£6,056.93	£1,618.57	£25,709.57	£10,564.91	£16,186.69	£6,261.28				£16,411.76	Total balance
BALANCE LESS CIL	£4,438.36		£15,144.66		£9,925.41					£10,150.48	BALANCE LESS CIL

APPENDIX VI M&UN PARISH PLANNING UPDATE – 11 JAN 2024

APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING (20 NOVEMBER 2024)

T/00631/24/TCA (Validated 13 Dec) Grays Farm House, Turnwrist Road. T1- Cypress, reduce by 3-4m to leave a height of 8m to previous reduction height. Cut back lateral growth to give 1-1.5m clearance from property T2-Holly, Cut back to give 1-1.5m clearance from property. No objection, no comment

T/00630/24/TCA (Validated 13 Dec) Frog Lane opposite ~~Crosswater Cottage~~ Sakantha. T1- Ash, Fell. Leaning over road, ivy covered. Preventative felling before onset of ADB. No objection, no comment

T/00624/24/TCA (Validated 10 Dec 2024) Street Record Frog Lane [Further application from Alan Hutton.] Tree works as detailed in J1571 TCHS 20241128 Frog Lane - tree condition and hazard survey, site plan and photographs to include felling and pruning works. No objection; also noting double-Beech(?) tree in corner of Copse by north of Crosswater Cottage, roadside – not included in application – limb leaning over road following recent storm. (To be added to subsequent application.)

24/02833/HSE (Validated 03 Dec 2024) Field House, Turnwrist Road. Demolition of single storey element and conservatory. Erection of a 2 storey side and single storey rear extension. Alterations to fenestration and internal alterations.

T/00606/24/TCA (Approve 07 Jan) Validated 02 December) Bidwells for Corpus Christi. Various roadside trees abounding roads and PROWs (public rights of way). See full tree reports on the BDBC website. T001 Elm fell; T002 x15 Ash, remove dead limbs over highway; T003 Common Ash, fell; T004 x2 Elm, fell; T005 x10 Elm, fell; T006 Elm, fell; T007 Common Ash, no action required; T008 Common Ash, remove dead limb over footpath; T009 Oak, remove dead limb; T010 Crack Willow, pollard tree; T011 Common Ash, fell; T012 Field Maple, fell; T013 x15 Elm, fell; T14 Common Hawthorn – dead roadside tree with upper canopy resting on overhead lines, fell; T015 not identified – dead woodland edge tree, no action required; T16 Common Ash, fell; T017 Common Ash, no action required; T018, Common Ash, further investigation of extent of hollowing; T019 Common Ash, fell; T020 Oak, dead tree woodland edge, no action required; T021 Oak, remove deadwood over road; T022 x3 Oak, remove deadwood; T023 Oak, remove damaged limb; T24 Elm, fell tree and clear ivy from footpath; T25 Elm x3, fell. PC comment ref Tree Warden report. Overall no major objections, but various comments, alternative suggestions / recommendations put forward - in main regarding leaving some trucks/stems as monoliths, and also replanting. Additional comment re two Willow trees in Frog Lane, not covered by application – referred again to Bidwells for CC.

T/00608/24/TCA (Approve 07 Jan, Validated 02 Dec) Jasmine Cottage, Turnwrist Rd. T1 Western Red Cedar: fell.

APPLICATIONS PENDING OR RECENTLY DECIDED

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

T/00525/24/TCA (Pending, Validated 22 Oct) Field House Turnwrist 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. PC comment ref Tree Warden report. Concerns raised re T1 and T4; Request alternative solution rather than removing healthy trees.

24/02372/HSE (Pending, 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. **Objections from Conservation**

24/02283/ROC (Pending DC 12 Feb, Validated 04 October) Nunnery House, Turnwrist 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.

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

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)

24/00756/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 assessment 19 Nov, Tree Officer comments 20 Dec: objection plot 1, no objection plot 2,3,4.**

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. **Landscape final response 19 Nov 24. Continuing objection.**

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. **Latest doc, EA response April 2024.**

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 VII

NEW NPPF (NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK) & INCREASED HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

BDBC update from Cllr Andy Konieczko, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure, emailed to all Parishes on 13 December

'Government has imposed a higher housing number on our borough as part of its changes to the national planning rules. We've been told that we must build 1,127 new houses each year during our next Local Plan period, up from 828 previously. This means finding space for around 4,500 more properties – on top of the 12,500 or so that we were already being asked to build over the 15-year lifespan of the next Local Plan.

'While we support Government's ambition to make homes more affordable, we don't agree that forcing councils to increase housing targets will achieve this aim. We've robustly told Government this on many recent occasions – through our official response to its consultation on the new planning rules; at meetings with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government; in discussions with our MPs; and through our partnerships with other councils – and are frustrated that it hasn't listened.

'We're unable to proceed with finalising the draft Local Plan we've been developing over the past 18 months and which went out to public consultation earlier this year. We've made it clear to the government that we wanted to finalise it as soon as possible so that our borough is protected from unwanted speculative development. It now appears that we'll have to go back a few stages to make sure that our Plan complies with the new rules.

'We'll continue to study the detail of all of the documentation over the next few days... to understand exactly what our options are...'

THE WAY FORWARD AND A NEW CALL FOR SITES

Further email update of 20 December...

'We don't believe that this new higher target is right for our borough, but it looks like we have little choice but to accept it; the Government has made it clear that it'll step in if progress isn't made.

'Our focus is therefore on moving as quickly as we can – the sooner we get a new Local Plan, the sooner we'll get protection from speculative developers.

'We'll be working over the new couple of weeks to prepare a call for sites that we'll launch on Monday 6 January 2025. This will ask developers and landowners to come forward with land that could, potentially, be included in the Plan for future development. Submissions involving brownfield land will be particularly encouraged. The submissions that we receive will then be assessed in terms of whether they are suitable for future development.

'Over the coming weeks, we'll clarify how we aim to progress with our Local Plan and start setting out a timeline to move forward under the new NPPF.'

APPENDIX VIII

OPEN LETTER

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Cllr Andy Konieczko
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Dear Cllr Konieczko

NPPF and Borough Local Plan Update

Thank you for your correspondence including your letter of 20 December 2024. This has been considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Review Group at their meeting on 2 January 2025 and the Town Council's Development Committee at its meeting on 6 January 2025. We wholeheartedly agree with your objective of finalising the Local Plan Update as quickly as possible, recognising the new NPPF and protecting our communities from speculative development.

This can be achieved by the Council adopting a pre submission Regulation 19 Local Plan before 12 March 2025 and following it with a Main Modification drawing on the imminent Call for Sites prior to an examination in public before 11 May 2026. This would be completely consistent with paragraph 237 of the Annex to the NPPF entitled Implementation, footnote 82 to the NPPF and the Procedure Guide for Local Plan Examinations (August 2024).

We urge you to follow this obvious and legitimate route and avoid wasting the work of the last five years and weakening the ability of all communities to resist harmful speculative development. Consequently, we are copying this letter to all local Councils in the Basingstoke Parishes Coalition.

Yours sincerely
SMcGann
Suzie McGann
Assistant Town Clerk

APPENDIX IX - FROM ALLOTMENT WORK PROGRAMME

Examples of Tree Work required. Clear top and bottom paths to allow grass cutting and safe passage. Small amount of clearance work behind the new allotment, though intention to keep "untidy". NB Existing TCA approval valid for 2 years from approval ?



Example of Tree Work Required

Large fallen tree – work required to be discussed with Jason's team. Some clearance work may be required. Though intention to keep main trunks in situ, use smaller branches for firewood and for watercress bed faggots. How to secure the fence "over-hang" ?



APPENDIX IX.I – FROM ALLOTMENT WORK PROGRAMME ... CONT...

Some partially fallen saplings / small trees.



Car park hardcore / scalpings.

Entrance re-done last year as heavily rutted. Remainder is becoming increasingly worn / muddy with weeds / grass winning the battle. May be time to re-do.



Frog Lane – bank opposite the Allotments North Gate – after initial setback and adverse views on the posts which were quickly removed, I think the bank has been helpful in stabilising the bank and creating a modest informal passing place. The original scalpings are however beginning to get buried under mud. May be time for a thin fresh layer of scalpings before the whole area turns back to mud (on both sides !) (This is the main northerly stopping point to allow traffic to pass the narrow lane between the North and South allotment gates.)



APPENDIX X PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT**Playground Routine Inspection - Mapledurwell Village Hall/Recreation Area**

Date: 25/01/2025 Time: 10.20

Fencing: Wooden fencing in good condition, one post, near the corner closest to the village hall is loose and may need re-seating. The three posts furthest from the village hall, opposite Oak Tree Cottages, are now very loose, though the fence is not in danger of falling down. Perhaps the posts should be re-seated. Similarly, the end post on the side by the tennis courts is very loose.

Wire fencing, furthest from the village hall, has several loose posts, but I am unsure whether this is the responsibility of the parish council.

Litter Bins: There was no rubbish to be collected from the grounds. The area was clear of rubbish. Similarly, the bin inside the fenced area, also empty. I suspect no-one has used the play area since my last inspection.

Signage: "No Dogs" sign on the gatepost needs to be replaced.

Swings (1): In good condition, surfacing in good condition, yellow safety barriers all firmly grounded and in good condition, though perhaps in need of a clean. **However, see under "Soft Surfaces".**

Swings (2): There is some slight cracking in the underside of the rubber seat on both swings, I do not think this is an immediate problem, but I will continue to monitor. That apart, the swings are in good condition, surfacing in good condition, yellow safety barriers all firmly grounded and in good condition, but also in need of a clean. **see under "Soft Surfaces"!**

Rotating Item: In good condition, surfacing in good condition, though vegetation is growing through the surface in some places.

Rocking Items (2): In good condition, surfacing in good condition, though vegetation is growing through the surface in some places.

Slide: In good condition, the housing at the top of the slide has been cleared of leaves and wood-chippings. The concrete is no longer exposed. The wooden surround to retain the wood chippings has been repaired, the rotten support posts have been replaced and there are no longer any exposed bolts. The additional bark now fills the wooden surround.

Climbing & Agility Items: the standing posts are in good condition and firmly seated.

Balance Beams & Stepping Logs: Both In good condition. The required crosscuts to the second balance beam have now been added.

Seating: the bench is in good condition and the new pic-nic table looks very good.

Gate: the new gate is in very good condition

"Soft" Surfaces: I have swept leaves; small branches and twigs from these areas. There is a significant amount of moss on the "soft" surfaces around both sets of swings; the rotating items and the rocking items. These surfaces may need to be treated.



Signature:

Name of Inspector: K M Rafferty

APPENDIX XI SALT BINS AND GRITTING ROUTES

<https://maps.hants.gov.uk/highwayssaltroutes/>

