

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2026, 7pm, VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

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

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Footpaths Warden Martin Carfrae.

**2 PUBLIC SESSION**

Suggestion for Parish Council meetings to be regularly advertised on Whatsapp.

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 21 January, agreed and signed.

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

**5 REPORTS TO MEETING**

**.1 Decision on Local Government Reorganisation** by Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, announced 25 March (today) confirming a five-unitary solution including a Northern Hampshire Unitary comprising BDBC, Hart and Rushmoor. Elections to new shadow unitary councils will be in May 2027 with 01 April 2028 being the vesting day. Letter to Council Leaders from Secretary of State at **APPENDIX I**.

**.2 Rights for Rivers** declaration as proposed by Ward Cllr Kate Tuck **APPENDIX II**. BDBC Cabinet meeting of 10 March 2026 agreed:

'To adopt the declaration on the Rights of Rivers and note the actions taken to date, including embedding protection and enhancement of the water environment into key strategies and into the emerging Local Plan.'

and further noted:

'The Rights of Rivers declaration is helpful in providing the Council's formal view on the importance of water courses in the Borough which will help to inform and guide key strategies in the future. The declaration highlights the need to protect and enhance water courses through the various strategies and actions in the control of the Council alongside those duties that rest with others.'

AGREED – to adopt a Parish Rights for Rivers declaration, draft wording to be considered.

**6 PARISH ASSEMBLY** Main Hall, Wednesday 20 May from 7.15 for 7.30pm.

Schedule: to set up in main Hall 6.30pm; AGM 6.45-7.15pm.

Confirmed, Nursery School will part clear the Hall as usual; no Pilates class booked.

Confirmed, BDBC Council Leader, Cllr Paul Harvey, will attend to discuss next steps for Local Plan, ref housing numbers, water infrastructure and the Water Cycle Study; plus responses to Reg 18 consultation from the Environment Agency and Natural England.

AGENDA Agreed for Chairman to give a brief annual update for the Parish Council then to hand over the floor to Cllr Harvey.

ACTION to buy wine and crisps (AS). Noted £150 in budget.

**7 PLANNING**

**.1 Parish planning and tree applications** – Planning update **APPENDIX III**.

**1A New applications for discussion**

[26/00539/HSE](#) and [26/00540/LBC](#) (Validated 13 March) Eastrop Farm House, Heather Row Lane. Removal of existing conservatory, and erection of a single storey side extension.

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Parish Council comment – No objection to the works to T2 and T3.

Re T1 this is a healthy Ash Tree; Tree Warden discussed and agreed with the owner to

retain the tree and have it sympathetically managed. (Noting earlier application by neighbour for same Ash Tree (T/00066/26/TCA approved 01 March 2026 – T1-Ash: Crown lift over Cherry to 6m and reduce remaining lateral growth to offer 4m clearance over Cherry.)

[26/00455/FUL](#) (Validated 03 March) Eastside, Frog Lane. Conversion of the existing outbuilding on site from ancillary residential accommodation to a single self-contained residential dwelling (Use Class C3).

Discussion: Noted only one car parking space is mentioned in the Planning Statement as for a proposed one-bedroom dwelling. However there is considerable space available within the red line application site. No objections have been raised re the public right of way. Parish Council no objection.

[T/00095/26/TCA](#) (Validated 07 March) The Old Chapel, Tunworth Road. Conifer (T.1) - Reduce height by approx 3 metres to height of hedge. Oak (T.2) - Reduce height and by approx 3 metres, 20% thinning, sever ivy to stop it spreading. Beech Trees (T 3, 4, 5) - Three beech trees - reduce height and shape by approx 3 metres, 20% thinning. Ash (T.6) - A small group of trees - take off lower branches over garden shed, 20% thinning. Hazel tree/ shrub (T.7) - reduce by 3 metres, reshape and balance. Parish Council no objection.

**1B Ongoing application of note** Parrots again scheduled for DC; for 08 April.

[24/00756/FUL](#) (Validated 16 April 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.

Ongoing concerns re flood risk; published mapping indicates this is a critical drainage area on clay, with drainage from the site (north flowing Lyde headwaters) limited by the culvert under the M3. No indication that recommendation from BDBC Drainage Officer to seek specialist advice from LLFA has been followed.

From: Engineering; Sent: 03 December 2025 08:33 To: [Case officer]

Subject: RE: Consultation for 24/00756/FUL - Land To The North Of Parrotts, Greywell Road.

'Given the local concerns, I recommend that you seek specialist advice from Hampshire County Council, the Lead Local Flood Authority. Whilst this development is below the 10 property consultation threshold, the LLFA offer a design checking service to planning authorities. This service would provide information with regard to surface water flood risk and whether the proposed surface water management scheme appears to be appropriate for the development.'

**.2 MOTO M3, J6** (Old Basing Parish) Previously scheduled for Development Control (DC) Committee of 11 March; further Parish Council comment submitted and residents encouraged to make further comment. The application was subsequently withdrawn from from consideration at the the 11 March meeting reportedly due to the Case Officer assessing that more information is required from Thames Water.

TO NOTE Unlikely now to return to DC before summer.

**.3 Local Plan Update**

- i Reg 19 to be postponed, as per Council Leader announcement at Full Council of 19 March and subsequent email from Planning Policy Manager **APPENDIX IV**. Ref Reg 18 responses re Water Cycle Study from Environment Agency and Natural England.
- ii Responses to Reg 18 consultation published on BDBC website 23 March.
- iii Noted this current Water Cycle Study asked the right questions.

**.4 New houses at Waterside** (CR report)

Decking was installed by developers for one property; second property has subsequently built decking on their side.

More of an issue is that trees have been cut down in front of the house without permission; also on land owned by adjacent landowner, including removal of a significant part of the hedgerow. Following subsequent discussions, Waterside are now aware that they are in a Conservation Area and works to trees requires CA approval; also that notice is required to BDBC as the Local Planning Authority for permission before removing part of a hedgerow regardless of land ownership.

It is understood that BDBC enforcement will make a site visit.

**8 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE****.1 Accounts to date APPENDIX V – Bank reconciliation** at 21 March = £23,983.61

Payments since last meeting (incl VAT where applicable)

75	CW Allot Jan SE0030239174-Allot	£7.90
76	Castle Water-DD PR100111262821-Pav	£18.41
77	CPRE (DD) Subs	£36.00
78	Martin Gosling Contract JAN	£447.98
79	Clerk Salary JAN	£408.00
80	Lloyds Service charge FEB	£4.25
81	CW Allot Feb SE0030239174-Allot	£15.80
82	Castle Water-DD PR100111262821-Pav	£18.41
83	PGGM Fence/gatepost materials	£742.80
84	Martin Gosling Contract FEB	£447.98
85	Clerk Salary FEB	£408.00
86	Lloyds Service charge MAR	£4.25
87	Castle Water-DD PR100111262821-Pav	£20.45
88	CW Allot Mar SE0030239174-Allot	£15.04

Income of note since last meeting = £1K grant from County Councillor Elaine Still (see .3 below).

**.2 Budget update APPENDIX VI** – Updated as far as possible to Year End, taking everything outstanding into next year, bar that expected to be paid this month. Final estimate shows a surplus on Parish Council account (not including CIL) of c£3K due to £1K grant funding to be spent next year; c£900 VAT income from previous year, training budget not used, and underspend on some maintenance budgets due to use of CIL funding. (Also to consider benefit of Community Payback team and Parish Lengthsman hours.)

**.3 Grant funding**

TO RECORD THANKS to County Cllr Elaine Still for £1K grant funding for mapboard / information board at the Mapledurwell pond.

**9 MAINTENANCE AND HIGHWAYS**

**.1 Up Nately pond** (*SH report*) Since asking the contractor to regularly strim around the pond, all now looks much better – doing a really good job. (To advise contractor (ST).)

**.2 Mapledurwell direction signage** (*ST report*)

i Schedule – Contractor available to start after Easter; planning to take finials down to refurbish, start manufacturing fingers; maybe five weeks before replacing on site (the fingers and two cast iron posts); to start in May; hope to be completed with a week [say two to be on the safe side] providing he can book in labour.

ii Cost (ballpark) – pencilled in £4.5K from CIL funding; subject to how easy it will be to dismantle existing fingers, and to remove the two cast iron posts at Andwell Lane and Tunworth Road.

iii System for new fingerboards currently looking at – works with 76mm posts incl the two ribbed ones at Mapledurwell pond and the top of Frog Lane which taper to the top. Collar fits over top – supports up to three finger boards on one level; so where have four would have two and two. (To note – a new system fits up to seven on one level but requires new 89mm posts for all – all posts would need replacing.)

**.3 Mapledurwell pond – village noticeboard and mapboard** Adjacent landowner agreed for the boards to remain adjacent to his fence. The noticeboard can potentially be refurbished. The original map has been retrieved, whether can be reused?

**.4 Footpaths update** Noted quite a few trees down from edge of most recent storm – HC to clear the footpath behind Blaegrove Lane (M&UN FP15).

**10 VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS**

**.1 Grounds maintenance contract** for 2026 – confirmed increased by 4% on last year, but as one element of the contract (clearing Village Hall gutters) has been removed this cancelled out most of the increase).

**.2 Fencing update**

- .i Post and rail rear of new car park – Failed posts replaced 18/19 February.
- .ii Picket fencing around playground – Failed posts replaced 18/19 February.
- .iii Entrance gateway from Oak Tree Cottage. Failed section of fence replaced with 'bollard' posts 18/19 February.

**.3 Community payback team** – update for half term week.

Sunday 15 Feb – Team of six, cleared Old Road and around Village Hall.

Tuesday 17th – Team of three, cleared leaves from playground.

Further scheduled date of Thus 19 Feb didn't go ahead due to supervisors on leave (changed to Sat 21st, moved to allotments).

TO RECORD thanks to Community Payback Team.

**.4 Table tennis table** – To finalise application to BDBC for the S106 funding (Action ST). To assess all options for table (durability, colour/design, quality of the table playing surface); installation, and ground surface playing area.**.5 Tennis courts** due to be cleaned. To supply photos of the surface to the contractor.**11 ALLOTMENTS AND FROG LANE****.1 Community Payback team** (*CR report*) The additional day Sunday 21 Feb – with the one-and-a-half days' work in Jan – achieved sufficient vegetation clearing.

TO RECORD thanks to Community Payback Team.

**.2 Tree coppicing** (*CR report*) One day's work completed 20 February.**.3 Outstanding tasks**

- Gate and plank bridge on FP 4.
- Scalpings for parking area and road edging opposite parking area gates.
- Frog Lane roadside posts by river.
- New fencing and gate for Plot 7 (*CR* to order materials).

All above scheduled for April.

**.4 Chalk stream** (*CR report*) 'Some tidying work early in year; the brushwood islands not been washed away this year.' Noted 'the islands look amazing'.**.5 Plot vacancy filled** – Appreciation to *CR* and for all at item 11 above.**12 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS****.1 Water vole** (*report KR*) sighted on Greywell Road going towards Andwell Lane before Canal Reach where get standing water; seen crossing the road.**.2 Village Hall update** AGM of 02 Feb, attended by *ST*, all current members to continue on the committee.

Fund raising event held at the Village Hall in aid of the United Parish. Organised by James Gwynne of Jazz Club X; also featured the Bluestone Bills. Hope to follow with a further event in the autumn. (Earlier planned date for this event clashed with live band fund raiser at the Gamekeepers, Sunday 08 February.)

**.3 Devolution – Hampshire & the Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA)**  
[www.hants.gov.uk/News/](http://www.hants.gov.uk/News/) **APPENDIX VII.**

On 16 March 2026 a statutory instrument (SI) was presented to Parliament [ie laid in Parliament but not yet approved – this is the start of the parliamentary process]. The legislation will legally set up the HSCCA and define its initial responsibilities and how decisions will be made. An Interim Chief Executive has been appointed, with temporary staff to fill key roles including Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer... The HSCCA is expected to be legally established this summer 2026, with the first Mayor elected in May 2028.

**13 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** Wednesdays

20 May (AGM 6.45pm & Assembly 7.15pm for 7.30), 15 July, 16 Sept. 18 Nov.

*Meeting closed 8.15pm with thanks to all.*

## APPENDIX I DECISION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Leaders in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton

By email

Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP. Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government  
2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF

25 March 2026

Dear Leaders,

Thank you for your continued efforts to deliver new unitary councils in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton. This Government is undertaking the biggest reform of local government in a generation, ending the current two-tier system and replacing it with new single-tier unitary councils. This agenda is key to this government's vision of local councils that deliver good services for residents and are equipped to drive economic growth, while empowering their communities.

As a government, our number one ambition is growing the economy and putting more money in the pockets of working people. Driving economic growth means acknowledging that cities, towns, and villages don't all perform the same roles in the national economy – they specialise in what they're best at. Public service demand also isn't the same across the country. Some areas have high levels of homelessness and temporary accommodation, others have high need for adult social care due to an older population. Local leaders, both in councils and mayoralties, need to be able to focus on the specific needs of their area.

Reorganisation presents a once-in-a-generation chance to make sure our councils match the modern realities of our places, making sure outdated boundaries are not constraining growth, particularly in our towns and cities. In too many places, council boundaries are misaligned with the needs of their local communities and how those communities live their lives.

This is particularly important for key government priorities on housebuilding, like our target of building 1.5 million homes in England this Parliament. The housing needs of local communities are best met by councils who are closely connected to their communities and understand a place's local identity. This connection is crucial in ensuring that local government can boost economic growth and design public services that respond to local residents.

Reorganisation must also respect local identity, and the distinctive nature of the rural, urban and coastal communities across our country. We want to see councils that are connected to their local residents and communities; councils that mean something to the people they serve.

### Decisions

I have considered your proposals carefully against the criteria set out in the invitation letter of 5 February 2025, alongside the responses to the consultation, representations made and all other relevant information.

**Following this assessment, I have decided to move forward with implementation of the five unitary authority proposal (option 1A)** brought forward by Eastleigh Borough Council, Fareham Borough Council, Hart District Council, Havant Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council, Rushmoor Borough Council and Southampton City Council. This would retain the Isle of Wight Council and create the following four new councils, referred to in the proposals as:

- **North Hampshire Council (current local government areas of Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor)**
- **Mid Hampshire Council (current local government areas of East Hampshire, New Forest, Test Valley and Winchester, less 11 parishes from all 4 areas)**
- **South East Hampshire Council (current local government areas from East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth, 3 parishes from East Hampshire and 1 parish from Winchester)**
- **South West Hampshire Council (current local government areas of Eastleigh, 4 parishes from New Forest, Southampton and 3 parishes from Test Valley)**

In implementing this proposal, I am exercising my power to modify the base proposal received from the existing councils named above, in order to make the boundary change requested.

I appreciate that this decision will be disappointing for some of you. I would like to thank you for your efforts to date to prioritise the best outcome for your residents, and to thank you in advance for maintaining that perspective and seeking to deliver the new unitary councils that will help to grow the local economy and provide better public services for your people. Your ongoing collaboration will be vital to ensure that the proposal is implemented with the interests of residents at its heart.

Turning to the reasons for my decision, in my judgement, although each of the other proposals met the criteria for unitary local government, the five unitary proposal (option 1A) that I have chosen best met the criteria overall.

**APPENDIX I** cont... DECISION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

While all proposals met the criteria, I have decided to implement this proposal because I considered it best met the financial sustainability criterion. I also judged that the proposal grouped urban and rural areas in a way that better reflects the local identities, communities, and places across the area, whilst also setting up new councils that would be more effective in supporting the growth of two of the key urban centres in the region: Portsmouth and Southampton.

In more detail, I believe this proposal provides a coherent balance across the region between the distinct urban, rural, and coastal communities and identities. I judged that the boundary changes, which seek to expand the local authorities covering Portsmouth and Southampton, were sensible. I judged that these new councils would create a sensible and credible

geographic footprint for planning housing and infrastructure to support housing supply and meet local needs, and in turn support economic growth in these cities. This is of importance to the region given Southampton's role as a key economic centre and Portsmouth's high population density, which together reinforce the need for councils with the right geographies to plan for local housing needs, infrastructure, and growth effectively.

These changes will also facilitate a coherent geography for delivering public services, ensuring that vital functions - including social care, education, waste, and public health - operate within logical, place-based footprints.

In reaching this view, I took account of responses received in the consultation, including those from the Solent Growth Partnership and Southampton Voluntary Services, that expressed support for the five unitary proposal as the best means to promote inclusive growth, efficient and effective public services, and enhanced regional collaboration.

I considered the expected costs and benefits, including transition costs, and the ability of each new council to be financially resilient. As set out above, I am satisfied that the five unitary proposal (option 1A) can be delivered on a sustainable financial basis. The 500,000 population figure has always been a guiding principle, not a fixed threshold. Where any new council is below that level, and recognising the Isle of Wight will remain on its current footprint, I am satisfied that it is appropriate on the basis that it produces a more coherent and effective outcome for Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.

Simplifying local government ensures a strong foundation for devolution. I judge that the five unitary (option 1A) proposal provides a balanced and robust foundation for Mayoral Strategic Authority arrangements, positioning the councils centred on Southampton and Portsmouth as two key drivers that will help the Authority to deliver sustained regional economic growth. We are committed to working with partners across Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton, including new unitary authorities once established, to further support the Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority.

**Next steps**

In relation to next steps, as you are aware a Structural Changes Order, which will be subject to Parliamentary approval, is required to abolish existing councils, establish new structures and make transitional arrangements. I have carefully considered the information in the proposals as well as the further representations you have made on the content of this Order.

My officials will shortly write to your Chief Executives setting out the next steps and timeline for implementation, including my initial decisions on transitional arrangements that will be included in the draft legislation and to request further input, including on warding arrangements. This will enable you to take forward the work needed to begin preparation for elections and implementation, in advance of Parliamentary approval of the Order. For clarity, the elections that will take place for new authorities in 2027 will replace any existing local elections planned.

I am pleased to be able to confirm how the £63m in transition funding announced in February will be allocated. We will provide at least £900,000 per each new unitary authority that is being implemented to help establish effective services and governance arrangements, ensuring funding is provided fairly, consistently, and as quickly as possible. This means that

the Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton invitation area will receive £3.6m for four new unitary councils. This approach reflects the differing levels of complexity involved across areas and allows for a small central reserve to be used later for targeted support if needed. Funding will be issued through established grant mechanisms and we will be in touch to confirm next steps.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you to deliver the vital improvements that reorganisation can facilitate.

I am copying this letter to your Chief Executives, MPs and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner.

Yours sincerely, RT HON STEVE REED OBE MP

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

## APPENDIX II RIGHTS OF RIVERS

Adoption of a Declaration on the Rights of Rivers That Cabinet

- 1) Adopt the declaration on the Rights of Rivers as set out in Appendix 3 of the report; and
- 2) Note the actions taken to date, including embedding protection and enhancement of the water environment into key strategies and into the emerging Local Plan. The Rights of Rivers declaration is helpful in providing the Council's formal view on the importance of water courses in the Borough which will help to inform and guide key strategies in the future. The declaration highlights the need to protect and enhance water courses through the various strategies and actions in the control of the Council alongside those duties that rest with others.

### Appendix Three - Declaration for Adoption

Declaration on the Rights of the Rivers in the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane

Humans depend on our rivers to provide clean water for drinking and sanitation, fertile soil, and regeneration but rivers also support an extensive diversity of species and ecosystems and play a vital role in the functioning of the Earth's continuous water cycle. Rivers are also one of the largest natural carbon-transport systems on our planet, moving land-based carbon to be stored in the oceans and providing temperature regulation functions.

This Council recognises that rivers are vital to the ecological health, cultural heritage, and future sustainability of Basingstoke and Deane. In the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane, these waterways also include our globally rare, ecologically fragile and irreplaceable chalk streams. The Borough contains the springs and headwaters of the River Loddon and River Test as well as important tributaries of the Itchen and the Kennet. Rivers and the wetlands they create give many communities a sense of place and identity. Many towns exist in their place because of a river. Despite this, rivers across the UK, and here in Basingstoke and Deane, face increasing pressures from pollution, over-abstraction, habitat degradation, and climate change. Communities increasingly demonstrate that they care for their rivers and concern grows for the poor state of our rivers' ecological health, which increasingly impacts public health.

**To address these growing threats and to uphold our responsibilities to future generations, this council resolves to formally recognise the Rights of Rivers, drawing inspiration from the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Rivers.**

1. The Right to Flow – to follow natural and seasonal flow patterns.
2. The Right to Perform Essential Functions within its Ecosystem – to sustain the hydrological and ecological processes that underpin the health of the waterways and landscape.
3. The Right to be Free from Pollution.
4. The Right to Feed and Be Fed by Sustainable Aquifers and other freshwater sources – to be replenished by, and to replenish, groundwater systems without unsustainable depletion.
5. The Right to Native Biodiversity.
6. The Right to Regeneration and Restoration – to recover from damage, including through active protection, remediation and investment in habitat restoration.

**This Council therefore declares that:**

1. The intrinsic rights of rivers within the jurisdiction of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council will be acknowledged.
2. It will work with community groups, river trusts and environmental experts to identify and support the practical recognition of these rights.
3. It will support local initiatives and citizen monitoring efforts that protect and restore river health, such as citizen science water testing, riparian buffer planting, natural flood management and creating wildlife corridors.
4. It will embed river rights principles into council policies, where appropriate, particularly those concerning planning, development, land use, water quality, water management, and biodiversity.
5. It will commit to Council projects and strategies taking account of the principles of Rights of Rivers and chalk streams taking appropriate measures to protect these ecosystems and delivering enhancements where possible.
6. It will advocate to national and regional bodies, including the Environment Agency, the adoption of river rights frameworks and enhanced protections for our chalk streams and freshwater ecosystems.

## APPENDIX III PARISH PLANNING UPDATE 21 MARCH

### APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING OF 21 JANUARY

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26/00085/LBC (Refuse 11 March, Validated 16 Jan) Mead House Heather Row Lane Up Nately. Removal of five existing windows and installation of five new windows.

### PROGRESS OF RECENT APPLICATIONS

T/00026/26/TCA (Approve 10 Feb, Validated 15 Jan) Webbs Farmhouse, Tunworth Road. T1 Cherry tree, fell to ground level; T2 weeping willow, repollard to previous points taking the height from 7m down to approximately 5m and from 6m spread to approximately 3m.

T/00015/26/TCA (Approve 04 Feb, Validated 09 Jan) Kolkinnon House, Blaegrove Lane. To cut 12 dead Elms (See tree location map).

25/02579/ROC (Pending, Validated 27 October) Bridgeway Mansion, Heather Lane. Relief of condition numbers 1, 3, 5, 7, 14 and 16 of application BDB/74968 (Erection of 1no dwelling following demolition of piggery buildings and barn) for Condition 1-Approved Plans, 3-Details of Materials, 5-Landscaping, 7- Brickworks Docks, 14 -Visibility and 16 - Front Enclosure

**Reconsultation** An amendment has been made to the above application, consists of the following:

- 1) Covering letter and timeline
- 2) Supporting information (including discharge of conditions details).

25/00304/HSE (Pending, Amended description July, Validated 26 Feb 2025) 6 St Stephens Close, Greywell Road, Up Nately. Erection of single storey side extension, first floor rear extension and single storey rear extensions. *Parish Council comments submitted.*

No new docs on website since Conservation response of 04 September (msg doc).

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Sent to Kate and Onnalee re increased flood risk and Drainage Officer comment.

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.; Nothing since then (as of 18 Jan 2026).

### APPEALS

26/00015/RLD (Appeal validated 27 Feb) The Gamekeepers. Certificate of lawful development for the existing use of the Gamekeepers as a restaurant.

**APPENDIX IV LOCAL PLAN UPDATE ON HOLD**

*Email of 20 March (following Paul Harvey announcement to Full Council of 19 March)*

Dear Parish Council Clerk

The council recently completed a consultation on a Local Plan Draft Spatial Strategy (Regulation 18). This was the latest step in developing a new Local Plan for the borough. The consultation set out a proposed strategy for meeting needs over the plan period, including the significant increase in housing numbers required as a result of the 2024 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published by Government. It was a highly successful consultation with high attendance at several exhibitions and around 5,000 representations received. We extend our gratitude to everyone that took the time to respond to the consultation.

The process has brought to light significant issues concerning the provision of the strategic infrastructure required to support the higher level of growth now required by Government. In particular, the capacity and resilience of the borough's water supply system has been brought into question.

The draft water cycle study that the council commissioned last year as part of the Plan making process raised questions about South East Water's ability to provide a resilient supply of fresh water to parts of the Borough. The Regulation 18 responses from the Environment Agency and Natural England have reinforced and strengthened these concerns. The council therefore now needs to work closely with South East Water and the regulators to fully understand the implications of the emerging water supply constraints for the borough and for the draft Plan.

The council remains committed to restoring a plan led system for the borough. Once the full scale of the work needed to resolve the issues is understood, the council's Cabinet will need to agree a new timetable for the Local Plan. We will keep you up to date on next stages as we progress.

A press statement has been released today at <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/rte.aspx?id=298&task=View&itemid=10745>. All of the responses to the consultation on the draft Local Plan Spatial Strategy will be available from midday Monday (23 March) on the council's website at <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/dlp-reg18-consultation-2025>

Kind Regards

Joanne Brombley

Planning Policy Manager



## APPENDIX VI.1 BUDGET UPDATE

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY 2025/26					2026/27		
M&UN EXPENDITURE	2025/26 TO DATE	CIL 2025-26	2025/26 LATEST ESTIMATE	2025/26 BUDGET Mar 25	2026/27 BUDGET DRAFT Mar 2026	CIL 2026-27	EXPENDITURE
<b>EXPENDITURE 21 MARCH</b>							
SALARY	£4,488.00		£4,896.00	£4,507.20	£5,091.84		SALARY
Back-pay-previous-year	£240.00		£240.00				
Clerk allowance			£216.00	£216.00	£275.00		Clerk allowance
Assembly expenses	£93.00		£93.00	£150.00	£150.00		Assembly expenses
Training				£300.00	£300.00		Training
Governance/Admin	£1,029.88		£1,029.88	£1,000.00	£1,100.00		Governance/Admin
PC & VH Insurance	£1,613.87		£1,613.87	£1,670.00	£1,670.00		PC & VH Insurance
Villager	£953.00		£953.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		Villager
Village Hall contra	£5.00		£5.00	£5.00	£5.00		Village Hall contra
Maintn contract	£4,098.76		£4,472.07	£4,520.25	£4,650.96		Maintn contract
Maintn general	£631.04		£631.04	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		Maintn general
Playground Insp/Maint	£117.00		£117.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00		Playground Insp/Maint
Water&Mains: pavillion	£229.74		£229.74	£160.00	£200.00		Water&Mains: pavillion
Allotments (incl water)	£267.15		£267.15	£500.00	£500.00		Allotments (incl water)
Tennis court clearing					£950.00		Tennis court clearing
<b>PRECEPT(ETC)-FUNDED</b>	<b>£13,766.44</b>		<b>£14,763.75</b>	<b>£16,028.45</b>	<b>£17,892.80</b>		<b>PRECEPT(ETC)-FUNDED</b>
<b>PROJECTS</b>							
S106 for equiped play			£3,447.16	£3,447.16			
S106 for Open Space			£893.10				
Tunworth Rd ditching					£1,000.00	£1,000.00	Tunworth Rd ditching
VillageH fence posts	£619.00	£619.00	£619.00				
Frog Ln/FP4 posts			£500.00				
FP4 gate			£500.00				
FP4 bridge crossing							
Pond noticeboard					£1,000.00		Pond noticeboard
Tennis Courts	£5,810.00	£5,810.00	£5,810.00				
Vat expend	£2,393.17		£2,393.17				
<b>TOTAL EXPEND</b>	<b>£22,588.61</b>	<b>£6,429.00</b>	<b>£28,926.18</b>	<b>£19,475.61</b>	<b>£19,892.80</b>	<b>£1,000.00</b>	

## APPENDIX VI.II BUDGET UPDATE

M&UN INCOME	2025/26 TO DATE	CIL 2025-26 to date	2025/26 LATEST ESTIMATE	2025/26 BUDGET Mar 25	2026/27 BUDGET DRAFT Mar 2026	CIL 2026-27	INCOME
	INCOME 21 MARCH						
Precept	£12,735.00		£12,735.00	£12,735.00	£13,715.00		Precept
Grass Cutting Grant	£1,219.02		£1,219.02	£1,219.02	£1,219.02		Grass Cutting Grant
Chineham Tigers	£1,012.51		£787.50	£787.50	£826.88		Chineham Tigers
Tigers-water charge			£160.00	£160.00	£200.00		Tigers-water charge
Allotments last yr	£139.03		£139.03				Allotments last yr
Allotments this year	£186.28		£250.00	£250.00	£250.00		Allotments this year
VH Insurance	£1,103.10		£1,103.10	£1,070.00	£1,125.00		VH Insurance current yr
VH Insurance 2021/24							VH Insurance 2021/24
Bank Interest	£514.26		£550.00	£200.00	£500.00		Bank Interest
Village Hall rent	£5.00		£5.00	£5.00	£5.00		Village Hall rent
<b>PRECEPT(ETC)-FUNDED</b>	<b>£16,914.20</b>		<b>£16,948.65</b>	<b>£16,426.52</b>	<b>£17,840.90</b>		<b>PRECEPT(ETC)-FUNDED</b>
Maple pond							
Grants County Cllr							
Ward Cllr grant							
County Cllr-map/noticeboard	£1,000.00		£1,000.00				
CIL-20/3328/FUL	£3,759.97	£3,759.97	£3,759.97			£0.00	
S106 for equiped play			£3,447.16	£3,447.16			
			£893.10				
VAT reclaim-current year	£2,084.93		£2,393.17				
VAT reclaim-prev yr	£887.34		£887.34				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£24,646.44</b>	<b>£3,759.97</b>	<b>£29,329.39</b>	<b>£19,873.68</b>		<b>£0.00</b>	
<b>TOTALS</b>	TO DATE			25/26 BUDGET	26/27 BUDGET		
<b>SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>	£2,057.83	£2,669.03	£403.21	£398.07	£51.90	£1,000.00	<b>SURPLUS / DEFICIT</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£23,983.61</b>		£22,328.99		£22,277.08		<b>Balance</b>
<b>Balance CIL</b>		£6,965.88				£5,965.88	<b>Balance CIL</b>
<b>BALANCE LESS CIL</b>	<b>£17,017.73</b>		£15,363.11	£12,448.94	£15,311.20		<b>BALANCE LESS CIL</b>

M&UN RESERVES POLICY		2025/26
General reserve		£12,735.00
Allocated reserves	CIL funding	£6,965.88
	tennis court fund	£2,628.11
Balance to t/o (based on latest estimate) =		£22,328.99

Precept 2025/26 =

£12,735.00

2026/27 =

2026/27
£13,715.00
£5,965.88
£2,596.20
£22,277.08

£13,715.00

**APPENDIX VII: PRESS RELEASE** [www.hants.gov.uk/News/](http://www.hants.gov.uk/News/)  
 HAMPSHIRE & THE SOLENT COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY (HSCCA)

**On 16 March 2026 a statutory instrument (SI) was presented to Parliament, which will legally set up the HSCCA** and define its initial responsibilities and how decisions will be made. An Interim Chief Executive, Dr Ruth Adams, has been appointed, with temporary staff to fill key roles including Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer to ensure legal operations. The recruitment of permanent staff has started.

This legislation will transfer significant powers from central Government to the HSCCA, giving it controls over major local matters including transport, housing, regeneration, public safety, adult skills training, health and wellbeing and the environment. Local councils will still be responsible for day-to-day service decisions in their communities.

Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council are now working together to finalise the operational framework for the HSCCA, including drafting its constitution. The HSCCA is expected to be legally established in summer 2026, with the first Mayor elected for a four-year term in May 2028.

The new HSCCA website is now live at [hantsandsolent-ca.gov.uk](http://hantsandsolent-ca.gov.uk)

**From early summer 2026** (exact date to be confirmed), the HSCCA will have new devolved powers. This means it will be able to direct investment and deliver improvements across the region. Its main areas of responsibility will include:

- Transport: Responsibility for developing and implementing integrated transport strategies that improve connectivity across the region.
- Skills and Employment Support: Authority over adult skills funding, driving upskilling opportunities, and supporting pathways into high-quality employment.
- Housing and Strategic Planning: The power to prioritise and deliver new housing developments and support the provision of affordable homes.
- Economic Regeneration and Development: The ability to attract and retain national and international investment ensuring the region capitalises on its economic strengths.
- Environment and Climate Change: Implement initiatives for the region to reduce carbon emissions, promote sustainability, and protect natural habitats.
- Health and Wellbeing: Work closely with local partners to reduce health inequalities and support healthier communities.
- Public Safety: Working with Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority, enhance safety by supporting collaborative approaches to emergency planning, community resilience, and crime prevention.

With these devolved powers, the HSCCA will be able to lead locally driven projects, create new opportunities for economic development, and enhance infrastructure. Leaders from Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and Southampton councils will work together, alongside other board members on priorities that reflect the needs of local communities.

**The Hampshire and the Solent region has secured a major investment fund of £1.3 billion.**

This funding will support the new Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA), which will focus on boosting economic growth, encouraging innovation among local businesses, and creating more opportunities for communities when the Authority is created later this year.

To support the establishment of the HSCCA it will receive 40% of its investment fund each year, together with additional funding to support the HSCCA's internal capability, for the financial years 2026/27 and 2027/28. This approach will support the organisation to set up and take on its new responsibilities. The full investment fund will then be released when a Mayor is elected in 2028.