

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2025, 7PM, VILLAGE HALL MEETING ROOM

Present: Parish Cllrs: Hugo Cubitt (Chairman), Kevin Rafferty, Alison Stent. Clerk Susan Turner.

### 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies Colin Robertson, Suzie Horsey, Footpaths Warden Martin Carfrae

### 2 PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public present.

### 3 MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING AGM of 21 May, agreed and signed.

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

### 5 REVIEW OF PARISH ASSEMBLY

The discussion with Borough Council leaders was well received by those present, instigating engagement and questions; deemed interesting and informative. A shame not more people attended, c14 members of the public in addition to guests and Parish Councillors. Re question of how to get more people to engage, can only seek to spread the word. Many people will only attend Parish meetings, assemblies if they perceive some threat to the area which will have a direct negative impact.

TO RECORD THANKS to all guest speakers: BDBC Council Leader, Cllr Paul Harvey; Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning & Infrastructure, Cllr Andy Konieczko; Ward Councillor and Cabinet member for major projects, Cllr Onnalee Cubitt; Village Hall Chairman Tim Lewis.  
Draft minutes for the Assembly provisionally agreed by the Parish Council, for formal approval at the 2026 Parish Assembly.

### 6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION CONSULTATIONS See **APPENDIX I**.

*For everyone to respond to Consultations.*

NOTED Each one of the 15 Councils involved has to submit a proposal – to Government by 26 September - for Unitary Councils for all Hampshire (ie the area within the new Hants & Solent Combined County Authority).

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This group includes all (websites confirm this) bar Gosport (who have chosen not to engage) and East Hants and the County Council who have their own proposal.

.3 Joint proposal from County and East Hants for three mainland unitaries.  
[www.hants.gov.uk/lgr](http://www.hants.gov.uk/lgr) consultation also to 17 August.

### 7 PLANNING

#### .1 Planning and tree applications – Planning update **APPENDIX II**

.1A Current applications – Parish Council objection responses submitted for each.  
T/00323/25/TCA (Validated 25 June) Hill Cottage, Greywell Road, Up Nately. T1 - Oak prune back lateral branches on the south side only, by up to 4m to suitable growth points. |  
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#### .2 Appeals

[APP/H1705/W/25/3362558](#) Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane, one new house - IN PROGRESS  
[APP/H1705/W/24/3347575](#) Brockwell Paddock, Andwell Lane, three houses – DISMISSED.

**8 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE****.1 Accounts to date **APPENDIX III** Bank reconciliation** at 12 July = £20,754.57.

Payments since last meeting (incl VAT where applicable)

13	Castle Water-DD SE0030239174 – Allot	£10.27
14	Castle Water-DD PR100111262821 Pavilion	£17.81
15	Martin Gosling – Contract MAY	£446.95
16	Clerk – Salary MAY	£408.00
16a	Clerk – Salary backpay 2023/24,2024/25	£240.00
17	Playsafety Ltd – Rospa playground inspection	£110.40
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22	M Gosling 5805 – UpN pond & water Lime	£76.00
23	Gallagher – Insurance PC & VH	£1,613.87
24	Bidwells – Rent chalk stream	£100.00
25	Martin Gosling – Contract JUNE	£446.95
26	Clerk – Salary JUNE	£87.60
27	HMRC – PAYE Apr-June	£320.40
28	X2 Connect – 2x panes + gel, phone box	£27.96
29	Lloyds – Service charge June	£4.25
30	Villager – Printing & Editor 2025	£953.00

**.2 Budget update – **APPENDIX IV**.****.3 Internal audit** – scheduled for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.**9 PLAYGROUND****.1 Playground inspections**

Routine inspection from Kevin Rafferty at **APPENDIX V**.

RoSPA inspection of 28 May 2025 reviewed.

AGREED No issues for action.

**.2A S106 funding**

- i For play equipment – £3,447 available for 'children's play enhancement'.

BDB/77030 Play Area Improvements – £1,018.55

*'Scoping Pro forma states improvements to existing children's play area in form of enhancing accessibility and quality of the provision.'*

BDB/74968 Play Area Improvement – £2,428.61

*'Scoping Pro forma suggests improvements to the children's play area in the Rec – enhancing accessibility and quality of the play provision – improve on the play value of the multiplay unit.'*

Proposal for a 'games den' from play equipment provider, see **APPENDIX VI**; quote of £3,441.72 equates to funds available and BDBC criteria.

Discussion, and comments following site visit

- A games den in Eastrop Park hasn't aged well; can't imagine it appealing to anyone
- The play area has sufficient provision and variety of provision for a small Parish and for the space available.
- No enthusiasm for a games den, no-one persuaded that it would be well-used.
- Provision is needed for a wider age group, for a mix of ages and for families.

- ii For 'Open Space' £893.10 – which can include 'recreational equipment'.

BDB/74968 Open Space Improvements £893.00

*'Scoping suggests improvements to signage and street furniture at Recreation Ground.'*

AGREED Unanimously that provision is needed for wider age groups and families. Outdoor table tennis table is the preferred option – sited beyond the old car park beside the playground; to also consider a site for the basket ball hoop outside the tennis courts.

**10 VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS****.1 Tennis courts**

- i Review of resurfacing, and following site visit: Surface is playable although the bounce generally bad. One area in particular where weed are growing into the surface. Weed killing needed inside and around the court. Action AS to contact Martin Gosling.

- ii To purchase a couple of yard brushes to leave in the courts (AS).
- iii The perimeter fencing has again been breached; in the left hand corner as going in through the gate. Potentially to retrieve a ball?
- iv Future use – suggestions
  - For the Monkey House nursery to use the courts for ball play
  - For a paddle ball court
  - For the courts to have open access, including to the basket ball net
  - For people from outside the Parish to play for a fee – potentially certain days /evenings.
- .2 Old car park** To finish clearing mud from the surface. Waiting to hear back from the Community Payback team.
- .3 Pavilion** – broken water tap – in hand to fix (HC).
- .4 New padlock** needed for entrance gate at Oak Tree Cottages.
- .5 New car park fence and tree** – waiting on Parish Lengthsman.

## 11 HIGHWAYS AND MAINTENANCE

- .1 Lengthsman tasks** To book now for a day clearing grips on Tunworth Road South.
- .2 Canal bridges** To order name plates for each (ST); Little Tunnel Bridge on Andwell Drove; (Does Pennybridge have a bridge?); Brick Kiln Bridge at Blackstocks Lane; Slades Bride on Heather Lane; Eastrop Bridge on Heather Row Lane.

## 12 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS

- .1 Allotments and chalk stream** *written report from Colin Robertson*

### Allotments

- All plots showing signs of being worked on or being tidied up to greater / lesser degrees.
- FP Gatepost (Frog Lane, South) still needs re-sitting. Becoming difficult for some users to lift / use – per last PC / PA meeting. NOTED – waiting on Parish Lengthsman.
- That time again to consider gratuity-in-kind for Colin Trussler and for his mowing the grass paths – suggest agreement for similar to last year. AGREED unanimously.
- Allotment shed needs some attention as previously noted. Hope to organise this between now and the next PC meeting.

### Chalkstream

- Water flow down to a trickle given the weather.

- .2 Government to amend legislation on Parish Council meetings** to allow remote and hybrid meetings **APPENDIX VII.**

AGREED A strong preference for Mapledurwell & Up Natley to continue with in-person meeting.

## 13 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

7pm, Village Hall meeting room, third Wednesdays

17 September (potentially two councillors away), 19 November.

*Meeting close with thanks to all*

## APPENDIX I.I LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

### 1 Consultations available on BDBC website:

Two consultations; one joint from BDBC, Hart & Rushmoor; one from group of 12 councils.

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### 2 Unitary proposals maps – Appendix I.II overleaf.

### 3 Notes / comments

#### i From HCC briefing - N-AK explained their separate proposal by saying

- HCC has from the beginning considered all options, taken holistic approach. The other areas arrived at the answer of four mainland unitaries as a starting point focusing only on neighbourhood (place-led) perspective.
- Structure based on existing first tier councils is responsible and cost effective.
- Setting up a new council without an existing first tier council in place risky and most importantly cost prohibitive – HCC costings show leads to irrecoverable loss rather than cost savings.

#### ii From joint BDBC/Hart/Rushmore briefing.

- ALL 15 councils were initially working together, looking first at 12, then eight options - which included all possible numbers of Unitary Councils. ONLY when focus came to four mainland unitaries as the most efficient did HCC [and presumably E Hants] choose to take their own line (and became evident they had done this from the beginning).  
[Presuming above is correct, apparently what HCC is saying isn't so much.]
- HCC use of data said to be misleading. All other councils continue to work on data – which shows four unitaries cost effective – will release in Sept. Gov, civil servants will work it out.
- The options for four mainland unitaries seek to balance population and reflect local identity as best possible. Gives all areas proportionate representation to Mayor.
- Opportunities – partic for the Northern Unity – to create a completely new council – restructuring based on best practice, and following recently proven best practice, not cling to old model which in many cases follows out-of-date practices – and shown to be failing.

APPENDIX I.II OPTIONS FOR LGR

From email circulated by BDAPTC

Backed by 12 councils across  
Hampshire

Proposed by Hampshire County Council  
and East Hampshire District Council

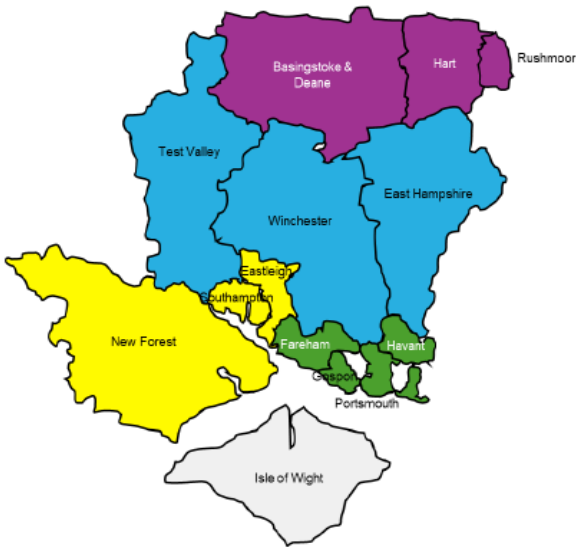
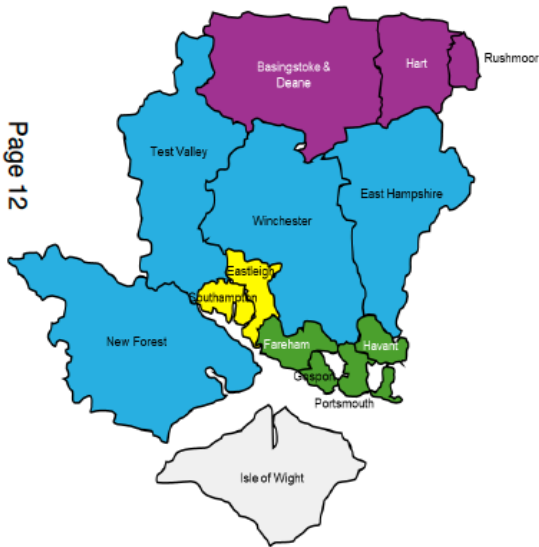


12 COUNCIL OPTIONS FOR ALL HANTS

**Majority (12 out of 15 councils)  
agreed final shortlist to be worked into full  
business cases**

Option H

Option I



## APPENDIX II PARISH PLANNING UPDATE 16 JULY

### NEW APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING OF 21 MAY

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### APPLICATIONS PENDING OR RECENTLY DECIDED

T/00239/25/TCA (Approve 03 June, Validated 12 May) Addison Cottage, Tunworth Road. 2 Leylandii trees: fell

T/00238/25/TCA (Approve 03 June, Validated 12 May) The Old Orchard, Tunworth Road. T1 to T5 and T7 Leylandii: reduce to approx 12m with a crown spread of 4m and crown lift over road to 6m. T6 Lawson cypress: reduce to approx 12m with a crown spread of 2.5m crown lift over road to 6m. |

25/00304/HSE (Pending, Validated 26 Feb) 6 St Stephens Close. Erection of part first floor/ two storey side/rear extension and single storey rear extensions. *Parish Council objection re boundary fence submitted.*

24/02682/FUL (Pending, 28 March) Hungry Lodge, Down Lane. Change of use of agricultural land to residential use and erection of a greenhouse (part retrospective). *No objection, not comment.*

24/00756/FUL (Pending, 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. *PC objection submitted. Additional supporting docs – flood risk assessment 19 Nov, Tree Officer comments 20 Dec: objection plot 1, no objection plot 2,3,4; nothing since then (as of 12 July 2024).*

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 12 July 2024)*

### APPEALS

**IN PROGRESS** APP/H1705/W/25/3362558 (Start date 27 March) Land Adjacent to Twine Rose Cottage, Heather Lane. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of residential dwelling with garage.

APP/H1705/W/24/3347575 (**DISMISSED** 15 July) Brockwell Paddock and Stable, Andwell Lane. Erection of three dwellings and provision of landscaping.



## APPENDIX IV ACCOUNTS TO DATE

INCOME M&UN 2025/26 - 12 July																
													£21,925.78			
Date	Description	Precept	CIL	Grants other	Grass cutting grant	VH insurance	Allotments 2023/24	Allotments 2024/25	Chineham Tigers	Bank interest	VillageH contra	VAT reclaim	TOTAL			
03/04/2025	Vat Reclaim 2023/24											£812.85	£812.85			
07/04/2025	Allot-Plot 2-Jenny-F						£28.67						£28.67			
08/04/2025	Allot-Plot 7-JP-Nash						£24.34						£24.34			
08/04/2025	Allot-Plot 6-ShelleyJ						£33.01						£33.01			
14/04/2025	BDBC - CIL		£3,759.97										£3,759.97			
28/04/2025	Precept x 6 months	£6,367.50														
28/04/2025	Grass cutting grant				£1,219.02								£7,586.52			
29/04/2025	Allot Apiary						£20.00						£20.00			
07/05/2025	Allot-Plot 1-Cunnington						£33.01						£33.01			
2024/25	Bank Interest									£38.15			£38.15			
2022/23	VH contra (lease)										£5.00		£5.00			
TOTALS		£6,367.50	£3,759.97	£0.00	£1,219.02	£0.00	£139.03	£0.00	£0.00	£38.15	£5.00	£812.85	£12,341.52			
														£12,341.52		
Receipts and Payments Summary –														Interest		
Start balance	£21,925.78	Bank reconciliation				Treasurer's	£77.59	April				£10.07	October			
Plus Income	£12,341.52	Business bank access				£10,676.98	May				£10.87	November				
Less Expend	£13,512.73	95-Day-Notice-Acct				£10,000.00	June				£9.97	December				
End balance	£20,754.57	BALANCE				£20,754.57	July				£7.24	January				
														August	February	
														Sept	March	
														Total	£38.15	
VAT reclaim pending														from 24/25	£76.92	
														from 25/26	£1,499.14	
														Lloyds 95 day - Nov 24-30 June	£225.15	



**COMMUNITY ACCOUNT 30-90**  
**PARISH CNCL OF MAPLEDURV**  
**£ 77.59** Current balance  
**£77.59** Available funds  
**Earn up to 2.87% AER with**

Value Date	Description	Transaction Reference	Entries	Balance
25-Jun-25	Interest Payment		0.84 CR	10,220.94 CR
26-Jun-25	Interest Payment		0.84 CR	10,221.78 CR
27-Jun-25	Interest Payment		0.84 CR	10,222.62 CR
30-Jun-25	Interest Payment		2.53 CR	10,225.15 CR
CLOSING BALANCE				10,225.15 CR

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## EXPENDITURE MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY PARISH COUNCIL 2025/26 - 12 July

EXPENDITURE MAY FEBRUARY & OF WATLEY PARISH COUNCIL 2020/21																	
	Invoice date	Paid date	Payee	Description	Salary	Admin Governance	Assembly Expenses	Villager	Maintenance		Playground Insp & Maintn	Allotments water	Pavilion Water&ma ins	Project grant/CIL-funded	VH contra	VAT	TOTAL
									Grounds	General							
1	08/04/2025	08/04/2025	Lloyds	Service charge-April		£4.25											£4.25
2	09/04/2025	17/04/2025	Martin Gosling	Empty trailer-5691					£120.00							£24.00	£144.00
3	14/04/2025	17/04/2025	SignriteDigital	Playground dog sign							£25.00					£5.00	£30.00
4	08/04/2024	17/04/2025	HALC (5640)	HALC/NALC-subs23/24		£366.00											£366.00
5	22/04/2025	22/04/2025	Castle Water-DD	SE0030239174-Allot								£8.28				£1.66	£9.94
6	22/04/2025	22/04/2025	Castle Water-DD	PR100111262821-Pav									£16.15				£16.15
7	APRIL	28/04/2025	Martin Gosling	Contract APRIL					£372.46							£74.49	£446.95
8	APRIL	30/05/2025	Clerk	Salary April	£356.60												£356.60
9	22/04/2025	08/05/2025	TennisCourtServices	Treat/patch/paint courts										£5,810.00		£1,162.00	£6,972.00
10	12/05/2025	12/05/2025	Lloyds	Service charge-May		£4.25											£4.25
11	14 & 18/04	14/05/2025	SellerX One Ltd	String for faggots						£44.45						£8.89	£53.34
12	12/05/2025	14/05/2025	Sainsbury	Assembly expenses			£93.00									£18.60	£111.60
13	22/04/2025	22/04/2025	Castle Water-DD	SE0030239174-Allot								£8.56				£1.71	£10.27
14	22/04/2025	22/04/2025	Castle Water-DD	PR100111262821-Pav									£17.81				£17.81
15	MAY	28/05/2025	Martin Gosling	Contract MAY					£372.46							£74.49	£446.95
16	MAY	02/06/2025	Clerk	Salary MAY	£408.00												£408.00
16A	2025-25		Clerk	Backpay	£240.00												£240.00
17	30/05/2025	06/06/2025	Playsafety Ltd	Rosap playground ins								£92.00				£18.40	£110.40
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20	18/06/2025	18/06/2025	Castle Water-DD	SE0030239174-Allot								£8.78				£1.75	£10.53
21	18/06/2025	18/06/2025	Castle Water-DD	PR100111262821-Pav									£18.41				£18.41
22	18/06/2025	18/06/2025	M Gosling 5805	Up N pond & waterLim					£63.00							£13.00	£76.00
23	18/06/2025	18/06/2025	Gallagher	Insurance PC & VH		£1,613.87											£1,613.87
24	30/06/2025	30/06/2025	Bidwells	Rent chalk stream		£100.00											£100.00
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30	05/07/2025	09/07/2025	Villager	Printing & ed 2025				£953.00									£953.00
		2024/25	VH	Lease (contra)											£5.00		£5.00
TOTAL					£1,412.60	£2,096.87	£93.00	£953.00	£1,380.38	£67.75	£25.00	£117.62	£52.37	£5,810.00	£5.00	£1,499.14	£13,512.73
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									Grounds	General							

£13,512.73

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2025/26 TO DATE		2025/26 LATEST ESTIMATE	2025/26 BUDGET for Precept Jan 25, updated Mar 25	
	CIL 2025-26			<b>INCOME</b>
<b>INCOME 16/07</b>				
£6,367.50		£12,735.00	£12,735.00	Precept
£1,219.02		£1,219.02	£1,219.02	Grass Cutting Grant
		£787.50	£787.50	Chineham Tigers
£139.03		£160.00	£160.00	Tigers-water charge
		£250.00	£250.00	Allotments
		£1,070.00	£1,070.00	VH Insurance
£38.15		£200.00	£200.00	Bank Interest
£5.00		£5.00	£5.00	Village Hall rent
		£16,426.52	£16,426.52	Precept/routine income
£3,759.97	£3,759.97			
		£3,447.16	£3,447.16	
		£893.10		
£812.85		£2,388.91		
£12,341.52	£3,759.97	£23,155.69	£19,873.68	

2023/26 TO DATE			BUDGET 25/26 Y/E SUMMARY	
£1,171.21	£2,050.03	£3,401.69	£158.07	SURPLUS / DEFICIT
£20,754.57	£7,584.88	£18,524.09	£22,083.85	Total balance
£13,169.69		£10,939.21	£12,448.94	BALANCE LESS CIL



## **APPENDIX V** Playground Routine Inspection

Date: 19/06/2025 Time: 06.50

**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 were no items of rubbish to be collected from the grounds. The bin, inside the fenced area, had only a few items and I have emptied it into one of the bins emptied by B&DBC.

**Signage:** "No Dogs" sign on the gatepost has now been replaced.

**Swings (1):** In good condition, surfacing in good condition, yellow safety barriers all firmly grounded and in good condition. 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. see under "Soft Surfaces"

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

**Rocking Items (2):** In good condition, surfacing in good condition, though vegetation is again 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 additional bark now fills the wooden surround.

Two of the hand/footholds on the climbing part have become loose and I will attempt to tighten them.

**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 picnic table looks very good.

A sketch book, pens, and pencil are still on the table.

**Gate:** the new gate is in very good condition

**"Soft" Surfaces:** . The Community Payback Team has done a very good job of clearing the whole area of leaves, twigs and small branches, including the removal of the majority of the moss on the "soft" surfaces around both sets of swings, the rotating items and the rocking items.

The nettles have grown back in the area, at the far end of the playground, furthest from the village hall, and may need cutting back.

I will study the RoSPA inspectors report and see if any further action is necessary.

Name of Inspector: K M Rafferty

## APPENDIX VI PROPOSAL FOR PLAY DEN – RE S106 FUNDING

Mapledurwell and Up Nately Parish Council,  
2 Ash Cottages,  
Newnham Road,  
Newnham,  
RG27 9AF

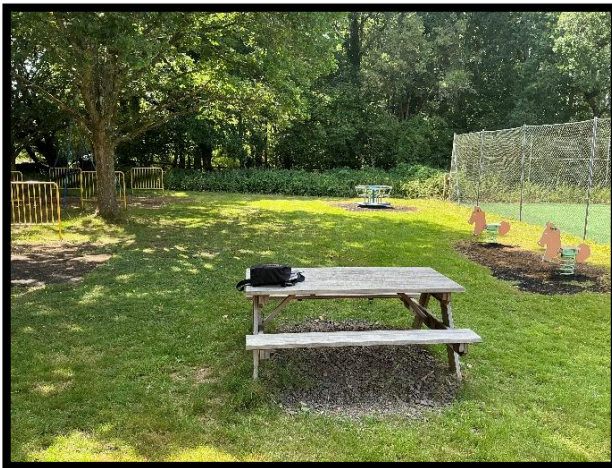
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Contact: Susan Turner – [clerk.mapledurwellupnately@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.mapledurwellupnately@gmail.com) - Tel: 07515 777060

Dear Susan,

Further to your recent enquiry regarding the installation of a accessible unit in the play area, we are delighted to offer our quotation for the following:

**Site Location:** Mapledurwell Recreation Ground, Greywell Rd, Basingstoke, RG25 2LW.



-  Supply and fit a Games Den (panels include 3in a row, noughts and crosses, tortoise and the hare and butterfly maze)

*Please note:*

-  Panels can be changed (depending on panels this can effect the cost)
-  Surfacing will be made good following installation

**Subtotal for the above works:**

**£3,441.72**

VAT:

£688.34

Total:

£4,130.06

## APPENDIX VII

News 06 Jun 2025

# NALC SECURES MAJOR VICTORY AS THE GOVERNMENT BACKS REMOTE COUNCIL MEETINGS

In a momentous decision, the government has [announced plans](#) to amend legislation, allowing local authorities (including parish and town councils) to hold remote and hybrid meetings. This move is a powerful victory for parish and town councils following our persistent advocacy.

Since the expiration of temporary COVID-19 provisions in May 2021, which permitted virtual council meetings, we have been at the forefront of a national campaign to restore this flexibility. We argued that enabling remote attendance would modernise local democracy, enhance accessibility, and attract a more diverse range of individuals to public service.

The government's consultation, which received 5,844 responses (the vast majority coming from the 3,327 parish and town councils), revealed overwhelming support for remote meeting options. In response, the government acknowledged the need for councils to develop their own remote and hybrid attendance policies tailored to local circumstances.

We welcome the government's announcement, emphasising that the flexibility to hold remote meetings would empower parish and town councils to respond more effectively to their communities' needs. However, in response to the consultation last year, we expressed that the introduction of proxy voting would present significant challenges for parish and town councils, including undermining democratic accountability, weakening deliberative decision-making, and creating procedural and ethical difficulties.

The development marks a significant step forward in modernising local governance and ensuring that parish and town councils can operate effectively and inclusively in the digital age.

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**This is a pivotal moment for grassroots democracy. Allowing remote meetings gives parish and town councils the tools to engage more people, particularly those with caring responsibilities, disabilities, or work commitments. It's about making local government truly local and truly accessible.**

Cllr Keith Stevens  
NALC chair

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