



Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th March 2024

Present:	In attendance:	Absent
Cllr. Simon Wills (Chair)	4 Local residents	HCC Juliet Henderson
Cllr. John Jervois	Clerk Tracy Crawford	PCSO Andy Jones
Cllr. Gill Hill	HCC Onalee Cubitt	Gareth Davis
Cllr. Lee Ratcliff		Nick White
Cllr. W Cheyney		

1. Appointed to Chair – Cllr Simon Wills.
2. Apologies received and noted.
3. Cllr Jervoise declared an interest in matters concerning Herriard Estate and associated properties.
4. Minutes from 4th December 2023 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. External reports:

HCC – Juliet Henderson – attached as appendix 1.

BCC – Onnalee Cubitt – Cllr Cubitt gave a detailed account of her role and the plans the borough has for the next 5 years. She discussed the Local plan, the five year housing plan and the exciting new plans for Basingstoke with the leisure park, talks of a university and biodiversity, encouraging the swifts in all new builds and food waste to soon be collected. Areas in Basingstoke will be rejuvenated making the town more welcoming.

PCSO Andy Jones – attached as appendix 2.

Sports Club - Nick White – attached as appendix 3.

6. Chair report – Cllr Wills – attached as appendix 4.

7. Property and Projects - Cllr Jervoise

Langlies Mead - B & D Borough Council are asking the PC to consider an alternative to Winchester Housing Association, as their policy is not to work with Non Registered Housing Associations, so this is holding up the process currently. Discussions remain ongoing to find a resolution.

St Marys Church - Quotes are being sought for the new toilets and work should be started soon.

Subsidence that was found will unfortunately put the work back somewhat and add cost.

The Hub - The flat roof does need some repairs and coffee morning continue to run with the bar open Saturday evenings 7-10pm.

8. Planning Applications update since the last meeting - Cllr Wills.

Approved

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23/01625/LBC Replacement windows 4 Bagmore Lane

23/02259/CONS Variation of condition 2 of 21/00578/CMA to allow weekend and further Bank Holiday deliveries of food waste derived principally from kerbside collection.

23/03147/FUL Land at Parsonage Cottages Herriard Erection of a livestock barn.

Awaiting decision

22/026/88/FUL Change of use from restaurant/public house with ancillary residential to a dwelling
Fur & Feathers

20/03130/FUL Motorway services temporary construction road, (Service Station Construction M3 J6)

17/04033/FUL Variation to S106 agreement, Langlies Mead

9. Herriard Green maintenance report and play area update. Cllr Ratcliff / Cllr Hill -

Cllr Hill reported that bark will be added to the gateways of the play area. Cllr Cheyney has the bark chips, this will be completed as soon as its dry enough. The fruit trees will be pruned again with Cllr Cheyney removing the branches. Quotes are being sought for erecting the sail and rubber matting. Maintenance continues as needed.

10. Community Liaison- Cllr Cheyney / Cllr Hill / Cllr Wills

The Litter Pick took place on Sunday 3rd March, thanks to everyone that took part, glad to say there was less to collect than previous years which is good to see.

The blocked drain at the top of King John Lane has been causing flooding along the road. The grips/ditches will be cleared soon and hopefully this will help. The damaged manhole cover on King John lane will be repaired as it is needing some bricks/cement.

D-day 80th Anniversary, as noted in the Chair report, the Parish council has contacted representatives of the local areas of Winslade, Ellisfield and Lasham to see if they wish to undertake any joint celebration for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on 6th June this year. They have expressed interest and also in including the airfield as it was used in the early part of D-day. It is proposed that a joint committee be put together between the villages to organise an event, volunteers are requested for this, names to Cllr Wills please.

11. Appointment of Internal Auditor – Cllr Wills

Gareth Davis has agreed to undertake this again, with someone to shadow this year to take over from him in the future – All thanked Mr Davis and Agreed.

12. Discuss Budget meeting – Cllr Wills - Please see website for minutes

13. Open Forum -

How do we get more people to attend meetings was brought up. Cllrs have some ideas and hopefully we will see you all at the next meetings.

A discussion was had about the Hub facilities.

14. Approve Parish Council Financial Summary – Cllr Wills -Approved attached as appendix 5

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of next meeting: **Annual meeting Monday 20th May from 7pm at Herriard Village Hub**

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Appendix – 1 HCC Juliet Henderson February and March report.

County Council Budget consultation

You will no doubt have seen the publicity about Councils ‘going bust’ in the last few months. The latest was Nottingham City Council, closer to home Southampton City Council is close to declaring it cannot deliver a balanced budget and Somerset Council is asking the Government to allow them to increase Council Tax by 10% this year to avoid the same situation. Hampshire County Council is NOT in that position, yet. Unusually for many councils we project our finances ahead by a number of years, As I have mentioned before, these projections show that while it will be able to balance its budget for the next two years, by 2026 there will be an anticipated shortfall of £132 million.

The County Council has a legal responsibility to carry out certain functions. Examples of this are social care costs for older people, support for those with disabilities, the care of vulnerable children and young people and school transport for those who meet the necessary criteria. These mandatory services are increasingly expensive without sufficient government support to fund them fully.

Other services are discretionary, the council chooses to do these. HCC therefore has to consider ways by which it can balance its budget going forward, absent government support. As a result, it has now launched its consultation on how it might change its discretionary services to meet that budget shortfall. These include:

School Crossing Patrols - HCC do not have a legal duty to provide school crossing patrols. We do have a legal duty to ensure children can travel to school safely.

Winter Gritting Routes - These have not been reviewed in many years, so we will be testing whether the current network is needed.

Community Transport Community Transport and Bus Services - there is no legal duty for the County Council to support community transport or to subsidise bus routes. However, both these can play a vital role in combatting social isolation and enabling access to vital services.

HWRCs – I talk more about this below.

You can read more about the consultation here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation>

I do encourage you to take part, do not rely on others to do so.

Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs)

Hampshire is the best served county in terms of its waste and recycling centres, we have more per square mile, per head of population and open them longer than any other area. As a Waste Disposal Authority, the county council is obligated to arrange for the deposit of household and garden waste at no charge under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

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In 2022/23, residents made 2.1 million bookings, depositing nearly 120,000 tonnes of waste across our 24 HWRCs, costing over £10 million a year to operate.

The county council is now consulting on a range of proposed changes to save money, including:

- charging for discretionary services (such as premium booking slots, additional services by site staff and chargeable items like gloves and sacks).
- Alternative delivery models, such as handing over management to charities or community organisations or districts or borough managing some sites.
- Reductions to the types of waste accepted at some sites.
- Reducing opening days and or hours
- Potential reductions to opening hours and days to achieve savings.
- Reducing the number of sites.

In assessing whether sites should be considered for closure, the council has split the sites into four tiers, based upon their size, usage and the cost of running them and is consulting on three options, no closures, just closing Tier 4 or closing Tiers 3 and 4. The tiers are as follows:

Tier 1 are newer, larger sites; these are Andover, Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Gosport, Segensworth, Waterlooville and Winchester

Tier 2 are strategic locations which may need some investment; these are Alton, Efford, Farnborough, Havant and Netley

Tier 3 are smaller, more operationally challenging sites and comprise Aldershot, Bordon, Casbrook (Romsey), Hedge End, Marchwood, Petersfield and Somerley

Tier 4 are the smallest sites, poorest performing and most expensive to run; they are Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Fair Oak, Hartley Wintney, Hayling Island.

Not all the proposals may be taken forward, but savings will have to be found, especially following the additional £2m per annum cost as a result of the Government's ban on charging for DIY waste, as I mentioned last month.

New 20mph policy introduced.

HCC's new policy on 20mph speed limits has now been introduced. The new policy allows the council is to introduce speed restrictions where there is a proven safety need for them, for example outside schools. In addition it allows communities to request the introduction of 20mph zones in their own area, subject to meeting specified criteria.

One of criteria, is clear evidence of community support. Secondly, communities will need to fund the introduction of the schemes they request themselves. This should be possible through the use of Community Infrastructure Levy or other forms of developer contributions. Given the financial challenges I have referred to above, the county council does not have the resources to fund these. Communities should also give thought to measures to reduce speed, such as Speed Indicator Devices. These devices when introduced, have shown significant speed reductions.

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Candovers Oakley And Overton Division
Hampshire County Councillor report

March 2024
County Council Budget Consultation

I talked about the ongoing consultation on the County Council's future services in my last report. That consultation is seeking Hampshire residents' views on proposals to change and reduce some local services and help the Authority address a £132 million budget shortfall faced by April 2025.

[:https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation](https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation)

A reminder about the areas covered by the consultation - road maintenance and winter gritting, public transport, street lights, school crossing patrols, parking charges at rural countryside car parks, homelessness support, library stocks levels, adult social care contributions, grants for voluntary and community organisations, funding to Hampshire Cultural Trust and changes or closures of Household Waste Recycling Centres.

Many people have already responded. The consultation runs until the end of the month so if you have not responded yet, I do encourage you to take part. This affects us all. A number of people have emailed me with thoughts - again, do still reply to the consultation or email any thoughts to the Council's Insight & Engagement Unit on insight@hants.gov.uk

HCC budget 2024-25

The County Council's budget for the next financial year has been approved by council. This budget covers £2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents.

From 1 April 2024, Hampshire County Council's portion of council tax will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care and supporting the county's higher numbers of older people and adults with complex needs and disabilities – in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,533.24 for a Band D property – an increase of £72.99 per year or approximately £1.40 a week.

The increase will generate an extra £39 million of vital income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire in 2024/25, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England. Even with this increase, there is still a significant gap in the budget which will be filled from reserves – dedicated funds set aside specifically to address such shortfalls.

The County Council also approved the spending of £880.6 million over the next three years on capital programmes to help boost jobs and the local economy, the quality of the environment and contribute towards the County Council's commitment to tackling climate change. This provision for Hampshire's infrastructure, including more school places, improving roads and bridges and investing in the fabric of Hampshire's older people's social care estate, is one of the largest in the country, and brings the County Council's

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four-year total investment in the fabric of Hampshire to £1.4 billion, providing a huge boost to the local economy through jobs, skills and construction.

Transforming in-house care for older people

I have referred previously to the proposed changes to how the County Council operates its in-house care homes for older people. The plan is to focus on specialist nursing and complex dementia care, as well as short term pre and post-hospital support, to better meet the needs of the county's ageing population.

These plans have now been approved, comprising a £173 million investment programme. It will increase the overall number of beds available to local people from 900 to 1,000, within a reduced network of 13 homes. Approving these plans secures the long-term future of our in-house homes ensuring they remain in the Authority's ownership – in stark contrast to the many other local councils who have sold their homes in recent years.

New Local Transport Plan approved

The County Council's new local transport plan (known as LTP4) has been approved. Its aim is to boost economic prosperity, reduce carbon pollution and help promote healthy lifestyles and build stronger communities over the next ten years. It is guided by two principles, widening the choice of travel options that people can use and providing a transport system that puts people first and creates high quality and prosperous places.

Schools

Funding of £5.9 million has been approved by the County Council to help more parents access childcare before and after school, following a grant from the Department for Education. This will enable the provision of childcare which 'wraps around' the school day, enabling parents and carers of primary school-aged children to access and pay for term time childcare from 8am-6pm. The scheme will start in September this year and run for two years.

In separate school news, 90.71% of the 14,587 online applications for a secondary school place in September have been offered a place in their first preference school, whilst more than 98% were offered one of their top three preferences.

Appendix 2 - Police report PCSO Andy Jones

In relation to the theft from AVS that I believe was mentioned on the last report. Good progress is being made and Police hope to have a full update next month.

Nothing additional to report to date.

Appendix 3 – Sports Club Nick White

A couple of items for information.

- Herriard winter indoor team are having mixed form this season although are currently 3rd their division.
- Indoor nets started early February with a good number in attendance. Training will move to outside once the clocks go forward.
- We are fielding two teams in the Saturday Hampshire League and a team in the North Hants evening league.
- A number of Sunday fixtures have been arranged.
- Herriard are entering the 'Hampshire Slam' again this season.

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Appendix 4 - Herriard Parish Council – Chair Report – March 2024.

Parish Council Finances.

The Parish Council met in December to review budgets for the next five years to 2029. We are forecast to spend more than we receive in grants from the local authority and Village Charity and the changes that were necessary to the Langlies Mead development has meant that the anticipated rental income from one of the houses there will no longer be available to the Parish council.

The Councillors considered the raising of a precept, but conscious of the current issues around the cost of living and by utilising some of our cash reserves we have decided not to do this for the 2024/25 year. This is obviously not sustainable in the longer term and the council will need to review alternative methods of raising funds and keep under review the decision on a precept for future years.

A fuller update will be provided under agenda item 12.

General village maintenance.

The lengthsman conducted their final visit of the year in December, clearing the pedestrian gate to the new permissive path opposite Station road plus along the path beside the A339 between Bagmore Lane and Scratchface Lane.

Continuing minor repairs were conducted by Lee Ratcliff on the play equipment on the Green and new anti-dog fouling signs have been installed at the Green recently, focussed on the mixed use of the area as opposed to a compliance based approach.

Thanks are also due to Peter Whitehead for his work clearing and disposing of the fallen tree on the Green.

It is still intended that we will do further maintenance work at The Green in the spring, including replacing sections of the internal and external perimeter fences, a small increase in car parking provision and work on the areas around the gates to the main play area and toddler's play areas to prevent them becoming muddy. As we noted at the last meeting, following a successful grant application by Gill, we will also be progressing with providing some shelter and additional seating in the play area, again in the spring.

The annual litter pick was held yesterday, Sunday 3rd March, and was a success as usual. Thanks to Pat Pegg and Gill Hill for their work in organising it and to everyone who attended and did such a great job.

Herriard Village Hub.

The Herriard Village Hub remains open on Thursdays 10-12 for coffee and cake, with the bar now open to all, with no membership required, on Saturdays 7-10pm.

Affordable Housing.

The affordable housing scheme continues to progress and I am sure John will update us on this

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shortly.

Fur & Feathers.

I am sure you will all have noticed that the Fur and Feathers Public House has re-opened, I can confirm it is as good as it has always been, and I would encourage residents to use the facility as trading conditions remain difficult for this type of establishment.

D-day 80th Anniversary.

The Parish council has contacted representatives of the local areas of Winslade, Ellisfield and Lasham to see if they wish to undertake any joint celebration for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on 6th June this year. An update will be provided under agenda item 10.

Appendix 5 - Parish Council Financial Summary

Herriard Parish Council Income and Expenditure 1/4/2023 to 31/03/2024

DATE		Payments	Total
03/04/2023	Unity Bank BP	P1 Lee Ratcliffe	£105.00
17/04/2023	Unity Bank BP	P2 Web Directions	£66.69
02/05/2023	Unity Bank BP	P3 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96
05/05/2023	Unity Bank BP	P4 Clerk Payment Tracy Crawford	£116.30
17/05/2023	Unity Bank BP	P5 Web Drections	£66.69
18/05/2023	Unity Bank BP	P6 Clerk yearly expensese	£200.00
26/05/2023	Unity Bank BP	P7 Dick Randal Playground Mulch	£8,568.00
26/05/2023	Unity Bank BP	P8 Herriard Exservices, Annual meeting Refreshments	£38.45
26/05/2023	Unity Bank BP	P9 Clerk Payment Tracy Crawford	£116.30
31/05/2023	Unity Bank BP	P10 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96
15/06/2023	Unity Bank BP	P11 Web Directions	£66.69
26/06/2023	Unity Bank BP	P12 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96
28/06/2023	Unity Bank BP	P13 Clerk Payment Tracy Crawford	£116.30
30/06/2023	Unity Bank BP	Bank Service Charge	£18.00
14/07/2023	Unity Bank BP	P14 Lee Ratcliffe	£135.00
14/07/2023	Unity Bank BP	P15 B&DBC General Park inspection	£257.50
17/07/2023	Unity Bank BP	P16 Web Directions	£66.69
26/07/2023	Unity Bank BP	P17 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96
31/07/2023	Unity Bank BP	P18 Clerk Payment Tracy Crawford	£116.30
17/08/2023	Unity Bank BP	P19 Web Directions	£66.69
25/08/2023	Unity Bank BP	P20 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96
29/08/2023	Unity Bank BP	P21 Clerk Payment Tracy Crawford	£116.30
01/09/2023	Unity Bank BP	P22 Zurich insurance	£56.00
15/09/2023	Unity Bank BP	P23 Web Directions	£72.42
28/09/2023	Unity Bank BP	P24 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96
28/09/2023	Unity Bank BP	P25 D F & R lves topping green	£147.00
28/09/2023	Unity Bank BP	P26 Herriard Ex Services Donation (£1000 from CIL)	£1,000.00
28/09/2023	Unity Bank BP	P27 Clerk Payment Tracy Crawford	£116.30
28/09/2023	Unity Bank BP	P28 J T L Jervoise Estates Tree work on Green	£7,200.00
30/09/2023	Unity Bank BP	Service Charge	£18.00
17/10/2023	Unity Bank BP	P29 Web Directions	£72.42
17/10/2023	Unity Bank BP	P30 Gareth Davies	£103.00
24/10/2023	Unity Bank BP	P31 Clerk Payment Tracy Crawford	£116.30
25/10/2023	Unity Bank BP	P32 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96
16/11/2023	Unity Bank BP	P33 Web Directions	£72.42
24/11/2023	Unity Bank BP	P34 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96
29/11/2023	Unity Bank BP	P35 Clerk payment	£116.30
14/12/2023	Unity Bank BP	P36 Cheyney Farming (hedge cutting)	£540.00
15/12/2023	Unity Bank BP	P37 Web Directions	£72.42
18/12/2023	Unity Bank BP	P38 Clerk payment	£116.30
18/12/2023	Unity Bank BP	P39 Herriard Ex Services (village drinks)	£50.00
22/12/2023	Unity Bank BP	P40 Lee Ratcliff Play maintance	£135.00
22/12/2023	Unity Bank BP	P41 Gill Hill (thank you Flowers)	£29.97

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27/12/2023	Unity Bank BP	P42 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96
31/12/2023	Unity Bank BP	Service Charge	£18.00
15/01/2024	Unity Bank BP	P43 Dave Ball Herriard Grass Cutting	£2,600.00
18/01/2024	Unity Bank BP	P44 Web Directions	£72.42
24/01/2024	Unity Bank BP	P45 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96
29/01/2024	Unity Bank BP	P46 Clerk payment	£116.30
15/02/2024	Unity Bank BP	P47 Web Directions	£72.42
26/02/2024	Unity Bank BP	P48 Payroll Topsorce	£17.96

Total payments **£23,347.45**

General Receipts			
Date	Ref		Total
24/04/2023	BP	R1 - B&DBC annual Parish grounds maintenance fundir	£1,463.84
08/06/2023	Bank transfer	R2 Herriard Bio Power donation	£1,250.00
13/06/2023	Bank transfer	R3 HMRC VTR	£4,272.19
05/07/2023	Bank transfer	R4 St Marys Church Donation	£50.00
21/09/2023	Cheque	R5 Herriard village charity	£11,428.20
16/10/2023	Bank transfer	R6 Ives RW & FT	£85.83
18/10/2023	Bank transfer	R7 Hampshire CC Grant	£715.00
05/01/2024	Bank transfer	R8 Paddock lock Mr Jervoise	£720.00
24/01/2024	Cheque	R9 Herriard Village Charity	£926.75
Total General receipts			£20,911.81