Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th February 2026

Present:	In attendance:	Absent:
Cllr. Simon Wills (Chair)	12 Local residents	Cllr. Onnalee Cubitt
Cllr. John Jervoise	Clerk Tracy Crawford	Cllr. Gill Hill
Cllr. Julie Littler	PCSO Andy Jones	Cllr. Juliet Henderson
Cllr. Lee Ratcliff		

1. Appointed to Chair – Cllr Simon Wills. The Chair noted that there had not been interest in the notice of a casual vacancy within the statutory timescales and hence the council were now requited to co-opt a new parish councillor. J. Littler had submitted her name for consideration. After due deliberation the Parish Council voted unanimously to co-opt Julie Littler as a parish councillor for Herriard.

2. Apologies received and noted.

3. Cllr Jervoise declared an interest in matters concerning Herriard Estate and associated properties.

4. Minutes from 24TH November 2025 were approved and signed as a true record.

5. External reports:

- HCC – Juliet Henderson –Appendix 1
- PCSO Andy Jones – Discussed the last 60 days of reports in the area, Apart from RTI no crime was reported in Herriard, He warned that Manor house burglaries are on the rise and are around 5.30 – 6.30pm in the evenings so to be vigilant. Also, the use of drones to scout areas and worrying live stock is on the increase.
- Sports Club - Nick White – Appendix 2

6. Chair report – Cllr Wills – attached as Appendix 3

7. Property and Projects - Cllr Jervoise

- Langlies Mead – English Rural Housing are still looking for quotes and the issue with the drainage is still being investigated. Everything is still moving in the right direction. A viability report is being completed for the Charity plot but again this is moving in the correct direction.
- St Marys Church – With the heating and Toilets now in and great comments received we are now awaiting the structural engineer regarding the subsidence before the work inside can start.
- The Hub – The grant for 40k was successful thanks to S Neri and work will begin soon on the flat roof and solar panels.

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- Tree work on the Estate – The Estate has a legal duty to fell any trees they consider dangerous along highways. The estate are required to inspect about 4 yearly and carry out any work they think need doing. These trees were mainly ash – some dead, some with die back disease, and also poor specimens the estate thought unsafe or likely to get it. There are also a few dead or dangerous other trees, but they all had specific issues. Without this there would be some danger, roads would be blocked from time to time and the estate could be legally liable for accidents. Because these were mainly self-seeded ash that had grown out of failed or overgrown hedgerows there was a lot. But most of that will grow back and can be cut as a hedge going forward.

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

Awaiting decision

- 20/03130/FUL Motorway service temporary construction road, (Service Station Construction M3 J6).
- 25/00754/OUT Outline application (with access to be determined, all other matters reserved) for development of a new Motorway Service Area (MSA) and associated landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works.
- 25/02134/ROC Land at OS Ref 467232 145046 Land at Herriard Back Lane Herriard Hampshire Proposal: Variation of condition 1 of 22/02584/ROC (Variation / removal of condition 1, 3, 7, 8, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 25 of permission 17/04033/FUL to amend the approved drawings and wording of conditions – part retrospective) to add 1 no. four-bed dwelling and garage on existing empty plot
- 25/00754/OUT Land Adjacent to Junction 6 Of the M3 Basingstoke Hampshire Outline application (with access to be determined, all other matters reserved) for development of a new Motorway Service Area (MSA) and associated landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works.
- 26/00010/FUL Herriard Nursery Barn Scratchface Lane Herriard Basingstoke Change of use of the barn from B2 (General industry) use to B8
(storage and distribution) or E(g)(iii) (light industrial) use
- 26/00148/HSE Grange Farmhouse Herriard Basingstoke Hampshire RG25 2QB Conversion of part of the existing garage/ hobbies room to ancillary annex accommodation, with new ground floor access door and new window and rooflight at first floor level

9. Herriard Green maintenance report and play area update – Cllr Ratcliff
On going maintenance continues with the benches hopefully being fitted soon and the work on removing the grass on the footpaths. The new dog fouling posters are now up. New picnic benches will be brought with CIL Monies - Agreed.

10. Community Liaison- Cllr Wills
Folk night in the Hub 28th February
Litter pick 1st March meet in Hub from 10 - 12
Gardening club quiz night 14th March

11. Open Forum. – A discussion was had regarding reporting pot holes and highway issues. The middle of the A339 has a lot of debris this can be reported to highways. Dirty road signs have been noticed and the Lengthsman can clean them.

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12. Latest 2025/2026 Financial summary -Cllr Wills – AGREED -Appendix 4

The meeting closed at 8.05pm
Date of next meeting:
The Annual meeting will be held Monday 18th May at Herriard Village Hub

Appendix – 1

February Report 2026 Candovers Oakley and Overton Division- Cllr Juliet Henderson

Winter Weather and Our Roads

Since Christmas, the combination of freezing temperatures and relentless rain has taken a real toll on Hampshire's roads. The constant freeze–thaw cycle is exactly the kind of weather that accelerates potholes and surface deterioration, and we've seen a sharp rise in reports as a result. Despite this, Hampshire's Highways Team has already repaired more than **62,000 defects** since the start of the financial year — an enormous effort given the conditions.

To keep pace with the extra demand, Highways have secured additional crews and machinery, even as councils across the country compete for the same resources. You'll now see more Jet/Dragon Patchers out on the network, extra patching gangs already working since early January, and further teams joining in the coming weeks. Alongside pothole repairs, winter weather is also putting pressure on drainage systems.

Extra jetting machines are now available to help manage localised flooding, and a dedicated team is responding to drainage issues as they arise. We've also added an extra white-lining crew to tackle worn markings at smaller sites. Given the sheer volume of defects, some potholes will need temporary infill repairs to keep roads safe while permanent repairs are scheduled. It's not ideal, but it's the quickest way to manage safety risks during peak demand.

How you can help the best and most effective way to report potholes or any highway issue is through the Hampshire County Council website or the *Our Hants* app. Clear locations and photos are helpful, but not essential. Reporting via email or social media can actually slow things down, as it bypasses the system our teams use to prioritise safety defects. Please see links bel

Reporting Highway Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes

Tree/hedge problems:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-aproblem/treehedge

Flooding/drainage issues:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-aproblem/flooding

Pavement problems:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/paving

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Broken or missing signs:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-aproblem/brokensigns

Faulty street lights:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-aproblem/streetlight

Faded or missing road markings: https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-aproblem/road-markings

Problems with rights of way:
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.

Tackling Problem Pavement Parking in Hampshire
Pavement parking is one of the issues I hear about regularly — and for good reason. When cars block pavements, it can be dangerous and deeply unfair to people who rely on clear, safe routes: wheelchair users, those with sight loss, older residents, and parents with buggies and prams. It also damages our verges!
The Government has now confirmed that new legislation is on the way to give councils like Hampshire County Council far greater control over pavement parking.
Under the new proposals: Local transport authorities will be able to prohibit pavement parking across their areas, rather than dealing with it street by street.
- A new regulatory framework will allow councils to tailor solutions to local needs, including accessibility and disabled parking.

From 2026, councils will also be able to enforce against unnecessary obstruction of pavements as an interim step, giving us more ability to act where parking is clearly causing problems.

Most drivers are considerate, but the small minority who park without thinking create real barriers for others. These new powers will help us protect vulnerable residents, keep pavements clear, and prevent the sort of verge damage that blights too many neighbourhoods.

More Specialist SEND Places Agreed for Hampshire Schools
Hampshire County Council has approved a major package of new investment to expand specialist support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) across the county.

The number of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) continues to rise sharply, and around 40% need a specialist place. These decisions move us another step closer to our ambition of creating 1,000 new specialist places by 2030.
Here's what's been agreed:

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157 new specialist school places across Hampshire
A mix of new resourced provisions and refurbishments to support pupils with autism, SEMH needs, and other complex requirements

This is a significant step in making sure children get the right support, in the right place, as close to home as possible — reducing travel times, strengthening inclusion in mainstream schools where appropriate, and ensuring families can access the help they need.

A £633m Boost for Hampshire's Schools

At a time when councils up and down the country are teetering on the brink, Hampshire is investing hundreds of millions of pounds in the future of our children.

This week, Hampshire County Council approved a £633 million capital programme for new schools, better facilities, and vital improvements to children's services. Ten new schools — including two special schools — and hundreds of additional specialist SEND places will be delivered across the county.

This is only possible because of the careful, responsible financial management we've maintained for years. While others have stumbled, Hampshire has kept its books balanced, protected taxpayers' money, and ensured we can still invest where it truly matters.

This programme will deliver:

New mainstream and special schools in growing communities
Over 390 new specialist SEND places
Major upgrades to school buildings and early years settings
Investment in Best Start Family Hubs
Support for foster carers and adaptations for children with disabilities

This is long-term, serious investment — the kind that shapes a county for generations. And it's being delivered because this council has refused to take the easy way out, choosing instead to plan ahead, spend wisely, and protect Hampshire's future.

Can you help a vulnerable Hampshire child this winter?

This winter, we're asking Hampshire residents to consider something truly life-changing: opening your home — and your heart — to a vulnerable child.

Hampshire County Council has launched a new fostering campaign that shines a light on the difference fostering makes, not just for children in care but for the families who welcome them. One of the most powerful parts of the campaign is a new video told through the eyes of a foster carer's own child, showing the warmth, friendship and lasting bonds that fostering can bring.

Every child deserves a safe and loving home. And right now in Hampshire, the number of children who need that stability is growing faster than the number of foster carers available. For every child we find a home for, others are still waiting.

We're looking for carers from all walks of life. You don't need to own your home or have previous childcare experience. What matters is compassion, stability, and the willingness to make a difference. In return, you'll receive excellent training, competitive allowances, and ongoing support

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from a dedicated social worker and our Hampshire Hive network — a brilliant "extended family" of local foster carers supporting one another.
If you've ever wondered whether fostering could fit into your family life, now is the moment to explore it. You can find out more and take the first step here:
https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/fostering
New friendships. New futures. Happier hearts all round.
https://youtu.be/5_1Socpqt1c

Appendix 2 - Sports club report.

- For the 8th year running we have invested in the cricket square buying in specialist services to scarify, aerate, seed and loam the cricket square. This have resulted in a true 'batting' wicket. Not so much for the bowlers though.
- The indoor cricket team are doing well in their divisions with 7 wins out of 11 games. They are currently 4th in the table with three games to go.
- Indoor training sessions are underway held at the Dummer cricket school.
- Summer 2026
    - We are fielding two Saturday teams again this year in the Hampshire League.
    - A team in the midweek Basingstoke and North Hampshire Evening League.
    - A Team in the 'Guy Jewell' mid-week knock out cup.
    - Sunday friendly games against local villages including Binsted, Dummer, Old Basing, Silchester and the Candovers.

- We are making efforts to push tennis within the club. Tom Morris-Eyton has kindly agreed to come on board to help with this.

- Year on year increases in running costs and ensuring that our membership is accessible to all, we have to look to external income. Sponsorship has been relatively successful in recent years but it is becoming a greater challenge with companies themselves having to tighten their belts.

- We do hold a number of fund-raising events for members during the winter months which were well attended. We are looking to put on some events where we could open them up to the wider community.

- We strive to improve the offer to members year on year. Last year we received a grant for a roll out practice net and this winter we have received a further grant as a contribution to the purchase of sight screens.

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Appendix 3

Herriard Parish Council – Chair Report – February 2026

General maintenance

The lengthsmen conducted a further visit in December to clear all the Grips of debris/leaves etc, along King John's Lane, in particular on the road opposite The Barracks Cottages and Tile barn, to help try to prevent further flooding.

Herriard Green

Minor repairs continue to be overseen by Lee Ratcliff on the Green as usual – thanks again to Lee for this ongoing work.
As discussed at the last meeting replacement composite benches that are more hardwearing, tougher and lower maintenance have now been purchased and they will be installed in due course when there is a good weather window and availability of people to carry out the work ready for later in the year.
I am also just about to order two composite picnic tables to replace the current two on the Green that are in a poor state of repair.

Affordable Housing

The affordable housing scheme continues to progress and John will update us on this shortly.

Local Herriard Amenities

The Herriard Hub has restarted their popular Herriard Folk Night, held on the last Saturday of each month, so the next event will be the 28th February. Further events are planned and will be covered in Gill Hill's update. As usual volunteers are welcome so if you fancy helping out, please get in touch with any member of the committee (which include Julie Littler, Pat Pegg and John Jervoise.) The bar and the hall remain available for rental for private events, with a reduced rate for villagers.
In terms of other local amenities, both the Fur and Feathers Public House and the Street Croft Farm are great local businesses providing varied services to both locals and visitors and I would encourage residents to use them to help preserve them in the village.

Financial Summary Appendix 4

	Herriard Parish Council Income and Expenditure 1/4/2025 to 31/03/2026		
		Payments	
DATE			**Total**
02/04/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P1 Clerks salary	£126.30
22/04/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P2 Web directions	£82.45
22/04/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P3 Cheyney farming Hedge cutting	£432.00
22/04/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P4 R Falconer J mayle Green maintance	£400.33
22/04/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P5 Zurich and town insurance	£1,074.39
22/04/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P6 Gill Hill Signs for play area	£25.94
22/04/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P7 JAL Jervoise fencing around green	£4,032.00
30/04/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P8 BANK SERVICE CHARGE	£6.00
14/05/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P9 AVS Lawson LTD Play area repairs equipment	£31.15
14/05/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P10 B&DBC Play area inspection	£327.18
14/05/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P11 Clerk yearly expenses	£200.00
14/05/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P12 JTL Jervoise carpark on green	£2,760.00
14/05/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P13 R Falconer J mayle Green maintance	£380.33
14/05/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P14 R Falconer J mayle Village pond cutting	£60.00
16/05/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P15 Web directions	£82.45
31/05/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P16 BANK SERVICE CHARGE	£6.00
02/06/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P17 Herriard Hub agm meeting drinks	£42.15
09/06/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P18 HMRC	£53.00
09/06/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P19 Clerks salary for 2 months	£212.20
16/06/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P20 Max Ratcliff Topping the village green	£160.00
16/06/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P21 Cheyney farming Hedge cutting	£240.00
16/06/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P22 AVS Lawson LTD Play area repairs equipment	£57.00
18/06/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P23 Web directions	£82.45
23/06/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P24 Lee Ratcliff Play area maintance	£168.33
30/06/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P25 BANK SERVICE CHARGE	£6.00
17/07/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P26 Web Directions	£82.45
21/07/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P27 Clerk Salary	£106.20
21/07/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P28 HMRC	£26.40
21/07/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P29 JTL Jervoise Fencing	£4,500.00
28/07/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P30 R Falconer J mayle Green maintance May and pond	£565.33
28/07/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P31 R Falconer J mayle Green maintance June	£380.33
31/07/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P32 BANK SERVICE CHARGE	£6.00
04/08/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P33 Clerk Salary	£106.00
04/08/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P34 HMRC	£26.60
18/08/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P35 Web Directions	£82.45
18/08/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P36 Gorden Ellis & co Replacement benches	£1,675.66
18/08/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P37 R Falconer J mayle Green maintance July	£380.33
18/08/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P38 JTL Jervoise spraying on green	£1,234.49
31/08/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P39 BANK SERVICE CHARGE	£6.00
03/09/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P40 BDO LLP AGAR accountants	£252.00
03/09/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P41 Clerk Salary	£106.00
03/09/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P42 HMRC	£26.60
08/09/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P43 Dick Randal play area repairs	£744.00
08/09/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P44 Web Directions	£85.29
30/09/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P45 BANK SERVICE CHARGE	£6.00
06/10/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P46 R Falconer J mayle Green maintance August play area repairs	£15.00
06/10/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P47 R Falconer J mayle Green maintance	£615.33
09/10/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P48 Clerk Salary	£106.20
09/10/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P49 HMRC	£26.40
13/10/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P50 AVS Lawson LTD Play area repairs equipment	£55.85
17/10/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P51 Web Directions	£90.92
31/10/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P52 R Falconer J Mayle Green maintance September play area repair	£425.33
31/10/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P53 R Falconer J Mayle	£90.00
31/10/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P54 BANK SERVICE CHARGE	£6.00
10/11/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P55 HMRC	£26.60
10/11/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P56 Clerk Salary	£106.00
12/11/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P57 R Falconer J Mayle Green maintance October play area repair	£420.33
12/11/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P58 R Falconer J Mayle	£30.00
19/11/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P59 Web Directions	£90.92
30/11/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P60 BANK SERVICE CHARGE	£6.00
01/12/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P61 Clerk Salary	£106.20
01/12/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P62 HMRC	£26.40
18/12/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P63 Web Directions	£90.92
30/12/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P64 HMRC	£26.60
31/12/2025	UNITY BANK BP	P65 BANK SERVICE CHARGE	£6.00
02/01/2026	UNITY BANK BP	P66 R Falconer J Mayle play area repair	£15.00
02/01/2026	UNITY BANK BP	P67 R Falconer J Mayle Green maintance November maintenance	£400.33
02/01/2026	UNITY BANK BP	P68 Clerk salary	£106.00
05/01/2026	UNITY BANK BP	P69 Cheyney farming Hedge cutting	£600.00
16/01/2026	UNITY BANK BP	P70 Web Directions	£90.92
16/01/2026	UNITY BANK BP	P71 R Falconer J Mayle play area repair	£15.00
16/01/2026	UNITY BANK BP	P72 R Falconer J Mayle Green maintance December maintenance	£380.33
31/01/2026	UNITY BANK BP	P73 BANK SERVICE CHARGE	£6.00
11/02/2026	UNITY BANK BP	P74 Clerk Salary	£106.00
11/02/2026	UNITY BANK BP	P75 HMRC	£26.60
		Total payments	**£25,558.96**
		General Receipts	
Date	**Ref**		**Total**
28/04/2025		R1 Basingstoke and dean	£1,463.84
08/07/2025		R2 Reconciliation Herriard Parish Council	£10,497.80
09/12/2025	UNITY BANK BP	R3 HMRC VTR	£4,084.99

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Total General receipts	**£16,046.63**
Restricted receipts	
Total Restricted receipts	**£0.00**
Herriard Parish Council	
Financial Year ending 31 March 2026	
Bank reconciliation at:	13/02/2026
Less unpaid items	£0.00
Plus receipts not banked	£0.00
Net bank balance	£5,462.28
Cash Book:	
General Balance b/fwd	£8,641.61
Plus general receipts	£16,046.63
Less general payments	£21,862.58
General Balance c/fwd	£2,825.66
Restricted Balance b/fwd	£6,333.00
Plus restricted receipts	£0.00
Less restricted payments	£3,696.38
Restricted Balance c/fwd	£2,636.62
Total balance	£5,462.28
Variance	**£0.00**

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