

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 07 JANUARY 2025, Village Hall 7.30pm

Present: Parish Councillors: Alan Tyler (Chairman), Mark Gifford,  
Alison Mosson, Bob Randall, Dave Rudge; Clerk Susan Turner;

Guest: Village Hall Committee Chairman Les Smith; Members of the Public: 2

### 1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies from Ward Councillors due to BDBC Cabinet meeting and Old Basing Parish Council meeting. Also from County Cllr Juliet Henderson and PCSO Andy Jones.

AGREED A written request to Cllr Cubitt for more frequent Ward Councillor representation.

Also noted the practical difficulties of clashes with meeting dates. Old Basing Parish Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month; both Cllrs Tuck and Grassi are Old Basing Parish Councillors; Cllr Cubitt has commitments as a Cabinet member.

2 PUBLIC SESSION No issues raised by members of the public.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 05 November, agreed and signed.

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

### 5 REPORTS TO MEETING

#### .1 Police Report from PCSO Andy Jones

'On 30th November a report was received stating a bag of cannabis has been left in the field next to their house on the grass verge, this was in the area of Woods Lane. It is unclear as to the quantity but it was believed to be a small quantity so suitable advice passed as to how to proceed.

'On 1st December, a vehicle was reported to have been abandoned outside a resident's driveway near Southlea for some days. Nothing for the Police to proceed with, so suitable advice given as to how to get the vehicle moved on.'

Noted that several cars park along Southlea that are not Southlea resident.

#### .2 Notes on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

.2A To separate the two concepts – both are required by Government:

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

.2B Devolution proposals:

- i A 'Hampshire & Solent' Combined Authority which will include areas presently covered by Hampshire County Council – which is all two-tier – and Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the Isle of Wight which are each separate Unitary Councils.
- ii All parties agreed to submit a request to be included in the Government's Priority Devolution programme. HCC agreed at its Full Council meeting on Thursday 9th Jan, Cabinet of Friday 10th, and the joint request was submitted by the deadline of Fri 10th. Part of the rationale for this is that it will enable 'Reorganisation' to come (a bit) later.
  - a With this request comes agreement that County elections scheduled for May 2025 will be postponed for a year, and that the Combined Authority will submit its plans for Local Government Reorganisation (into Unitary Councils) by Autumn this year.
  - b Government will announce those on the Priority programme by the end of January.
  - c If Hants & Solent has been accepted, the postponement of elections will be confirmed, Government will publish an eight-week consultation in February.
  - d The aim is for the Combined Authority to be in place by April 2026 and Mayor elected May 2026.

- iii The Combined Authority will have a seat on the Council of Regions & Nations; will have access to long term strategic funding; will have strategic responsibility for – transport & local infrastructure; housing & strategic planning; skills & employment support, economic development & regeneration, health & public services; environment & climate change; public safety & emergency services.

.2C Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

- i Within the new 'Hampshire & Solent' combined authority, new Unitary Councils must be organised. If the priority Devolution for Hants & Solent goes ahead, then proposals for the new Councils must be submitted to Government by Autumn 2025 (as 2.2.ii.a above).
- ii LGR is the big unknown and there will be much for debate.
- iii According to the White Paper, Unitaries should comprise 500K to 1.2M people.
  - As such the area of HCC is too big to be one Unitary Authority. The Unitary Councils are likely to be formed from groups of district / borough council areas.
  - No county councillors seem to support 500K to 1.2M – all think is far too big.

.2D The White Paper mentions Parish Councils twice – but doesn't say very much:

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

AGREED There should be more community involvement in Local Government.

**.3 County Councillor written reports**

Report of December 2024 at **APPENDIX I.i**

[Support for Hampshire's Farmers](#) HCC Full Council meeting of 28 November supported motion to oppose new inheritance tax laws for family farms. Council Leader, Cllr Nick Adams King, has written to the Secretary of State asking for Government to reconsider.

TO NOTE BDBC Full Council meeting of Thurs 19 Dec supported a similar motion.

[Hampshire Highways](#) Two-year additional investment programme – an extra £22.5M to repairs.

Report of November 2024 at **APPENDIX I.ii**

[Savings Programme 2025](#) – Cabinet meeting of 14th October approved proposals except:

- HWRCs (12 smaller sites threatened with closure) to remain open for now – any change to the HWRC network to be considered alongside schemes over next four years to improve recycling.
- Cabinet also rejected plans to remove School Crossing Patrols from 17 locations across the county, opting instead for a full review (some posts being hard to fill).

[Hants Forestry Partnership](#) – Supplying trees free of charge to community groups and other landowners, including disease-resistant Elms.

**.4 Ward Councillor written reports APPENDIX II**

[Over 14 acres of new wildflower meadows](#) – sites – Holy Ghost Cemetery in South View, Beggarwood Park, Marnel Park, War Memorial Park, Old Down, Danebury Road and Down Grange in Basingstoke, along with the park on Daniel Road in Whitchurch, Crabtree Plantation, Overton Hill.

**6 PLANNING**

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

.1A **Parish applications new since last meeting** – PC no objections / no comment.

.1B **Recent applications of note**

[24/02388/PIP](#) (Refused 13 Dec) Land North Of Woods Lane. Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of 4 detached single dwellings. (In Local Gap.)

[24/01393/TDC](#) (Pending, Validated 24 June) Little Acre, Woods Lane. Application for Technical Details Consent for the erection of four new dwellings with associated parking, access and landscaping, in accordance with Permission in Principle 21/01591/PIP. (Also in Local Gap.)

Noted that the Little Acre application conflicts with majority of Neighbourhood Plan Policies. Parish Council responded accordingly. Sufficient neighbour objections to be called to Development Control Committee if officer minded to approve.

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- .1C **Planning enforcement** re Black Barn. Officer recommendation for no further action confirmed by Development Control Committee, meeting of 20 November.

**.2 Parish tree applications**

[T/00527/24/TPO](#) (Validated 22 Oct) Station House, Station Road. T1 Large Chestnut tree: overhanging roadside: fell. T2 Medium sized Chestnut tree: fell.

Communication from tree officer 18 December:

'Visited the site today and assessed the two subject Horse Chestnut trees. Unfortunately, T1 is structurally in poor condition and at high risk of causing damage to people or property where the hazard cannot be reasonably remedied without removing the tree. T2 is in poor physiological condition and moribund. I will be recommending approval subject to replanting condition.'

(No further information as to what causing the trees to fail/die or re replanting.)

**.3 New NPPF and Local Plan Update** (Requirement for five-year land supply)

- The December 2024 NPPF reinstates the five-year land supply requirement with immediate effect; plus a 20% buffer – ie six years – where there has been significant under-delivery of housing over the previous three years. BDBC's Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) of Dec 2024 showed a land supply of 4.2 years against the published 01 April 2024 Standard Method figure of 828 dwellings per annum.
- New Standard method requirement to build 1,127 new houses each year during Local Plan period to 2040 – an extra c4.5K dwellings.
- Emails from Cllr Andy Konieczko **APPENDIX IV.**
- New Call for Sites launched on Monday 06 January to 5pm Monday 17 February.

Noted that STaNHd has a meeting scheduled; to await outcomes following call for sites.

**.3 To record**

- Presentation of certificate by the Mayor of Basingstoke & Deane to congratulate Cliddesden Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on the completion of its neighbourhood plan.
- Ellisfield Hill Farm proposed change of use to B8 (storage and distribution) – decision on prior approval application that full planning application needed.
- Oakdown Farm warehousing – approved by majority DC of 06 November.
- Hackwood House screening application – decision that an EIA not required for proposed works to deliver a 52-room country retreat hotel with suites and 12 lodges. To await full planning and listed building consent applications.

**7 HIGHWAYS – TRAFFIC AND VILLAGE UPKEEP**

**.1 Woods Lane 30mph** – Site visit on Friday 19 October by County Councillor Juliet Henderson and Cabinet Member for Highways and Waste Cllr Lulu Bowerman.

No further information; awaiting feedback from County Councillors.

**.2 Pond and flood risks**

AGREED Grip clearing a priority

1. To establish when HCC will clear the grips above Cliddesden
2. To seek confirmation that the grips now are on the three-year clearing schedule – rather than annual as indicated in 2020/21.

AGREED To instruct the Parish Lengthsman accordingly; to keep the grip mouths clear.

For the record (according to Highways) they were cleared 11 Feb 2021 and again on 12 November 2021; and, now according to recent email from Highways engineer, in 2022.

NOTED: Awaiting confirmation from Highways engineer via Cllr Henderson. All background information re the grips – as included within 2020/21 correspondence with Highways engineers following the August 2020 flooding – has been forwarded to Cllr Bowerman.

**.3 Station road verges** – The further cut is to be scheduled for March.

**.4 Parish Lengthsman tasks**

- Winter tasks: Regularly clear mouths of grips on roads above Cliddesden – subject to Highways' response re their schedules.
- To draw up advance schedule for regular mowing for pond areas during growing season.

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**8 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE****.1 Accounts to date APPENDIX V.** Reconciliation at 30 Dec = £46,070.92.

Expenditure since last meeting of 05 November

29	Matrix Integrated Solution – VH fire alarm upgrade	£4,650.00
30	CPRE – (DD) Subscription	£36.00
31	Clerk – Salary November 2024	£455.00
32	Personalised Print (24026) Newsletter Nov-Dec	£112.00
33	Clerk – Salary December 2024	£212.00
34	HMRC – PAYE-Oct-Nov-Dec	£243.00

Agreed: expenditure of £170 to have the photo – of Mayor's presentation to Neighbourhood Plan team – professionally framed.

Income of note since last meeting = VAT refund of £1,431.02.

**.2 Budget update 2024/25** and latest estimate **APPENDIX VI.**

1. Budget update noted, including allocated funding still available.
2. Forecasting that the allocated budget will be spent, Latest Estimate shows an expected annual deficit of £4K plus, due to final Neighbourhood Plan payments.

**.3 Draft budget 2025/26**

BACKGROUND

- i The Parish Precept funds statutory and routine expenditure not eligible for CIL funding.
- ii Due to CIL funding, the Parish Council has taken decisions over the last two years not to increase the Precept request; the total Precept has remained unchanged since 2022/23.
- iii Due to increases in the tax base, the Precept contribution per household has decreased over this time.

Tax base (2022/23) = 245.9

= Precept of (9,331 / 245.9) = £37.95 per band D household.

Tax base (2023/24) = 257.2

= Precept of (9,331 / 257.2) = £36.28 per band D household.

Tax base (2024/25) = 260.2

= Precept of (9,331 / 260.2) = £35.86 per band D household.

(Noting this is halved for Band A, and double for Band H)

Discussion:

- As noted at the November meeting – no Precept increase or increases below inflation are devaluing in real terms, and so lead to deficit and a larger future increase
- We should be looking to get back to the level of Precept contribution in 2022/23.

AGREED: A Precept request of £9,518 – a 2% increase on the total Precept as proposed last meeting.

Next year's tax base is 263.7, an increase of 3.5 on this year.

Increasing the total Precept by 2% will result in an increase per household of 0.64%.

Tax base (2025/26) = 263.7

= Precept of (9,518 / 263.7) = £36.09 per band D household (an increase of 23p on this year).

Precept form to be completed and signed for submission to BDBC by 31 January.

Also noted bank interest on CIL funds presently supplements Precept income.

**.4 Clerk's salary** Noted no discussion re salary increase for this year 2024/25.

Present salary £15 per hour x 7 hours per week x £52 = £5,460 / 12 = £455 per month.

AGREED: An increase for 2025/26 to £16 per hour = 6.66% increase over two years.

New salary £16 per hour x 7 hours per week x 52 = £5,824 / 12 = £485.33 per month.

**.5 .gov.uk domain name and email addresses** now available to order from Hugo Fox.

CONFIRMED: To purchase .gov.uk email package £119.88 (discounted to £19.88 for the first year).

**9 FURTHER REPORTS / UPDATES****.1 PCC Rural Crime Round Table** chaired by Cllr Henderson to be held on Monday 20 January, from 6pm at North Waltham Rathbone Pavilion.

Clerk to put forward previous requests made to the Hants Police & Crime Commissioner's office for occasional speed enforcement in Farleigh Road to counter year-on-year rises in traffic speed evidenced by the SID data.

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Noted that in the past PC Reid would take a couple of hours every now and then to make his presence felt; officers now have less autonomy.

- .2 SID update** Software issues – the software stopped working 30 November. The issue resolved in that it started working again by itself. DR will continue to engage with Westcotec. But noting Westcotec has no service or upgrade arrangement for the (American) software.

A resulting gap in the data, but data ongoing continues to show the same picture of gradual but persistent overall rises in traffic speed.

**.3 Village Hall**

- i Update from Village Hall Chairman

- The Village Hall defibrillator up and running. Internal so not locked, but is alarmed.
- Looking to finalise five-year plan, quite a bit of maintenance work needed which may need the hall to close for a couple of weeks.

- ii The salt bin in the Village Hall access road needs refilling, reported 12 December but still empty, website report followed up by Clerk, plus email to roads@hants.

Noting the HCC map location of Cliddesden salt bits (and salting routes) **APPENDIX VII**. Shows a 'Community Salt Route' on pavement from Station Rd to VH, and by School. Salt bins – on VH access road, the one by Station Rd corner, by school, and on Woods Lane.

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

- .4 Elm trees APPENDIX VIII** Cliddesden Community Conservation Group has been allocated 48 Elms (bred to be resistant to Dutch Elm Disease) – from the Hampshire Forestry Partnership – up to 3.5m feathered and bare root *Ulmus Ademuz* – to be planted (Saturday 18 January) in small stands across Cleresden Meadow.

**10 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

7.30pm, Village Hall meeting room

Tuesday 04 March, 06 May (AGM), 01 July

24 Aug (moved back a week from 02 September), 04 November.

Parish Assembly Friday 16 May

*Meeting close 8.55pm with thanks to all*

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**APPENDIX I.i** CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – DECEMBER 2024

**Support for Hampshire's Farmers** I invited local Hampshire Farmers to Winchester to support a Motion in support of Hampshire farmers at a meeting of the full council in Winchester.

Beforehand we were able to meet with the farmers, their families and NFU representatives to discuss the changes announced last month by the Chancellor Rachel Reeves, who imposed a 20% inheritance tax on farms.

The move could affect 2,500 farms a year, according to the Central Association of Agricultural Valuers, and not the 500 the government initially claimed. Many families will be unable to meet the bill and be forced to sell up, ruining a way of life across the county and putting food security at risk. I made this comment at the meeting. 'Never has food security been more important. Farmers provide food and do invaluable work with nature conservation; we owe it to our farmers to support them.'

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reporting Highway Problems

[www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes)

[www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge)

[www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding)

[www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving)

**Problems with rights of way:**

[www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem](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.

**APPENDIX I.ii** CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024**Savings Programme 2025** – budget meeting on 14th October

**HCC Savings Proposals – HWRCs and School Crossing Patrols saved** I campaigned to reject proposals to close local Household Waste and Recycling Centres and remove School Crossing Patrols at the budget meeting on 14th October.

The 12 HWRC sites at Aldershot, Bordon, Romsey, Hedge End, Marchwood, Petersfield, Somerley, Alresford, Bishops Waltham, Fair Oak, Hartley Wintney and Hayling Island will remain fully open.

The County Council has bold plans to improve recycling across Hampshire in the next four years, Cabinet felt that any change to the HWRC network needed to be taken into account alongside these emerging schemes.

The Cabinet also rejected plans to remove School Crossing Patrols from 17 locations across the county. Instead, a review will begin into more than 170 school crossing patrol sites to identify whether hard crossings could eventually be installed as an alternative to manned crossings as and when the posts become vacant. The review will start with the more than 30 sites where a school crossing patrol should be in place, but the Council have been unable to recruit to the role. Although school crossing patrols are a lovely, traditional way for school children to cross the road -it is unreliable. Ever fewer people wish to undertake the role. Investment in formal crossings will ensure our children's safety for years to come.

**2024 [Government] Budget** Our Leader Cllr Nick Adams-King asked to make a comment on the 30th October Budget, this is his full statement:

"This was a deeply disappointing budget for Hampshire County Council, for local growth and for our businesses.

The extra £1.3 billion for local government is like a few grains of sand when distributed across England but the fact the government has said it will be targeted means we cannot rely on it and I fear much will go to the midlands and the north.

Instead, we will have to grapple with added costs due to this budget. The huge increase in employer National Insurance contributions will cost the council millions, and while Government say it is funded, that is part of the extra local government funding so is in effect an extra burden. The effect of the national living wage rising way above inflation will also likely increase our costs substantially. We simply cannot afford this.

The Local Government Association said before the budget that local authorities were facing a £2.3 billion gap in 2025-26 to stand still. What the Chancellor has done is offer a totally inadequate sum - even if we receive our fair share of it. Then, almost immediately, she has hit us with increased operating costs. Our budget deficit will remain unless we are given the tools to decide how to spend and raise our money. We should not be forced to operate via government diktat and increased budget ring fencing or with second class status while money heads to other areas. Sadly, there was nothing concrete in the Budget to help us despite me writing to the Chancellor spelling out the situation and how we could improve it if we were given the powers to innovate through less central control of funding and reform of how councils operate. The only good news is extra money for schools and children's social care but they are relatively small sums and, again, we simply cannot rely on it coming to Hampshire, if the government is looking to push funding to other areas. The extra money for SEND, which is a huge issue for Hampshire, is a drop in the ocean compared to the pressure we face, if shared equally it will turn a deficit next year of £90m into one of £70-75m, so hardly a 'rescue package'!

I just don't see how this government is investing for growth in Hampshire. It has announced it will cease funding for the functions previously delivered by Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Business Board Network. None of this will drive good, local economic decision making.

Junction 8 of the M27 is now forever cancelled as an 'unfunded and unaffordable' in another blow to our local infrastructure.

Finally, I have to say, I am hugely concerned for our farmers, who have been treated terribly by the budget. As a former small business owner, I am also horrified for those who own their own businesses - they are the backbone of our local economy and must be devastated. I think the national insurance tax raid on working people and businesses will be disastrous, not just here in Hampshire, but across the country.'

**APPENDIX I.ii cont... Funding for disease-resistant elm trees**

Hampshire Forest Partnership has funding available to give away different variants of disease resistant elms (bare root and pot grown).

Farmers and landowners are eligible to apply and can specify preferred tree sizes. The land need not be publicly accessible, but the Partnership prefers locations where people will be able to see the elms once they grow to maturity - for example in fields, hedgerows or boundaries viewable from a road, footpath or viewpoint.

They prefer locations out of woodlands, and the trees must be allowed to grow to full maturity.

**Nominate a rural business for The Countryside Alliance Awards?**

The Countryside Alliance is seeking to find the best rural businesses in the country who go the extra mile for their customers and communities.

They will be presenting awards in the following categories:

- Village shop / Post Office
- Rural enterprise
- Pub
- Local food and drink
- Butcher

Anyone can nominate a local rural business, by going to: <https://www.countryside-alliance.org/awards>

Nominees simply have to explain why the business is special and deserves to be recognised, highlighting how the business champions local producers and makes a real contribution to the community. Nominations must be received by Sunday 17 November.

**Cabinet decides on County Council Services for the future**

With the future of some Hampshire local services in the spotlight, the County Council's Leader and Cabinet have carefully considered proposals relating to Household Waste Recycling Centres, passenger transport services, School Crossing Patrols, and homelessness support services after careful consideration of consultation feedback and examination of every possible option to help balance residents' needs against the Council's future financial pressures

**Happy 100th Birthday Hampshire Libraries**

This autumn Hampshire Libraries is marking its centenary of providing a public library service in the county, and residents are invited to join the celebrations. Whether that's by attending an event at one of the County Council's 40 libraries, contributing to a 'letter to libraries' display or enjoying one of the books in the special collection

**Room in your home and in your heart – Hampshire County Council celebrates Foster Focus Week 2024**

Could you create special, lifechanging memories by fostering a vulnerable child?



**APPENDIX II.i** WARD CLLR REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

**Christmas bin collection changes...** see BDBC website. Unless adverse weather affects bin rounds, collections will return to normal from Monday 13 January 2025.

For the first collection after Christmas ONLY, we will collect extra rubbish sacks left next to the grey bin.

**Recycling collections** Christmas is also an opportunity to recycle as much as you possibly can. Extra recycling is always collected as long as it is in a clear bin liner next to your bin. In dry weather residents can leave cardboard next to their recycling bin. Please ensure it is flattened and no bigger than one metre square. Most wrapping paper cannot be recycled so please put it in your grey waste bin. Information on what can and can't be recycled is available on our website.

**Garden waste collections** There will be a two-week break for garden waste collections over the festive period. The service will be suspended after collections on Friday 20 December and will resume on Monday 6 January. Once the service resumes, residents should put their brown bins out on their normal collection day.

**Glass recycling** Residents requiring extra glass recycling boxes for bottles and jars can collect a new or additional glass box for free from the council offices in London Road, Basingstoke. Visit Deanes reception between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday. A 140l glass bin can be bought for £40 as an alternative to an extra box. This can be ordered by calling 01245 844844.

**Bloomin' lovely** Our grounds maintenance teams were the talk of the town last week while they were busy weeding and replanting the planters in the town centre and at the Civic Offices. Lots of positive comments were received from passers-by as the team planted winter and spring flowering bulbs and plants including viola, anemones and hyacinths. There are 19 large planters in this area which are refreshed twice a year with over 5,000 plants.

In late May, the team will replace the spring bedding plants with summer planting.

The team's hard work not only keeps our civic campus looking lovely for visitors and staff but also supports the targeted action we're taking to improve the look and feel of the Top of the Town to ensure it is a welcoming place for residents, businesses and visitors.

**New touch screen parking machines** New car parking pay and display machines are being installed in our long and short stay car parks in Basingstoke town centre. The current machines have reached the end of their life and are being replaced with new touch screen machines which are quicker and simpler for visitors to use.

Car park users can also pay for parking through the RingGo parking app.

**Marking White Ribbon Day in Festival Place** White Ribbon Day is on Monday 25 November, marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. The council will be running a stand in Festival Place, outside M&S and Pret, between 10am and 5pm with partners from The You Trust and Stop Domestic Abuse. Visitors to the shopping centre can visit the stand to find out more about the campaign, take the white ribbon pledge, pick up a white ribbon to wear and learn more about the council's work with partners to support those affected and to challenge the harmful attitudes and behaviours that are behind the violence.

**Clean sweep of new names for street cleaning vehicles** Three new pathway sweepers have joined our street cleansing fleet to help tackle the borough's leaf fall and keep the borough clean and tidy.

All running off low-carbon biofuel, the new additions have replaced older vehicles and boosted the council's fleet of sustainable pathway sweepers from four to five. These sweepers form an important part of the council's mechanical and manual sweeping approach, helping to keep the borough's footways clean and clear.

And, thanks to a fun challenge created through the council's social media and e-newsletter, they are even more recognisable with a selection of puntastic names put forward by residents added to the sides of each vehicle. The sweepers, now named Sir Brushalot, Shaun the Sweep, Lightning McClean, Sweep Caroline and Obi-Wan Cleanobi will help to clear over 400 tonnes of leaf fall as part of the council's winter maintenance work.

**APPENDIX II.i cont...** WARD CLLR REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024

**Search begins for partner to deliver new water and leisure complex** A formal search for a partner to deliver a new water and leisure complex to replace the Aquadrome has been launched.

We have started inviting initial proposals from leisure specialists interested in designing, building and running the new energy-efficient centre to replace the council-owned Aquadrome, subject to getting planning permission, as part of a competitive procurement process.

The search is the latest milestone in the project after the council's decision-making Cabinet approved the range of new facilities and how the new centre would be delivered, in February.

Leisure specialists are being invited to submit first stage proposals by Friday 20 December.

Following detailed work with short-listed suppliers that demonstrate the relevant interest, experience and capability to deliver the project, it is anticipated that a preferred partner would be identified, approved by Council and awarded with the contract in May 2026.

As well as delivering the new water and leisure complex, the procurement exercise will include the management of the council's existing leisure facilities in the borough.

This includes the management of Basingstoke Golf Centre, while the council continues to explore options to re-provide the facilities currently on offer at the site, following an in-principle deal with Great Wolf Resorts which, subject to planning permission, paves the way for it to build a new indoor water park resort on the land.

**Helping nature recovery with over 14 acres of new wildflower meadows**

Together with dedicated local conservation volunteers, we're sowing enough native wildflower seeds in the next few weeks to create new and better homes and food sources for bees, butterflies and other insects on over 14 acres of land across the borough – that's about 11 football fields or 85 tennis courts.

This will help to restore wildlife-rich chalk grasslands, which are very rare and fragile habitats that were once common in the south of the borough. With the help and support of Natural Basingstoke volunteers, the work will create spaces for those species to thrive once more and for everyone to enjoy.

Our Ranger team started this off at Overton Hill two weeks ago, spreading thousands of native wildflower seeds across the meadow after they used a tractor to prepare the soil for planting. You can find out more about this on our Facebook page.

Over 30 kilograms of these wildflower seeds were harvested from our green spaces before they were dried, sorted and analysed by local company Wildflower Turf, based in Overton. We also added extra seeds for key indicator species and plants that provide food for butterflies as the analysis showed there were fewer of these in our harvest.

More information about how we're taking action to help nature recovery is on our webpage about the ecological emergency.

*For more detailed info on all these topics see the BDBC website.*

## APPENDIX III PLANNING UPDATE – 30 DECEMBER 2024

### Applications new since last meeting of 05 November

24/02778/FUL (Validated 03 Dec 2024) Land South Of Farleigh Road. Change of use of agricultural land to use for exercising of dogs including perimeter fence, associated vehicle access, pathway, shelter and associated parking. PC no objection.

24/02689/RET (Validated 25 Nov 2024) Appleyard, Woods Lane. Variation of condition 1 (plans) of 20/01098/FUL (Erection of 4 no. dwellings with associated parking and access arrangements) to amend the approved width of the access road. PC no comment.

T/00581/24/TCA (Validated 21 Nov 2024) The Flintstones, Woods Lane. T1 - Sycamore - Fell - Multistemmed with stem occlusions at base. One of which is opening up. Unidentifiable fungi at base of stem (decay at this point) - Early leaf full indication that tree is in decline. Poses a risk of failure over busy lane. G2 Yew - tip reduce branches overhanging lane by c2m to prevent damage to and from high sided vehicles. T3 Beech - tip reduce branches overhanging drive by up to 3m back no further than to boundary/ previously reduce points. Allow light into top end of garden. PC no objection.

T/00582/24/TCA (Validated 21 Nov 2024) Hill View, Farleigh Road. Fell pine tree to ground level. PC no objection.

24/02430/RET (Validated 12 Nov 2024) 1 Chapel Walk. Change of use from garage to ancillary accommodation and external works (retrospective). PC no comment.

### Applications pending or recently decided

ELLISFIELD APPLICATION 24/02309/GPDAG (Prior Approval application) **Decision 04 Dec – Prior Approval required** - Hill Farm, Green Lane, Ellisfield. Notification of proposed change of use of identified building from agricultural to B8 (storage and distribution), together with use of the associated yard for access and parking.

T/00527/24/TPO (**Approve 18 Dec**) Station House, Station Road. T1 Large Chestnut tree: overhanging roadside: fell. T2 Medium sized Chestnut tree: fell.

24/02388/PIP (**Refuse 13 Dec**) Land North Of Woods Lane. Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of 4 detached single dwellings. (In Local Gap.)

24/01500/RET (**Grant 12 Nov, DC 10 Nov**) 21 Southlea. Retrospective change of use of studio to mixed Class C3 residential and Air BnB rental accommodation.

24/01393/TDC (**Pending**, Validated 24 June) Little Acre, Woods Lane. Application for Technical Details Consent for the erection of four new dwellings with associated parking, access and landscaping, in accordance with Permission in Principle 21/01591/PIP.

24/00617/RET (**Pending**, Validated 17 June) 1A Millars Cottages, Station. Revised parking arrangements and associated landscaping in connection with permission 20/00390/FUL (Retrospective).

### APPEALS

APP/H1705/D/24/3354863 **APPEAL IN PROGRESS** (Start date 26 Nov 2024) 24/00047/REF 1 Chapel Walk. Retrospective Planning for Rear Garden Walls and Landscaping

APP/H1705/W/24/3350216 **APPEAL IN PROGRESS** (Start date 27 Sept 2024) Greenlands Nursery 3A Hackwood Lane. Erection of 1no dwelling to replace redundant Nursery Storage/Workshop.

### WINSLADE APPLICATION – HACKWOOD HOUSE

24/02453/ENSC (**Decision 14 Nov, not an EIA application**, Validated 25 Oct 2024) Request for EIA screening opinion relating to the proposed demolition, refurbishment, restoration and construction works to deliver a country retreat hotel comprising 52 hotel rooms (approx), suites and 12 lodges.

### DUMMER APPLICATION – OAKDOWN FARM

23/03120/FUL (**Approved by majority DC 06 November**) Land at Oakdown Farm, Winchester Road, Dummer. Demolition of three dwellings, outbuildings and related structures and construction of storage and distribution units (use class B8) with ancillary offices and gatehouses, associated infrastructure works (incl parking and landscaping), and full details of site levels, access, drainage, tree retention and diversion of underground pipeline. Will be phased and delivered across separate and self-contained plots as shown on the Phasing Plan.

### OLD BASING APPLICATION – MOTO

17/03487/FUL (Validated Nov 2017) Land adjacent To Junction 6 M3. Construction of a new Motorway service area to comprise an amenity building, lodge, drive thru coffee unit, associated car, coach, motorcycle, caravan, HGV and abnormal load parking, and a fuel filling station with retail shop, together with alterations to the adjoining roundabout on the M3 and slip roads to form an access point and works to the highway. Provision of landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works. Ongoing objections EA, LLFA (HCC), National Highways – insufficient info, questions not addressed.

## APPENDIX IV

### NEW NPPF (NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK) & STANDARD METHOD – INCREASED HOUSING ALLOCATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

### THE WAY FORWARD AND A NEW CALL FOR SITES

*Further email update of 20 December...*

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

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

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

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

APPENDIX V: ACCOUNTS TO DATE

CLIDDESSEN PC – INCOME 2024/25 - 31 Dec

Balance brought forward 1st April 2024								£52,850.37
Date	Item	Precept	Grants	S106	CIL	Interest	VAT	Total
24/04/24	Parish Precept (six months)	£4,665.50						£4,665.50
23/09/24	Parish Precept (six months)	£4,665.50						£4,665.50
28/10/24	CIL				£5,127.43			£5,127.43
11/11/24	VAT reclaim 2023/24						£109.48	
11/11/24	VAT reclaim 2024/25						£1,321.54	£1,431.02
2024/25	Bank interest					£372.44		£372.44
	TOTALS	£9,331.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,127.43	£372.44	£1,431.02	£16,261.89

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY

Bal brought forward from 2023/24	£52,850.37
Plus income	£16,261.89
Minus expenditure	£23,028.45
Balance to date	£46,083.81
BANK RECONCILIATION	
Treasurers account	£187.70
Inst Access	£15,896.11
95 day notice	£30,000.00
Balance	£46,083.81

TREASURERS ACCOUNT 30-90-53  
PARISH COUNCIL OF CLIDDESSEN  
£ 187.70 Current balance

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£ 15,896.11 Balance

Entry Date	Value Date	Description	Transaction Reference	Entries	Balance
24-Dec-24	27-Dec-24	Interest Payment		8.83 CR	30,170.71 CR
27-Dec-24	30-Dec-24	Interest Payment		8.83 CR	30,179.54 CR
30-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	Interest Payment		2.94 CR	30,182.50 CR
31-Dec-24		CLOSING BALANCE			30,182.50 CR

CLIDDESSEN PC – EXPENDITURE 2024/25 - 30 DEC

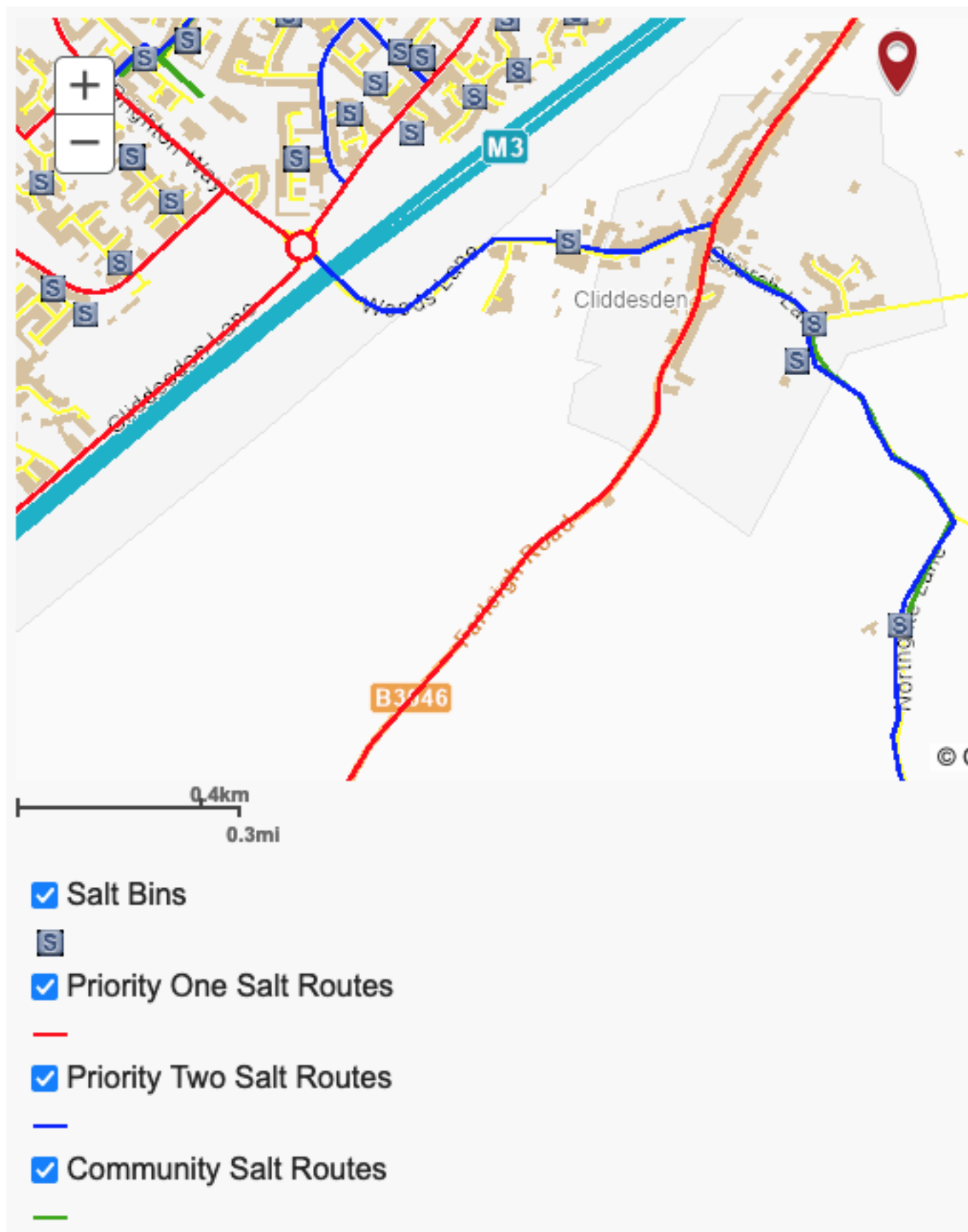
	Date inv	Date paid	Supplier	Description	Salary	Admin/ Governance	Newsletter	Community	Maintnre	CIL Projects	NP	VAT	TOTAL
1	J-F-M-2024	02/04/24	HMRC	PAYE-Jan-Feb-Mar	£243.00								£243.00
2	30/03/24	02/04/24	P.Print-23035	CVN-Mar-April			£112.00						£112.00
3	22/04/24	27/04/24	PGGM (Aug 2023)	Noticeboard install						£146.00		£29.20	£175.20
4	29/04/24	30/04/24	P.Print-24006	CVN-D-J-F + WP			£222.00						£222.00
5	08/05/25	30/04/24	HALC/NALC	Subscription-2024/25		£307.00							£307.00
6	April	30/04/24	Clerk	Salary April 2024	£455.00								£455.00
7	05/05/24	05/05/24	PGGM	Materials-footway						£2,000.00		£400.00	£2,400.00
8	30/04/24	09/05/24	MG-ComHeartbeatT	DefibPad				£57.95				£11.59	£69.54
9	09/05/24	09/05/24	Mark Gifford	Assembly expenses				£56.77					£56.77
10	18/05/24	18/05/24	Chris Paterson	NP-final invoices							£4,312.50		£4,312.50
11	05/05/24	05/05/24	PGGM-2602	Materials-labour						£3,985.75		£797.15	£4,782.90
12	May	25/05/24	Clerk	Salary May 2024	£455.00								£455.00
13	06/05/23	31/05/23	BHIB	Insurance		£421.94							£421.94
14	June	29/06/24	Clerk	Salary June 2024	£212.00								£212.00
15	A-M-J	29/06/24	HMRC	PAYE-Apr-May-Jun	£243.00								£243.00
16	04/07/24	04/07/24	Chris Paterson	NP-final copy							£100.00		£100.00
17	11/05/24	05/07/24	Geoxphere	Parish Online		£48.00						£9.60	£57.60
18	27/07/24	18/07/24	Peter Brown	Internal Audit		£75.00							£75.00
19	July	27/07/24	Clerk	Salary July 2024	£455.00								£455.00
20	04/08/24	04/08/24	P.Print-24006	CVN-May & June			£144.00						£144.00
21	09/08/24	09/08/24	P.Print-24006	CVN-July/Aug			£112.00						£112.00
22	AUG	29/08/24	Clerk	Salary AUG 2024	£455.00								£455.00
23	11/09/23	21/09/23	BDO LLP	External audit		£210.00						£42.00	£252.00
24	01/10/24	01/10/24	P.Print-24020	CVN-SEPT-OCT			£100.00						£100.00
25	22/10/24	05/05/24	PGGM-2875	Station Rd verges						£160.00		£32.00	£192.00
26	SEPT	30/10/24	Clerk	Salary Sept 2024	£212.00								£212.00
27	J-A-S	30/10/24	HMRC	PAYE-Jul-Aug-Sept	£243.00								£455.00
28	OCT	30/10/24	Clerk	Salary OCT 2024	£455.00								£455.00
29	15/11/24	15/11/24	Matrix Integrated Sol	VH-FireAlarm-Upgrade						£3,875.00		£775.00	£4,650.00
30	23/10/23	23/10/23	CPRE - DD	Subscription				£36.00					£36.00
31	NOV	27/11/24	Clerk	Salary NOV 2024	£455.00								£455.00
32	01/12/24	01/12/24	P.Print-24026	CVN-Nov-Dec			£112.00						£112.00
33	DEC	28/12/24	Clerk	Salary Dec 2024	£212.00								£212.00
34	O-N-D	28/12/24	HMRC	PAYE-Oct-Nov-Dec	£243.00								£455.00
				TOTALS	£4,338.00	£1,061.94	£802.00	£150.72	£0.00	£10,166.75	£4,412.50	£2,096.54	£23,028.45
		Date	Supplier	Description	Salary	Admin/ Governance	Newsletter	Community	Maintnre	CIL Projects	NP	VAT	TOTAL
Pending		09/01/25	Hugo Fox	Website hosting		£119.88						£23.98	£143.86



CLIDDESSEN – YEAR END COMPARISON			CLIDDESSEN – ACCOUNT SUMMARY @ 03 JAN 2025			EXPEND TO DATE V BUDGET	2024/25 Budget (@DEC23)	2025/26 Budget DRAFT (@JAN25)
	2023/24 YEAR END	CIL 2023/24	2024/25 TO DATE	LATEST ESTIMATE	2024/25CIL TO DATE			
EXPENDITURE								
CLERK'S SALARY	£5,460.00		£4,095.00	£5,460.00		£1,365.00	£5,460.00	£5,733.00
	£243.00							
SALARY BACKPAY	£803.40		£243.00					
CLERK'S ALLOWANCE	£324.00			£324.00		£324.00	£324.00	£324.00
EXPENSES (Assembly)	£80.75		£56.77	£95.00		£38.23	£95.00	£95.00
TRAINING				£300.00		£300.00	£300.00	£300.00
ADMIN / GOVERNANCE	£1,047.24		£1,061.94	£1,230.00		£11.94	£1,050.00	£1,300.00
NEWSLETTER	£436.00		£802.00	£1,000.00		£198.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
COMMUNITY	£611.75		£93.95	£900.00		£806.05	£900.00	£900.00
MAINTENANCE	£222.50			£500.00		£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
PROJECT-Noticeboard			£146.00	£146.00	£146.00			
INTERPRETATION BOARD	£162.19	£18.31						
Pond pathway			£5,985.75	£5,985.75	£5,985.75			
VERGES			£160.00	£500.00	£500.00			
FLOATING ISLANDS	£8,000.00							
NEIGHBOURHOODPLAN	£5,939.50		£4,412.50	£4,412.50				
Village hall			£3,875.00	£3,875.00	£3,875.00			
VAT	£2,309.21		£2,096.54	£2,096.54				
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£27,983.78	£2,848.55	£23,028.45	£26,824.79	£10,506.75		£9,629.00	£10,152.00
INCOME								
Precept	£9,331.00		£9,331.00	£9,331.00			£9,331.00	£9,518.00
Coronation grant	£500.00							
Ward Cllrs Community gr	£612.00							
S106	£8,143.88							
CIL	£9,117.43	£9,117.43	£5,127.43	£5,127.43	£5,127.43			
Returned funds								
Neighbourhood Plan								
Bank Interest	£546.47		£372.44	£500.00			£500.00	£750.00
VAT refund 2023/24	£2,396.20		£109.48	£109.48				
VAT refund 2024/25			£1,321.54	£2,096.54				
TOTAL INCOME	£30,646.98	£9,117.43	£16,261.89	£17,164.45	£5,127.43		£9,831.00	£10,268.00
Surplus/ Deficit			£6,766.56	£9,660.34	£5,379.32		£202.00	£116.00
Balance	£52,850.37	£35,254.92	£46,083.81	£43,190.03	£29,875.60			£43,306.03
Balance less CIL	£17,595.45		£16,208.21	£13,314.43				£13,430.43
ALLOCATED RESERVES 2024/25			ALLOCATED RESERVES 2024/25			ALLOCATED RESERVES 2024/25		
Contingency/working bal			£9,331.00			Contingency/Working bal		
CIL			£29,875.60			CIL		
Pond clearing fund			£3,983.43			Pond clearing fund		
TOTAL			£43,190.03			TOTAL		

**APPENDIX VII SALT BINS**

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



## APPENDIX VIII CLERESDEN MEADOW ELMS

The Hampshire Forest Partnership has been successful in achieving a grant from the Nature for Climate Fund enabling it to supply over 300 large standard trees free of charge to communities for public open spaces, and also a stock of smaller 'feathered' trees and whips for landowners, other organisations, groups and individuals.

The standards include three different variants; *Ulmus New Horizon*, *Rebona* and *Fiorente*. The smaller 'feathered' Elms are *Ulmus Ademuz*.

All these trees have been bred to resist Dutch Elm disease and be robust in the face of Climate Change. They also, on achieving maturity, host the endangered White-letter Hairstreak butterfly.

'In bringing these majestic trees back to the Hampshire landscape the scheme seeks also to help redress tree loss and declines in biodiversity.'

Cliddesden Community Conservation Group has been allocated 48 disease resistant Elms – *Ulmus Ademuz* – up to 3.5m feathered and bare root – to be planted (Saturday 18 January) in small stands across Cleresden Meadow.



**HAMPSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP**  
*a legacy in leaves*

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### WHAT IS THE HAMPSHIRE FOREST PARTNERSHIP

The Hampshire Forest Partnership has been set up so communities can get involved in caring for our woodlands and planting more trees. There are lots of ways you can support the countryside, like volunteering or holding your own tree planting event. With your help we're sure to reach our goal of planting one million trees by 2050.

**JOIN THE MILLION TREE CHALLENGE!**  
Help us reach our goal to plant one million trees and add your trees and hedge planting to our online map.

**SPONSOR A TREE**  
Whether you are an individual or a business, please support us to plant more trees in Hampshire and help our wildlife to thrive.

**HELP US BRING BACK THE MAJESTIC ELM TREE**  
We are trialling the planting of disease resistant elms. We can provide you with the trees at no cost, we just ask you to tell us exactly where you will plant them and allow us to monitor how successful they are.

**ABOUT US**  
Find out how we are supporting Hampshire's tree population and making the county a greener place to live.  
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**GET INVOLVED**  
If you're a parish council, business, teacher, landowner, land manager or farmer with land that would be perfect for tree planting, we'd love to hear from you.  
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**NEWS**  
Our forest is always growing. With so much going on across Hampshire, find out more about our latest projects and tree planting events.  
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