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**Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall,
at 7:00pm on Monday 27th March 2023.**

Present: Cllr D Jones (Chair), Cllr A Bray, Cllr T Crew, Cllr M Johnston, Cllr L Lloyd, Cllr S Stevens, Cllr T Wheeler, County & District Cllr R Mocatta and Mrs P Norris, Clerk.

In attendance: There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs L Ashcroft and H Coates.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declaration of interest from both Cllr Jones and Cllr Mocatta – as a Member of the South Downs National Park Authority, the Local Planning Authority for the area, I wish to make it clear that any views which I express today are based on information before me at this meeting and might change in the light of further information and/or debate at National Park meetings. This is to make it clear that I am keeping an open mind on the issues and cannot therefore be found to have predetermined any matter if it should come before me at the National Park for decision. Cllr Jones also declared that he is also a member of the South Downs Local Access Forum: a body which advises Hampshire County Council, SDNPA and others about their decisions in relation to Rights of Way and about making improvements to public access for outdoor recreation and sustainable travel. It is purely advisory and has no decision-making powers. Cllrs Johnston and Jones declared that they on the committee of Buriton Tennis Club.

3. To approve minutes from BPC meeting held on 30th January 2023.

The draft minutes of the meeting held 30th January 2023 were approved as a correct record and the Chair will sign a copy for the Council's Minutes Book. **Action: Cllr Jones.**

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2023.

- Monks Walk driveway: agreement to be explored with residents' management committee.
- Proposals from Buriton School for School Meadow – further details still awaited.
- Pond at Chalk Pits Nature Reserve: QECP repairs almost completed.
- Defibrillator: being located to The Nest Inn (alternative use for telephone kiosk now suggested)
- EHDC hedge along Petersfield Road – Cllr Mocatta will chase update. A very small hedge has been planted but is not growing. Cllr Crew will send photographs to Cllr Mocatta. **Action: Cllr Crew and Cllr Mocatta.**
- Dog fouling: posters produced by school pupils judged by Cllr Mocatta and are now displayed around the village. Cllr Mocatta will chase the stickers to be placed on the bins belonging to EHDC to indicate that they are dual bins. **Action: Cllr Mocatta**
- Replacement of trees and other works at village pond included in correspondence
- New seat in memory of former resident (Ms Leigh-Breese): now installed on recreation ground.
- Action about B2146 at Hurst: meeting now arranged for 19th April 2023 with all relevant staff from Hampshire and West Sussex Council's Highways and Rights of Way Teams, and the Chairs of Buriton and Harting Parish Councils.
- Ineffective ditch in Petersfield Road by Bones Lane: Cllr Mocatta still has not received an update.
- Playground gateway works: Cllrs agreed to accepting the quote from Sawscape but would ideally like it included in with the other work (to the Tunnel etc).
- Clerk to check the situation regarding the new email addresses for Cllrs. Petersfield TC had their emails dealt with by their website agent, Cllr Mocatta informed Cllrs that East Meon Parish

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Council has just changed their email addresses. It was agreed to look at the suggestion from Ali Martin. Action: Cllr Jones

- Ideas to help parishioners through the worst of the winter (taking into account the current financial climate): update about 'Winter Warmer' sessions on the agenda.
- Replacement of the oak bollard at the pinch point in Greenway Lane and the damaged bollards at the Five Bells: the work at Greenway Lane has now been completed but the bollard is smaller than the original one and a 30mph sign is also still missing.
- Refurbishment of hall: Clerk has chased Executive Windows again about (i) the front door still not shutting properly; (ii) estimates for installation of insulation in the roof and (iii) photographs of particular aspects of the recent works but there has still no answer. Update on agenda.
- Replacing small goal posts: the goal posts have been ordered. It will be necessary to take out the concrete surrounding the old posts and re-concrete the new ones. Cllr Lloyd has received a quote of £150 for this work which Cllrs agreed to.
- Table Tennis Table: update elsewhere on the agenda.
- Recharge One Planning Appeal: further submissions made as agreed.
- Community litter pick took place on 25th February 2023 with over fifty volunteers. Thanks recorded to Adam and Hannah Griffiths again
- Information about "real time passenger information" for Service 94 received from HCC, which stated that this was not possible whilst the service was run by AMK. There have been no further updates about changes to the service yet, it was noted that the service was well used.
- Coronation of HM King Charles III: both pubs informed that the Parish Council will not be organising events so that they know that they have the opportunity to arrange things.
- A bug hotel on the recreation ground is due to be constructed in time for the new village show event on 22nd April 2023. It will be amongst the coppice of field maples and designed to look rustic, not urban. Another further site, on the concrete slab alongside the school meadow, could follow.
- Following an exchange of emails with Insurance Brokers the organisers of the 22nd April event have decided that it may be wisest to take out their own insurance for the event rather than try to utilise the Parish Council policy.
- Rubbish etc at the property at the end of Sumner Road, empty since last summer, has now been cleared and new tenants have moved in.
- Signage relating to the ages that can use the zipwire has been reinstated in the play park.
- Meeting has been held with the family of Bill Chambers who are seeking a Memorial Bench on the recreation ground: it was agreed that the concrete pad where the garage used to be was an ideal location and the bench would be the same as the one recently installed at the pond.

5. Chair's Update

The Chair summarised points from his report which is attached to these minutes:

- The Chair reminded Cllrs that he would not be standing as a Cllr in the up coming elections.
- Buriton's Winter Warmers had been extended for three further events. As the event has been successful St Mary's PCC will re-introduce its drop-in events.
- Fly tipping – this appears to be increasing around the village. There are paint cans dumped in the pull-off in Greenway Lane, this could be an area considered for tree planting. A response about ideas to prevent fly-tipping in this area is awaited from EHDC.
- Pond – EHDC have installed two throw-line cabinets at the pond.
- EHAPTC – there is a summary of the recent meeting in the Chair's report including relevant information about BOATs.

6. County and District Councillor's Reports

County and District Cllr Mocatta provided reports which are attached to these minutes, he highlighted a number of points:

- Trees - More sites need to be identified to plant trees

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- EHDC Spring Clean – the Spring Clean Team have been tidying up areas around the district. If any areas around the village need a clean-up they need to be reported as the Spring Clean initiative will be carried on into the next financial year. A discussion took place about educating people about leaving litter. In some parts of the country there were fewer bins which has led to less rubbish as people are taking it home.
- EHDC working with PeCan have been providing fruit trees for residents to plant in their gardens. This scheme is likely to be repeated in the next year.
- Lengthsman Scheme – funding has been secured for the next financial year.
- HCC Councillors have grants available for celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III, this could be a tree planted to commemorate the event. The Parish Council was intending to plant a tree and Cllr Jones agreed to liaise with Cllr Mocatta.
- Traffic Management – from 1st April 2023 HCC will take back traffic management and on-street parking functions from EHDC, off-street parking will remain with EHDC. Verge cutting in urban areas will also remain with EHDC.
- HCC are receiving large reports of pot holes, Cllr Mocatta stressed the importance of reporting these via the on-line system.

7. Finance and Accounts

- **Summary of Reserves** – Cllrs noted the summary of reserves. When the Greenway Lane CIL payment is received from SDNPA (£22,800 is expected) this will go into an ear-marked reserve likely to be spent on the next phase of village hall improvements and replacement play equipment.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 21st March 2023 for the Parish Council** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 4 totalling £770.81. Cllrs approved the following payments: 13 totalling £2,373.36 from the current account.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 28th February 2023 for the Village Hall** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 14 totalling £1,809.50. Cllrs approved the following payments: 17 totalling £2,013.16.
- **Budget against performance up to 21st March 2023** – Cllr noted the budget against performance. The cost centre code to be amended for those which had been used to show the transfers between bank accounts
- Cllrs noted that the external auditors have changed from PK Littlejohn to BDO.

Open Forum

- A parishioner asked about the proposed new hotel at the Greenway Lane roundabout near Weston. The Mapledurham House footpath is shown as a cycle path. At the public meeting that was held the developer clarified that the cycle path would only run on the part of the path that was owned by them.
- A parishioner asked when the result of the Re-Charge One planning inquiry would be known. Cllr Jones informed them that the inquiry has ended and that the inspector was now considering the evidence, it was not known when the outcome will be published.
- A parishioner informed Cllrs that in another area that a notice was put up once an area had been cleared of rubbish, stating that the area had been cleaned by a named person. This appeared to be working as less litter was seen after.

8. Village Hall and Recreation Report

The Chair summarised points from a report which is attached to these minutes:

- There are no bad debtors. The Village Hall Manager reported that both January and February saw income exceed expenditure (by £297 in total). In the nine months from 1st April 2022 income has exceeded running costs by £3,200.
- All servicing is up to date. There have been repairs to the leak in the shower in the Ref's toilet, leaking toilet pan in the gent's WC and the heating system.

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- An Electrical Installation Condition Report has been carried out which identified that the fuse board need upgrading. The Village Hall Manager has obtained a quote of £885 + VAT for this work. Cllrs agreed to accept this quote as the work needed to be carried out immediately due to potential insurance implications.
- No response has been received from Buriton Tennis Club as to whether they wish to continue using the Ref's toilet. Cllrs agreed that this will continue at £1 per day. **Action: Clerk to chase.**
- Changing Rooms – Cllrs were reminded that alternative use for this facility is still required.
- Executive Windows – despite being chased on a regular basis there has been not response to getting the identified snagging repairs completed. Cllrs felt that due to the aftercare service any other work by this firm would need to be considered carefully. It was also felt that a longer retainer should be kept for any further improvement projects. Cllr Mocatta agreed to chase Executive Windows for the outstanding works. **Action: Cllr Mocatta**
- Cllrs considered the further potential works to the Village Hall to use the £50,000 SDNPA CIL award. They felt that solar panels on both sides of the roof could be considered. It was also felt that a quote could be obtained for insulating the roof from the inside rather than removing the roof to carry out the work. It was agreed that a working party be formed to look at the proposals in detail and report back.
- Hallmaster – This is now live and will shortly be accessible from the community website. **Action: Cllr Stevens and Ali Martin.** It was also agreed that a step-by-step guide be included so that people can book via this system. A separate cost code has been set up for this expense.
- Cleaning – as people can now book on-line there may be times where bookings flow straight after so that there is no time for cleaning. It was agreed that there needs to be a buffer time after parties and that the cleaner be informed of bookings. **Action: Cllr Stevens to liaise with the Hall Manager**
- Playground – The signage on the zipwire has been reinstated. Cllrs agreed to accept the quote for the repairs to the tunnel mound and to the gateway area. They also agreed to obtain quotes to replace the climbing unit and the tower unit which had been relocated from the old play area. This replacement equipment could be funded from some of the allocated CIL money from the Greenway Lane development with some also ear-marked for next steps at the village hall. **Action: Clerk.**
- Table Tennis Table: Sawscape have provided the information to satisfy the insurers. However, clarification is needed of the use of Astro which has been mentioned in recent emails from Paul Evans. A contractor has been identified to extend the concrete pad. Cllrs wanted to ensure that the contractor has public liability insurance. **Action: Clerk.**
- Cllrs noted that there is two more years of the grounds maintenance contract left.

9. Planning

The Chair summarised points from a report which is attached to these minutes:

- Horsechestnut Farm – This has now been approved but access is not from The Causeway and for the stables not to be used on a commercial basis.
- Re-Charge One – the appeal has been heard with the outcome to be known at some stage.
- Telecommunications structure adjacent to Kiln Lane – appeal in progress
- The Asset of Community Value has been granted for The Nest.
- Butser Lime Works – measures are in place to preserve the Lime Kilns but will need to be closely monitored by the Parish Council in the years ahead.
- Greenway Lane Development – There are lots of issues surrounding the development. A number of complaints have been received from parishioners about contractor parking in Glebe Road, there have been email exchanges with the developer. Information has been sent to the Enforcement Team at SDNPA. Cllrs agreed to the comments concerning the discharge of conditions relating to hard landscaping and planting.
- Greenway Park proposed development – a public meeting has been held in Petersfield to showcase the Greenway Park development proposals. Cllrs Jones, Johnston and Stevens

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together with Jonathan Jones (Buriton VDS) had met with the team at the proposed site. There has been no indication of a pre-application consultation. Cllrs agreed to contact the developer's agent to ask for the results from the public consultation. **Action: Cllr Jones**

- Review of South Downs Local Plan – comments are due by 6th April 2023.
- Open Space and Settlement Facilities Assessments for SDNPA – Cllrs agreed to the comments as previously circulated.
- Comments have been fed into the East Hampshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.
- Cllrs agreed to the following comments on current planning applications:
 - SDNP/23/00718/TCA – Fell Leylandii trees at Karnten House – no objection but the trees should be replaced with suitable native species planted in the same location.
 - SDNP/23/00580/LIS – Listed building consent for internal wall at Trinity Flint Barn, Weston – no objection
 - SDNP/23/00709/HOUS – Replacement doors and windows with similar but double glazed units at 2 Monks Walk – support the principal of introducing energy saving features and has no objection to this application. It should be borne in mind that Buriton lies within the SDNPA's International Dark Skies Reserve, and is a very sensitive location in the pinch point linking the major areas of the reserve. It is vital that any light spillage or pollution and so new glass should use low transmissible glass to ensure that light pollution is minimised.
 - SDNP/23/00952/DCOND – land at Greenway Lane. Discharge of conditions 11 (hard landscaping) and 12 (planting) – Cllrs agreed to reiterate comments previously submitted.
- Cllrs agreed to hold a Planning Meeting on 26th April 2023 to look at recently submitted applications including SDNP/23/00647/HOUS where the applicants are known to parish councillors and declarations of interest will need to be made.

10. Work for Lengthsman & Highway Issues

The new agreement for the Lengthsman Scheme has been signed and submitted for 2023/24. Cllrs identified that the ditch opposite The Nest at the bottom of Kiln Lane needs to be removed of debris. There is also some graffiti that needs to be removed from a number of sites in the village.

Action: Clerk.

Highways – Cllrs reported bad potholes in the High Street, outside The Nest and towards Nursted. Cllr Mocatta will report these but suggested that the defects should be reported via the on-line system.

11. Rights of Way

The Chair summarised points from a report which is attached to these minutes:

- Removing the remaining stiles in the parish – details have been sent to Megan Cledwyn, HCC, of the locations. Grants may be available to replace these stiles.
- Condition of Hangers Way – Megan is contacting SDNPA to see if one of the volunteer teams can help clear the path.
- BOATs – placing gates on closed BOATs during the winter has been successful but it has pushed the vehicles to those not closed off by gates. It was noted that Cllr Mocatta supports the installation of gates on BOATs 18 and 19.
- Network Rail parking – the matter of contractor vehicles being parked under the railway bridge on the Hangers Way/Shipwrights Way again has been drawn to the attention of HCC.

12. Update on Trees, Pollinators, Biodiversity and Climate Change Initiatives

The Chair highlighted points from a long report which is attached to these minutes:

- Cllrs have been asked to encourage people to come along to the Buriton's B-Earth Day Celebrations on Saturday 22nd April 2023.

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- Cllr Mocatta will provide an update as to whether EHDC/HCC are participating in No Mow May.
- Thermal Imaging Surveys – a survey was carried out on the Village Hall before the improvements, it was agreed that this should be done again.
- Swift Boxes – these are due to be put up around the village on 20th & 21st April 2023.
- Network Rail – they are supporting plans not to spray or cut back along the track.

13. Correspondence

The list of correspondence received is attached to these minutes

- Phone kiosk – Cllrs thanked Michelle Robinson for taking volunteering to turn the kiosk into a book library.
- A response has been received regarding the proposed waste water pipeline which will run from the Buriton works to Petersfield. The information was noted and there were no comments at this stage although the work may mean some road closures.
- Email from Jamie Lister – Cllrs agreed to reply explaining that there was sympathy for his concerns about dog poo which are also increasingly common on streets in the village and on the recreation ground. It was noted that the Parish Council had already discussed the matter with Mrs Shone and has also been engaging advice and assistance from EH Commercial Services Ltd. In the circumstances it was felt that there was nothing further that the Parish Council could do. **Action: Clerk**
- Parking in Glebe Road – many complaints have been received about the parking of contractor vehicles in Glebe Road from the development. Cllrs agreed to write to Imperial Homes re the situation. Cllr Mocatta agreed to follow this up with SDNPA. **Action: Cllr Jones & Cllr Mocatta.** Cllr Mocatta suggested to make contact with Lucy Whittle who liaises with contractors of large developers on behalf of the community.

14. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 15th May 2023 which will include the Annual Parish Meeting.

At the conclusion of business the meeting ended at 9.30pm.

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Chair's Update Report (March 2023)

This will be my last update report as I am not standing for election in May and will be retiring as a Parish Councillor. I first joined the Council in 1998 and I would like to record thanks to everybody that I've worked with over the years: councillors, clerks and others. This report provides some updates on initiatives discussed at previous meetings and some information from recent events:

Buriton's Wednesday Winter Warmers

The pilot scheme which started on 25th January was extended with three further events to 15th March. Run jointly with St Mary's PCC, the events appear to have met a need and it is understood that the church will now re-introduce its drop-in events which it has hosted in previous years.

Litter-picking and Fly-tipping

A very successful community litter picking event took place on 25 February with over 50 volunteers. Thanks go to Adam & Hannah Griffiths for hosting the event again, to Norse for hi-vis waistcoats, bin bags and litter-picking sticks and there was support from EHDC too. There has been an increase in fly-tipping incidents again with the bend on Greenway Lane being a favoured place. It has been suggested to EHDC that it may be worth considering new approaches to this location (perhaps hidden cameras or removing the layby area completely).

Throw Line Cabinets at the village pond

EHDC own, manage and have full responsibility for the village pond. Following an incident in Solihull last year in which four boys who fell through the ice on a frozen lake died from drowning, EHDC decided that it should install some life-saving equipment at the village pond in case anyone ever gets in danger in the water. Two visible throw-line cabinets have recently been installed.

Feedback from EHAPTC Meeting of 8th March

- Dawn Hamblet of HALC summarised their support, advice and training services (including availability of legal advice for Parish Councils). They'll be providing induction packs to Clerks to help with the forthcoming elections. HALC appears to be a good value-for-money service.
- HCC's Cllr Russell Oppenheimer summarised four topics: a Forest Partnership and tree-planting initiatives; progress on BOATs where it is hoped that HCC will get CIL funding from SDNPA to install gates etc to enforce more winter closures (there will be a Byways Report to his Decision Day in a few months); there could be more 20mph zones in the county but they would need to be accompanied by community funded measures to slow traffic down (more details likely in June); and liaison with Government about a devolution deal to obtain more decision-making powers and enhance the current Local Government funding arrangements
- EHDC's Cllr Keith Budden referred to five issues: apologising for the poor refuse collections and explaining that things should now have turned a corner; reminding Parishes about EHDC's major Spring Clean initiative; explaining that there would be Planning Training for parishes in June; that their move from Penns Place to New Barn in Bedford Road should take place by the end of May; and summarising the forthcoming Local Election dates and processes. He also said that his Parish Liaison role was identifying a number of issues about Affordable Housing.
- There was an agenda item about BOATs where it was generally agreed that this year's temporary winter closures with gates seemed to be working better than when there had not been gates but that other nearby BOATs that were not covered by the temporary winter closures were suffering more badly. Langrish and others stressed the importance of all parishes continuing to work together on this matter so as to gradually reduce the attractiveness of East Hampshire for motorised users from many miles away. Gathering evidence of damage could be helpful but there are other grounds for closing BOATs, including dangers to pedestrians etc.

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EHDC Report **March 2023**

1. EHDC Spring clean

One week in and our Spring Clean teams have already made a massive difference to the parts of the district they have visited. The campaign launched on 1 March and saw extra resources ploughed into street scene teams over the next couple of months to get the district looking fantastic. Crews from service providers Norse SE and from EHDC will roll across East Hampshire litter-picking, road-sweeping, pulling up weeds and generally tidying up prominent places around the district. They have already visited Petersfield, Horndean and Grayshott, battling through rain and icy weather, and there's plenty more to come. The extra work is being carried out through more boots on the ground and more mechanical sweepers cleaning the roads and kerb-sides. All this extra work has been made possible through our transition to a new service arrangement which brings control back to East Hampshire District Council.

2. Finances

This year the Government allowed councils to increase Council Tax by up to 3 per cent but EHDC are planning an increase of just 2 per cent. The £2.4 million increase in costs, largely down to inflation, has been tackled in several ways. A transformation process - a concerted effort to re-shape services and devise new, more efficient ways to deliver them - is expected to save £500,000 in efficiencies, with more to come. Successful cash investments have reaped another £500,000, and the same sum again will be saved in staffing costs thanks to the separation from Havant Borough Council.

Cllr Charles Louisson, EHDC Portfolio Holder for Finance, said: "These are challenging financial times for us all and it has been a difficult task to create a budget that manages the increases in our costs and allows us to meet our welfare ambitions while not placing a financial burden on our residents. Our Council Tax increase of two per cent will gather a further £150,000 to the council, every penny of which will go towards our raft of new welfare projects. We have also made Council Tax repayments easier for residents by offering the option to pay in 12 monthly instalments instead of ten, reducing the monthly payment by about 15 per cent."

The welfare schemes will include funding for:-

- Outreach workers who will attend luncheon clubs, community centres, GP surgeries and other village and town organisations to speak about the help on offer for residents. Supporting foodbanks, emergency heating projects & schemes to provide essential white goods.
- Community Transport, EDHC in partnership with Community First will provide an East Hants Health & Wellbeing bus for residents, particularly those in rural areas, to provide transport to medical appointments or welfare services.
- EHDC will be partnering with Everyone Active to offer up to 500 Children free access to a 12-week course of swimming lessons.
- The "Lets get East Hants Green" campaign being launched later in the year, is intended to inspire young people to connect with nature, this will include habitat creation kits for schoolchildren to grow food and improve biodiversity.
- Also Ten speed cameras for villages where traffic speeds are a problem

3. Fruit tree in every garden

EHDC was very pleased to work with [Petersfield Climate Action Network](#)'s 'A Fruit Tree In Every Garden' project returned this winter – and it is growing faster than ever.

Supported by grants from East Hampshire District Council and Petersfield Town Council the scheme sees PeCAN distribute trees for residents to plant in their own gardens. Over the previous two winters PeCAN handed over 380 fruit trees in Petersfield, but this year alone it has sold 570

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trees for gardens across East Hampshire! That's 950 trees in total, so far. A big step towards EHDC's [goal of seeing 120,000 trees planted](#) in the district.

Working in partnership with [Alton Climate Action Network](#), Liphook Climate Action Network, [Petersfield Community Garden](#) and [Rowlands Castle Gardening Club](#), PeCAN was able to offer the choice of four collection points this year, so the whole district could benefit from subsidised trees.

The trees would usually cost over £30 plus delivery but thanks to funding from East Hampshire District Council and Petersfield Town Council, the trees were available for only £15, including a stake and information on how to plant and care for your tree.

The scheme has proved so popular that 13 EHDC councillors provided grants totalling £6,450, and a further £3,541 was contributed from the council's Climate and Environment budget. Petersfield Town Council also donated a further £2,200.

EHDC has pledged to see 120,000 trees planted in the district, that's one for every resident. So far agreements are in place for more than 56,000 trees in East Hampshire thanks to the scheme, and programmes like PeCAN's mean more and more are planted every day.

The press release on the project include a quote from me as I'm EHDC's Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Prosperity "This has been an incredibly successful project and brilliantly run by PeCAN. Planting trees is a fantastic way of improving the environment as they capture carbon and enhance biodiversity. It's so important that we get this message into the community and this programme is a great way of doing that. As part of our Climate and Environment work we have promised to see 120,000 trees planted in East Hampshire, one for every resident, so I am delighted we have been able to support PeCAN's '*A Fruit Tree In Every Garden*' project with grants from across the council."

The types of trees available include apple, pear, plum, cherry and ornamental cherry and were sourced from local nursery [Blackmoor Fruit Farm](#). The trees are two years old and approximately 1.5 metres tall, growing to 2-3 metres when mature.

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Update from Hampshire County Council

March 2023

1. 2023/24 budget approved

Hampshire County Council's £2.6bn spending plans for 2023/24 have been approved. Its council tax precept for the financial year beginning 1 April 2023, will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care, in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,460.25 for a Band D property – an increase of £69.45 per year or approximately £1.34 a week.

Capital budget projects totaling £645.3m over the next three years include:

- £175m investment in new and extended school buildings to provide school places for children in Hampshire, giving a total of 18,874 new school places by September 2025.
- £142m for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges.
- £103m of Integrated Transport Plan schemes including £58m of schemes focused on walking and cycling improvements.
- £0.3m funding towards the County Council's Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Programme as part of our response to the challenge of climate change.

Leader of the County Council, Councillor Rob Humby, said: *"Each year, the County Council is tested to the limits in continuing to deliver a balanced budget, which is required by law. Planning for this upcoming financial year has been no different, and we have had to navigate further intense pressures resulting from the cost-of-living crisis, inflation and workforce pressures which are pushing up costs, and growing demand in key areas such as social care for the most vulnerable children and adults in our communities – which far outweighs available Government funding."*

"We are also acutely aware of the very difficult decisions Hampshire residents face in their own household budgets to make ends meet, but reluctantly, in order to help deliver a balanced budget for 2023/24, we have no other choice but to increase the council tax precept. This is a decision we have not taken lightly. But even after this increase, we are still left with a £50.8 million shortfall in our revenue budget which we will have to fill using our reserves – built to buffer this and next year's anticipated budget shortfalls.

The increase will generate £37m of vital extra income towards the delivery of crucial, high performing services to the people of Hampshire in 2023/24, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

2. Schools

More than 97 per cent of parents in Hampshire have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2023, with 90 per cent offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 15,400 on-time applications this year – an increase of 418 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2022 (14,982).

Parents and carers who have not secured a place at one of their preferred secondary schools this year are urged to please visit HCC's [website](#) for advice and guidance on their options. The Admissions Team is busy processing primary school applications with school place offers due to go out to parents on 17 April 2023.

An interesting point to note - at the time of the implementation of the SEN Reforms in 2014, Hampshire County Council was supporting around 5,000 children with special educational

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needs. Since the reforms, this figure has risen to over 15,000 children. Such increases do place significant pressure on local authorities' ability to provide support.

3. Parish lengthsman scheme

The County Council's parish lengthsman scheme has been maintained for the coming financial year. The modern role of Parish Lengthsman was reintroduced in Hampshire in 2010, in order to give communities more say in how their local area is maintained.

The scheme funds a local 'lengthsman' to carry out straightforward and low risk maintenance activities on footways, highways, and rights of way. The work mainly involves jobs that can have a big impact, such as ditch clearing, hedge cutting and sign cleaning. The scheme has since been successful in giving 186 local parish and town councils an opportunity to prioritise and deliver their own small scale highway maintenance works that will be of high value locally.

4. Grants to fight rural crime

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Donna Jones, has announced a fund to award grants to help tackle rural crime, supporting initiatives to reduce rural crime or support victims. The application window closes at 2pm on Friday 21 April 2023 and successful applications will be announced in mid to late May 2023. Applications can be made at <https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-together/funding/apply-for-funding>.

Donna Jones has presented her budget plan for the years 2023-24. She had previously pledged to increase police numbers by 600 and is on track to recruit these by the end of March. Her new budget has added an additional 50 officers to these numbers, to be funded through the police precept of council tax.

She has also announced that the Police station will return to Petersfield Square.

5. Consultation on post-16 transport policy

The County Council has launched its annual consultation on the Post-16 Transport Policy. This policy outlines the provision of transport for young people over the age of 16 with special needs or disabilities, who require additional support to access education or training suitable to their needs.

The consultation includes an opportunity to comment on the proposed increase in the parental contribution by 27.1%, in line with the increased costs of running the service. This increase is being driven by national driver shortages, a limited number of transport operators on the market, and an increase in fuel prices. Families in receipt of income-based free school meals and certain means-tested benefits will not be required to pay an annual charge.

The consultation will run for a period of six weeks until 11:59pm on Sunday 2 April, please visit the [Hampshire County Council website](https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/safer-together/funding/apply-for-funding) for details.

6. Coronation grants

A new grant window for Hampshire County Councillors will open from 1st to 21st April. 'Member's Grants for the Coronation' will offer grants up to £1k to support local events. You can see details at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>. This is part of the normal HCC councillor grant process, but is opening specially as the date of May 1 would not give enough time.

7. Traffic Management

From 1st April 2023 the county council will take back traffic management and on-street parking functions from the District/Borough Councils. On street parking functions within the City of Winchester will revert to the county on 1st October and off-street parking will remain the responsibility of the District/Boroughs.

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Village Hall and Recreation Report for PC Meeting: 27 March 2023

This report provides updates on a number of matters since the last Parish Council meeting:

- The Hall Manager has reported that there are no bad debtors, that all servicing is up to date and that the general level of bookings remains healthy. In January and February November and December expenditure exceeded income by £297. In the eleven months from 1st April income has exceeded running costs by £3,200.
- The Hall Manager arranged for a leak in the shower in the Referee's Toilet to be fixed in February, for a leaking toilet pan in the gent's loo to be repaired, for the heating system to be repaired in March (when one of the valves failed) and has confirmed that December's outside leak has been capped off internally.
- A full Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) was carried out in March throughout the village hall and changing rooms by Petersfield Electrical Solutions. This report, which is valid for five years, checks that everything is safe with no risks of causing fires or electric shocks. A few things required remedial work which has been undertaken and a light in a store room which was not working has been replaced. Two external lights were also not working, requiring replacing.
- A request has been received to hold a charity dog show on a Sunday in June or July. The main requirements would be outdoor space on the recreation ground, parking and access to toilets. Information has been provided to the group but nothing further has yet been heard.
- The Tennis Club has been asked whether or not they wish to continue hiring the referee's toilet from 1st April at a fee of £365pa. Any response can be reported at the meeting.
- A set of master keys has now been provided to be kept by someone in the village and views are sought on where / how to have a key safe: perhaps on the outside of the hall and/or a key being left at one of the village pubs. Comments from the insurers were being sought
- Since completion of the project by Executive Windows a small number of issues have been raised with the company which have yet to be resolved: the main door often fails to shut properly allowing heat to leak out; cost estimates to install insulation in the roof had been requested; and photographs of the new damp-proof course installed and of the new insulation behind the new cladding had been expected. In addition it is now possible to see light (and therefore draughts) getting in through both sets of external doors in the main hall as the doors have dropped slightly. Executive Windows have agreed to rectify these faults and the Parish Clerk continues to chase them for all these actions.
- Damage has also been found to the door restrictors which are supposed to limit the doors to open only to 90 degrees so as not to bang against the external brickwork. Almost all of them have been broken: 3 of the 4 of them wrenched off/out. Consequently the hinges of the doors have been rubbing against the brickwork. Some considerable force must have been required to do this damage (not just gusts of wind) and so Executive Windows are due to propose some new ways of holding the doors open (but preventing them being forced back beyond 90 degrees) with an accompanying cost estimate.
- Andy van den Broeke is continuing to assemble information towards a detailed, ordered plan of next steps for the village hall (drawing upon the Buildpass audit, the Project Solar report and the ARC infrared heating assessment) so that the Parish Council can apply for further grant funding if/as required. The £50,000 CIL award from SDNPA is being held for 3 years and next steps could include roof insulation, a potential 12kw solar PV array, two fast-charge EV charging points, enhanced lighting controls, point-of-use hot water heaters and water efficiency measures etc.

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- An estimate has been received from Executive Windows to re-roof the entire village hall, checking for any rotten timber and replacing where required, installing new 100mm Celotex (or equivalent) insulation board between existing timber structure, installing breathable roof felt and new fibre cement roof slates: £97,000 + VAT. This does not include any solar panels.
- A Solar PV Quotation of £39,014 + VAT has been obtained from ARC Thermal Products
- ARC Thermal Products had previously provided an estimate for an Infrared heating system of £23,509.19 + VAT
- Following the successful transition to on-line banking and the trial of an on-line 'Hallmaster' booking system for the village hall Cllr Stevens is liaising with Ali Martin to merge the Hallmaster system into the community website.
- Observations suggest that general usage of the play equipment continues satisfactorily with regular inspections by Cllr Wheeler and signage in the play area relating to the ages that can use the zipwire has been reinstated
- Following an inspection by Sawscapes Play a quote has been received for the repair of the tunnel mound (£425 + VAT) and Councillors are asked to consider this expenditure and make a decision
- Following discussions at previous PC Meetings a quotation (for budgeting purposes) has been sought from Sawscapes for play equipment to replace the 'climbing unit' and the 'tower unit' which are both 18 years old (relocated from the Council's previous play area) and which both regularly require minor maintenance. It may now be possible to replace these two units (either with two new structures or with one combined unit) utilising some of the anticipated CIL funding from the new housing on Greenway Lane whilst still allocating some of the CIL funding towards future works at the village hall. Another potential company who may be able to provide a quotation for this work might be Natural Playscapes (Sussex)
- It is possible that funding to help maintain the playground could be obtained via a QR code at the park and on the website to enable people (including families who do not live in the parish) to make donations; and Cllr Coates had also suggested a potential fundraising event in the summer.
- Progress with the outdoor table tennis project since the last PC meeting is as follows:
 - Sawscapes replied to the Parish Clerk's query about information to satisfy our insurers on February 7th saying that they "can confirm that from a safety perspective the concrete slab area by the tennis courts is suitable for a table tennis table to be situated on. These types of table tennis tables are situated in many public open spaces and require minimal maintenance. The item is not a play item so doesn't fall under the same legislation as playground equipment. The area will need to be cleaned down before the table tennis table is situated. We also discussed that the concrete surface isn't as wide it could be and doesn't provide enough space to walk around but as this isn't the intended way the item should be used it doesn't pose a risk. However once installed and being used the council may find that the surround grass starts to wear due to the additional foot traffic and therefore may wish to extend the width of the concrete surface by approx. 1 metre."
 - This information was passed to the Tennis Club the following day and their Chair, Catherine Murphy, replied on 16th February to say: "That is no problem, we will ensure that the area is cleaned before it is installed."

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- On 6th March an update from the Tennis Club (Paul Evans) was received explaining that he was arranging to widen the concrete base to 3.5metres and had already cut back the grass around the area. He asked if there was any confirmation for the insurance
- A reply was sent to Paul on 19th March explaining that the insurance matter had been covered in the message to Catherine on 8th February
- Paul replied the same day to say that he now felt that a “green grass looking Astro” base would look better than a concrete surface and concluded by saying: “I’ll proceed to the next phase and get it all sorted.”
- In another message Paul has explained that any excess soil “would be carefully dispersed around the tree area” and that if the Parish Council are happy and have the written documentation for insurance he will get a price for the Astro and then secure the extra money needed to do this.
- Petra has replied to Paul explaining that the Parish Council had been expecting a bare concrete base, and that is what the Sawscapes letter (for insurance purposes) had assessed. If he is now proposing to do something which differs from the bare (but cleaned) existing concrete base then we may need to make further checks about insurance (in case Astro laid upon the concrete were to become more of trip hazard etc). There may also be an issue about who would be responsible for maintaining the Astro
- any further reply from Paul can be reported at the PC meeting
- Updates about nature projects in the margins of the Recreation Ground are reported elsewhere on this agenda although it should be noted that some wildflower plug plants (and new hedging) have been planted in the long-grass margins and that these should be taken into account in forthcoming grass cutting arrangements.

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Buriton Parish Council: Planning Report: 27th March 2023

To be read in conjunction with the Planning section of the meeting of 30th January 2023.

Updates on current planning matters

SDNP/21/00956/FUL. Farm track access from Horsechestnut Farm onto the Causeway (B2070), Petersfield. Application Approved. This application has changed significantly in as much as there is no longer vehicular access across the cycle way from the Causeway forming a part of this decision.

SDNP/21/03220/DCOND Discharge of Conditions 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 24 and 27 of Planning Approval SDNP/20/01535/FUL, Butser Hill Lime Works Ltd, Butser Hill, Buriton, GU31 5BQ. Application Approved

SDNP/21/06431/FUL: Application from Recharge One for eco pods, shops and electric charging points on land at A3 junction (Greenway Lane / Causeway).
The appeal has now been heard and we await the outcome.

SDNP/22/02272/LDC The Hopkiln, Weston Lane. Decision pending.

SDNP/22/03785/HOUS: replacement annex at Whistlers, South Lane: Application in progress

SDNP/22/04352/DCOND: Discharge of Conditions 28, 30 and 31 of Planning Approval SDNP/20/01535/FUL at Butser Hill Lime Works. Decision pending. Application determined. Split decision. Condition 28, Lime kilns still to be monitored.

The latest decision about discharging planning conditions at this site (SDNP/22/04352/DCOND) includes details about retaining and conserving at least some parts of the ancient Lime Kilns. The Parish Council has often raised concerns about losing these non-designated heritage assets and the Conservation Officer also sought more information. It has now been established that the kilns are currently fenced off and on site traffic is restricted to 10mph with further care taken when passing the kilns to ensure that there is no vibration. Some vegetation has already been removed to ensure the protection of the kilns and new vegetation is removed every week to ensure the kilns are retained in their current condition. This ongoing maintenance will continue until the completion of the restoration. A tree has affected the right kiln and its removal will commence after a safety assessment nearer to the time of restoration. It is proposed that a safety inspection will be carried out 18 months prior to the completion of the final restoration phase, under the supervision of a Heritage Specialist. Details of the proposed enhancements are to be provided, in writing, to the South Downs National Park Authority within 12 months of the final stage of the completion of the restoration for approval of ongoing maintenance, final retention and proposed enhancements. It is proposed that enhancement works would then be undertaken: the kilns would not be removed and then rebuilt, instead the left one would be retained and enhanced. On this basis the Planning Authority has decided that the submitted information is sufficient to partially discharge this Condition (number 28),

SDNP/21/05482/PA16: Proposed 15m Telecommunications structure adjacent to Kiln Lane.
Appeal against refusal in progress.

SDNP/22/05356/LDP: Application for a lawful development certificate for a swimming Pool at Copyhold Cottage, Copyhold Lane, Weston. Application Approved

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SDNP/22/05357/CND: Application to vary conditions 2 and 3 of SDNP/22/01478/HOUS to allow for alternative materials finish, window placements and other minor alterations to the appearance of the extension and to amend plans. Application Approved

SDNP/22/06002/HOUS Garth Cottage, High Street. Application in Progress.

ACV registration at The Nest: The ACV has been granted.

Greenway Park proposed development.

There has been a public meeting held in Petersfield to showcase the Greenway Park development proposals. This was attended by many villagers (although it would certainly have attracted more if it was held in Buriton) and gave an early view of the proposed Hotel and cycle hire plans.

Subsequent to this Doug Jones, Maggie Johnston, Sarah Stevens and Jonathan Jones met with various members of the Greenway Park team on the site to further be informed of their plans.

There are no planning applications at present although submissions are likely by the summer.

Items for discussion at this meeting:

Review of South Downs Local Plan: the National Park Authority is commencing a review of its Local Plan and will be consulting Parish Councils on a number of topics.

Open Space and Settlement Facilities Assessments for SDNPA

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) has recently commenced a Review of its Local Plan. As part of this exercise it is carrying out an Open Space Assessment and an updated assessment of Settlement Facilities across the National Park. It is asking Parish Councils to provide information for both of these assessments by 6th April.

The Open Space assessments will help to inform the review of policies SD45 (Green Infrastructure) and SD46 (Provision and protection of open space, sports and recreational facilities and burial grounds) in the Adopted South Downs Local Plan. SDNPA has provided a pro-forma for completion, seeking information about each publicly accessible Open Space in each parish. For Buriton these would appear to be the Recreation Ground (with Playground etc) and the Cemetery in South Lane.

Questions ask for information about what is good and bad about these open spaces and the following comments may be appropriate: The Recreation Ground has a good setting with adequate space; it is now part of SDNPA's Call for Nature Sites and BeeLines projects; Play equipment was installed in 2018; it is adjacent to the village hall; and it has a car park and cycle parking. On the downside: it is expensive to maintain, attracting many visitors from beyond the parish boundaries who make no contribution to its upkeep; it carries a risk as a site for unauthorised traveller encampment: it is adjacent to main London to Portsmouth Rail Line; and there is often mis-use of play equipment and dog-fouling which is almost impossible to enforce. Comments / confirmation from Councillors are sought.

The assessment of Settlement Facilities will assist in understanding the relative sustainability of settlements and will inform decisions about the provision of future housing, helping to focus development within established and well connected settlements.

The assessment covers the following facilities and services: childcare & education provision; local shops; transport services; health facilities; and community facilities. Parish Councils are also asked

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to indicate if facilities are available in a neighbouring settlement within a short distance for walking / cycling. Responses to these questions appear to be very factual, prospectively as follows: no nursery or pre-school provision; one or more primary schools; no secondary school provision; no local shop; no regular bus service (their definition is: at least an hourly bus service that operates during peak hours); no train station; an active travel route connecting to a settlement within 5km; no EV charging; no GP surgery or pharmacy; one or more community/village hall; one or more playgrounds; some high speed fibre broadband coverage; one other community facility. Comments / confirmation from Councillors are sought.

Construction of 10 new homes at Greenway Lane: Following the commencement of work a number of residents have reported that the contractors are parking in Glebe Road and taking up valuable car parking spaces. This is causing conflict and the Parish Council has informed the Planning Enforcement Officers of the situation as parking on site was a part of the planning approval conditions.

East Hampshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

An on-line workshop on 8th March provided an opportunity to feed in comments on improving routes for cyclists and pedestrians: what routes might be important, what barriers currently exist etc. Our Parish Council representative highlighted Greenway Lane; the Causeway (from the end of Bolinge Hill Lane into / out of Petersfield); and the B2146 (Stanbridge to Hurst) all of which have been discussed regularly at our PC meetings. HCC will now try to identify priority places and potential solutions and will consult on their findings later in the year.

Planning applications for consideration at this meeting and for future meetings:

SDNP/23/00718/TCA. Fell 2 Leylandii trees at Karnten House. Response due by 30/03/23.

SDNP/23/00580/LIS. Listed Building Consent for internal wall at Trinity Flint Barn, Weston
Response due by 3/4/23

SDNP/23/00709/HOUS. Replacement doors and windows with similar but double glazed units. 2, Monks Walk.
Response due by 10/4/23

SDNP/23/00952/DCOND. Land at Greenway lane. Discharge of conditions 11(hard landscaping) and 12 (Planting). Response due by 17/04/23

SDNP/23/00647/HOUS. Single storey Side Extension at 12 Sumner Road.
Response due by 26/4/23.

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Rights of Way report for PC Meeting: 27th March 2023

Removing the remaining stiles in the parish ('Stile-free in 23')

Following the decisions at the last Parish Council meeting, details of the remaining stiles were sent to Megan Cledwyn (HCC's Community Engagement Ranger) so that she could approach each of the landowners. The five stiles are:

- 3 in the Weston part of the parish: one at Weston farmhouse and two near Mapledurham House
- 1 at Bolinge Hill Farm (near the steps up from Bolinge Hill Lane)
- 1 north of Woodcroft where the path from Head Down meets the road.

It was explained that the Parish Council would plan to apply for grant funding to purchase the kissing gates and ask one of the HCC or SDNPA volunteer work parties to install them.

Megan replied on 10th February saying that she is more than happy to reach out to the landowners in a bid to have Buriton stile free in '23 and that she had already started to identify them. No further updates have been received.

During the recent site meeting about the potential 80-bedroom hotel, Parish Councillors met the owner of the land with the 2 stiles near to Mapledurham House and broached the subject of replacing them with kissing gates. His reaction was positive and so this can be followed up.

Condition of the Hangers Way

On 17th February the organiser of the Petersfield Walking Festival wrote to Cllr Mocatta to highlight "the parlous state of the Hangers Way and how Petersfield can't claim to be a gateway/springboard to the South Downs without a decent path linking it to the South Downs Way." She explained that in winter the Hangers Way is a mud bath before it reaches Buriton and in summer patches of it are very overgrown. She added: "I personally avoid it like the plague" and asked for it to be "flagged up as a path worthy of some attention. It's a terrible introduction to Petersfield especially as many walkers prefer to follow named paths rather than going on less well-used footpaths."

We know that in Buriton walkers using the Hangers Way from the north can arrive with blood running down their legs in the summer months (because they're walking in shorts but brambles (and nettles) are long) and those wearing long trousers can emerge soaking wet (in dry conditions) because the long vegetation is wet from overnight rain etc.

As one of HCC's promoted long distance routes, their ranger team cuts the vegetation back every year but nettles and brambles can grow back more quickly than they can keep on top of them. Megan Cledwyn is contacting the National Park to see if one of their volunteer teams can assist.

Byways Open to All Traffic

As reported elsewhere on this agenda, the recent meeting of the East Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils (EHAPTC) discussed this issue as many parishes experience problems similar to those in this parish. Feedback from elsewhere suggested that this year's temporary winter closures with gates seemed to be working better than when there had not been gates but that other nearby BOATs that were not covered by the temporary winter closures were suffering more badly. All parish councils were encouraged to continue to work together on this matter so as to gradually reduce the attractiveness of East Hampshire for motorised users from many miles away. Gathering evidence of damage could be helpful but there are other grounds for closing BOATs, including dangers to pedestrians etc.

Following the last meeting of the Parish Council, a message was sent to Cllr Oppenheimer at HCC supporting his application for CIL funding from SDNPA for the costs of more gates and their

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installation and asking for swift action on Buriton's BOATs 18 and 19 and on all BOATs in the district.

Cllr Mocatta has written to HCC's staff supporting the installation of gates on BOATs 18/19 and for these routes to be added to the winter closure list.

Network Rail parking

There have been further reports of Network Rail parking vehicles on the Hangers Way / Shipwrights Way underneath the railway bridge beyond South - almost blocking the route, at the bottom of the steep descent where parking can present problems for fast-moving cyclists. As in 2022, they seem to pick school holiday periods when many more youngsters and families are out in the countryside using their bikes on Bridleways like the Shipwrights Way.

The Parish Council has drawn this matter to the attention of HCC again as it is felt that it poses risks of causing nasty accidents and injuries. HCC have forwarded details to Network Rail reminding them to keep the path clear.

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Climate and Nature initiatives:

Report to Parish Council meeting (March 2023)

Updates since the last meeting can be summarised as follows:

Buriton's B-Earth Day Celebrations: Saturday 22 April (12noon – 4pm)

The team involved in the Climate Care and Nature initiatives has been continuing to organise an exciting and entertaining array of activities for the new form of village show on Saturday 22nd April:

- a big new family event with a range of activities, talks, stalls and demonstrations promoting nature, wildlife, pollinators and climate causes
- although there'll be a serious message behind the event, it is hoped that everyone will find it fun as well as interesting
- talks and demonstrations include a bug hunt on the recreation ground, seasonal cooking with Heinrich and energy saving tips from PeCAN as well as the official opening of the bug hotel
- there will be art activities for children, findings from the moth trap, face painting and displays of artwork from Buriton school as well as 'relove your stuff' activities and seedling swaps.

Activities throughout the year

The Climate Care & Nature team is hoping to ensure that there are events or activities each month:

- March: the 'Gardening for Wildlife' talk
- April: the B-Earth Day event
- May: No Mow May
- June: Coulter's Dean Open Day and a presence at the Farm Fun Day
- July: Open Gardens and a Swift Pint
- August: a Bat walk
- September: the annual Hay-Day and possible Litter Pick
- October: a Fungi walk
- November: a focus on energy costs, insulation and help for hedgehogs
- December: plastic free / natural Christmas decorations

The 'Gardening for Wildlife' talk by Melanie Oxley on 22 March was well-attended (40-50 people) and informative, sparking interaction and engagement amongst everyone. Melanie, who is a Trustee of PeCAN and the Wildlife Trust's 'Wilder' initiative, was full of praise for the activities in Buriton and the roles played by the Parish Council.

Relationships are being built with equivalent groups in Harting and the Eco-Rother Group as well as PeCAN. Representatives attended the County Council's 'Climate Action Event' in Winchester in February and EHDC's 'Get East Hants Green' event in Liss in March.

Climate Care

- In recent periods of cold, dry weather it has been possible to continue the Thermal Imaging Surveys of households wishing to discover ways of saving money by reducing their heating bills. The Parish Council's Thermal Imaging Camera has now been used to conduct surveys at 21 households with an impressive spread across most parts of the village: the High Street, Glebe Road, Sumner Road, Petersfield Road, North Lane, South Lane, Bones Lane, Heatherfield, Greenway Lane and New Barn Lane.
- A number of new volunteers have been trained to conduct these surveys so that more can be done towards the end of the year – potentially including some 'after' surveys to show the success of changes made in some homes.

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Hedge and Tree initiatives

- In addition to the successful application to HCC for new trees on highways land in Heatherfield, the six trees from the 'Trees for the Downs' scheme have now been planted by Cllr Johnston: at Halls Hill, the village pond, the junctions of Sumner/ Glebe Roads/ Petersfield Road, on the recreation ground and on the verge outside Tithe House opposite the new development
- On the recreation ground Paul Bushell (SDNPA) has kindly sourced and planted 60 mixed native (locally UK sourced) hedgerow whips of a foraging type (hazel, dog rose, blackthorn etc) with biodegradable guards and a layer of mulch to help them establish for a few years. This was one of the recommendations in his 'Call for Nature' sites report after his site visit in October 2022.
- Paul advises that it could be useful to give the hedge plants some water when we get into the dry spell in the summer (and possibly spring if it is very dry) and keep an eye on any excessive growth around the bases as well, although hopefully the mulch will hold most of that back.
- He also looked at the existing hedge and noticed that the contractors had flailed/cut the hedge very tight. He suggests that, ideally, it would be nice to see it breathe a little. The contractors could leave the cut line by at least 15cm or undertake a 3 year rotation. Otherwise, he feels that it may not flower and fruit. He would be happy to liaise with the contractors if helpful?

The 'Re-Naturing Call for Sites' initiative:

- In addition to the hedgerow whips, Paul Bushell (Western Downs Ranger, SDNPA) continues to provide helpful ideas and assistance for our project in the margins of the Recreation Ground
- As reported at the Parish Council meetings in November and January, he had suggested that some plug plants, added to the grass margins, could increase the diversity and also provide 'some 'quick wins', mainly for public perception and educational understanding
- He was able to deliver 208 plug plants in March and these have subsequently been planted.
- The aim is to get successional flowering, a variety of colours and as extended a flowering period as possible with taller species having been planted in the grass margins alongside the railway line and those preferring drier soils along the Kiln Lane borders
- The species planted were Agrimony, Dropwort, Lesser knapweed, Majoram, Red campion, White campion, Greater knapweed, Kidney vetch, Lady's bedstraw, Cowslip, Harebell and Bird's foot trefoil.
- This planting may help with our longer term aspirations with residents and visitors who will see a more instant result and gain a quicker 'buy in' to the longer term management aims
- SDNPA may also be able to part contribute towards some of the cost of interpretation materials in the future subject to involvement of their Comms team

BeeLines project on the Recreation Ground:

- The "cut & collect + scarify" visit by Idverde took place in December with Yellow Rattle seeds being sown soon thereafter
- Another 'cut & collect' mowing had been planned for early in 2023 (to become an annual operation at this time of year) but due to the unusual growing conditions this has not been done
- The plant surveys will be repeated in July, with a cut of the long grass in September, followed by our community hay-day (raking etc) again ...
- A separate payment from SDNPA may yet be forthcoming for interpretation signage after agreement of specification and placement. The intention would be to explain not only why the area looks different (to cater better for nature) but also to provide illustrations of the range of plants and creatures that people might observe: increasing awareness and encouraging families to do similar things in their own gardens to improve corridors for bees, pollinators and more.

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The HCC Pollinator Project:

- HCC's Andy Davidson has helped the Parish Council obtain a grant from the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC) to purchase a moth trap and he will provide some help with moth identification. The equipment should be available for the B-Earth Day Event.
- The grant is conditional upon subsequent records being made available to HBIC, either through the local species recording group or via iRecord or through their online spreadsheet. Details can be found [here](#) on the HBIC website. All the data is used to increase knowledge of Hampshire and to guide decisions on land use management and site designations.
- The new Countryside Project Officer for Pollinators in Andy Davidson's 'Nature Recovery' team, Karima Smith, visited the village on 9th March and met members of the Buriton group. She is keen to provide support and has a background in public engagement from working as the Lead Ranger for 'Bird Aware Solent' and at the Titchfield Haven reserve. She is arranging the next Pollinator Networking Session on Saturday 29th April (10am – 1pm) in Horndean.

Progress with other nature initiatives

- The installation of about 30 Swift boxes around the village (by Tim Norriss and colleagues from the Hampshire Swifts Charity) is due to take place on 20th & 21st April.
- Liaison with Network Rail representatives (Jack Wharton, Public Affairs Manager and two ecologists: Aline Gomes and Leo Hughes) reveals that whilst they will not be able to do any extensive work in the parish, they seem willing to support our plans (including not spraying or cutting back in certain locations etc). They have asked us to tell them some more about our proposals related to ecology, biodiversity and sustainability so that they could then ask their maintenance team to implement a management strategy to assist. Perhaps the most obvious location is the edge of the recreation ground where we are hoping that yellow rattle and the recent wildflower plug plants will gradually flourish (and any spray drift could ruin that aim) but the rail line could offer a corridor elsewhere in the parish (and potentially a barrier for species wishing to cross?). Any further ideas for feedback to Network Rail would be welcomed.

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Correspondence

Date	Details	Sender
1.2.23	Road closure notification Greenway Lane	Kevin Chappell, EHDC
2.2.23	Reply about exploring RTPI displays on bus routes	Jamie Matthews, Petersfield Town Council
2.2.23	Reply confirming that the brickwork surrounding each slab at Greenway Lane housing site is a technical breach of planning permission, but confirmed as necessary for setting damp proof course etc. No further construction will take place until the relevant Conditions are discharged and monitoring will continue.	Rob Campbell, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer, SDNPA
3.2.23	Guidance for local council elections May 2023	HALC
6.2.23	Reviewing merits of a Neighbourhood Plan: request for information	Debbie Picknell, Admin Officer, East Dean & Friston Parish Council
6.2.23	Reply from Network Rail about Lineside habitat opportunities	Jack Wharton, Public Affairs Manager, NR Sthn
7.2.23	Request to discuss Buriton Pond	Simon Carpenter, EHDC
7.2.23	External lights at the village hall	Tim Mitford
9.2.23	Car parked over pavement and car driving on the recreation ground	Tim Mitford
9.2.23	Hedge plants for Rec Ground from SDNPA	Paul Bushell
10.2.23	Tap not working in ref's toilet	Paul Evans, Tennis Club
10.2.23	Information about Buriton pond: no current management plan but currently communicating with contractors about potentially putting one in place. Disappointed that the Parish Council do not want to take on the pond as he feels that it is a prominent asset of the village	Simon Ellis, EHDC
12.2.23	Further email re memorial bench	Vanessa Chambers
15.2.23	Copy of message to HCC seeking assurance about ground surveys at the chalk pits pond being refurbished	Sue Williams
16.2.23	Confirmation that the area will be cleaned before table tennis table installed	Catherine Murphy, Tennis Club
16.2.23	Reply confirming that the issue of blocking the path under the rail bridge by vehicles had been raised with Network Rail again	Hannah Johns, Data Officer, HCC Access Team
17.2.23	Briefing note regarding proposed hotel and cycling centre Greenway Park	Ally Kennedy, Infrastructure Matters
17.2.23	Thanks for information provided about Buriton's approach to Neighbourhood Plans etc	Debbie Picknell, East Dean & Friston PC
19.2.23	Since locked gates have been installed on BOAT 47 the 4x4 and bike activity at Ditcham has been quiet. They drive / ride past to elsewhere now	Wendy Wolfe
20.2.23	Reply explaining that tarmac hardstanding in Greenway Lane housing site is a temporary measure to aid deliveries and restrict dust and mud. It will be monitored to ensure that the finished development accords with approved details for hard landscaping, permeability etc.	Rob Ainslie, SDNPA
21.2.23	Informing us that all Traffic and Parking Management	Alison Mills, EHDC

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	Enforcement will be the responsibility of HCC from 1 st April 2023 from EHDC	
24.2.23	Invitation to EHDC Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	Ben Brooks-Martin, HCC
24.2.23	Issues with stoned area in North Lane for cyclists	Rob Imrie
28.2.23	Response to letter send to Cllr Millard, EHDC re litter picking (describing the Buriton event as “brilliant”)	Olivia Knight, EHDC
3.3.23	Response to questions raised about South Downs Local Plan	Chris Paterson, SDNPA
3.3.23	Dog poo on farmland: EHDC has explained that farmland in general does not fall under Hampshire dog poo laws but the Parish Council may be able to make a case for an exception to be included such as the field leading from Halls Hill car park	Jamie Lister
4.3.23	Grateful thanks for installing the new bench on the recreation ground	Elizabeth Leigh-Breese
5.3.23	Notification all Traffic and Parking Management Enforcement will be the responsibility of HCC from 1 st April 2023 from EHDC	Dave Longworth, HCC
6.3.23	Update on the table tennis table	Paul Evans
7.3.23	Informing us that our bid for £268 from Hampshire Biodiversity	Nicky Court, HCC
7.3.23	Informing us of a volunteer to take over phone kiosk as a library	Chris Stagg
8.3.23	Confirmation that the application for The Nest as an ACV has been successful	Martin Hall, EHDC
11.3.23	People in field of new development at night	Caroline Gray
14.3.23	Volunteering to look after kiosk for a library	Michelle Robinson
17.3.23	Request for Toad Crossing Signs	Tom Bober
17.3.23	Reply about preventing traffic from using Bolinge Hill Lane as a diversion during tree-felling on the Causeway	Faye Wiffen, Streetworks Officer (EHDC & Havant)
17.3.23	Reply explaining that no evidence had yet been seen to show that the necessary licence for habitat removal was obtained prior to works commencing at the Greenway Lane housing site.	Tristan Norton, Senior Ecologist, HCC
18.3.23	Giving us details of how the concrete will be produced for the table tennis table	Paul Evans
19.3.23	Update on table tennis table	Paul Evans
21.3.23	Reply explaining AMK buses, including service 94, do not have Real Time Passenger Information ticket machines but the Stagecoach service 37 can do this via the Hants RTI App. At present unaware of funding for electronic displays at bus stops along this route.	Tania McCarthy, Senior Engineer, Hampshire 2050 Directorate, HCC
21.3.23	Holding reply from Southern Water about plans for a proposed pipeline.	Phillip Gorringe, Principal Surveyor
22.3.23	Copy of message to Imperial Homes about vehicles being parked in Glebe Road, reducing spaces for residents and churning up grass verges (with photographs).	Steve Elliott
22.3.23	Reporting that a number of vans from the Imperial Homes project on Greenaway Lane have started to park along	Paul & Andrea Turrell

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	Glebe road where parking is already tight for residents.	
23.3.23	Reply to Parish Council's message to Imperial Homes saying that they "are addressing the parking, it is a very tight site and we are in the process of constructing a small parking area" and adding that "while it's easy to point fingers as we're the outsiders it may not be us all the time" Also stating that "at no point will any of our contractors park in an illegal or irresponsible manner"	Chris Sheehan, Project Manager, Imperial Homes
23.3.23	Copy of email to Imperial Homes regarding parking in Glebe Road and the works on the building site	Tim Kemp
23.3.23	Copy of email to Imperial Homes regarding parking in Glebe Road	Caroline Gray
23.3.23	Reporting that Imperial Homes are parking contractors vans in Glebe Road (one had been outside no 61 for a whole day and a scaffolding company van has parked near no 51) in breach of the site agreement and in an area that is already heavily congested with residents vehicles. Requesting that something should be done.	Keith Cummins
24.3.23	Copy of reply to Imperial Homes explaining that photos showed an Imperial Homes van and other contractors' vehicles in Glebe Road some of which had caused damage to the grass, despite signs saying no construction traffic beyond this point.	Steve Elliott
24.3.23	Further information provided for the proposed pipeline	Phillip Gorringer, Southern Water
24.3.23	Email informing us that 2 of the contractors vehicles had their tyres let down whilst in Glebe Road. The contractors have been advised to report the matter to the police.	Joel Harris, Imperial Homes
24.3.23	Offer to come along an talk about the options for Home Refit project	Ruth Scammell, PeCan
24.3.23	Copy of emails received from Imperial Homes regarding the complaint of contractors parking in Glebe Road	Tim Kemp
25.3.23	Confirmation that Toad crossing signs be put up for a few weeks	Tom Bober
25.3.23	Thank you from St Mary's PCC for the contribution to the parish magazine and the upkeep of the cemetery	Ian Johnson, Hon Treasurer, St Mary's PCC
25.3.23	Quotation From Executive Windows for replacing the Village Hall roof £97,000	Aaron, Executive Windows
27.3.23	Copy of reply from Joel Harris, Imperial Homes regarding complaint of parking etc	Tim Kemp

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