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**Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall, at 7:00pm  
on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021.**

**Present:** Cllr D Jones (Chair), Cllr A Bray, Cllr H Coates, Cllr T Crew, Cllr M Johnston, Cllr S Stevens, Cllr T Wheeler, County & District Cllr Mocatta and Mrs P Norris, Clerk

**In attendance:** There were seven members of the public in attendance.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Ashcroft and Cllr Lloyd.

**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 Mocatta declared that he is a member of the South Downs National Park Authority's Planning Committee. 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.

Cllr Johnston declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application for the telecommunications mast in Kiln lane

**3. To approve minutes from BPC meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

The draft minutes of the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved as a correct record and the Chairman will sign a copy for the Council's Minutes Books. **Action: Cllr Jones.**

**4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

- Pond Green Bridge – Matt Marriott is still planning to finish this work.
- Bank signatories: Cllrs Coates and Stevens yet to be added.
- Monks Walk: Cllrs Jones, Johnston and Lloyd still to meet to discuss the way forward.
- BT connection to the church: the trenchwork has been completed.
- Finance Committee review of insurance values for Parish Council buildings and Asset Register: not yet undertaken. The Asset Register to be discussed at the next meeting.  
**Action:** Clerk to add to agenda.
- Staging stored in the village hall: not yet considered by the Hall Committee.
- Proposals from Buriton School for School Meadow – further details still awaited.
- Halls Hill area: all actions taken by HCC/QECP continue to work well. Parish Council monitoring continues. Capacity of car park appears adequate.
- Tree near Kiln Lane entrance to recreation ground yet to be addressed by Matt Marriott.
- BT have now removed the phone equipment from the kiosk in the High Street and it has been acquired by the Parish Council, awaiting installation of the defibrillator by the defib team.
- Broken Slats on bench by the play park – work completed
- Spring on the gate to the playground – work to be completed. **Action: Cllr Wheeler**
- Commemorative Bench – wood chippings have now been put down on the steps.

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- Health & Wellbeing Hubs – still waiting information from Chris Paterson (SDNPA)
- Cut & Collect Mowing Machine - still waiting information from Chris Paterson (SDNPA)
- Information about on-line banking – in the agenda.
- Missing bin on recreation ground – Cllr Crew has ordered a new bin.
- Update on the Village Inn – in the agenda
- EHDC hedge along Petersfield Road – Cllr Mocatta informed the meeting that a visit was being carried out.
- Dog fouling – as a result of Parish Council requests EHDC's Dog Wardens will be visiting the area on a regular basis and reports will be provided.
- Replacing young tree on Pond Green – Matt Marriott is planning to undertake this work.

### 5. Coronavirus and Chairman's Update

The Chairman reported that there were no particular updates or issues relating to coronavirus but the item would be kept on the agenda for future meetings and the special delegated powers would be retained as effects of the pandemic may yet return.

### 6. County and District Councillor's Reports

County and District Cllr Mocatta presented his reports, attached to these minutes, the main points are:

EHDC:

- Pollinators – Rachel Gorvin has left and her successor will contact parish councils to discuss a different way of working with the mowing regime, including the land mowed by EHDC on behalf of HCC. Cllr Mocatta suggested looking at Parish On-Line where there is a map to show exactly what EHDC mow in Buriton and on it the areas that the Parish Council would like left can be marked. **Action:** Clerk.
- Some staffing shortages were affecting household waste collections

HCC:

- New initiatives included a "Trees Call for Action" fund, a Bus Service Improvement Plan submitted to Government to try to obtain extra funding and food vouchers distributed to vulnerable children during the October half term

### 7. Finance and Accounts

- **Summary of reserves** – Cllrs approved the reserves.
- **Approve receipts and payments up to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 for the Parish Council** – Cllrs approved 5 receipts totalling £10,753.25 and 15 payments totalling £6,452.65.
- **Approve receipts and payments up to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 for the Village Hall** – Cllrs approved 35 receipts totalling £5,077.29 and 24 payments totalling £2,484.34. There appears to be differing totals on the payment report on page 1 although the final totals are equal. **Action:** Clerk to investigate.
- **Budget against performance up to 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021** – Cllrs noted the budget against performance.
- **Approval of Budget and Precept for 2022/2023** – the Internal Auditor had been consulted before finalising the budget and precept for 2022/2023. The advice received was that the precept could be reduced from that needed to meet the budget commitments but this could produce a deficit budget and Cllrs need to be sure that any shortfall will be met from the general reserves. He also advised that this should be for one year only as it may not be sustainable. Considering this advice, the Cllrs all approved the precept for 2022/2023 be £23,000. The Village Hall budget was being treated as separate from the precept and any surplus (or deficit) will go into (or out of) the Village Hall reserves. **Action:** Clerk to submit precept.

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- **On-Line Banking** - the Clerk approached Unity Banking in order for Cllrs to consider on-line banking for the parish council and the village hall. Some of the issues highlighted were:
  - Only two signatories can be used, there are currently four.
  - £6 monthly account fee, at the moment there are three accounts, so it will cost £18 per month.

Cllrs agreed to consider this in the future but asked the Clerk to approach Lloyds. **Action:** Clerk. Cllr Mocatta agreed to check what Langrish and East Meon Parish Councils do.

### Open Forum

A resident raised the issue with the hedge that has been removed and replaced with a fence along Petersfield Road, understood to be EHDC land. He asked when the replacement plants will be planted, who will plant them, the quality of the trees and who will check the boundary. He said that he had approached EHDC but had not received an answer. Cllr Mocatta informed the resident that the matter was being investigated.

A further resident also stated that they had lodged a complaint about the fence and had been told that responsibility had been moved from the Planning Department to the Property Team, he too had not heard anything.

It was noted that the Parish Council had already drawn the attention of EHDC to the fact that a high voltage cable runs under the long strip of EHDC land, very close to the new fenceline.

Cllr Mocatta agreed to look into these matters.

A resident asked when the cemetery will be looked after as it was very overgrown. The resident was informed that the upkeep of the cemetery is the responsibility of the Church. The resident agreed to approach the Church Wardens.

### 8. Village Hall and Recreation Report

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

- There are no bad debtors.
- The Art History class has now cancelled their bookings.
- The Tai Chi have also cancelled their bookings.
- Cllr Crew agreed to work with Cllr Lloyd to cover the village hall during the manager's leave, 11<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> December. **Action:** Cllrs Crew and Lloyd
- Andy van den Broeke has continued to obtain quotes for the works to the village hall. Two contractors have requoted. Cllrs agreed that the Village Hall Committee meet with Andy to consider the quotes in January 2022. Other Cllrs would also be welcome to attend
- Cllrs agreed to register an updated CIL application with SDNPA for 2022/23 on the proposed works to the village hall. **Action:** Cllr Jones.
- Cllr Lloyd had also explored an opportunity to apply for funding from HCC for a grant to make community buildings (such as the village hall) more energy efficient. Cllrs agreed that this could be explored further. **Action:** Cllr Jones
- A resident has suggested that an area be used outside the village hall to enable some extra **recycling options** for the community. A new Environment Act has received Royal Assent which will put emphasis on local authorities to collect food waste and some other materials. HCC has a new recycling facility at Fareham. It was agreed that the resident will investigate further. It was also suggested that an article be included in the Parish Magazine on what can and cannot be recycled.
- The idea of installing **re-charging points for electric vehicles** in the vicinity of the village hall was also discussed and some initial investigations would be made. **Action:** Cllr Jones

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- **Changing Rooms** – the lights are still being left on overnight. **Action:** Clerk to contact the Tennis Club again. Cllrs are still considering options for the future of the changing rooms and it was agreed to obtain information about removing the dividing wall. **Action:** Cllr Jones.
- **Playground** – Cllr Wheeler is carrying out regular inspections. Cllrs agreed to place an article in the next Parish Magazine to suggest raising funds for the upkeep of the playground by establishing “Friends of the Playground” and Cllr Jones would contact Karen White about this idea.
- **Mowing** – an extra cut has been carried out of the recreation ground at a cost of £160 +VAT. Cllr Crew has commenced obtaining quotes for the contract for next financial year. Cllrs also agreed to obtain a quote from Idverde for “cut and collect” mowing early next year as part of the Pollinator Project. Advice on timing to be obtained from HCCs Andy Davidson
- **Call for Nature Sites** – this initiative has been launched by SDNPA and relates to our Pollinator Project. Cllrs agreed to register the areas left uncut on the recreation ground.
- **School fence** – a new caretaker has been appointed and the school have said that the fence will be repaired in the future.

### 9.Planning

Cllr Johnston presented a report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

- **SDNP/05279/FUL** – New Centre for Creative Arts at Ditcham Park School. Cllrs agreed to ask for an extension to submit comments as it will be difficult to meet to discuss the application. **Action:** Clerk
- **Village Inn** – the Inn has now been sold to the Bird family who hope to re-open in the new year. Cllr Mocatta offered to update on whether EHDC are still using the premises for temporary placing the homeless and whether any enforcement action will be pursued in relation to a breach of planning control by the previous owners or whether EHDC will now work with the new owners to reinstate the public house use. **Action:** Cllr Mocatta
- **Re-Charge One** – individuals have received letters informing them of proposals for a development on the triangle of land by the A3 and the slip roads. This is for electric charging points and eco pods. SDNPA have contacted the consultants to say that they should be putting in a pre-application and that they have significant concerns about the proposals and that it is felt that officers are unlikely to recommend approval
- **Affordable homes** – a letter has been received from Mags Wiley, Action Hampshire about a proposal for affordable homes at Greenway Lane/Kiln Lane. Cllrs agreed that this would be discussed at a future meeting.
- **North Lane** – the applications for two new homes have been approved. Cllrs agreed to approach SDNPA to establish if CIL money would be available. **Action:** Cllr Jones
- **Telecommunications Mast, Kiln Lane** – the Planning Committee has considered the application and had circulated a draft response to all Cllrs. This was approved and will be sent with additional comments discussed. **Action:** Clerk.
- Cllr Mocatta reported that the applications at Horsechestnut Farm may be considered by EHDC Planning Committee and that the Parish Council may wish to speak.

### 10. Work for Lengthsman

The work to remove the gravel at the bottom of Kiln Lane has not been removed, clerk to chase. **Action:** Clerk. The gravel is coming down Kiln Lane due to the gullies further up the Lane having become blocked with silt and rainwater now runs all the way down the road. This could be dangerous in freezing winter weather. **Cllr Mocatta** agreed to chase.

Cllrs agreed to ask the Lengthsman to clear debris from behind the bus shelter in the High Street and to sweep the shelter. **Action:** Clerk.

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### **11. Rights of Way**

HCC had answered queries raised and cutting work had been done along the Hangers Way in the Links. EHAPTC continue to raise issues about BOATs with HCC and SDNPA. Local BOATs in the worst condition are at Mead Lane and at Sunwood. It is understood that HCC may be introducing some temporary closures again and it is hoped that BOATs 47 and either BOAT 18 or 19 would be included. A footpath that crosses the field from the Greenway Lane roundabout towards Mapledurham House may be inaccessible and will be investigated and reported if / as necessary.

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

The Chairman highlighted points from a report which is attached to these minutes and which includes a link to the HCC film about Buriton's Pollinator Hay-Day event.

- Trees at Village Pond - Cllrs discussed potential replacement trees by EHDC at the pond. The Parish Council was asking EHDC to provide replacements for trees recently lost or damaged. Cllrs would prefer to have weeping willows or field maples as they felt that crab apples may attract vermin. **Action:** Cllr Mocatta agreed to discuss the options with the Head of Property.
- Cllrs agreed to fund £37.50 leaflets relating to the 'Climate Change Challenge' for inclusion with the Parish Magazine and additional costs of printing related posters in the future.
- Following a discussion Cllrs agreed to £50 expenditure for the Greening Campaign packs if the Climate Change Group would like to use them. Initial feelings were that the approach may be rather prescriptive, that it might inhibit local innovation and that it might require the Buriton Group to re-start all their work.
- Proposals to investigate extra community recycling possibilities; to make initial enquiries about EV charging points at the village hall; to obtain a quote from Idverde for a "cut and collect" mowing of the edges of the recreation ground; and to register those areas of land as part of the SDNPA 'Call for Nature Sites' had been agreed earlier on the Agenda.

### **13. Website Updates**

Ali Martin, who oversees the Buriton website for the parish council, proposed an update for Cllrs. Questions were asked about any additional software license costs and other issues, such as GDPR and an SSL security certificate. It was also felt that this may be an opportunity to introduce a booking system for the Village Hall. Cllrs agreed in principle to the proposals but wanted some further information, to be added to the January agenda.

### **14. Post Covid Tea Party and Queen's Platinum Jubilee (June 2022)**

Cllrs agreed to plan this event at future meetings. Cllr Jones has approached Tim Speller at QECP as to whether a beacon was planned which could be part of our local community events.

### **15. Correspondence**

The list of correspondence received is attached to these minutes.

- Cllrs noted that the Tennis Club has pledged to budget for a contribution for future car park maintenance
- J&T Plumbing & Heating – after a discussion it was agreed to send an email asking the firm not to park on the triangle at Halls Hill again.
- All other matters have been covered within the meeting.

### **16. Dates of Meetings during 2022**

Cllrs approved the dates for next year's parish council meetings:

31<sup>st</sup> January, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> May (including APM), 25<sup>th</sup> July, 26<sup>th</sup> September and 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### **17. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 31st January 2022 (subject to any legislative changes)

At the conclusion of business the meeting ended at 9.20pm.

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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT  
1 NOVEMBER 2021**

1. Parish Councils are invited to apply for climate change grants

Hampshire County Council is offering grants to make community buildings more energy efficient as part of its commitment to combatting climate change. Measures that could be funded include: solar panels, LED lighting, window replacements or insulation for buildings such as village halls and community centres.

The amount of funding available for any one project will depend on the overall level of demand, but there will be an absolute upper limit of £30,000 for any single organisation. Smaller grants are also available to undertake energy performance audits prior to any larger work taking place. For more information, visit:

[www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/parish-town-council-investment-fund](http://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/parish-town-council-investment-fund)

The first HCC Annual Report on Climate Change was approved by the Cabinet on 12 October and highlights impressive progress across the board. It can be read here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/ClimateChangeAction2020-21>

2. HCC approves new Bus Service Improvement Plan

The Government published its Bus Back Better strategy earlier this year. £3bn of funding is available nationally for Counties and Regions who are able to successfully partner with the Department for Transport.

Hampshire is now in a strong position to bid for its share of this funding, thanks to the approval of our Bus Service Improvement Plan on 28 October 2021. HCC has worked with bus operators and engaged with business to understand the barriers to improved services and passenger growth.

The immediate challenge is to get bus journeys back to pre-covid levels. The BSIP includes headline targets as follows:

- Reduce average bus journey times across Hampshire by 4% by March 2025 and 9% by March 2030.
- Improve bus journey time reliability with 87% of services operating on time (between 1 minute early and 5 minutes late) from March 2025 onwards and 92% by March 2030.
- Assuming that bus passenger numbers will return to around 80% of pre-Covid-19 levels by the end of March 2022, we will recover bus passenger numbers to 100% of pre-Covid-19 levels by March 2023.
- Increase bus passenger numbers by 5% from 2022/23 levels over period April 2023 to March 2025 and 10% between April 2025-March 2030.
- Increase bus passenger satisfaction by 5% from a base of 89% in 2019/20 to 94% by March 2025.

The BSIP is here:

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s86267/Appendix.pdf>

In addition, earlier this year Councils outside London were granted powers by HMG to fine vehicles using bus lanes and bus-only turns. HCC has now adopted a new policy that will enable the County Council, as the local transport authority, to take enforcement action when unauthorised vehicles use bus priority measures.

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3. Dissecting HMG's Autumn Budget

The Chancellor delivered his budget on Wednesday 27 October 2021. At this stage there is limited information on the detailed aspects of the announcements relating to Local Government and, as is usually the case, we will have to wait until December's Local Government Finance Settlement before we receive any detailed figures for the County Council. From what we can determine now, the overall picture seems mixed.

On the downside, the most significant announcement relates to the adult social care precept, which is expected to be set at a maximum of 1% per annum for the Spending Review period. This compares to our forecasts of 2% per annum meaning that by 2023/24 there is a shortfall in funding of £14m which will impact on our budget setting position for 2023/24 as we implement the Savings Programme to 2023.

More positively, Local Government in England will receive £1.6bn new grant funding a year, paid for three years (so £4.8bn in total). £200m of the £4.8bn total is funding for the Supporting Families programme. The Spending Review documents say the other funding will help resource items such as adult and children's social care. This £1.6bn a year is in addition to funding for the adult social care reforms which were recently announced, such as the cap on care costs (council funding for these reforms is £3.6bn over 3 years). No information has been published yet about how any of this funding will be allocated between councils. As mentioned above, we will know more in December.

4. Support for Hampshire's children

Hampshire's eligible vulnerable children received food vouchers this October half term, thanks to further funding provided to the County Council by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). £591,810 of funding was granted by Hampshire County Council to schools, colleges and early years settings for the purchase of one £15 voucher per child for the one week October half term holiday.

Hampshire County Council is also encouraging parents and carers whose children are or may be eligible for benefits related free school meals to sign-up for free holiday and food scheme spaces over the Christmas and Easter holidays. More than 10,000 Hampshire children benefited from free places during this year's summer holiday. Parents and carers can sign up for free school meals using

[Free school meals for pupils up to 16 years old | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/free-school-meals)

and find out what activities are offer in their area by searching for the

[Family Information and Services Hub \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/family-information-services)

5. Extra funding to create jobs, expand woodlands and protect trees

Action to get more trees in the ground, create more jobs and improve access to nature across the country has been stepped up with a new £6 million 'Trees Call to Action Fund'. Grants of £250,000 to £500,000 will be awarded to projects across England to create woodlands at a large scale and improve people's access to nature.

The fund will competitively allocate funding to up to 24 regional or national projects managed by partnerships of environmental charities, not-for-profit organisations, local authorities and protected landscape bodies.

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Funding will be targeted at regions, activities and costs which are not supported by other government funding for trees, aiming to increase community understanding of and access to trees and woodlands, and boost efforts to increase woodland cover in areas that need it most. To increase the capacity and skills of the sector, the fund will also support projects to engage people with trees, create new jobs and develop skills and knowledge.

If any Parish Council would like to be part of a bid to the Trees Call for Action Fund, please let me know. I am sure that HCC, EHDC and SDNPA would all be interested in forming a partnership to make such a bid.

Rob Mocatta  
**County Councillor for Petersfield Butser**

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### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT 1 NOVEMBER 2021

#### Climate Change

##### ***Decarbonising our own operations***

East Hampshire District Council has switched to 100% renewable electricity tariff wef Sept 2021.

##### **Local COP for East Hampshire conference of the parties**

The United Nations COP (conference of the parties) 26 in Glasgow inspired East Hampshire District Council's local COP event, hosted in collaboration with Damien Hinds MP on 8 Oct 2021.

Over 650 visitors joined the Conference and exhibition. 50 exhibitors joined the event with information on low carbon products from battery storage. The conference element was well received with three local 'expert groups' offering recommendations for land-use, energy use in buildings, and low carbon transport. The event was covered by BBC South. Copies of the reports can be found on our website alongside 'shorts' and video recordings on a wide range of topics.

The new Climate Champion, Councillor Steve Hunt will be following up the event with in-person and online opportunities to crystallize commitments, and bring more parties together to debate & take climate and environment actions.

##### **Retrofit for domestic properties**

Energy Company Obligation ECO3

The value of retrofit measures for domestic energy efficiency for East Hampshire District Council residents so far this year amounts to almost £600,000.

##### ECO3 Approvals April-Oct approvals

Q1	382,077.19	263	1,460
Q2	186,582.13	65	2,880
Q3 (to 15 Oct)	31,052.26	11	2,830
Totals (year to date)	599,711.58	339	1,770

#### **Travel & transport**

##### LCWIP

Work has commenced on considering how the LCWIP (Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan) can be implemented using section 106 money and co-ordinated between parishes & town councils.

##### Electric vehicle charge point data

	Number of charges verified	Average Fee £
Liphook North Services	470	5.06
Alton Manor way	583	7.38
Petersfield Waitrose	1084	6.34
Petersfield Festival Hall	91	3.12
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We are likely to acquire a charge point in Petersfield Festival Hall car park, and lose the Liphook North services charge point, since the site has been sold.

### **Tree Planting**

A business case has been approved by Cabinet to drawdown £50,000 from the climate and environment reserve fund to engage a specialist to deal with the backlog of enquiries from residents and community groups about replanting and project manage the delivery of the tree planting initiative.

### **Environmental Services**

#### **1. Waste services**

We are continuing to operate Garden Waste collections unlike many councils, although because of the need to focus on refuse and recycling, it is the first to suffer when we have staffing shortages. Garden Waste collections are currently running behind schedule in East Hampshire due to staff shortages. However, Norse are providing additional resources, including weekend working, wherever possible to catch up with the delayed collections and this has improved the situation recently with delays now of approximately a week to the scheduled collection day.

EHDC have provided an additional resource to assist Norse with the catch up on outstanding bin delivery numbers and these numbers have improved significantly as a result.

### **Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleaning**

Grass cutting is coming to an end this month. Norse will have achieved 4 cuts throughout the district this season. Progress has been slow this year with the exceptional growing conditions we have been experiencing throughout the summer months. Once the grass cutting has finished the crews will move on to leaf clearance throughout the district. The areas on the leaf clearance programme will be made available to Councillors for information. We are currently looking into the costs to provide an additional mechanical sweeper to support the crews.

Street cleaning service have been continuing as normal with no service issues to report.

The A31 litter pick finished last week. The litter pick took place over 9 days. Due to limited road space availability, we were not able to complete the whole length of the A31. Following a survey of the road the sections between Ropley to Four Marks and the Hen and Chicken to the District Boundary were considered to be the least littered and could therefore be removed from the programme with a view to reviewing later in the year.

We are currently working with Chevron TM, Norse and Highways England to schedule in the A3 for a full litter pick and sweep of both lanes and slip roads. This is looking likely to take place around November/December time. Once dates have been finalised we will confirm.

### **Community Development, Placemaking & Infrastructure –**

EHDC is working in partnership with Hampshire County Council (HCC), Network Rail (NR) and South Western Railway (SWR) to deliver the Alton Station Forecourt Enhancement Project using s106 developer contributions, Market Town Funding, and SWR funding. We are currently obtaining technical, property and landlord approvals. We anticipate starting construction in Spring 2022.

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The redevelopment of the former Molson Coors brewery site in Alton progresses with demolition work well advanced. The Development Liaison Panel meets regularly and coordination continues on the car park works at Manor Car Park and the Community Hub between the District Council, Alton Town Council and Hampshire County Council and CALA.

The District Council, Hampshire County Council, Petersfield Town Council and South Downs National Park Authority are in discussion as regards the current Festival Hall consultation. Together they also continue to make good progress on a list of priority transport and travel projects for improving pedestrian safety and promoting active travel in Petersfield. The partners are proceeding with pre-feasibility stage workshops later this year.

The Land East of Horndean site is still awaiting completion of the S106 legal agreement and discussions on the design code and first parcel for development are taking place. The S106 Agreement has now been completed on Havant Thicket. Meanwhile, the tree clearance is progressing and the stakeholder groups continue to be held.

Work continues across various teams in the council, plus at all levels of local government within the district, to deliver the Welcome Back Fund. Projects delivered include the Creative Footsteps in October. The team is currently helping to fund events at Christmas as well as projects in Sheet, Petersfield and Steep. The retail reports by Heartflood, the consultant commissioned to carry out business engagement work earlier in the year, are in the process of being finalised with a view to publish in October.

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### Village Hall and Recreation Report for PC Meeting: 29 November 2021

This report provides updates on a number of matters since the last meeting of the Council and seeks views from Councillors on a number of matters:

- Our Hall Manager, Steve Franks, has continued to do an excellent job in the ongoing Covid circumstances but has given advance warning that he plans to be away over Xmas & New Year and so cover needs to be arranged. The Council needs to confirm alternative arrangements
- There are no bad debtors
- The Hall Manager reports that the Art History Class and the Film Club have resumed their bookings and that the child-minding service now operates on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Unfortunately the Tuesday morning Tai Chi class has cancelled their booking (£15 per week) – perhaps due to noise from the child-minding group in the upper hall when the acoustic screens had not been closed properly after the village show. As at the end of October, income for the year to date exceeded direct expenditure by about £1,200. The electricity and gas supplies are both on fixed deals until November 2023.
- The boiler and fire extinguishers have been serviced in November and the fire alarm is booked for early in January. Repairs to the plug and socket in the kitchen (used for the large urn and / or kettles) have been undertaken but the dishwasher will need to be serviced prior to a wedding booked in 2022 (August). The only major repair has been one of the toilet doors in the changing rooms. The Hall Manager suggests replacing the radiators with ones that are more efficient
- Andy van den Broeke continues to pursue quotations from prospective contractors for replacing of windows, doors, soffits etc (and also potential work to the roof and rear stairs) in line with documents agreed at PC Meetings. It is noted that there is a total of almost £61,500 available to spend on the hall in the CIL and Village Hall Reserves
- There is an opportunity to register an updated application for an allocation of SDNPA CIL receipts during 2022/23: a recent email from Nikki Allen (CIL Planning Officer) seeks submission of projects via the 'Projects for the South Downs' ([www.projects.southdowns.gov.uk](http://www.projects.southdowns.gov.uk)) online application process. The closing date for bids is 28th February 2022 and we would need to register as a 'new user' if we have not used the system before and then log in to start a new application under the 'Expression of Interest – CIL Funding' round in order to complete a short form. Any queries should be directed to [cil@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:cil@southdowns.gov.uk). This sounds like an opportunity to update the information that SDNPA already holds about our potential village hall project as we are now clearer on scope, costs, timings etc.
- There is also the opportunity to apply for funding from HCC via grants to make community buildings more energy efficient. Measures that could be funded include solar panels, LED lighting, window replacements or insulation for village halls and more information is available via: [hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/parish-town-council-investment-fund](http://hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/parish-town-council-investment-fund). This sounds like another opportunity given that we have already undertaken much of the research required to identify appropriate improvements to our hall
- There may also be opportunities to create a place (eg. extra bins / boxes outside the village hall; perhaps underneath the external staircase to the Upper Hall) where parishioners could bring waste items that are currently not collected separately by EHDC/HCC. An organisation called Terracycle already helps communities with this idea (<https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/#>) which could be worthy of further exploration. It is noted, however, the Environment Bill which recently received Royal Assent in Parliament has some clauses which should reduce waste collection variations between local authorities and which specify the separate collection of household waste items by all councils against a backdrop of: "recyclable household waste must be collected for recycling or composting". Details (and timescales) are currently scanty although Cllr Mocatta may be able to provide more information...
- In the enhancements to the village hall (and changing rooms) it may also be possible to consider the provision of charging points for electric vehicles

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- The Changing Rooms are due to be used by the Tennis Club for the remainder of 2021/22 but the Council still needs to consider alternative ideas for the use of the building in the future. The presentation by Chris Paterson (SDNPA), and the subsequent discussion about potential uses for the Changing Rooms at the last PC Meeting, generated a number of ideas to offer a 'hub' venue for a range of users at times to suit the wider community (eg. weekday mornings etc). A wide range of activities was discussed including walking for health, wildlife groups, arts / crafts etc. There has subsequently been strong interest from the Petersfield Mens' Shed Group but they have concluded that they will continue to search in the Petersfield area for the time being.
- Discussions also included getting football teams back and comparative information has subsequently been obtained from East Meon PC. It is recognised that hosting team sports as well as other 'hub' activities may have implications for the configuration within the building...
- Observations suggest that usage of the playground continues satisfactorily with regular inspections by Cllr Wheeler
- In order to seek extra funding towards the maintenance and repair costs for the playground, enquires have been made about using the EHDC community lottery. It is, however, clear that Parish Councils are not eligible. If the community wanted money to be raised for the playground via this route (including from users who do not live in the parish) then it appears as though there would need to be a separate organisation with a formal constitution that meets regularly or is a registered charity or a Community Interest Company.
- Due to the unusual weather conditions, one extra cut of the Recreation Ground has been required – arranged by Cllr Crew. Ratification of the marginal extra costs (less than £200) is sought from Councillors
- One potential contractor to undertake a 'cut and collect' mowing in March (as part of our Pollinator Initiative) has been identified by Cllr Mocatta and Councillors are asked to agree that this should be explored
- Another initiative which relates to our Pollinator Project is the 'Call for Nature Sites', recently launched by SDNPA, with a deadline for expressions of interest of 17 January 2022. This may be of relevance to the work that we are doing on the Recreation Ground: allowing large swathes around the edges to grow more wildy. The SDNPA appeal is inviting farmers, land managers, communities and conservation groups to put forward possible sites where new wildlife habitat could be created. Proposals of any size or scale can be considered and more information is available via: <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/nature-recovery-information-for-delivery-partners/call-for-nature-sites/> This sounds like another opportunity and Councillors are asked to agree to submitting an expression of interest.

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**Planning Report 29th November 2021**

To be read in conjunction with the minutes of the Planning meeting of the 15th November 2021

**Update on current planning matters.**

**SDNP/21/00956/FUL.** Construction and part retention of farm track access from Horsechestnut Farm onto the Causeway (B2070), Petersfield. Application in Progress. The Parish Council has continued with an objection to this application and has submitted a response to the ecology report. Tristan Norton's response to the ecology report does not favour the culvert but allows the dormice habitat to be 'mitigated'.

**SDNP/21/02014/FUL** 10 residential houses at Greenway lane. Application in Progress No new information available.

**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 Petersfield Hampshire GU31 5BQ. Application in progress No new information available.

**SDNP/21/03827/HOUS** New Shed at 3 Monks Walk. Application 'Received'. The plans are no longer available on the website.

**SDNP/21/04851/HOUS and SDNP/21/04852/LIS:** replacement of one roof light with a dormer window and installation of a new dormer windows at 8 the High Street. Application in progress.

**Other items for discussion at this meeting:**

SDNP/21/05482/PA16: proposed Telecommunications Structure near to Kiln Lane.

Update on the Village Inn

Maggie Johnston



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### Rights of Way report for PC Meeting: 29th November 2021

This report covers answers to queries raised with HCC and other current issues:

Elliott Rowe at HCC has explained that Adam Macey has left the Access team, along with another member of the team so they have been short staffed for a couple of months. A new Community Engagement Ranger, Louise Aparo, has now been recruited.

Elliott has explained that the Hangers Way is given an annual cut by the HCC Ranger team along its entire length, because it is one of HCC's Promoted routes. The extra work by volunteers earlier in the year had followed reports from the public that the section of path in the Links was overgrown. Since the last meeting of the Parish Council, two further days have been spent working on the route by groups of volunteers and initial reactions are that the route is now much better.

Elliott has explained that landowners are responsible for clearance of encroaching side growth along rights of way, hedging etc. The County Council is responsible for the vegetation growth on the surface of any right of way – but he adds that, clearly, they cannot cut all of the vegetation on all of the rights of way, although where they have volunteer groups in the area they will try and organise volunteer work parties to clear vegetation

EHAPTC are still raising the issue of BOATs with SDNPA and HCC. BOATs in the worst condition in Buriton appear to be at Mead Lane and Sunwood. It is understood that HCC may be introducing a series of 'temporary closures' of BOATs during the winter period to prevent damage to the routes. BOAT 47 at Sunwood was included in the package of measures last year (closed from 14th December 2020 to 11th May 2021) but BOATs 18 and 19 (which are much more useful links in the Rights of Way network and much more popular with potential users) were not been included. Details for the 2021-22 period are not yet known.

The stile reported at the last PC Meeting (at Bolinge Hill Farm) has been repaired.

There are reports that the footpath that crosses the field from the Greenway Lane roundabout towards Mapledurham House is inaccessible (gate permanently locked). This is being investigated and will be reported if/as necessary.

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### Trees, Pollinators, Biodiversity and Climate Change Report to Parish Council meeting (November 2021)

#### Trees

Discussions with our Tree Warden, Matt Marriott, have suggested an extra opportunity to plant new trees in the parish: to compensate for the recent loss of much of an old willow tree on EHDC land at the village pond. Whilst it is hoped that the remaining stump will re-shoot over the passage of time, the tree will never provide the same spread or coverage that it used to. There is, therefore, an opportunity to plant two replacement trees which would help to screen parked vehicles and enhance the appearance of the pond and church area. Matt Marriott recommends planting two crab-apples of a decent initial size: trees that would look good in this setting but would never grow too big. He estimates that he could obtain them for about £350-£400 each and he'd be happy to plant them and take care of them (watering etc) afterwards (total cost less than £1,000). Cllr Mocatta has replied to say that he fully supports this idea and that he will discuss the availability of a suitable budget at EHDC with the Climate Change officer.

Matt Marriott also confirms that he will be arranging for a replacement tree on Pond Green in the near future.

#### The Pollinator Project

Further meetings of the small steering group have been held and another four-page insert was included in the most recent edition of the Parish Magazine providing a number of 'case studies' of households which are taking steps to make their gardens more 'pollinator friendly'.

Hampshire County Council has put a short film about the community's recent 'Hay-Day' on their Twitter feed, here: <https://twitter.com/hantsconnect/status/1455512518307110912>. The film also explains a bit more about the pollinator project. The film was featured at a special County Council 'Climate Change COP26 Event' at the QE Country Park on 30 October where it was shown throughout the day, to encourage others to think about potential actions and activities.

As reported in relation to the Recreation Ground (elsewhere on this agenda) a potential contractor to undertake a 'cut and collect' mowing in March (as part of the Pollinator Initiative) has been identified by Cllr Mocatta and the National Park Authority has recently launched a 'Call for Nature Sites': places where new wildlife habitat could be created. Proposals of any size or scale can be considered and this potential support could be of relevance to the work that we are doing on the Recreation Ground: allowing large swathes around the edges to grow more wildy. The deadline for expressions of interest is 17 January 2022 and more information is available via: <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/nature-recovery-information-for-delivery-partners/call-for-nature-sites/>

#### The Climate Change Initiative

The focus on Climate Change at the Annual Parish Meeting has led to a small group of volunteers beginning to explore ideas and actions. The group met again earlier this month and discussed a number of ideas, including: trying to borrow a thermal imaging camera (and air pressure testing equipment) so that parishioners could assess the efficiency of their own homes; opportunities to work with other community groups and / or with an MSc student who is working with PeCAN; collecting details of houses / residents in the village who have implemented relevant works; and developing some initial ideas for 'pledges' (for a Buriton Climate Change Challenge) that villagers could consider adopting. It was reported that the Parish Council had adopted a new 'Climate & Nature Charter' at its last meeting and that the Council continues to press for the highest energy efficiency standards in all new developments.

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Any thoughts about arranging any big indoor meetings in the immediate future were discounted due to the ongoing Covid situation but it is hoped that the main theme of the Village Show in 2022 could be Climate Change (and Nature). This would provide an opportunity to show Electric Vehicles (including bicycles) on the Recreation Ground - and to involve organisations like PeCan (and the refill shops from Petersfield etc). Residents who have made improvements to their homes could explain the benefits and lessons learnt etc.

Since the meeting, members of the group have produced a leaflet about the 'Buriton Climate Change Challenge' which has recently been circulated to all households with the latest edition of the Parish Magazine. Printing costs totalled to £37.50 and confirmation is sought that this can be paid from the Council's appropriate budget line. A related poster is also likely to be produced to encourage parishioners to adopt some of the ideas as New Year's Resolutions for 2022. Advance approval for this expenditure is also sought.

In addition, Hampshire County Council has recently commissioned Terena Plowright to help communities with information packs about the long-running Greening Campaign. A subscription for the packs (and supporting opportunities) costs £50 and Councillors are asked to consider this potential expenditure. The initiative was explained at an on-line briefing meeting on 25 November to which all parish councillors were invited. The Greening Campaign offers a way of stimulating grassroots community engagement on climate change through a phased approach. Households can begin by choosing simple actions to save water and energy around the home and subsequent phases will focus on retrofit, rewilding or health and wellbeing.

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Date	Details	Sender
28.9.21	Removal of hedge Sumner Road	Keith Cummins
28.9.21	Hedge by Manor Lodge	Bridget Grant
29.9.21	Work to stile	Susan Shone
5.10.21	Possible site for affordable housing	Mags Wiley, Action Hampshire
5.10.21	Trees cutting back at layby Bolinge Hill	Keith Cummins
6.10.21	HCC Annual Climate Change Report	CLlr Mocatta
11.10.21	Hedge outside Manor Lodge	Alastair Grant
14.10.21	Use of changing rooms	David Grant
15.10.21	Telecommunications Mast – Kiln Lane	Pegasus Group
18.10.21	Highway response to Greenway Lane development	Ken Dudley, HCC
27.10.21	Pledge to contribute to car park maintenance in the future	Tennis Club
28.10.21	Cutting back on Hangers Way	Elliott Rowe, HCC
3.11.21	Reply about extra community recycling	Sam Horne (HCC)
4.11.21	Call for Nature project	Chris Paterson, SDNPA
5.11.21	Re Charge one development	Lynette Watson
9.11.21	Comments re telecommunications mast Kiln Lane	Rob Connolly
9.11.21	RE-charge One, Buriton	Denzel Ndirangu
11.11.21	Re Charge one development	Al Timms
13.11.21	Comments re telecommunications mast Kiln Lane	Tim Mitford
15.11.21	Comments re telecommunications mast Kiln Lane	Ros Coles
17.11.21	Reply about Playground costs	Exford Parish Council
19.11.21	Update about Mens Shed use of Changing Rooms	Steven Watts
20.11.21	Footpath at Mapledurham inaccessible	Di Eades
22.11.21	Reply about parking	J&T Plumbing & Heating
23.11.21	Improving local recycling	Kay Goswell
23.11.21	Reply about cut and collect machine	Ryan Young (Idverde)
23.11.21	25 Year Plan Consultation	South East Water
23.11.21	Reply about Dog Warden visits	CLlr Mocatta
23.11.21	Reply about Dog Warden visits	Emma Matthews (EHDC)

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