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**Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall,  
at 7:00pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

**Present:** Cllr D Jones (Chair), Cllr L Ashcroft, Cllr A Bray, Cllr H Coates, Cllr T Crew, Cllr L Lloyd, Cllr T Wheeler, County & District Cllr R Mocatta and Mrs P Norris, Clerk.

**In attendance:** There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs M Johnston and S Stevens.

**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.

**3. To approve minutes from BPC meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

The draft minutes of the meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 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 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

- Monks Walk driveway: agreement to be explored with residents' management committee.
- Staging stored in the village hall: reply received from Buriton School saying that it is used every year.
- Proposals from Buriton School for School Meadow – further details still awaited.
- Pond at Chalk Pits Nature Reserve: repairs are planned soon.
- Defibrillator: being located to The Nest Inn (alternative use for telephone kiosk available)
- EHDC hedge along Petersfield Road – feedback from Cllr Mocatta following his meeting with the Head of Property at EHDC is that this is still in hand.
- Dog fouling: an article has been printed in the Winter edition of the Parish Magazine and a further meeting has been held with the leader of EHDC Dog Warden/Enforcement Team at Buriton School. Cllr Mocatta will be shortly looking at the posters produced by the pupils with some being displayed around the village.
- EHDC has removed the ash tree from the island in the pond. Cllr Mocatta reported that he was informed at the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December that a management plan exists but he hasn't seen it.
- New seat in memory of a former resident: the seat is waiting to be installed on the Recreation Ground as soon as the ground conditions allow.
- 'Friends of Playground' Group: covered on the agenda.
- Action about B2146 at Hurst: details of a meeting between the Chair and the Chair of South Harting PC, Andrew Shaxson attached to the minutes. Cllrs were supportive of the way forward that has been suggested.
- Ineffective ditch in Petersfield Road by Bones Lane: Cllr Mocatta has not received a response from HCC, he will chase. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**

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- Playground gateway works: **Cllr Crew** has this in hand and is waiting for suitable weather conditions.
- CIL report has been sent to SDNPA confirming that all the parish CIL award of £20,094.16 has been spent on the recent village hall project.
- Clerk to check the situation regarding the new email addresses for Cllrs. **Action: Clerk**
- Ideas to help parishioners through the worst of the winter (taking into account the current financial climate): update on the agenda.
- Flooding under the bypass bridge to Weston: Clerk has reported to SDNPA. Cllr Mocatta was reporting to National Highways England.
- Replacement of the oak bollard at the pinch point in Greenway Lane and the damaged bollards at the Five Bells: Cllr Mocatta reported that job numbers have been issued.
- Licence for the school's use of the village hall: completed and reported elsewhere on the agenda.
- 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. Cllr Mocatta informed Cllrs that he is meeting Jason of Executive Windows on Thursday and he will mention this.  
**Action: Cllr Mocatta**
- Play equipment: reply received from Sutcliffe Play stating that repairs to the log climber could not be covered by their installation warranty as it only covered a 12-month period.
- Replacing small goal posts: Cllr Lloyd informed Cllrs that the posts have been ordered but they need to be paid for before supply. Following a discussion Cllrs agreed to not buy the nets at a cost of £200 + VAT for now but apply for a grant from Cllr Mocatta in the new financial year for them. **Action: Cllr Lloyd** to forward invoice to Clerk for the goal posts.
- Basketball Backboard replaced in December thanks to a grant from Cllr Mocatta.
- Table Tennis Table: message sent to the Tennis Club on 5<sup>th</sup> December, waiting for a reply. No reply received from Sawscapes following the chase for the wording for the insurers. **Action: Clerk** to chase.
- Recharge One Planning Appeal: further submissions made as agreed.
- Successful decoration of the tree in the churchyard with Christmas lights: thanks to Cllr Lloyd.
- Planting of trees on EHDC land: Cllr Mocatta said that the other permissions have been given provided that there is no liability on EHDC to water the trees.
- Cllr Mocatta reported that parcels of land within the parish and possibly the pond may be offered to the parish. Cllrs initial response was felt to be not in favour but formal approaches from EHDC would be awaited before any formal decision could be made.

### 5. Chair's Update

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

- Buriton's Wednesday Winter Warmers – working with the Church PCC an initial event was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January and was successful with 9 parishioners attending, it is proposed to provide these events until the end of March. The Parish Council is covering the cost of the refreshments up to £500 and the Church is providing the Seward Room as the venue with the use of the kitchen and heating. The Parish Council also confirmed expenditure of £18 for the printing of leaflets informing parishioners of the events.
- Dog Fouling and Litter in Buriton: Emma Matthews, leader of EHDC's Environmental Enforcement Team has contributed to an article for the Parish Magazine and has visited Buriton School to discuss the issues with the children. The children subsequently produced posters to be displayed around the parish, Cllr Mocatta will be choosing these shortly.
- It is hoped that the annual community litter pick will happen again in February or March. This is being organised again by Adam and Hannah Griffiths, Cllrs expressed their thanks.
- The Five Bells: Cllrs Jones and Johnston had met with the new tenants of the pub, Les Mann and Tanya Denyer. It is hoped that it will re-open during the beginning of February. It is

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intended to open from 8.30am each day for tea, coffee and cakes. Other potential initiatives are quiz nights and gents haircuts.

- Feedback from HCC Passenger Transport Forum on 6<sup>th</sup> January: The main point from the forum was that Buriton's 94 bus service will be merged with the 71 service to and from Froxfield but in the longer term there could be significant reductions of bus services in rural areas. Cllrs agreed to liaise with HCC and Petersfield Town Council on the extension of the "real time passenger information" to try to help retain and increase passengers.
- Byways Open to All Traffic: this matter was discussed at the recent meeting of the East Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils where many parishes reported problems with damage caused by vehicles. HCC are committed to temporarily closing more BOATs during the winter with more gates put up to ensure that motorcyclists and 4X4 drivers unable to access the closed areas.
- Coronation of HM King Charles III – following a discussion Cllrs agreed that a tree would be planted in the village to mark the occasion. It was also agreed to mention to the two village pubs that they may wish to plan celebrations.
- It was noted that there will be a large community event in the village on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April rather than a village show in August.
- Issued were highlighted with traffic using Petersfield Road as access to the village. It was agreed that if this continues that the police would be informed.

### 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:

- There is help for parishioners in the current financial climate from both EHDC and HCC
- Voters now have to provide a photo ID in order to vote at the forthcoming elections. If somebody does not have photo ID they are able to contact EHDC who will be able to provide a free photo ID. This has to be carried out by the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Cllr Mocatta will establish if EHDC are taking the photo or if the person has to provide one. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**
- In relation to the elections it was agreed that the Clerk to contact EHDC to establish the process for the elections and the necessary forms to apply to stand to be a councillor. **Action: Clerk.**
- Cllr Mocatta informed the meeting that there were still issues with the collection of the green waste which was due to EHDC not having a direct contract with Norse. It is hoped that this will be solved shortly.

### Open Forum

- A parishioner said that there were problems with leaving bins out until they were collected because in some places there is not enough room on the footpaths, Cllr Mocatta suggested that parishioners ring the EHDC hotline on 01730 234341 where an officer will be able to say when the crews would come out.
- A parishioner informed Cllrs that a property at the end of Sumner Road has been empty since last summer. Rubbish is now being dumped by others there. Cllr Mocatta said that he would contact Sovereign HA who are the landlords. **Action: Cllr Mocatta.**

### 7. Finance and Accounts

- **Summary of Reserves** – Cllrs noted the summary of reserves as at 1 January 2023. 18 payments of £15 have been received for the thermal camera surveys, Clerk to check amount for the Climate Change reserve. **Action: Clerk**
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 for the Parish Council** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 15 totalling £804.79. Cllrs approved the following payments: 14 totalling £4,047.54 from the current account.

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- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 for the Village Hall** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 27 totalling £ 2,828.50. Cllrs approved the following payments: 31 totalling £ 2,951.17.
- **Budget against performance up to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023** – Cllr noted the budget against performance. It was noted that the wayleave is due to be paid during February.
- **Approval of Standing Orders**- Cllrs approved the revised standing orders which was mainly the changes in costs for contracts.
- **Approval of Risk Assessment** – Cllrs approved the amended risk assessment which included the changes due to on-line banking.
- **Asset Register** – Cllrs agreed to leave the asset register as it is and budget in the next financial year to get the assets revalued.
- **Pension Re-Enrolment** – the Clerk informed Cllrs that both the Clerk and the Village Hall Manager do not want to enrol into a pension scheme. Clerk to check if the Government need to be informed of the opt out. **Action: Clerk.**

### 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 November and December saw income exceed expenditure (by £215 in total). In the nine months from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 income has exceeded running costs by £2,900.
- All servicing is up to date.
- An external water leak was dealt with on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022. A further leak was discovered in the shower of the ref's toilet. Following a discussion Cllrs agreed that a set of master keys to be kept by someone in the village, that a list should be displayed in the hall or kitchen identifying the location of the stop-cock and electricity isolation points, a list of emergency contact be displayed in the hall for users and that Cllrs should have a copy of the list of approved maintenance and emergency repair contacts. It was also agreed to obtain the view of the insurers to having a key safe on the outside of the hall and a key being left at one of the village pubs. **Action: Clerk and Hall Manager**
- A new 5-year licence has commenced from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 for the school's use of the village hall. Cllrs agreed that the school to be written to, to confirm this and that extra usage above the hours in the licence is to be paid by the school. **Action: Clerk.**
- A request for offers of advice, expertise and assistance from the community for future improvements to the village hall in the Parish Council failed to produce any volunteers other than Andy van den Broeke. Cllrs agreed that Andy would be approached to produce a road map for what happens next.
- The trial for the Hallmaster booking system has been completed and was felt to be very successful. Cllrs had previously agreed to purchase the system via an annual fee of £199 + VAT. Cllrs Stevens is liaising with Ali Martin to ensure that a link is put on the Buriton Community website to the booking system. Cllrs wanted to check that parishioners can still claim a cheaper rate for a booking. **Action: Cllr Stevens** to check.
- If Cllrs are covering for the Hall Manager they will need access to check the on-line banking system to see if the deposit has been paid. It was agreed to review the signatories in the new financial year following local parish council elections.
- Cllr Wheeler is carrying out regular inspections of the play equipment. He reported that the signage relating to ages that can use the zipwire has disappeared and needs to be replaced. **Action: Cllr Jones**
- Cllr Coates reported on the ideas to seek funding to help maintain the playground equipment. Cllrs agreed to obtaining a QR code to be displayed at the park and on the website to enable people to make a donation. It was agreed that this would go into the Parish Council bank account with a separate cost code be set up to track the amount of donations and placed in reserves for playground repairs. It was also hoped to hold a fundraising event in the summer. **Action: Cllr Coates and Clerk.**

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- Cllrs agreed to reply to an email that had been received relating to the external lights on the village hall. It was felt that the lighting was essential for health and safety and it was noted that the lights had been changed in recent years to be compliant with Dark Skies. **Action: Clerk**
- It was agreed that the wiggly line around the wild area be put back down for guidance for the grass cutting. **Action: Cllr Crew.**

### 9. Planning

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

- Butser Lime Works – Liaison meeting held with various parties and TJ Waste on 28<sup>th</sup> January which will be held on a regular basis. TJ are not bringing in waste yet as their application is still with the Environment Agency who have a backlog to deal with. Work on the Lime Kilns is reported to be in hand. The Parish's initiatives for climate change had been mentioned at the meeting and TJ had stated that they may be able to assist with this.
- Recharge One – the Public Inquiry is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 and will last for up to two weeks. Parish Councillors will be in attendance.
- Greenway Lane development – the recent application to discharge some of the Conditions had been rejected by SDNPA. It is understood that the developers have to revise their proposals and/or provide more information and it is hoped that the Parish Council will be given another chance to study everything. An enforcement case been opened in case any of the work has already exceeded that which is permitted. All the correspondence on this matter by the Parish Council and others was noted. The footpath from Glebe Road to Greenway Lane is to be closed for a period of time to allow the development to be connected to the sewerage system. It was agreed that any reinstatement would have to be checked to ensure that there were no trip hazards. EHDC has been contacted about the affordable houses and it has been confirmed that a local social housing provider will manage and maintain the four affordable homes. The three rented homes will be let via Hampshire Home Choice.
- Cllrs endorsed the ACV application for The Nest.
- Review of South Downs Local Plan – SDNPA is commencing a review of its Local Plan. Parishes have been asked to contribute through a Parish Priority Statement which summarises the principal needs, prevailing views and what makes the village special. Cllrs agreed that Jonathan Jones and the Village Design Group should take this forward bringing recommendations for submission back to the Parish Council for consideration/approval.

### 10. Work for Lengthsman & Highway Issues

Cllrs identified that the ditch along Greenway Lane to The Nest is blocked. **Action Clerk:** to raise with the Lengthsman. Cllr Mocatta confirmed that funding for the Lengthsman Scheme is available for 2023/24 and 2024/25.

### 11. Rights of Way

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

- A meeting was held with HCC's new Community Engagement Ranger for the Countryside Service's East Access Team, Megan Cledwyn, with members of the Parish Council's Rights of Way Committee. They discussed trying to replace the remaining stiles in the parish with kissing gates. Cllrs agreed to try and get this completed again. It was agreed to ask Megan to approach the landowners. **Action: Cllr Jones**
- BOATs – as reported earlier in the meeting, many parishes are experiencing problems similar to those in this parish as there is a particular concentration of BOATs in East Hampshire. Some BOATs which have winter closures in place are being closed off with gates and HCC may apply for CIL funding from SDNPA for the costs of more gates and their installation. Experience is suggesting that byways that are not closed by gates are seeing increased traffic and causing damage. The landowner would like gates on BOATs 18 and 19. Cllrs agreed to write to HCC Cllr Oppenheimer supporting the CIL initiative for swift action on these and on all BOATs in the district. **Action: Clerk.** HCC are planning to state which BOATs are closed on their website.

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- Cllr agreed to write to the landowner of the kissing gate at Lawn Field to ask if the amount of mud around the gate could be reduced as it was becoming impossible to use the path. **Action: Clerk.**

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

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

- The “cut & collect + scarify” visit by Idverde was carried out on 5<sup>th</sup> December and the yellow rattle seeds have been sown. Clerk to check if Idverde have charged for the cut & collect mowing in early 2022.
- Paul Bushell, Western Downs Ranger for SDNPA is planting some hedging plants into the gap in the hedge on the recreation ground.
- Cllr Johnston has collected six trees for the “Trees of the Downs” award, these will be planted in due course in the specified locations.
- An application was being made with help from HCC to purchase a moth trap to help with recording, education and awareness raising. Moths are released safely after identification.
- The installation of the swift boxes is hoped to be carried out on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023
- Preparations for the new “B-earth day” event on 22 April were noted and Cllrs agreed to check with the insurers if it would be covered by the Council’s insurance. **Action: Cllr Jones**
- Discussions with Network Rail about improving habitats along the rail line were noted.
- The Climate Action Group’s progress with Thermal Imaging Surveys was noted and the Group has received details of EHDC’s Community Climate Action Fund. It was agreed that any ideas could be fed into the Parish Council who would apply for the funding.

### 13. Correspondence

The list of correspondence received is attached to these minutes

- It was noted that it was a long list of correspondence with much of it relating to the houses being built at Greenway Lane, including expressions of thanks to the Parish Council from a number of parishioners for actions taken by the Council
- Car blocking pavement in High Street: Cllrs discussed this issue and agreed that this was a police matter. However, it was agreed that a letter be written to the residents and the owner of the property highlighting the issue. **Action: Clerk**
- Request for another Memorial Bench on Recreation Ground: Cllrs agreed that the only available location would be on the concrete pad where the garage use to be and that the bench would have to be recycled plastic and the installation would have to be paid for.

**14. Date of next meeting:** The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

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**B2146 Buriton to Harting Road: dangers at Hurst**

Both Harting and Buriton Parish Councils have been aware of dangers on this road for a number of years, both Councils have recently raised issues with their respective County Councillors and both have been considering the matter over the last year. The Chairs of both Councils (Andrew Shaxson and Doug Jones) met recently to summarise the issues and to consider ways forward.

Some background

Current concerns about this stretch of road were heightened in January 2022 as a result of a very unpleasant accident. On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January Mrs Kate Simon, who lives at Hurst Mill, was riding along the B2146 from the end of Hurst Mill Lane south to reach the right of way which runs behind Hurst Farm. A driver of a white van being driven in the other direction, perhaps dazzled by the sun, drove into her horse. The horse died within a few minutes but, fortunately, Mrs Simon was not hurt. The road was closed for some time with traffic being diverted onto entirely unsuitable roads around West Harting.

Mrs Simon raised the matter again in July explaining that there had now been at least two more accidents by that time (involving a motorbike and a car) and a noticeable increase in large articulated lorries travelling too fast.

This stretch of the B2146 is very narrow with houses on one side and overgrowth on the other. The surface of the road and houses are in both Hampshire and West Sussex, the ground which is covered in overgrowth is entirely in Hampshire.

This length of road was scheduled to have been widened to the County boundary by WSCC in the 1971-72 financial year but unlike the rest of the B2146 to South Harting it was never done. HCC was intending to 'improve' the section through Nursted Rocks in 1974 but this work was also never done.

With the passage of years and increases in all types of traffic (and vehicle speeds and sizes) the road has become increasingly hazardous.

The area is popular with cyclists and with walkers in the National Park.

Four Rights of Way feed out onto the B2146 within 870 metres with users risking life and limb walking along the road to reach the next leg of their journey.



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### Recent investigations

Both Parish Councils have agreed that there should be a thorough evaluation of the condition of the road and its use between Hurst Farm and Stanbridge Farm. Both Councils feel that in its current condition the road is not fit for the levels of motor traffic that use it, let alone pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders who also use it. There are fears that somebody will be killed.

Cllr Mocatta, Hampshire County Council, raised the matter with HCC's Traffic Team (Ian Janes) on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 highlighting safety concerns, the fact that this section of the B2146 involves two Highway Authorities (HCC and WSCC) and the fact that a number of footpaths and bridleways feed out onto a short stretch of the road.

On 11<sup>th</sup> March Ian Janes replied explaining that HCC's Casualty Reduction team had checked the injury accident records and had said that they would monitor the site but had no proposals for any casualty reduction scheme. He also added that Hampshire Police had no record of attending the accident involving Mrs Simon and her horse and he assumed that it may therefore have been attended by Sussex Police.

With the issue being raised again at the Buriton Parish Council meeting in July 2022 (in the light of information about the two further accidents) Cllr Mocatta contacted Ian Janes again. He replied on 12<sup>th</sup> August saying that he had had another look at the site and now felt that there may be some scope to carry out some signing / lining improvements. He explained that he had had a number of enquiries regarding a number of matters along the length of the B2146 to the south of the Heath Road East junction and so there was now an opportunity to review this length of road generally. He said that he would add the site to the list of signing / lining works for the current 2022/2023 year.

### Potential next steps

The Chairs of both Councils (Andrew Shaxson and Doug Jones) have met recently to consider next steps and potential ways forward. They felt that:

- Signing and lining alone was unlikely to be sufficient and fatalities to walkers or cyclists could still be foreseen
- Both County Councils need to engage together and consider a more holistic scheme – potentially drawing upon CIL funding from the National Park Authority to improve conditions for walkers and cyclists
- An extension of the 40mph speed limit from Stanbridge Farm as far as Hurst Farm should be considered; it currently stops just when it is needed (changing to the national 60mph limit)
- Accident records held by the Police and by the County Councils fail to provide the full picture: only injury incidents are recorded (using the DfT STATS19 process) and damage-only accidents are not recorded
- Both the County Councils must ensure that all the relevant hedges and verges must be well-managed to ensure the full and usable width of the road is always available
- A joint meeting with Cllrs Mocatta and O'Kelly should be held in February or March, ideally on or near the site.

### A potential scheme for CIL funding from SDNPA

- There are increasing numbers of walkers and cyclists in the area
- The dangerous stretch of the B2146 serves as a 'missing link' in the rights of way network
- There is potential for an off-road (inside field boundary) scheme to provide this link
- This new short link could help create a number of attractive circular routes linking to / from Petersfield Heath, the nearby Serpents Trail, Sussex Border Path, Shipwrights Way, Hangers Way and South Downs Way
- A relatively short length of a new path would be required (perhaps less than 900m)
- Such a scheme could attract full funding from the SDNPA's CIL resources.

Councillors are asked to note this report and agree a way forward.

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### Chair's Update Report (January 2023)

This report summarises information from recent meetings, updates on initiatives discussed at our last meeting and reminds us all of the King's Coronation.

#### **Buriton's Wednesday Winter Warmers**

Discussions have continued with the church PCC about ideas to help parishioners through the worst of the winter (taking into account the current financial climate) and a pilot scheme starts on 25<sup>th</sup> January. Two pilot events will be held initially in order to test whether there is any real need/interest in having a Warm Hub in Buriton. If there is sufficient interest and if it is felt that the idea is meeting a real need, then further events could be provided until the end of March. The events will be open to anyone, not specifically targeted at people perceived to be "in need". Some people might come because they are lonely, which is just as great a "need" as the cost of living crisis. The Parish Council is due to cover the costs of refreshments up to a total of £500. The church will provide the Seward Room as the venue, with the use of the kitchen and heating. If it is decided to stop running the events we could perhaps try to encourage one of the pubs to carry on with the idea. The Parish Council has also paid £18 for the printing of leaflets and door-to-door distribution has been undertaken as well as other promotion and publicity. The hub will run from 11.30 to 3pm with simple refreshments: tea, coffee, biscuits (and possibly cake) with soup at lunchtime.

#### **Dog Fouling and Litter in Buriton**

Since the last meeting of the Parish Council Emma Matthews, the leader of EHDC's Environmental Enforcement Team, has contributed an article in the winter edition of the Parish Magazine and has visited Buriton School to engage as many people as possible in an attempt to change anti-social behaviours, including dog fouling, littering and graffiti. She explains that Buriton is a lovely village for children and so it can be important to involve them in thinking about what makes it such a wonderful place.

In her talk with children in Buriton School (Year 2 to Year 6: ages 6-11) on 11th January Emma and her colleague discussed the importance of not littering and being a responsible dog owner. She explained that she was working with the Parish Council on a campaign to reduce dog fouling and litter in the area. At the end of the session the children were given a task of creating a poster to illustrate the importance of picking up your dog poo and litter. The posters will be judged by Councillor Mocatta and then displayed around the village.

In a note to be sent to all parents she explains that on a recent patrol of the recreation ground and the pond the EHDC officers had found over 15 dog foulings. The note also explains that dropping, depositing or leaving behind litter is a criminal offence under section 87 of the 1990 Environmental Protection Act. Under section 67 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and via the EHDC Public Space Protection Order, it is a criminal offence to not clean up after your dog and dispose of the waste responsibly. Anyone witnessed doing this by an authorised officer will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). If this not paid the offender will be taken to the Magistrate's Court and given a criminal record and a fine. Parents were also encouraged to find out more about these matters by visiting the EHDC website:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/environmental-health/litter-and-street-cleaning/litter-and-dog-fouling>

It is hoped to hold our annual community litter picking event in February or March: arrangements are again being made by Adam & Hannah Griffiths to whom grateful thanks are recorded.

#### **The Five Bells**

On 28<sup>th</sup> December Maggie Johnston and I met with the new tenants of the Five Bells, Les Mann and Tanya Denyer, to hear about their plans and to offer any help to them. They explained that, before re-opening, the pub would be undergoing some refurbishment works, including a refresh of the kitchen, the toilets and the garden. They planned to open in mid-January with families and well-behaved dogs being welcome. They intend to open from 8.30 each day and offer teas, coffees and cakes. Quiz nights and potentially gents haircuts are due to follow.

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### Feedback from HCC Passenger Transport Forum on 6<sup>th</sup> January

This on-line meeting provided introductory scene-setting information before summarising the outcomes of analysis and how bus services will be changed over the next few months. It was explained that:

- there are many challenges facing the bus sector
- revenue has only reached 80% of pre-Covid levels (more people are now working from home and also elderly (concessionary) travellers are travelling less
- costs are increasing (fuel, utility bills, drivers wages)
- shortages of drivers (better pay on offer as HGV drivers since Brexit)
- as a consequence of these, some of the tendered services subsidised by HCC are being ‘handed back’ by the bus operators as the subsidy levels are no longer adequate
- and some commercial services are also being cut by the bus operators (potentially adding to the services that HCC might be expected to pay for)
- there is a lack of certainty about what the Government will do in April after the current £2 bus fare cap finishes
- it is suspected that we might all be on the brink of a major re-basing of local bus networks: the current supported network will be unaffordable
- rural areas will probably suffer most: least viable, highest costs ...

Following its consultation exercise last year, HCC will be making cost savings to a range of public transport matters – with most coming from reductions and axing of services. It was revealed that Buriton’s 94 service will be merged with the 71 service to / from Froxfield. Details of what this actually means (or when it will take place) are yet to be finalised. Some other places will be losing their scheduled services completely (eg villages near Andover) with some being replaced by ‘demand responsive’ alternatives: dial-a-ride, taxi buses etc. Although HCC should be able to continue to pay the same amount of money to bus operators for the next few years, this doesn’t mean that more cuts won’t be needed because the costs of providing services are rising and all services will need to be re-tendered within the next 24 months. None of this relates to the ‘commercial’ services that are operated by bus companies without any subsidy. Service 37 is one of those.

HCC may be able to extend their ‘real time passenger information’ facilities (with screens at bus stops etc) and Petersfield was discussed as a place where these could be beneficial in helping to encourage the use of buses. This could perhaps be useful for various places on the 94 service but it would rely on the bus operator having the necessary technology installed. The Parish Council may wish to liaise with HCC and Petersfield Town Council on this matter.

### Byways Open to All Traffic

At the recent meeting of the East Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils this issue was on the agenda with many parishes experiencing problems similar to those in this parish. It was explained that there is a particular concentration of BOATs in East Hampshire making it an attractive area for motorised vehicles to visit from many miles away to drive along ancient rights of way. The geology and topography means that damage is often done as well as nuisance and intimidation. Jonathan Woods from HCC explained that he would like to moderate use to a level that is sustainable but that the County Council has few resources to spend on repairing and resurfacing any rights of way. The County Council was committed to introducing more temporary winter closures to try to protect routes from damage and give them time to recover. These temporary closures are easily ignored by motorcyclists and 4x4 drivers and so more gates are likely to be needed to restrict usage. It is possible that volunteers from parishes may be able to help with some of the assessments and monitoring work, and potentially with the locking / unlocking of gates. HCC may arrange a Parish Forum on this topic in the early part of 2023.

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### **Coronation of HM King Charles III**

The Coronation of His Majesty the King will take place on Saturday 6 May in a ceremony at Westminster Abbey. There will be a bank holiday on Monday 8 May. Councillors may wish to consider any events or activities to mark this historic occasion, ranging from flags/bunting, souvenirs, memorial bench and/or tree planting to parties, dances, fetes etc. Early liaison with Petersfield Town Council confirms that they will be holding a Coronation Fete on Sunday 7 May at the Avenue. It should be noted that there is due to be a large community event in Buriton on Saturday 22 April instead of a village show in August.

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## **HCC and EHDC Report**

### **Winter support**

HCC is getting about £14.2 m this year from the household support fund and another £3.3m from the holiday activity and food fund. East Hampshire is about 9% of the Hampshire population, so proportionally our residents will get about £1.5m of this funding.

The website is:

[connect4communities | Children and Families | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://connect4communities.org.uk/Children-and-Families/Hampshire-County-Council-hants.gov.uk)

### **Household Support Fund – 2022**

- Easter holiday food vouchers - £30 worth of food vouchers to spend at their choice of supermarket or community pantry during Easter school holidays, benefitting 25,899 households
- 611 households supported with housing costs through District & Borough Councils
- 79,879 households with pensioners or those in receipt of local council tax support issued with food vouchers
- Network of 19 community pantries and 11 mobile community larders established and funded to provide food to more than 5,000 members (2 community larders in Bordon, others locally are Growing Places in Waterlooville and Dickinson Centre in Havant)
- 69,000 of the most vulnerable families supported with items such as food vouchers, utility support and wider provisions such as cookers or white goods through discretionary grants issued to education settings
- 80 charities and community support associations, supported to deliver a range of projects delivering to more than 11,000 households throughout Hampshire. Many of these beneficiaries were pensioners and children. Support ranged from direct provisions like food parcels, sanitary products, blankets, and carpets, to projects such as teaching families how to grow vegetables and cook on a budget
- 4,590 households supported with utility bill payments through funding to Citizens Advice

### **The offer for October 2022 to March 2023**

#### **School, Colleges and Early Years settings**

Discretionary grant based on number on roll

Additional 20p per day for schools per free school meal eligible child

#### **Food vouchers**

£500 for foster carers

£100 for care leavers

£100 for families open to Disabled Children's Teams

£20 households eligible for council tax support

£40 for households eligible for housing benefit

#### **Targeted grants**

Work with social care teams and organisations delivering direct support to those adults and families open to social care teams, Gateway Card holders and unpaid carers

#### **Support with Gas, Electric & Water Bills**

Funding allocated to Citizens Advice to provide support to households with utility bills

#### **Support with Housing Costs**

Funding for District and Borough Councils to administer this element

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### Community Pantries

Access to discounted food at 19 pantries across Hampshire and 11 mobile larders operating in the New Forest (2 in East Hampshire, both in Bordon: Café 1759 and Sacred Heart Catholic Church)

### Community Grants

A range of organisations can apply for funding to support schemes in local areas

### Food banks

These are not run by HCC. The one in Petersfield is organised by the Petersfield churches (PACT). This relies on voluntary donations and is based on referrals (from: Winton House, CAB, Home Start Butser, GP surgeries, local schools and Housing Associations). Last year they gave out 848 packs, down marginally from 1073 in 2020 but up from 310 packs in 2019.

The Trussell Trust run the Alton foodbank, again based on a similar referral programme.

### 1. Minerals and Waste Plan update consultation

Hampshire's five minerals and waste planning authorities are asking residents, local groups and businesses to help scrutinise proposed changes to Hampshire's Minerals and Waste Plan to ensure that it will continue to ensure provision of a steady and adequate supply of minerals and sufficient waste infrastructure, as well as maintain communities, protect the local environment and address the impacts of climate change.

The consultation allows residents to comment on local sites that have been identified for minerals extraction and transportation. Sites for waste processing, recycling and disposal facilities are also indicated in the Plan - so that the millions of tonnes of household and commercial waste generated across the county can be dealt with as efficiently and sustainably as possible.

The proposed updated plan and the response form can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update](http://www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update). The consultation will close at 17:00 hours on Tuesday 31 January 2023.

### Roads update

Hampshire residents' satisfaction with how Hampshire County Council maintains the county's 5,500 miles of highway has improved, following the County Council's decision to provide additional local funding to try to reduce the impact of the year-on-year reductions in Government funding for local highway maintenance over the past decade.

Hampshire has been rated third out of all 30 English county councils for public satisfaction with highway maintenance and is the highest performing county authority in the South-East region, according to the 2022 National Highways and Transport Survey.

Since the beginning of 2022, Hampshire Highways has repaired around 41,000 carriageway and footway defects, including potholes, and cleared nearly 39,000 gullies and other highway drainage assets to reduce the risk of flooding.

The focus in December was in responding to the cold snap, for example between 1st and 16th December, 26 salting runs were completed, accounting for 5,250 man hours and 5,665 tons of salt being deposited on the county's Priority One routes. More details of Hampshire Highways' winter response can be found at [hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather](http://hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather)

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## **Leader calls on Government to address local government underfunding**

Rob Humby, the leader of Hampshire County Council called on the Government to take urgent action to address the looming financial crisis facing upper tier local government over the next few years. In a letter sent to the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Secretary of State, Councillor Humby, and Kent County Council Leader, Councillor Roger Gough, have outlined the drastic budget implications facing the two authorities, and the need for Government's immediate help and a clear plan for long-term financial sustainability, if the two County Councils are to avoid filing bankruptcy notices within the next year or so.

Councillor Humby commented that "both Hampshire and Kent are high-performing, financially well-run and long respected County Councils. However, we face budget deficits over the next few years of a scale that has never been seen before – but not of our own doing. Our budgets are now at breaking point. We have gone as far as we can to close the budget gaps we have faced to date, and there is nowhere left to go in future without severely impacting some of the most vulnerable people in our society."

The two leaders have asked the Government to put local councils on a long-term sustainable financial footing. Their request includes more annual funding to keep up with growing demand for adults and children's social care services or legislative changes to reduce the demands on these services; fully funding the social care funding reforms and more money for growth in special educational needs; as well as greater freedom and flexibility around setting council tax and charging for services, alongside legislative changes to help local government help itself.

## **HCC reorganisation**

Hampshire County Council is carrying out an internal reorganisation, with some changes in its senior leadership. This has necessitated a change in responsibilities of the Council's Cabinet. With effect from 1 January 2023, there will now be as follows:

- Adults 'Health and Care - Cllr Liz Fairhurst (lead member) and Cllr Jan Warwick
- Children's Services - Cllr Edward Heron (lead member) and Cllr Steve Forster
- Universal Services - Cllr Nick Adams-King (lead member) and Cllr Russell Oppenheimer
- Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services - Cllr Rob Humby (leader) and Cllr Ros Chadd (deputy leader)

Cllr Kirsty North will continue as Cabinet Member for HR, Performance, Communications and Inclusion and Diversity.

## **Boundary Commission review of constituencies**

The Boundary Commission for England have published their revised proposals for parliamentary constituency boundaries. A final public consultation has commenced which closes on 5 December 2022.

The revised proposals and maps can be viewed here [South East | Boundary Commission for England \(independent.gov.uk\)](https://www.independent.gov.uk/south-east/)



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### **Bringing affordable homes to East Hampshire.**

The district council's ambition is to find new ways to make homes affordable to people who can't get on the property ladder. To achieve this we have launched our new *Affordable Housing Strategy* which lays out how we can make homes more accessible to more people. Modular homes for the homeless and shared equity schemes with housing associations are two of the ways more affordable homes can be delivered in the district. The plan has been outlined in our new Affordable Housing Strategy, discussed and approved by Cabinet, that will reduce housing need and homelessness.

The new strategy sets out how we can increase the supply of high-quality, low-cost homes that are suitable for everyone and won't damage the environment. And it is backed with around £2 million drawn from developers who made financial contributions in lieu of building affordable homes. among the methods proposed is a shared equity agreement with housing associations. One such partnership, with Merlion Housing Association, offers homes at a discount of up to 50 per cent market value with no rent to pay. To date 39 homes have been delivered through this innovative partnership, with a further four in the pipeline. The council is also well placed to undertake small development projects of its own, either in isolation or in partnership with another affordable housing provider, using developer contributions as a funding source.

The strategy also focuses on the need to reduce and prevent homelessness in the district. Although the number of people sleeping rough is low, there is still a significant problem with households at risk of homelessness. From April 2020 to March 2021, 112 households were assessed as homeless and 176 as threatened with homelessness. Part of the solution to this issue has been the transformation of a former community hall into ten pods for homeless people. Pinewood Lodge, in Whitehill & Bordon, is the first scheme in the country to use modular housing in this way and it is hoped similar developments might be provided elsewhere in the district in future. The strategy also places environmental sustainability at the heart of future building projects with the clear message that the council is leading the way on tackling climate change. New technologies and building techniques will be explored and incorporated within council-funded affordable housing projects to limit our impact on climate change and benefit the lives of the new occupants.

### **Cost of Living, Help is available.**

*The District Council is doing everything we possibly can to support residence if they are struggling with the cost of living.*

If residence are struggling to pay their rent, they may be eligible for support through Housing Benefit and Discretionary Housing Payments. We've provided more than £10million to households in the district. If they're in arrears, they could be eligible for the Exceptional Housing Support scheme, which has seen nearly £50,000 issued to households in need. If they can't afford to pay their council tax, they may be able to join the more than 4,000 homes in the district their claim Council Tax Support. We currently provide more than £5million of support, and the scheme is being expanded in April 2023 to ensure that more households are eligible, and more support is given.

We've also provided support with food costs by issuing more than 4,500 food vouchers (with a total value over £225,000) with more to be issued in 2023. And we've been supporting people with their fuel costs by issuing more than £5million in energy rebates. We've been putting money into the community to help support local organisations. We've given out more than £450,000 in grants through the Supporting Communities Fund, Welfare Fund and Community Chest. We've also given £30,000 to food banks and community pantries in the district. We've been treating the cost-of-living

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situation as a top priority, with a crossservice group working with partners in the community - particularly Citizens Advice and Community First - to provide support directly to them. Our website is a key part of the jigsaw, as a central source that they can use - as well as our staff and partner organisations - to find up-to-date information on the support available. To find more information, visit our website.

### **More Council Tax Support for some of the district's poorest households.**

More than 600 of East Hampshire's most disadvantaged households will have over £280,000 taken off their Council Tax bills if a new scheme is given the green light. The proposed changes to our Council Tax Support Scheme come as the council steps up its work to help people struggling with the increasing cost of living. The new, more generous scheme, discussed and recommended by our Cabinet, will see more people pay zero Council Tax, more people eligible for a reduction and will allow people to earn more before it affects their Council Tax Support.

The scheme went to Full Council last week and it will be implemented ahead of Council Tax bills in April 2023. This is really good news and it comes at just the right time for many families who are finding it tough to cope with the soaring cost of living. Thanks to this scheme more people than ever before would receive some sort of support with their Council Tax, putting money in the pockets of some of our most vulnerable residents. Our Council Tax Support was already one of the most generous schemes around, but these proposals take it one step further. I am so pleased we have been able to find a way to help more than 600 local households to the tune of around £280,000.

The scheme will offer help in four ways.

- Currently we disregard the first £20 of a couple's earnings every week, and £10 of a single person's earnings. We are raising this to £70 and £35 respectively.
- We will completely remove non-dependant deductions – that means if they have anyone over the age of 18 living at home (for example an adult son or daughter), their earnings will not affect their Council Tax Support
- We will increase the amount of savings they can have before it affects their Council Tax Support from £6,000 to £10,000
- Backdated support will be easier to claim and they can backdate it further This scheme will form part of our work to help people with the rising cost of living. To find out about all the support available go to our website.

### **The District Councils ten-point plan to hit carbon zero.**

Our new environmentally-focused Green Team has announced its top ten targets to boost our battle against climate change. As a council, we are determined to reduce our carbon emissions and limit our impact on the environment. To help us achieve these goals we have set up a 'Green Team', a group of officers embedded across the council, and they will be working on a check list of ten top priorities. The Action Plan, which was agreed by the Cabinet , ranges from reducing the council's carbon footprint to zero, to helping residents and businesses with their own environmental standards. There is so much that can be done to improve environmental performance it can feel like a daunting task.

That's why it is important to focus on the issues closest to home that we have control over and that can make the biggest difference in the shortest time. As a council we must concentrate on our own situation, we must provide an example for others, and we must support our residents and

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businesses in their efforts to cut carbon and tackle climate change. This ten-point action plan doesn't cover everything that could be done but clearly sets out our priorities and how we intend to achieve them.

*Here is the list in full:*

- 1) Support local action Launch our Community Climate Action Fund and run a Let's Talk community event focusing on green issues
- 2) Increase East Hampshire sustainability and recycling Target waste contamination and promote recycling
- 3) Help East Hampshire households increase energy efficiency Help residents find grants and provide interest-free loans for energy-saving home improvements
- 4) Help East Hampshire businesses increase energy efficiency Help businesses achieve net zero and become more sustainable
- 5) Our Greenest Local Plan Work on zero carbon homes and encourage sustainable travel through our planning system.
- 6) Enhance our natural environment and improve biodiversity Develop biodiversity projects through our proposed community farm project, called Grow Up! and continue our plan to see 120,000 trees planted in East Hampshire
- 7) Encourage sustainable and active transport Develop walking and cycling routes and promote electric vehicles and charging networks
- 8) New, environmentally-friendly head office – New Barn Include solar panels, electric vehicles and a workplace travel plan for staff
- 9) Reduce our own carbon footprint to achieve net zero by 2050 Measure our carbon footprint, set realistic targets on carbon emissions and ensure our leisure facilities are net zero by 2030
- 10) Ensure that Climate Change is embedded within the council Embed the Green Team across the council

### **Residents will need photo ID to vote at district elections in May**

For the first time, voters will need to show photographic ID to vote at this year's district elections (on 4 May 2023). Please make sure your ready to vote in May by checking that you have an accepted form of ID. Accepted forms of ID include a UK, European economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK, EEA or Commonwealth photo drivers' licence\*; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. Voters will be able to use expired ID if they are still recognisable from the photo. Anyone who does not have one of the accepted forms of ID will be able to apply for free ID online shortly.

The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for the free ID, at [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID). Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. It only takes five minutes to register online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). Voters wishing to apply to the council for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote. The requirement to show photo ID at the polling station, is a new requirement, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May. \*Old-style UK paper driving licences without a photo cannot be accepted

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**Village Hall and Recreation Report for PC Meeting: 30 January 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 November and December expenditure exceeded income by £215. In the nine months from 1<sup>st</sup> April income has exceeded running costs by £2,900.
- An external water leak was reported and dealt with on 17<sup>th</sup> December (isolated under the kitchen sink for future repair, insulation or capping off). In the absence of the Hall Manager it was felt that: a master set of keys (including to all the cupboards) should be held by someone in the village; a list should be displayed in the hall / kitchen identifying the location of the stop-cock and electricity isolation points; a list of emergency contacts should be displayed in the village hall for users; and Councillors should have a copy of the list of approved maintenance and emergency repairs contacts.
- As agreed at the last meeting, a new 5-year licence permitting the school's use of the village hall has commenced from 1 January 2023. The details are as follows: the previous Licence was for 8.75 hrs/wk (Monday 1pm-3.15; Tuesday 12-3.15; Thursday 12-3.15) whereas the new Licence will only be for 6.75 hrs / week (Winter and Spring terms: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 1pm-3.15. Summer term: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 1pm-3.15). The standard 39 weeks term time use remains. The hourly rate under the previous Licence was £7.87 (yielding £2,686pa @ 8.75hrs for 39 weeks). The RPI increase (Dec 2019 to Oct 2022) has brought a new hourly charge of £9.60 per hour (RPI indices 291.9 & 356.2). The new annual payment will be £2527.20 (£9.60 x 6.75 hours/week x 39 weeks). Although the hourly rate has increased by 22%, the annual amount has decreased slightly because of the lower number of hours requested. The Licence allows for any additional usage to these specified hours to be charged to the School directly at this new hourly rate. The Parish Council would need to invoice the School directly for any such these costs. Conversely if the hall is not available for the agreed regular hours then a credit should be raised for the School. The Parish Council requested additional rent reviews to update these new terms and HCC has agreed that a review is undertaken every two years: so 1 January 2025 and 1 January 2027 prior to the further recalculation at the end of the 5 year term (1 January 2028) if the Licence were renewed. The new License has been signed by both parties and copies will be held by the Parish Clerk and Hall Manager. Depending on the date on which HCC makes its January payment they have agreed that the increase will be backdated to 1 January 2023 if necessary.
- Since completion of the project by Executive Windows (replacing windows, doors, soffits, gutters, cladding and the external stairs from the upper hall) 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-prof course installed and of the new insulation behind the new cladding are still awaited. The Parish Clerk has chased Executive Windows again.
- A request for any offers of advice, expertise and assistance to help the community undertake future work at the hall as efficiently as possible was included in the winter edition of the Parish Magazine but no responses have been received other than from Andy van den Broeke. With the £50,000 CIL award from SDNPA being held for 3 years it is suggested that the Council should continue to work with Andy to develop a more detailed, ordered plan of next steps

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(drawing upon the Buildpass audit, the Project Solar report and the ARC infrared heating assessment) and apply for further grant funding if/as required. This would be on the basis of his costed proposal discussed at the last PC Meeting and next steps could embrace roof insulation, a potential 12kw solar PV array (which could enable the provision of two fast-charge EV charging points), enhanced lighting controls, point-of-use hot water heaters and water efficiency measures etc.

- Following the successful transition to on-line banking the trial of an on-line booking system for the village hall (the Hallmaster system) is coming to an end. It is felt to be successful and Councillors have already agreed that, if successful, it should be used thereafter (currently £199+vat pa). 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.
- Cllr Coates is making some progress with ideas to seek funding from users of the Playground (particularly from families who do not live in the parish and who, therefore, currently don't make any financial contribution at all). Options could range from setting up the Play Park as a separate charity to simply have a QR code linked to a 'Go fund me' page or directly into the Parish Council's bank account. It will be helpful for Councillors to consider the range of options.
- Recent improvements and repairs to the playground include the installation of the replacement basketball backboard but a request to Sutcliffe Play about the costs of repairing a loose metal footing on the 'log climber' unit was rejected as the installation warranty only covered a 12 month period.
- The Parish Clerk wrote to the Tennis Club on 5<sup>th</sup> December to obtain the agreements in relation to the proposed outdoor table tennis table that were agreed at the last meeting. A reply is awaited.
- Updates about nature projects in the margins of the Recreation Ground are reported elsewhere on this agenda.

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### Buriton Parish Council: Planning Report: 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Including draft minutes, for approval, of the Planning Committee meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### Updates on current planning matters

**SDNP/21/00956/FUL.** Farm track access from Horsechestnut Farm onto the Causeway (B2070), Petersfield. Application still in Progress.

**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 still in Progress. Liaison Group being established: more details may be available.

**SDNP/21/05279/FUL** New arts centre at Ditcham Park School. 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). Appeal against refusal in progress. Public inquiry scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> for up to two weeks. Parish Councillors will be attending.

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

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

**SDNP/22/04251/HOUS:** Home office at Toads Alley, South Lane: Application Approved.

**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.

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

**SDNP/22/03543/DCOND:** land at Greenway Lane, Buriton, for 10 new dwellings. Discharge of Conditions 3, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 21 of planning approval SDNP/21/02014/FUL. The Parish Council had sent a lengthy letter to the planning authority raising a number of objections to the discharge of most of the conditions and these concerns were taken into account. The decision is a 'split decision' with only Conditions 14 (External Lighting) and 16 (EV Charging Spaces) being approved/discharged. Conditions 3 (Materials), 11 (Hard Landscaping), 12 (Planting Proposals) and 21 (Air Heat Source Pump Noise) have not been agreed / discharged. Amongst other things the planners are saying:

- property boundaries, including with existing houses in Glebe Road, should be native hedges (as previously agreed) – not close board fencing as recently proposed by Imperial Homes
- better quality materials are required, more rurally appropriate, not plain tarmac, nor cheap concrete slabs or cheap fascias, soffits or plastic doors and windows
- the proposed 'growing wall' needs to be better
- every new house should have a bird box for swifts, special tiles for bats and special bricks for bees – as originally agreed by Metis Homes
- each house is supposed to have Solar Panels
- more details about the noise from the Air Source Heat Pumps is required
- other important details are missing.

It is understood that the developers now have to revise their proposals and/or provide more information and hopefully the Parish Council will be given another chance to study everything. In the meantime it is possible that no more building work above the foundations should take place until the discharge of remaining conditions is approved. SDNPA are investigating an enforcement case (SDNP/23/00008/BRECON) in case any of the work has already exceeded that which is permitted.

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**SDNP/22/05106/LIS:** 1 Old Stables, Manor House, North Lane: Acquiring a part of the neighbouring house under the existing flying freehold first floor area in order to create a Utility Room off the existing Kitchen. Application approved.

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

**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 in progress.

**ACV registration at The Nest:** Councillors learnt from EHDC that the ACV registration at the Village Inn (now re-named The Nest) had expired and that it was necessary to re-apply for the registration to be reinstated. A re-application was ratified at the meeting of the BPC Planning Committee in December and is currently being considered by EHDC. It should also be noted that the ACV registration at the Five Bells will expire on 17 September 2025.

**Review of South Downs Local Plan:** the South Downs National Park Authority is commencing a review of its Local Plan and, although the next version of the Plan will not be finalised until 2027, Parish Councils are due to be consulted widely in the meantime so as to feed into the evidence base and provide local information and knowledge to inform the Review. Views and inputs of local communities into the Review are likely to be very important, particularly those of parish councils. One way in which parishes may be asked to contribute is through a Parish Priority Statement (PPS) which would summarise the principal needs and prevailing views for their local area in a prescribed template. It would be important to gather the views of as many people as possible (those who live, work or visit each parish) and this would help to ensure a PPS carries weight to inform and influence the Review of the Local Plan. As a minimum it is likely that a draft PPS should be published inviting comments from the wider community. Parish Councils may also need to make particular efforts to engage with hard to reach and under-represented groups, including young people. The PPSs would not be part of the Local Plan but they would provide important evidence and could be considered when the National Park Authority allocates housing sites etc. Thereafter PPSs could also be a material consideration when planning applications are considered and they could be useful when applying for funding from SDNPA or other bodies. The SDNPA will develop a more detailed timetable for parish council engagement and consultation in due course, once there is greater clarity about potential changes to the planning system that are being proposed by the government. The Parish Council may wish to encourage Buriton's Village Design Group to help gather evidence for the prospective Parish Priority Statement as they have done for the Parish Council in the past.

**Construction of 10 new homes at Greenway Lane:** Following the commencement of work a number of residents have reported that the construction of the new homes has been leading to gardens in Glebe Road becoming swamps with pools of water, plants rotting and at least one home becoming damp and mouldy. Water has also got into garden sheds and could be damaging contents, including soft furnishing for outdoor seating. It has also been reported that water from the site flows along the pathway which people use to walk from Glebe Road to / from the bus stop on Greenway Lane. As users of this path include many elderly residents there are fears that this could become very dangerous in any cold temperatures / icy conditions. The Parish Council has reported all these complaints in a number of messages to the developers (Imperial Homes), to planning officers, drainage officers and environmental health officers – and enquiries have been made about whether existing residents who have been adversely affected might be eligible for any sort of compensation. The developers have taken a number of actions to try to ameliorate the situation but ongoing monitoring continues to be required.

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**Affordable homes on the Greenway Lane housing site:** BPC has contacted EHDC for an update on the situation and it has been confirmed that a local Housing Association will manage and maintain the 4 affordable homes (3 rented/ 1 shared ownership) although it is not yet clear which Housing Association is in contract with the developer. The three rented homes will be let via Hampshire Home Choice (Housing Register), and the section 106 agreement includes wording to prioritise local people from Buriton. There is a cascade in place that goes out to the surrounding parishes if there is not a suitable applicant with a Buriton connection. The shared ownership home will also be prioritised for a local family with the same cascade applying. Further enquiries are being made in relation to anyone with an appropriate connection to the parish who is already living in a Housing Association property elsewhere: will they be eligible to transfer to the new homes in the village? For anyone interested in these new homes, they can use <https://www.hampshirehomechoice.org.uk/> where they can apply for affordable rented housing. They can also contact Dave Lindsay, Housing Development Officer (01730 234038 / [David.Lindsay@easthants.gov.uk](mailto:David.Lindsay@easthants.gov.uk)) or any member of the EHDC Housing team if they have any questions: 01730 234358.

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### Rights of Way report for PC Meeting:

30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### Community Engagement Ranger

HCC has appointed Megan Cledwyn as a new Community Engagement Ranger for the Countryside Service's South East Access Team. A meeting was arranged with members of the Parish Council's Rights of Way Committee (Doug Jones and Dave Grant) on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

Megan praised work done in Buriton to replace so many stiles as well as other initiatives in the parish. It was explained that the Parish Council had undertaken a major initiative about ten years ago and had removed dozens of stiles in a programme spread over 2-3 years. As a consequence, only a small number now remain but it was felt that it would still be worth trying to remove these so that the parish became 100% stile-free. Megan suggested a strap-line: "Stile free in 23"! She would be willing to approach landowners if necessary. The places with remaining stiles were identified as:

- 3 in the Weston area: 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.

Megan reported that as well as Cllr Mocatta's grants, HCC have grant opportunities available for parishes for this sort of work (Countryside Access Parish Delivery Partnership) and recommended applying in mid-March or early April as soon as the funding is replenished in the new financial year. Councillors are asked to discuss this matter and consider applying for grant funding.

A number of other Rights of Way issues were reported including the importance of adding BOAT 18 (and, ideally, BOAT 19) to the County Council's 'winter closure' list as conditions are particularly bad in the winter months. Vegetation growth (particularly nettles and brambles) along the Hangers Way as it approaches the village from Petersfield was also discussed and it was pointed out that the Parish Council does not seem to have been consulted or informed about the annual cutting regime in recent years. Megan agreed to pursue this. Occasional problems with Network Rail contractors' vehicles obstructing the Shipwrights Way / Hangers Way Bridlepath in a potentially dangerous location under the bridge in South Lane were also discussed.

#### 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 with many parishes experiencing problems similar to those in this parish. The Parish Council wrote to the South Downs National Park Authority in October 2022 imploring them to work in partnership with Hampshire County Council to help address this matter but the National Park Authority decided not to do so.

At the recent EHAPTC meeting it was explained that there is a particular concentration of BOATs in East Hampshire making it an attractive area for motorised vehicles to visit from many miles away to drive along ancient rights of way. County Council representatives explained that they were aiming to introducing more temporary winter closures to try to protect routes from damage and give them time to recover. Experience in this parish near Sunwood Farm confirms that such temporary closures are easily ignored by motorcyclists and 4x4 drivers and so gates are needed to restrict usage.

Experience in nearby parishes (eg. Langrish and East Meon) is that new gates on a number of their byways are really helping this winter. But, the byways that are not closed are seeing increased traffic causing substantial damage.

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Recent correspondence from the main landowner in this parish affected by motorised traffic on local byways, Buriton Estates, has said that gates to close the byways during temporary winter closures would be appreciated: two on BOAT 18 (Mead Lane) and two on BOAT 19 (Milky Way). Photographs of some of the current conditions are included below.

It is understood that the County Council is likely to be making an application to SDNPA for CIL funding to cover the costs of buying and installing gates to help enforce winter closures and it is suggested that the Parish Council writes to Councillor Oppenheimer (HCC's Executive Member for Recreation, Heritage and Rural Affairs) to provide support for this idea and to explain that 4 gates would be required for this parish at the earliest possible opportunity – in conjunction with similar actions on all nearby BOATs in the district.



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### **Climate and Nature initiatives:**

Report to Parish Council meeting (January 2023)

### **Pollinator and Nature Projects**

Updates since the last meeting can be summarised as follows:

#### **BeeLines project on the Recreation Ground:**

- The “cut & collect + scarify” visit by Idverde took place on 5<sup>th</sup> December and the Yellow Rattle seeds were sown soon thereafter
- Another ‘cut & collect’ mowing is planned for early in 2023 and would then become an annual operation at that time of year
- 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.

#### **The ‘Re-Naturing Call for Sites’ initiative:**

- Paul Bushell, Western Downs Ranger for SDNPA, visited again on 5<sup>th</sup> December and continues to provide helpful ideas and assistance for our project in the margins of the Recreation Ground.
- As reported at the last meeting, he feels 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. This may help with the 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
- Paul had also identified a 10-15m gap in the hedgerow in the ‘top’ corner of the recreation ground and had suggested that some mixed native (locally UK sourced) hedgerow whips, maybe of a foraging type (eg. hazel, dog rose, blackthorn etc), could be planted within the coming winter with some sort of protection and also a layer of mulch to allow the whips to establish for a few years
- He has now kindly agreed to place an order for suitable plug plants and pay directly from SDNPA funds, getting the plants delivered to Buriton in around March. The aim is to get successional flowering, a variety of colours and as extended a flowering period as possible (hence including Primrose and Cowslips which are relatively early flowering, hopefully before the grass gets too strong). Other potential species are Agrimony, Dropwort, Kidney vetch, Perforate St John’s wort, Bird’s foot trefoil, Common or great knapweed, Lady’s bedstraw, Harebell, Meadow vetchling, Salad burnet, Marjoram or Thyme or wild Basil. We have suggested that it may be a bit early in our ‘re-naturing’ for many small plants if we want them to really get established and that it may be best to choose species that will grow taller whilst there is nothing to keep the grass down yet. Paul has noted these comments and will see what he can do when he places the order.
- Similarly Paul has kindly agreed to order the hedging for the 20m gap directly from SDNPA with delivery to Buriton in mid-late February (for planting before the end of March). It is understood that they will come with environmentally friendly spiral guards.
- SDNPA may also be able to part contribute towards some of the cost of interpretation materials subject to involvement of their Comms team

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### Tree initiatives:

- In addition to the successful application to HCC for new trees on highways land Cllr Johnston has completed and signed the MoU with SDNPA and has collected six trees for the 'Trees for the Downs' award and will arrange planting in due course. She is suggesting: an oak on the triangle at Halls Hill; a Rowan at the village pond; a Field Maple at the northern junction of Sumner/ Glebe Roads; a Silver Birch at Petersfield Road; a Wayfarer on the recreation ground and a second oak on the verge outside Tithe House opposite the new development.

### The HCC Pollinator Project:

- HCC's Andy Davidson is helping obtain a moth trap from the NHBS wildlife, ecology and conservation suppliers – subject to full funding being obtained by a grant from the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (HBIC). He is also offering to support someone in learning to identify moths. The application is for a 20W Actinic Compact Skinner Trap (with spare 20W Actinic Bulb and earth leakage trip switch), a compact trap bag, 100 collecting pots (60ml) and an identification field guidebook.
- There will be a talk in the village hall on Wednesday 22 March about "How to garden for nature and the climate". The talk will be given by Melanie Oxley, a local ecologist and campaigner for wildlife who is a founder member of Plantlife and a 'Wilder Garden Champion' with the Hampshire Wildlife Trust.
- It may be possible to follow-up the talk with a workshop for interested residents: to consider how to improve their gardens for biodiversity and climate change. Participants could bring photos or diagrams of their gardens which a small group (perhaps just 10 people) could consider together. Melanie would provide materials, checklists etc and one of the aims might be for each person to take away three actions to carry out.
- Preparations are also under way for a major new 'celebration' in Buriton's calendar – the community's very own "B-Earth Day"! This will be a big family Spring event to promote climate and nature causes in the parish – and it will be taking place on International Earth Day (Saturday 22nd April) when up to a billion people around the globe demonstrate their support for protecting the planet. Plans include a range of activities, talks, stalls and demonstrations which promote steps to combat climate change and boost protections for pollinators and nature. Although there is a serious message behind the event, it is hoped that everyone will find it fun as well as interesting.

### Progress with other nature initiatives

- An introductory on-line Teams Meeting with 3 representatives of Network Rail (Jack Wharton, Public Affairs Manager; and two ecologists: Aline Gomes and Leo Hughes) was held on 12th December. They said that they could explore ideas about 'hop-over' sites and potentially improving some of the woodland for pollinators as well as identifying any areas along the track through the parish that are wide enough for other ideas. They promised to report back with an update about potential ideas in January.
- The installation of about 30 Swift boxes under eaves around the village (by Tim Norriss and colleagues from the Hampshire Swifts Charity) is likely to take place within the next couple of months.

### Climate Care

- In the periods of cold, dry weather arrives it has been possible to start work on the list of households wishing to have their homes surveyed using the Council's Thermal Imaging Camera. There are currently over 20 households interested in benefitting from this initiative, including homes in the High Street, Glebe Road, Sumner Road, Petersfield Road, North Lane, South Lane, Bones Lane, Heatherfield, Greenway Lane and New Barn Lane.

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- A meeting of the teams involved in both the Climate Care and Nature initiatives has been held recently to continue to develop, amongst other things, more details for the new form of village show on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April: the special B-earth day. The group would like to know if the Parish Council's existing insurance policy would already provide cover this event (as with the Jubilee and other events) or whether the costs of a separate policy (c£400) would need to be raised.
- Contact has also been made with Pennie Brown, EHDC's new Strategy Manager for Sustainable Growth, and learnt about her Ten Point Action Plan, her Community Climate Action Fund and her suggestion of an EHDC event later in the year to bring interested organisations together.
- The Buriton Group has received details of EHDC's new 'Community Climate Action Fund' (with grants of up to £25,000 to help communities combat climate change) and feels that this could be helpful to the parish later in the year. Any suggestions / proposals would be brought to the Parish Council so that the Council could consider applying.

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### Correspondence

Date	Details	Sender
28.11.22	Inquiring about Quiet Lanes	Victoria Ewart, Newton Valance PC
29.11.22	Confirmation from Buriton School that they still use the Staging	Jo Eades, Buriton School
29.11.22	Copy of email to Planning Officer Re Greenway Lane development and discharge of conditions	Cllr Mocatta
30.11.22	Confirming that Clanfield Observatory will write to the Planning Inspectors objecting to the Re-Charge 1 proposals	Richard Judd, President, Hampshire Astronomical Group
1.12.22	Message from new tenants at the Five Bells saying that they will be taking over and opening in January 2023	Les Mann & Tanya Denyer
5.12.22	Thank you for studying revised proposals for Greenway Lane housing site and enclosing photos of work underway	Charlotte Milligan
7.12.22	Reply from The Nest Hotel confirming their objection sent to the Planning Inspectors about the Re-Charge 1 proposals	Shane & Amanda Bird
8.12.22	Tree planting on triangle at Halls Hill	Sue & Dave Williams
8.12.22	Message explaining that the ACV at The Nest had expired during 2022 and that the listing for the Five Bells would expire on 17 September 2025.	Dean Mohammad, EHDC
10.12.22	Complaining about noise of Saturday working by Imperial Homes at the Greenway Lane housing site	Caroline Gray
13.12.22	Confirmation that NR ecologists will consider opportunities to support wildlife in the parish and report back in January	Jack Wharton, Public Affairs, Network Rail
13.12.22	Complaint about external lights at village hall spoiling dark skies	Tim Mitford
14.12.22	Introduction of Community Engagement Ranger	Megan Cledwyn
15.12.22	Joint approach request for action on B2146	Trish Walker, Harting PC
16.12.22	Reply saying that it is great to hear that the Parish has spent the Neighbourhood portion of CIL so efficiently	Nikki Allen, SDNPA
16.12.22	Information from PeCAN about Petersfield Area Superhomes (PASH) and Thermal Imaging	Ruth Scammell, PECAN
16.12.22	Log climber out of warranty	Sutcliffe Play
16.12.22	Details of Butser Liaison Group	Jack MacFarlane, TJ
18.12.22	Comments about the Discharge of Conditions application by Imperial Homes for the Greenway Lane housing site	Charlotte Milligan
19.12.22	Reply about safety concerns at Butser Hill (water on slip roads etc) saying that a site visit had identified a number of issues which would be taken up with the National Highways Route Sponsor for the A3 in the new year.	Jason York, Drainage Custodian, National Highways
21.12.22	Wildflowers on the rec	Paul Bushell, SDNPA
21.12.22	Thank you for all the efforts regarding the planning applications at the Greenway Lane housing site.	Charlotte Milligan
22.12.22	Copy of letter to Imperial Homes highlighting concerns about drainage and risks of flooding into back gardens in Glebe Road.	Caroline Gray
22.12.22	Thank you for raising the issue of drainage and risks of flooding with EHDC's drainage expert.	Caroline Gray

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28.12.22	Reply about drainage at Greenway Lane housing site, explaining that Imperial Homes had submitted an amended layout plan Drg No D2066-002 Rev E which still indicates a land drain along the boundary with the Glebe Road properties. As the conditions have not yet been discharged work should not have commenced on site. Copied to Karen Wooden at SDNPA.	Roger Burton, EHDC Drainage Consultant
31.12.22	Highlighting an urgent issue about flooding caused by the building work at the Greenway Lane housing site. Home is now damp and mouldy, black mould growing on walls and ceilings, gardens sitting in pools of water. Others are far worse, at least one garden is a swamp. It's heart-breaking for those who live for their gardens in the summer months, with much of their plants rotting now. Huge impacts on existing homes, gardens and possibly health too.	Sam Rossiter
31.12.22	Complaint about flooded garden due to the Greenaway Lane building site. We have lived in this house for forty years and never had a problem before.	Jackie Styles
31.12.22	Thank you for keeping us informed. Sadly since the developers removed the far hedges we can see the impact it is already taking. Also they haven't put in any drainage to allay the situation so hopefully they will rectify this first. I know this development will not be stopped but I can see it affecting a lot of people's health - mentally and physically!	Caroline Gray
31.12.22	Heartfelt thanks for the actions taken today on behalf of some of the Parish residents. You have shown a level of care that we see so little of in today's world.	Samantha Rossiter
31.12.22	Reply from Imperial Homes saying that they have contacted their groundworkers and will look to deal with the issue asap. Clearly once all the drainage is installed as per the approved drawings this will not occur.	Richard Paine, Imperial Homes
31.12.22	Providing photographs of flooded gardens at Marsh Mead, Glebe Road	Steve Elliott
3.1.23	Further reply from Imperial Homes with information from the ground workers saying that they will 'drop a trench in along that side of the site and push the water into the main water course to get out of the situation for now probably the quickest way to resolve the issue'	Richard Paine, Imperial Homes
3.1.23	Update regarding the flooding in the gardens: there is a land drain on the plans to go the whole length of site against their back gardens and discharge into the swale so this will not be a future problem. In the mean time until we have the drainage here Ray is in the proses of digging a ditch along the whole length of site which will sort the problem. I have taken pictures if you need them.	Joel Harris, Site Manager Imperial Homes
4.1.23	Confirmation of Street Name and House Numbers (1 – 10 South Downs View) with plot plan [Plan still shows hedging all along the southern boundary which Imperial Homes are proposing to replace with close boarded fencing]	Richard Paine, Imperial Homes

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4.1.23	Reply explaining that a local Housing Association (not yet known) will manage and maintain the 4 affordable homes at Greenway Lane. The 3 rented homes will be let via Hampshire Home Choice and the section 106 agreement ensures priority for people from Buriton. A cascade then goes out to surrounding parishes if there is not a suitable applicant with a Buriton connection. The shared ownership home will also be prioritised in the same way.	Dave Lindsay EHDC Housing Options Team
4.1.23	Large articulated lorries parking at church during closure of A3 due to an accident.	Patrick Figgis
5.1.23	Information from HCC and National Highways in reply to report about lorries parking at church when A3 closed	Cllr Mocatta
5.1.23	Re-enrolment into pension scheme	Pension Regulator
5.1.23	Reply about new Sustainable Growth role at EHDC	Pennie Brown, EHDC
5.1.23	Providing amended copy of Licence for the school's use of the village hall	Geraldine Lawrence, HCC Estates Technical Officer
5.1.23	Reporting that Imperial Homes are starting the build with walls going up. Asking if they are now allowed to do this.	Charlotte Milligan
6.1.23	Arranging to meet and praising work done in Buriton to replace so many stiles in addition to other Rights of Way work.	Megan Cledwyn, Community Ranger, HCC Countryside Service
6.1.23	Reply about walls being built and about the discharge of planning conditions at the Greenway Lane housing site: explaining that SDNPA officers see the site as a priority both in terms of monitoring and also in relation to the consideration of information submitted in order to discharge the various conditions of the permission. The Case Officer should soon be able to issue a decision about the Conditions. With regard to monitoring and enforcement, the Enforcement Team will visit the site shortly to understand the extent of work already undertaken before making any decisions as to how to proceed and whether any formal enforcement action is required. The matters are being monitored very closely and SDNPA are committed to ensuring a high quality development is achieved	Rob Ainslie, SDNPA
8.1.23	More photos of effects of work being done by Imperial Homes, showing the pathway from Glebe Road to the bus stop on Greenway Lane.	Steve Elliott
8.1.23	The trench dug by Imperial Homes serves only to divert the water away from the building site into my garden, the shrubs we planted last spring in anticipation of shielding our view are now rotting in a sea of clay.	Jackie Styles
9.1.23	Reply from Imperial Homes about the situation over the weekend. The Site Manager is currently working with the groundworks contractors to ensure all drainage works are carried as soon as possible, including the installation of a new land drain to the boundary of the existing properties and the construction of two new swales followed by any	Chris Sheehan Project Manager Imperial Homes

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	offsite works. They will also monitor the levels of water on the footpath and discuss with contractors about coming up with a solution to avoid this happening again.	
9.1.23	Request for further information about The Nest ACV submission.	HDC Shared Support Team
10.1.23	Gates to close BOATs during temporary winter closures would be appreciated: two on BOAT 18 (Mead Lane) and two on BOAT 19 (Milky Way).	Jane Meredith Buriton Estates
10.1.23	Reply explaining that he was unaware that vegetation removal had occurred on the Greenway Lane housing site, which raises the issue of impacts to legally protected species including Hazel Dormice. The clearance works should have been carried out under a European Protected Species licence and he has requested evidence from the SDNPA Case Officer that such a licence was obtained.	Tristan Norton Senior Ecologist, HCC
10.1.23	Reply about Petersfield Town Council's interest in Real Time Passenger Information on bus routes	Jamie Matthews
14.1.23	Complaint about car blocking pavement (raised with Cllr Mocatta in September who had said that HCC may visit to assess the situation but were unlikely to intervene unless there is a public safety issue)	Tim Mitford
16.1.23	Reply explaining that the developers are implementing their approved drainage scheme, including off-site highways works to improve ditches near the site. This will take time to complete and so there will be continued excess water running off in places from time to time. Any claims for compensation can only be put directly to the developer, Imperial Homes Southern Counties Ltd.	Alexandra Vogt, SDNPA
17.1.23	Further message about car blocking pavement	Tim Mitford
17.1.23	Confirmation that salt will be put down on footpath from Glebe Road to Greenway Lane	Richard Paine, Imperial Homes
17.1.23	Informing us that the shower in the ref's toilet is leaking.	Paul Evans
17.1.23	Reply agreeing to clear ice from the pathway between Glebe Road and the bus stop on Greenway Lane	Joel Harris, Imperial Homes
17.1.23	Reply saying thank you for an informative and helpful update about the Greenway Lane development situation	Sam Rossiter
18.1.23	Confirmation that salt has been put down on path and that a solution may have been found	Joel Harris, Imperial Homes
18.1.23	Invite to Butser Quarry Liaison Group Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Jack Macfarlane, TJ Transport Group
18.1.23	Reply saying thanks for the updates about the Greenway Lane development situation	Caroline Gray
19.1.23	Notification of appeal Public Inquiry arrangements – Recharge one	Planning, SDNPA
19.1.23	Grants for volunteer groups for maintaining ROWs	Megan Cledwyn, Community Ranger, HCC
19.1.23	Reply explaining that none of the issues raised about the new housing development at Greenway Lane fall under the remit of Environmental Health	Gemma Richards, Pollution Team Leader, EHDC

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19.1.23	Further message about car blocking pavement	Tim Mitford
19.1.23	Query about Imperial Homes' proposal to close the path between Glebe road and the bus stop for two weeks	Steve Elliott
20.1.23	Further complaint about external lights at village hall spoiling dark skies	Tim Mitford
20.1.23	Reply explaining that the developers need to dig a trench across the path to connect to the main sewer	Cllr Mocatta
23.1.23	Confirmation of funding from HCC for 2023/24 and 2024/25 for Lengthsman Scheme	Cllr Russell Oppenheimer
24.1.23	Request for a memorial bench on recreation ground	Vanessa Chambers
24.1.23	Copy of Member's Planning Bulletin	Simon Rowberry, Head of Planning & Building Control, EHDC
26.1.23	Informing us that no further action to be taken on planning breach of overhang at 3 Monks Walk	Ellen Owen, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer, EHDC

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