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

Present: Cllr T Wheeler (Chair), Cllr A Bray, Cllr D Lloyd, Cllr H Hill, Cllr L Carney, County and District Cllr R Mocatta and Mrs P Norris, Clerk.

In attendance: There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr E Bird gave her apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declaration of interest from 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. A Declaration of interest was made by Cllr Bray that he is a landowner involved in the improvements for users of footpaths around the B2146.

3. To approve minutes from BPC meetings held on 25th September 2023.

The draft minutes of the meetings held on 25th September 2023 were approved as a correct record and the Chair will sign a copy for the Council's Minutes Book. **Action: Cllr Wheeler.**

9. Planning

Cllrs agreed to move this item up the agenda as many of the members of the public had attended specifically for this item. A report produced by the Planning Committee is attached to these minutes:

- Greenway Park Hotel: Councillors considered the Outline Planning Application SDNP/23/04270/OUT for the construction of a hotel and a cycle centre near Greenway Lane and the A3 Northbound Interchange which had been discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on 22nd November. A summary of comments made on the application at that meeting was provided and Mr Ally Kennedy of Luminare Consultancy, attending on behalf of the applicants, read out a short deputation (attached to these Minutes). In discussion, Councillors raised some further matters and agreed, unanimously, to object to the Application accordingly.

Open Forum

- Cllr Mocatta asked if the Greenway Park Hotel has been in planning for ten years is it still viable with the increase in construction costs. Mr Kennedy said that it was still viable.
- A parishioner said that he had come along to see what the comments were on the Greenway Park Hotel application from the Parish Council. He said that he was worried about the highways implications and that the proposal does not comply with the SDNPA's environmental stance.
- A parishioner said that even though SDNPA had said that more accommodation was needed for tourists, this proposal was focusing on the extra accommodation in one area.
- A Parishioner that the proposal was in a green area and not identified in the local plan as an area for development.
- A parishioner raised concerns about possible issue with Bo Peep Copse which does not have any protection but seen as an ancient woodland with many wild flowers growing there especially bluebells. There is a public footpath and a BOAT. Two gates have been put on the footpath with rumours that cattle may be used to "rewild" the area. This concern has been reported to HCC Rights of Ways Officer. The parishioner agreed to update Cllr Hill following the visit from the ROW officer. It was also reported that a barn which has planning permission

in the same vicinity, is being constructed in a different location. Cllr Mocatta agreed to let the Enforcement Team know at EHDC.

- BOATS – Mr Doug Jones reported that he had attended a scrutiny select committee at HCC on behalf of the parish council to talk about BOATS in the parish and East Hampshire. Susan Davenport, Chair of East Meon Parish Council, also attended. Those attending were trying to influence the policy for managing BOATS. It was hoped that some amendments would be made to the policy. The specific BOATS in Buriton are 18 and 19. These have been classed as “Amber” due to the condition of them. HCC have stated that each Amber route has been assessed to see if gates can be fitted to allow them to be temporarily closed when conditions warrant it. Mr Jones suggested writing to HCC to see the parish’s amber routes had been inspected and that gates could be fitted. Cllrs agreed that the letter be sent and the Chair asked Mr Jones to produce this for the Clerk to send. The Chair thanked Mr Jones for attending the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Mocatta added that this is seen as a very important matter to HCC and wanted the support of the public for the plans going forward.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2023.

- Monks Walk driveway: Once the work on Haven Barn is finished, an agreement will be sought with the management company.
- Proposals from Buriton School for School Meadow – further details still awaited.
- EHDC hedge along Petersfield Road – enforcement action being taken.
- Dog fouling: stickers have been ordered, further clarification needed on visits from the dog warden.
- Replacement of trees and other works at village pond: awaiting the Pond Management Plan.
- New footpath by B2146 at Hurst: still waiting information from HCC.
- Ineffective ditch in Petersfield Road by Bones Lane: HCC’s website states that the ditch has been dug out, Cllr Wheeler to check. **Action: Cllr Wheeler**
- Email addresses: Information forwarded to Cllrs from Ali Martin. Cllrs agreed to this way forward. **Action Clerk.**
- Replacement of damaged bollards at the Five Bells: work has been completed.
- Table Tennis Table: no further updates received.
- Bus service changes: this is now out of HCC’s control.
- Fly-tipping hot-spot at corner of Greenway Lane: HCC have suggested planting trees at this location, Cllrs agreed to this suggestion, Cllr Mocatta to progress. **Action: Cllr Mocatta**
- Grant funding for tree to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III has been received, Clerk to contact BEA for a suggested species and location. **Action: Clerk.**
- Repairs to pot-holes: some repairs have been carried out in the High Street, it is still important to keep reporting defects on the HCC website.
- Potential works to the Village Hall: quotes being obtained.
- Co-option of new Cllrs – the Chair welcomed Cllr Carney to the Parish Council. She agreed to be on the Village Hall Committee, the Cllr representative on BEA and sit on the Rights of Way group.
- On-line banking: Cllr Hill can now authorise but Cllr Lloyd still having problems.
- Use of football pitches – this has currently been suspended until alternative parking arrangements can be found. Cllrs Bray and Lloyd will look at obtaining quotes to have matting placed on the recreation ground by the Kiln Lane entrance which will extra parking when required in the village not just for football. The latest CIL payment could be considered to fund this. **Action: Cllrs Bray and Lloyd.** Cllrs agreed to leave the goalposts in place unless required by Petersfield Town Football Club. Clerk to reply to Mr Mitford. **Action: Clerk.**
- Nursery Garden – to be discussed by the Village Hall Committee.
- Removal of the two pieces of playground equipment which was identified during the last inspection have been removed.
- Parish Priority Statement – has been submitted.
- Removal of a stile in Weston and replaced with a kissing gate has been requested.
- Ideverde has been informed not to cut the hedge on the inside of the recreation ground.
- CIL statement – now on the website and SDNPA have been informed.

6. County and District Councillor's Reports

County and District Cllr Mocatta provided a report from HCC, which is attached to these minutes. He highlighted:

- Parking charges – EHDC is under huge financial pressure and have not increased parking charges for six years, this was preferred rather than increasing the council tax significantly
- Property that is owned by EHDC, generates around £3m pa but the value of the property has decreased.
- HCC is under very difficult financial pressure and all services is being looked at.

4. Chair's Update

The Chair stated that Cllr Lee Lloyd has resigned from the Parish Council, the Chair thanked Lee for all his hard work in particular the successful Jubilee celebrations.

The Chair also thanked Elaine Bray for providing the poppy wreath for Remembrance Sunday, as a result a donation of £100 will be donated to the Poppy Appeal. **Action: Clerk**

7. Finance and Accounts

- **Summary of Reserves** – Cllrs noted the summary of reserves.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 20th November 2023 for the Parish Council** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 4 totalling £232,643.32 in the current account and 1 totalling £413.74 in the reserve account. Cllrs approved the following payments: 10 totalling £7,812.49 from the current account.
- **Approval of receipts and payments up to 31st October 2023 for the Village Hall** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 22 totalling £3,301.65. Cllrs approved the following payments: 34 totalling £5,114.19.
- **Budget against performance up to 31st October 2023** – Cllr noted the budget against performance.
- **Approval of Budget and Precept 2024-25** – Cllrs agreed the budget for 2024-25 and the precept of £24,000.

8. Village Hall and Recreation Report

Cllr Lloyd reported that:

- There are no bad debtors.
- All maintenance has been completed. Cllr Wheeler has repaired the faulty downpipe.
- **Further works to the Village Hall** – quotes are being obtained.
- **Disabled Parking Signs** – these have been put up
- The next step is to increase hirings. The “add-ons”, e.g. sound system, cutlery and cups etc, are not being promoted. Going forward these will be included in any advertising. It was agreed that a future promotional event be held to increase hirings from parishioners. An afternoon tea was suggested.
- A letter has been received from the organiser of the Christmas Fair, which is held at the Church, asking if they could borrow the tables from the village hall in future years. Cllrs agreed to this but asked that the tables are returned by the evening in case the village hall has been hired. Clerk to reply and ask what date and time the tables will be needed. **Action: Clerk.**

10. Work for Lengthsman & Highway Issues

The Clerk that administers the Lengthsman Scheme has been off poorly so some of the work has not been passed on. It is hoped that we will be able to contact the Lengthsman direct.

Further work identified was: mud at the bottom of Weston Lane and clearing of the rumble strip in North Lane. **Action: Clerk.**

11. Rights of Way

- BOATS were discussed in matters arising.
- Cllr Carney is meeting with Doug Jones.

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

The following matters were discussed:

- **Wild Flowers** – Cllrs agreed to fund the planting of wild flowers in the verge opposite the new development up to £250.
- **Inspection of Pond** – the officer that is going to look at the condition of the pond, organised by BEA, needs to liaise with EHDC.

13. Correspondence

A list of correspondence is attached to these minutes. All items have been covered.

14. Approval of Meeting dates for 2024

Cllrs approved that dates for meeting in 2024: 29th January, 25th March, 20th May (including annual meeting), 29th July, 30th September and 25th November.

15. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 29th January 2024.

At the conclusion of business the meeting ended at 9.10pm.

Buriton Parish Council Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council Planning Committee held in Buriton Village Hall at 6pm on Wednesday 22nd November 2023.

Present: Tom Wheeler, Hellen Hill, Maggie Johnston, Doug Jones Apologies: Emily Bird
There was one member of the public present.

1. Tom Wheeler welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no declarations of interest.

2. Updates on current planning matters:

- SDNP/22/02272/LDC: The Hopkiln, Weston Lane. Decision pending.
- SDNP/23/00952/DCOND: Land at Greenway lane. Discharge of conditions 11 (hard landscaping) and 12 (Planting). Application still in progress. It was noted that there are now 3 properties occupied and the four affordable houses are being offered to tenants. Discussions identified a number of issues that have been raised with SDNPA planners over recent weeks but which have yet to be answered. It was agreed that another letter should be sent. It was also agreed that Hampshire Highways Department should now be asked to consider reducing the speed limit along Greenway Lane as the ten new houses are outside the 30mph area.
- SDNP/23/00647/HOUS. Single storey Side Extension at 12 Sumner Road. Application in Progress.
- SDNP/23/03240/HEDG and SDNP/23/03238/HEDG: New pipeline from Buriton Water Treatment Works. Decision Pending
- SDNP/23/03981/LIS: New windows at Manor Cottage North Lane. Decision Pending
- SDNP/23/04226/FUL: Storage containers and Kitchen vents at the Nest Hotel. Application in Progress
- SDNP/23/03638/FUL: Land to west of the Causeway, for 54 new houses. Application in Progress
- Phone Mast: it had not been possible to find out any information about the approved phone mast for Kiln Lane although the field had recently been sold to unknown purchasers. Permission for the Mast lasts for 5 years from the date of the application (February 2021)

Buriton Pond: it was agreed to ask the ecologist suggested by HCC's Bee King to inspect the health of the village pond, with Laura Carney offering to attend as well.

A meeting of the Butser Hill Quarry Liaison Group had been held on 21st November. Maggie Johnston and Doug Jones had represented the Parish Council with staff from SDNPA and from TJ Transport. The main feedback was as follows:

- TJ had eventually obtained their EA permit but the project is now running about two years late, suggesting that completion is likely to be in 2030 rather than 2028.
- Changes in the construction markets was causing variation in the amounts of incoming materials which may also affect the completion date.
- There is currently tipping at the southern end of the site with chalk extraction and recycling of materials at the northern end.
- The power cable near to the ancient Lime Kilns has been re-routed but trees are still growing amongst the kilns which still need to be resolved so that the kilns can be repaired and restored as agreed.
- It was noted that Condition 28 (SDNP/22/04352/DCOND) had been partially discharged with more information yet to come. Old photographs from the village's archives were offered to help with Interpretation Panels.
- There had been no recorded complaints from any sources since the last Liaison Meeting but it was recalled that during the last winter some water had flowed across the A3 slip-roads which could have been dangerous if it had frozen. TJ agreed to keep a close eye on this matter in the months ahead.
- TJ confirmed that they would be willing to consider helping with Buriton's Climate & Nature initiatives if this could ever be helpful.

3. Applications for consideration at this meeting:

- SDNP/23/04425/TCA: 6 High Street, Removal of 2 Conifers and canopy raise of 2 Indian Bean trees. It was agreed that there were no objections to this application but that it would be important for the planners to consider any comments or concerns raised by neighbours.
- SDNP/23/04381/HOUS and SDNP/23/04382/LIS: New swimming pool at Trinity Flint Barns, Weston. It was agreed that there were no objections to this application. The Conservation Officer's comments were noted: that the application was proposing to use high grade building materials and as such will not be detrimental to the setting of the buildings; and that the pool itself being 'dark' in colour will fit into the surroundings. Close monitoring of the construction to ensure that the proposed materials are used will be important. It was also agreed that it would be important for the planners to consider any comments or concerns raised by neighbours.
- SDNP/23/04270/OUT: an outline planning application for the construction of a hotel and a cycle centre with all matters reserved except for the access off the B2070; on land North East of the A3 Northbound Interchange. The Committee confirmed that it would discuss this application but refer their thoughts to the forthcoming meeting of the full Parish Council so as to allow all Councillors to make their comments and then agree the contents of the Council's submission on this significant application. The Committee felt that a letter should be sent to National Highways whose initial response is to raise no objection. The dangers of the A3 slip roads had been highlighted in the Council's submissions to the ReCharge One Appeal Inquiry and these would be drawn to the attention of National Highways again as this proposal would add many more traffic movements, in addition to all those envisaged for ReCharge One. It was felt that perhaps Highways England had not taken any account of the ReCharge One scheme. Comments made on the application included the following:
 - The applicants argue that this planning application is partly justified on the basis that it will provide a new cycling centre which will encourage sustainable travel. But the cycle centre would duplicate similar facilities nearby (at both the QECP and at two places in Petersfield) and it would not take account of flaws and safety issues with the local active travel infrastructure; the proposed development would not encourage sustainable tourism.
 - There are serious fears about adverse effects on The Nest and The Five Bells which both rely on overnight stays and on providing café and restaurant facilities. The village could be left without any pubs but, as both are registered as Assets of Community Value, the Policy SD23 (f) should carry great weight.
 - The South Downs Visitor Accommodation Review dates from 2014 and it was this Report which led to the statements about a shortage of accommodation in Petersfield and along the South Downs Way. But, since then, the Nest Hotel has more than doubled the number of rooms it has (now 14) and the Five Bells has added 2. In addition there are the 60+ lodges at Re-Charge One that have been approved recently. It is therefore felt that any shortage of accommodation in this area have been provided over the last 9 years.
 - In addition, if the 2014 Report was arguing that accommodation is needed in Petersfield (a sustainable location with rail and bus services etc), then approving yet more accommodation outside the town is likely to reduce the chances of anything ever coming forward in the town.
 - There are felt to be adverse effects on landscape character with visual harm. The Planning Inspector at the ReCharge One Appeal Inquiry concluded that because that facility is due to be entirely encompassed by the A3 trunk and slip roads, it can only be judged as being a part of the trunk road itself rather than having reference to the broader landscape through which the road passes. No such argument exists for this proposed hotel. It is entirely outside the curtilage of the trunk road and therefore would have to be considered on the merits of a large new development in open countryside.
 - The proposal would fill in a second area of the land that directly surrounds the roundabout. This would form a busy urban-style, built-up hub at the roundabout creating a large agglomeration (when added to Re-Charge One) in a countryside location, outside settlement boundaries. This should also be classed as overdevelopment

- This area of land has not been identified as development land in the local plan. For development to take place there has to be an overriding need for it. There is no such justification in this location which is part of the landscape and environment that the SDNPA was specifically set up to conserve and enhance.
- The proposal would reduce the gap between Buriton and Petersfield (allied to the creep of residential development along / close to the Causeway (B2070) south of Petersfield) and would adversely affect the rural community of Weston significantly.
- There are fears about adverse effects on Dark Night Skies with yet more development in a crucial 'pinch-point' part of the International Reserve. It is notable that the Hampshire Astronomical Society and the Clanfield Observatory has objected and that the National Park's dark skies expert also has concerns.
- Issues of excess water, drainage etc, which the current field attenuates, have also been raised by parishioners.
- It was felt that a number of SDNPA Local Plan Policies should provide reasons for refusing this application

4. Public comments on the above applications:

Ally Kennedy of Luminare Consultancy, attending on behalf of the applicants, was invited to speak and made a number of points, including:

- A number of the issues discussed by Councillors could be covered by Conditions attached to a grant of Outline Planning Permission. They would then have to be addressed in detail at the subsequent 'Reserved Matters' application there were already discussions with the relevant organisations about drainage matters
- He felt that that there would be benefits to the community through jobs, the use of a local cycle hire facility and local economic benefits – He reported that the application was obtaining support from Sustrans and other cycling organisations and also, potentially, from the Chamber of Commerce
- He also reported support from the public consultation process although there were more people opposing the proposals than supporting them – He offered to send more information to the Parish Council in time for the forthcoming decision-making meeting and this offer was welcomed.

5. The Committee's decisions on the above matters: as above

.6. Date of next meeting: as / when required (no other current applications)

Meeting finished at 7.15pm

Thank you councillors for giving me the opportunity to put forward this deputation on behalf of Amberleigh Projects.

Amberleigh Projects has been leading development of the plans for a long period and on various iterations since 2014. The company is based in Petersfield and has extensive experience of development projects in Hampshire and the wider South Coast area, and is supported by a team of specialist consultants.

As noted in the South Downs National Park's Local Plan, there is a need to provide more visitor accommodation within the National Park, which has over 19 million visitors every year.

Greenway Park provides part of the solution to this problem – and will give more visitors the opportunity to experience overnight stays in the area. This in turn will help boost the local tourism economy – with overnight visitors spending on average double that of day visitors within the community - and will create at least 43 direct jobs.

The proposals have been subject to extensive consultation, and a number of important changes have been made as a result. For example,

- We have removed the three storey element of the hotel building so that it is now only 2 storeys
- We have changed the U-shaped form of the hotel to an E shape – allowing us to ensure it remains below the eye line survey taken from Butser Hill.
- We have added on-site renewable power generation through solar panels, as well as EV parking spaces, and green roofs to boost biodiversity.

Immediately to the South of the Greenway Park site, you'll be aware permission was obtained this year for a recharge centre and 60 eco-lodges.

When the plans were approved, the Inspector considered the land was already impacted by the A3 and therefore a better solution for future development than other locations, and highlighted the clear need for more tourist accommodation within the park.

A number of stakeholders have expressed support for our plans - including Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, British Cycling and Sustrans – and we hope that councillors will feel able to support the application before them today.

Petersfield currently has 14 empty retail units in the town - a sign of the times. Local businesses need people and tourism to support them and help them survive.

Thank you for considering our comments, and we would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this stage.

Increase in parking charges

For the first time in six years car parking charges in East Hampshire are set to increase to provide funding for vital front-line services – and other fees and charges are set to go up by at least 10%.

EHDC only currently charges for parking in Petersfield and Alton, with the rest of the district's car parks being free. Now charges are set to go up by an average of 26.7% (we have rounded to the nearest 10p to make the transaction simpler, which is why this is a specific percentage) and our one-hour parking is expected to increase from £1 to £1.30.

The increase, if implemented, will be less than the equivalent cost in inflation over the six-year period while charges were frozen. The accumulated inflation rate over a six-year period is 27.1%. The council has protected the district's communities throughout Covid and the cost-of-living crisis by consciously taking the decision not to increase parking charges since 2017.

The increased parking charges will be considered by Cabinet on Thursday 16 November, after consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 9 November. You can see the proposed fees and charges on the agenda for that meeting below.

[EB Report template with guidance - May 2021 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

Swimming lessons

More than 280 children have taken the plunge and signed up for East Hampshire District Council's free swimming lessons this summer.

The means-tested lessons are being provided by our award-winning leisure centre contractor Everyone Active and paid for by a £45,000 budget put aside especially for the purpose.

EHDC ceasing pest control – a service delivered commercially by many businesses in East Hampshire

Councils have a statutory duty to keep the district free from rats and mice, and we will continue to ensure that this is the case, but will not provide a treatment service itself. The service has been paid for by customers who choose to use it. In recent years there has been an expansion in the industry and the council no longer needs to provide a service that is being catered for by the market and does not want to compete with local businesses in this area. Competition within the market is fierce and dedicated pest control companies offer very competitive prices alongside other services. EHDC's market share is small and should not compete with market leaders within the private sector.

On average, 400 pest control treatments are undertaken on an annual basis by EHDC (Jan 2021 to Jan 2022) and this number has been steadily dwindling, which means it is not financially viable to continue running it. So rather than support the service with funds taken from the taxpayer we have taken the decision to stop this service.

New direction for those looking for a fresh start

An event giving people the chance to try something new attracted hundreds of visitors on Friday 27 October. New Directions gathered around 70 local organisations at Alton College to offer jobs, volunteering opportunities and new skills to people looking for a fresh start.

Run by EHDC and the office of Damian Hinds MP, the event was geared towards helping people back into work. Speakers and workshops provided interview techniques and CV writing tips to help give visitors the confidence and skills they need to take on a new challenge.

Working with local groups on policies to adapt to climate change

We are working out what we need to do to make the biggest and quickest impact on local emissions and we're working with local community groups to do it. Community groups who lead

locally on climate change action met with EHDC councillors and staff to discuss what we can do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across the district.

Alton's and Petersfield's Climate Action Network, Energy Alton, Women of this Town, Energise South Downs and other organisations, such as the South Downs National Park, have been sharing their own experiences and knowledge with us to help set achievable, focussed priorities.

The meeting was held at Penns Place, Petersfield, on Thursday 12 October,

HCC financial planning this autumn

The financial challenges facing the County Council, and local government nationally, are well documented. Each year, it costs more to deliver public services, but the money received from central Government and council tax increases is not enough to meet the extra costs, which results in a deficit. High inflation and growing demand for local services means that in the two years up to the 2025/26 financial year, the budget shortfall is expected to rise considerably to £132m, one of the biggest deficits the County Council has ever faced.

Proposals this autumn set out options for how Hampshire County Council could close this budget gap and comes on top of over £0.6bn of spending reductions already delivered since the start of national austerity. Hampshire is in a better financial position than most other county councils, and while the Authority's finances are stable until 2025/26, future stability relies on central Government fundamentally changing the way that local government services are funded, or reducing what councils are legally required to deliver.

In the absence of any immediate Government action in this regard, Hampshire County Council must plan on the basis of closing the budget gap itself, applying a combination of tactics to help balance the books, including changing and reducing services and delivering only those services which the council must legally provide.

A final decision is to be made by the full county council in November. After this, some proposals may then be subject to further more detailed public consultation.

Countryside Services - Parish Pages

Parishes, town councils and other local groups may find the [Parish Pages](#) page on the HCC website a useful source of countryside information, including opportunities for grants and funding, information about Parish Pollinators, becoming a Volunteer, Countryside Canines and a guide to rights of way for parishes and communities. In addition, the Definitive Map is useful in identifying and locating rights of ways -

www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/definitivemap

Increased payments to local residents hosting Ukrainian families

The county council has announced that it will be paying an extra £200 per month to all Hampshire residents hosting Ukrainian guests as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine Scheme, until the end of March 2024. This takes the monthly payment to £700, which is above the Government's current guidance for local authorities.

Funding to save the UK's rarest orchids

Hampshire County Council has secured £98,000 funding from Natural England to help rare helleborine orchids to thrive. The conservation project aims to create protected habitats for the endangered plants at sites in East Hampshire.

HCC support schemes

Connect to Support Hampshire is an online resource for adults in Hampshire. Its aim is to help our residents stay independent. You can find a whole range of local groups, activities and services within our community as well as care providers and other paid services that may help.

www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk

For more information on Hampshire County Council's adult care services, detailed information and advice visit: www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare

Blue Badge Scheme: The quickest and easiest way to apply for a blue badge on Hampshire County Council's website. If you don't have access to the internet, you can ask a family member, friend, or carer to assist you or apply on your behalf.

www.hants.gov.uk/transport/parking/bluebadge/howtoapply

Meals on Wheels: From 1st October our Meals on Wheels service will be delivered by Health & Independent Living Support (HILS). To access this popular service call 0330 2000 103 (option 4) or visit www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/meals-on-wheels. Deliveries are made 365 days a year, between 11.15am and 2.15pm each day.

If you are concerned that a loved one or someone else you know, is or will be unable to feed themselves, you can contact Hampshire County Council on 0300 555 1386 who will assess them for eligibility for care support.

Community Transport formerly known as Dial-a-Ride and Call & Go, is a bookable door-to-door accessible transport service for individuals who:
find it difficult to use or access public bus services or
live more than 400 meters from an available bus service/stop or
have no access to a car and there is no bus service when they need to travel
For any further queries, please contact the Community Transport and Contracts Team – email connecttransport@hants.gov.uk
or phone 01962 846785
www.hants.gov.uk/transport/alternativetransport/communitytransport

Wheels to Work: If you are 16+ and you do not have access to your own private or public transport and you need to get to work, training, an apprenticeship or interview Wheels to Work is a fully taxed and insured moped loan scheme. For more information: Call 07896 212198 or [01425 205475](tel:01425205475) or Email: mopedloan@cfirst.org.uk

Hampshire Perspectives

Why not sign up to Hampshire Perspectives and tell the County Council what you think too? Hampshire Perspectives is the County Council's online residents' forum which helps the Council to stay in touch with your views.

If you live in Hampshire, you can sign up to have your say on a range of topics – from climate change to provision of local services – helping us to shape services and make decisions that are right for residents.

Surveys are usually sent out monthly and are all optional, so you can pick the topics you feel most passionate about or complete them all – they only take five minutes!

Highways schemes: Thermal Patching Trials

If you were in Fairview Avenue, Romsey recently you might reasonably have wondered how many highways people it took to do a bit of resurfacing of your road.

There was a trial of a new machine which through heating up the road enables the road to be resurfaced largely the material that has broken down and is already in place.

Much more environmentally friendly, lower carbon emissions, quicker and less disruptive to residents. It's not for everywhere but offers a useful alternative to the traditional way by which patches of road that are breaking down are repaired and replaced.



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Our roads need to become the quarries of the future for road surface material. These machines enable us to almost instantly recycle what is there already.

School Crossing Patrols

"Hampshire County Council is looking at our non statutory services due to the pressure on our budget caused by the legal obligation we have to carry out certain functions. We cannot say 'no' if someone asks for support (for example with social care costs for older people and vulnerable children and support for those with disabilities) It's entirely right we provide these services free of charge for those who need them, the consequence though is a cost that is only limited by the number of people requiring support.

HCC do not have a legal duty to provide school crossing patrols. We do have a legal duty to ensure children can travel to school safely. Before considering any reduction in the services we will therefore be carrying out a thorough review of every crossing patrol location. This may mean we investigate whether putting a permanent safe crossings in place is possible or preferable, or whether the continuation of the school crossing in that location is the most efficient way of continuing to undertake our duty to the county's school pupils.

There are many locations where it has proven very difficult to recruit to vacant crossing patrol positions, they will also form part of our review. If anyone is interested in helping fill those vacancies then we would love to hear from you. Just search 'school crossing patrol jobs' on the HCC website."

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you

correspondence

Date	Details	Sender
23.9.23	Issues with traffic when football is being played	Juliet Timms
24.9.23	Email saying how pleased that the goalposts are on the recreation ground and that the ground will be used for sport	Famie Hodell
29.9.23	Issues with Greenway Lane development	Jonathan McSharry
30.9.23	Issues with littering by contractors working on the development Greenway Lane	Tim Fitzmaurice-Kemp
30.9.23	Requesting information relating to the grounds maintenance contactor	Patrick Figgis
5.10.23	Copy of email to SDNPA re Greenway Lane development.	Caroline Gray
7.10.23	Parking in High Street and village hall	Carol Warren
7.10.23	Disruption caused by traffic on Saturday	Juliet Timms
8.10.23	Use of the recreation ground for football	Tim Mitford
10.10.23	Thank you to Steve for the use of the village hall for CPR training	Barbara Muir
10.10.23	Thank you for stopping the football and for all the hard work that the Cllrs do	Carol Warren
10.10.23	Thank you for listening for the football	Juliet Timms
10.10.23	Thank you for stopping the football etc	Tim Mitford
10.10.23	Copy of email to SDNPA re close board fencing along Glebe Road on new development	Charlotte Milligan
10.10.23	Update on Greenway Park hotel	Ally Kennedy
17.10.12	Reply re query on discharge of conditions Greenway Lane development	Alan Hiron, SDNPA
17.10.23	Copy of email to SDNPA re discharge of conditions Greenway Lane development	Charlotte Milligan
18.10.23	Copy of email to SDNPA discharge of condition re fence and hedging, Greenway Lane development	Charlotte Milligan
8.11.23	Dead ash trees by footpath by Monks Walk	Patrick
20.11.23	Request to place a memorial plaque for the Canadian troops stationed in Buriton by new maple tree.	Doug Jones, Village Association & Heritage Team
25.11.23	Request to have the goalposts removed from the recreation ground	Tim Mitford
25.11.23	Hire of VH tables for Christmas Fair	Catherine Ford