



BURITON PARISH COUNCIL

THESE MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AND AGREED AT THE NEXT MEETING
**Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council held at Buriton Village Hall,
at 7:00pm on Monday 27th July 2026.**

Present: Cllr A Bray, Cllr D Lloyd, Cllr H Myers and Mrs P Norris, Clerk. Cllr Bray chaired the meeting.

In attendance: There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr H Hill, Cllr T Wheeler and HCC Cllr Podger and EHDC Cllr Mocatta.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To approve minutes from BPC meetings held on 1st June 2026.

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2026 were approved as a correct record and the Chair will sign a copy for the Council's Minutes Book. **Action: Cllr Bray.**

6. Community Area Partnerships – Lisa Clements & Guy Thomas, EHDC

Lisa and Guy informed the meeting about the Community Area Partnership (CAP) which is a pilot initiative which will cover 33,000 residents in Petersfield, Buriton, Langrish, Stroud, East Meon, Steep, Sheet, Froxfield and Liss. This initiative will bring together agencies and councillors from town and parish councils to enable easier access to public agencies, influence the local decision-making process and forge better links with the community. This is seen as advocacy in action all working together, it is hoped that the CAP will be chaired by a Town or Parish Councillor. It will be essential that the right level of decision-making ability of public agencies is representative eg Police Inspector level.

Major issues in the community e.g major speeding issues, CIL allocation but not planning issues or potholes, would be brought to the CAP to solve with all agencies and form a tasking group. Each town and parish council will have a Community Asset mapping exercise carried out which will detail all community activities and community buildings in the parish.

Lisa and Guy are currently talking to all town and parish councils and are planning a workshop in September; it is expected to have one representative from each council on the CAP. It is expected to have four to eight meetings per annum. It is hoped the CAP will go live in November. Cllrs agreed that this will be discussed at the September meeting. **Action: Clerk to add to the agenda.**

Open Forum

A parishioner raised issues about the house in Sumner Road where a hedge belonging to EHDC has been removed, an attempt was made to replant the hedge but it all died. Officers from EHDC have been dealing with this for many years but nothing is happening and neighbour privacy has completely disappeared. Lisa Clements from EHDC said that she would look into this and contact the parishioner.

A parishioner asked if there was any news about the Five Bells and the proposed development in the SDNPA local plan. It was agreed that there are lots of rumours about the Five Bells, there is a current planning application for tree removal. The parishioner also asked about the proposed development that was put forward in the initial consultation for the SDNPA local plan has been removed and not included in the current plan out for consultation.



4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 1st June 2026.

- Monks Walk driveway: Work is still being carried out.
- Village Pond: Further planting is planned for the autumn. One of the newly planted trees has died as it had been strimmed.
- Pond Green and verges: Norse came back out and tidied up their mess. The cut and collect has been carried out, the cuttings have been piled up and it is hoped to make a compost heap using the old logs from the pond car park. Parishioners, Karen White and Elaine Bray have volunteered to keep the area around the War Memorial tidy. Councillors agreed that they could strim the bank and cut the yew hedge. The Chair thanked them.
- Car Charging points – all up and working, Cllr Lloyd has produced a leaflet giving details about the car charging on one side and promoting the village hall on the other, this will be delivered to all households in the parish.
- Gates on the Links and condition of the Hangers Way – Cllr Myers has spoken to a relative of the landowner but they are in the middle of harvest at the moment so will hopefully will be dealt with in the autumn. Volunteers from the Monday Club have strimmed and tidied up.
- Nursery Garden fencing – Cllr Bray will chase Alex Munday as he has replaced the fencing at the playground. Action: **Cllr Bray.**
- Greenway Development planting – no further information has been received.
- Privacy Statement in website – Cllr Lloyd has had meeting with Ali Martin, our website contractor, and this is almost finished. They are also looking at the website as a whole about the information on there, it was agreed that the Data Retention Schedule agreed at the last meeting must be taken into account.
- Tree Warden – no volunteers yet
- Five Bells – a planning application has been submitted relating to tree works. Covered in the Open Forum.
- Noticeboard – the new community noticeboard is all in place. The Chair thanked the repair café for arranging this.
- Logs on Pond Car Park – will be done once the holes have been filled in.
- B2146 – reply received but still will not consider placing the speed limit sides on the Hampshire side.
- Hedge on recreation ground – still no reply from Idverde, clerk to chase again. Action: **Clerk.**

5. Chair's Update

The Chair send his apologies.

6. County and District Councillor's Reports

HCC Cllr David Podger and EHDC Cllr Robert Mocatta gave their apologies, their reports are attached to these minutes.

7. Finance and Accounts

- **Summary of Reserves** – Cllrs noted the summary of reserves.
- **Approval of receipts and payments from 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 for the Parish Council** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 6 totalling £ 22,987.04 in the current account and 1 totalling £277.64 in the reserve account. Cllrs approved the following payments: 27 totalling £ 7,847.53 from the current account. Details of payments over £500 are attached to these minutes.
- **Approval of receipts and payments from 1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026 for the Village Hall** – Cllrs approved the following receipts: 51 totalling £8,401.16. Cllrs approved the



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following payments: 30 totalling £5,538.19. Details of payments over £500 are attached to these minutes.

- **Budget against Performance up to 30th June 2026** – Cllrs noted the budget.

8. Village Hall and Recreation Report

Cllr Lloyd informed the meeting the following:

- There are no bad debtors.
- Painting & decorating of the Village Hall – The upper hall and main hall now decorated and the curtain rail has been repaired. The hallway, kitchen and gents' toilets will be done in September by volunteers.
- Cllr Lloyd has produced a leaflet giving details of the car charging point and an advert for the village hall, these will be delivered to residents in the village. An advert will also go in the next parish magazine.
- There is a Charity Dog Show being held on the recreation ground on 20th September 2026 with parking on the rec. This will be promoted around the village so residents know that this is on.
- It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to tidy up around the new and old village hall every 2 months.
- Some of the regular bookings have been lost, the plan is to send the leaflet to clubs to promote the facility.
- The beech tree up by the railway line has died and will need to be removed, Cllr Myers will obtain a quote. **Action: Cllr Myers**
- It was noted that the wood fascia by the car charging points is looking really bad. It was agreed to ask Cllr Wheeler to have a look. **Action: Cllr Wheeler**

9. Planning

A Planning Committee was held on the 16th July 2026. Cllrs discussed the reply received from the Freedom of Information request relating to the ReCharge One development and agreed to send a further letter which had been circulated but to leave out about judicial review. **Action: Clerk.**

The appeal application for the new property at 2 Glebe Road was also discussed and comments were submitted. It was noted that a petition had been sent from residents.

10. Work for Lengthsman & Highway Issues

It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to tidy the hedge by the bench in South Lane. **Action: Clerk.**

11. Rights of Way

No issues raised.

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

No issues raised

13. Correspondence

A list of all correspondence is attached to the minutes. All matters were covered in the meeting.

Date of next meeting: The next meeting of Buriton Parish Council is on 28th September 2026.

At the conclusion of business, the meeting ended 8.50pm.



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County Councillor's Report

Cllr David Podger – Petersfield Butser

June 2026

Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority formally established following parliamentary approval

The Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA) has been formally established following parliamentary approval of the statutory instrument, marking a major milestone in the creation of a new authority to lead strategic decision-making across the region

The new authority will provide a strong foundation for greater local leadership on priorities including transport, housing, skills, investment and economic growth. It will help unlock opportunities for stronger coordination across partners and deliver improved long-term outcomes for communities and businesses across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The establishment of the HSCCA represents an important step forward in the devolution of powers and funding from central government, ensuring that decisions about the region are made closer to the people they affect.

The HSCCA will enable a more collaborative approach to public investment and delivery, supporting councils, public bodies, businesses and investors to work together at scale on shared economic and social priorities, and to maximise the region's collective strengths.

Boost for electric vehicle use as Hampshire County Council unveils plan for 17,000 community chargers

People across Hampshire are set to benefit from the introduction of around 17,000 electric vehicle charge points, with new infrastructure set to be installed in local areas where 'off-street' charging from home is not an option

This is part of a government-funded Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund - supported by significant private investment from Charge Point Operator, Believ - which is designed to meet the rising demand for places where drivers can recharge their electric vehicles. The Hampshire scheme forms part of a national strategy to expand neighbourhood provision, addressing the current challenges faced by households without access to private off-street parking such as driveways or garages. RAC data shows that a third (33%) of Hampshire residents don't have access to off-street parking options, with that figure rising to 38% in Winchester and Rushmoor, and 39% in Basingstoke.

The County Council has secured £6.662 million from the Department for Transport – which has unlocked significant private capital investment totalling up to £90million, enabling the programme to be delivered at no cost to the County Council. This also places Hampshire currently as the largest Local Authority-led EV infrastructure project in England. Moreover, the Local Authority will receive a portion of income from the scheme once operational.

Installations are expected to begin later this year, with around 500 charge points planned for delivery in the first year of the programme.



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Boost for passengers as Hampshire County Council confirms funding for 100+ bus shelter upgrades

Passengers across rural areas in Hampshire are set to benefit from an improved travel experience as 41 parish councils have been awarded grants to refurbish or replace 137 bus shelters

The funding, totalling £554,124, has been made available through Hampshire County Council's bus shelter improvement scheme, supported by the Department for Transport's Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) 2025/26 Bus Grant.

The grant scheme is designed to help parish councils that own and maintain bus shelters to upgrade their facilities. Improvements could include upgraded structures alongside enhanced features such as new seating and lighting.

Hampshire County Council Announces Leader and Cabinet Team

Hampshire County Council has confirmed its new Administration, re-elected Leader and new-look Cabinet, following the 7 May local elections which resulted in no political party gaining overall control. Since the election result was declared, political parties have been in discussion on how the Authority will be governed

The new County Council Cabinet, which will meet for the first time in June will comprise of:

Councillor Nick Adams-King - Leader and Executive Member for Corporate Services

Councillor Kirsty North - Deputy Leader and Executive Lead Member for Universal Services

Councillor Roz Chadd - Executive Lead Member for Children's Services

Councillor Zoe Huggins - Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Councillor Joanne Burton - Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Steve Forster - Executive Member for Highways and Passenger Transport

Councillor Juliet Henderson - Executive Member for Education

Councillor Stephen Reid - Executive Member for Corporate Services - Finance

Councillor Andy Tree - Executive Member for Corporate Services, People and Local Government Reorganisation

Election of County Council Chairman

Councillor Pal Hayre was elected as the County Council Chairman. Councillor Hayre has been serving as Vice Chairman since 2025 and is the County Councillor for Fareham Crofton, since 2017. She is a Governor at Baycroft School in Stubbington and a strong supporter of local charities and community organisations.

Members' Devolved Budget Scheme

NOTE: The Scheme is currently closed and will reopen on 1 July 2026.

The County Councillor Grant scheme provides Members with an annual budget of £5,000, which they can allocate to local projects, initiatives or organisations in their Division.



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Members are responsible for checking the eligibility of applicants and the suitability of the grants applied for, against the grants criteria, deciding which applications to support and recommending these to Officers. They are also responsible for advising applicants of the outcome of their grant application.

The minimum grant payable is £100 and the maximum amount is £1,000 . Members cannot overspend their individual grant budget allocated to them by the County Council.

Members are encouraged to fully utilise their annual grant allocation each year as unspent funds cannot be carried forward. Consider rounding awards to the nearest £100 to avoid odd amounts being left at the end of the year, as remaining sums below £100 cannot be allocated, whilst noting that grant awards cannot exceed the stated shortfall in applications.



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County Councillor Report to Buriton PC – July 2026

David Podger, County Councillor for Petersfield Butser

Hampshire County Council faces £550m road repair cost

Hampshire County Council faces an estimated £550 million road repair backlog as it prepares to meet new government rules on pothole repairs and road maintenance.

Under the new rules, councils must publish annual reports showing how they look after local roads, including how they repair potholes and maintain the highway network.

Authorities that fail to meet the new reporting requirements could lose future funding.

The first report is due by September 10. However, the county council has a £550 million backlog of work needed to bring the county's highways, including roads and bridges, up to the required standard.

The council is investing £15 million in road repairs this summer to improve safety and reduce the need for repeat repairs. Nevertheless, the scale of the problem is far greater than current budgets can address. Planned resurfacing is the council's preferred approach because it is more cost-effective and helps prevent potholes from forming.

During periods of severe weather, when roads can deteriorate quickly, repair crews often must focus on fixing potholes to keep roads safe.

Under the government's new reporting rules, councils will be expected to give residents a clearer picture of how they maintain local roads, improve accountability and help ensure public money is spent effectively.

Prestigious Green Flag status secured for Hampshire County Council's five country parks

The Green Flag quality mark has once again been awarded to Hampshire County Council's country parks in recognition of the high standards they offer to visitors

Lepe, River Hamble, Royal Victoria, **Queen Elizabeth**, and Staunton Country Parks have all secured Green Flag awards.

The Green Flag Award scheme, run annually by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy, sets the benchmark for excellence in green space management across the UK and internationally. It celebrates its 30th year in 2026, and Hampshire's country parks have been a regular fixture among the sites recognised by the scheme.

The announcement comes during Love Parks Week, a national campaign celebrating the importance of parks and green spaces across the UK.

Potholes Motion Passed at Hampshire County Council's Full Council

Liberal Democrat County Councillor for Tadley & Baughurst, Mark Wilson-Thomas, was successful in having his motion on the contentious subject of potholes in Hampshire's roads passed at Full Council on 16th July.

The motion called on the Council to provide more preventative maintenance that would include the need for better structural drainage. It was resolved that Cabinet to report back to the next Council with proposals for a major step-change in approach to how highway maintenance is



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delivered to include a five-year plan that can be inherited by the new Unitary Authorities when they are established to resolve the backlog

Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan adopted

Hampshire County Council's Full Council adopted the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan at its meeting on 16th July.

An independent Planning Inspector has confirmed that the Plan, as modified, is sound, legally compliant and suitable for adoption.

The Plan, which has been prepared in partnership with Hampshire's four other Mineral and Waste Planning Authorities, will guide decisions on mineral extraction and waste management development across the area through to 2040.

The Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan sets the policies for determining planning applications for minerals and waste development. It aims to ensure that Hampshire continues to deliver essential infrastructure while safeguarding its natural landscapes, heritage and quality of life for residents. Without an up-to-date Plan, decisions could be made at appeal, meaning local concerns might not be fully considered.

The plan does not contain any sites near Petersfield.

County Council begins legal challenge over Government's LGR decision for Hampshire and the Solent area

As Cllr Drew communicated at the last Town Council meeting, Hampshire County Council has decided to proceed with a judicial review in relation to central Government's decision to reorganise councils across the Hampshire and Solent area.

In March, Government announced that the councils currently operating across Hampshire, Southampton and Portsmouth will be reduced from 14 to 4 from April 2028 with each of the new 'unitary' councils delivering all council services provided by the County Council, 11 district and borough councils, and unitary authorities of Southampton and Portsmouth. Following that decision, the County Council has requested on numerous occasions for further clarification from Government on its decision-making and justification of its decision.

However, Hampshire County Council's leadership believes the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has failed to sufficiently explain why and how the Secretary of State reached his final decision, including justification of the financial case for his choice.

The legal challenge has no impact on the work of the County Council in serving Hampshire's 1.4 million residents. Services continue to be delivered in the usual way across the county's communities.

This also includes ongoing work to prepare for council reorganisation which will continue unless and until Government instructs otherwise. This steady, consistent approach will ensure the County Council retains the best foundation for whatever model of local government comes next.

It is unlikely the Judicial Review, if it passes the Permissions Stage, will materially change the outcome of the planned Local Government Reorganisation.



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The County Council's current executive arrangements do not make provision for non-executive Members to authorise expenditure. Therefore, the final decision on whether a grant is awarded (after it has gone through a checking process) will be made at Officer level based on the recommendation of the Member.

The minimum grant payable is £100 and the maximum amount is £1,000 . Members cannot overspend their individual grant budget allocated to them by the County Council.

The Scheme was revised following a review in 2025, with changes being phased in.



**EHDC report for July 2026
Air Quality Strategy for 2026-31.**

East Hampshire's air quality is generally good and within current UK legal limits. However, evidence shows that long-term exposure to air pollution continues to affect residents' lives, particularly people who are very young, old or have medical conditions.

As part of legislation, EHDC published an Air Quality Strategy to identify areas where air quality can be improved and highlight the importance of air quality to residents.

The strategy focuses on four priority areas:

- Raising awareness of the importance of air quality
- Reducing health inequalities – so people aren't disadvantaged by where they live
- Reducing emissions
- Improving the understanding of the impacts of particulates and indoor air quality.

£3.5 million of Community Infrastructure levy funds to be invested in East Hampshire (the part of the district outside the SDNP)

East Hampshire District Council has announced more than £3.5 million is to be spent on facilities, projects and infrastructure through the use of all of EHDC's Community Infrastructure Levy funds (CIL).

EHDC Cabinet approved financial support for 28 fantastic schemes that will improve the lives of tens of thousands of local residents.

The list includes extending doctors' surgeries and dental practices, brand new playgrounds and sports pitches, facilities for local schools, support for families in need, renovations for village halls and help for pre-schoolers and pensioners.

The money is drawn from housebuilding taking place in parts of East Hampshire outside the South Downs National Park and is used to mitigate the impact of development on local communities .

The allocation of CIL within the SDNP will be announced in Q4 by the SDNP.

Details of all the £3.5m are in the following press release:

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2026/cabinet-approves-ps35-million-investment-local-projects>

Strong local performance in reducing homelessness.



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Liaising with landlords and building trust with rough sleepers has helped East Hampshire District Council take huge strides in the battle against homelessness in the district. Homelessness prevention requires constant attention and although East Hampshire has a comparatively low level of rough sleeping, it is a danger that can affect any individual. The progress being made on the issue was demonstrated recently when we recorded no rough sleepers in the month of May. The monthly average is four.

<https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2026/helping-our-homeless>

Key performance indicators for EHDC:

The table below contains some of our key corporate performance indicators in 2025/26, with comparison figures from 2024/25, we have sought to improve our performance reporting by adding further key performance measures which we now monitor during the year.

Business Rates collection rate	97.64%	96.46%
Council Tax collection rate	98.24%	98.33%
Major planning applications decided within 13 weeks or agreed extension (over 70%)	100%	Not available
Minor planning applications decided within 13 weeks or agreed extension (over 65%)	85%	Not available
All planning applications decided within 26 weeks (above 98%)	95%	Not available
Homelessness interventions (above 600 for the year)	669	781
Customer satisfaction with service centre (above 97%)	96%	94.7%
Freedom of Information requests responded within statutory deadline (above 95%)	100%	



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Payments over £500

Parish Council:

13.4.26	Tabs & Nuts	£550.00	deposit for painting village signs
21.4.26	St Mary's PC	£800.00	donation to church and cemetery
28.4.26	Idverde	£788.06	Grounds maintenance
1.6.26	Idverd	£788.06	Grounds maintenance
1.6.26	Tabs & Nuts	£550.00	Painting of village signs
23.6.26	HMRC	£566.82	PAYE & NI
25.6.26	Idverd	£788.06	Grounds maintenance

Village Hall:

13.4.26	Cleaning	£582.83	Cleaning
15.4.26	Scottish Power	£579.00	Electric
11.5.26	Cleaning	£582.83	Cleaning
15.5.26	Scottish Power	£579.00	Electric
11.6.26	Cleaning	£582.83	Cleaning
15.6.26	Scottish Power	£579.00	Electric

Correspondence

Date	Details	Sender
2.6.26	Maintenance of The Links footpath	Sam Baker, HCC
3.6.26	Small animal signs on Greenway Lane	Bernie Saunders, BEA
4.6.26	Painting of fingerpost signs	Sue Williams
4.6.26	Response to letter sent re speed limit B2146	Patrick Blogg, HCC
9.6.26	Complaint about works at Five Bells	Lorna Toth
9.6.26	Details of a Trail Running Event at QECP on 3 rd Oct 26	Brittany Saville
28.6.26	Work required for mosaic roundell	Jonathan Jones
2.7.26	Planning application from Fvie Bells for tree work	Lorna Toth
2.7.26	Copy of EHDC's email responding to the issues with light pollution from Five Bells	Lorna Toth
4.7.26	Copy of email to Robert Mocatta re low hanging branches in New Barn Lane	Sarah Jennings
8.7.26	Petition from residents re planning appeal – 2 Glebe Road	Residents
17.7.26	Copy of Environmental Agency reports	Sian Macleod
20.7.26	Reply to Freedom of Information request re Re-Charge one site	Geoffrey Hardwick, SDNPA
21.7.26	Copy of email to EHDC planning re hedge at 15 Sumner Road	Gill Thom
22.7.26	Copy of email sent to Petersfield Post re B2146	Cllr David Podger, HCC