

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL 2026 AGM

THURSDAY 21 MAY, 7PM, VILLAGE HALL

Parish Councillors – Charles Holroyd (Chairman), Alison Barker, Paul Barnes, Nigel Long, Nick Ralls; Clerk Susan Turner. Guests Parish Lengthsman Gordon Hunt; County Cllr Juliet Henderson; PCSO Andy Jones. Members of the Public 1

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies from Paul Barnes; from Ward Councillors due to Full Council meeting

2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2026/27

AGREED Unanimously to re-elect Charles Holroyd as Chairman for the coming year.
Declaration of office made and signed, witnessed and signed by Clerk.
Agreed Nick Ralls to continue as Vice-chairman 2026/27.

3 PUBLIC SESSION No issues raised during public session.

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 16 April, agreed and signed.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda, none.

6 REPORTS TO MEETING

.1 **The Hodd** Anticipated reopening date, Friday 12 June.

.2 Local election results and congratulations

For County Oakley & Candovers District, Cllr Juliet Henderson re-elected. Political make-up for HCC now is Conservative 27, Liberal 26, Reform 20, Green 1, Labour 1, Independent 1, Whitehill & Bordon Community Party 1, Community Campaign Hart 1.
For BDBC Old Basing & Upton Grey Ward, Cllr Kate Tuck re-elected

TO RECORD Congratulations to re-elected councillors.

.3 **County Councillor report** following today's first Full Council meeting post elections. Now have a minority-led Conservatives administration with Nick Adams-Kind re-elected as council leader with some support from Reform. Conservative councillors were elected to chair all the Committees, again supported by Reform.

Juliet said she is delighted to be appointed Cabinet Member for Education, Executive Member for Education Decision Day and also Executive Lead Member for Children's Services Decision Day.

The first announcement from the leader was to confirm that the County Council will seek judicial review of the Government's decision on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Districts and parishes in the south of the County are very unhappy with the boundary changes which accompany the agreed Option 1A.

Re LGR, don't believe this is going to save money. Yes, there should be a join up between planning, highways, and infrastructure provision. But worried that Health and Social Care will be fragmented between the unitaries.

Re Special Educational Needs and the reforms in the Government White Paper, SEND children are at present often sent out of area. Thinking now is to bring SEND provision within local schools, where teaching will be separate but children integrated at playtime, thus to enhance social skills.

Question, comment raised in relation to family member within the Special Educational Needs system. The sooner they can be part of local schools, for engagement and socialisation, the better.

Juliet in agreement – a positive move and County is on the front front in response to White Paper. Reference 'life is a mainstream activity'.

NB: 'Life is a mainstream activity; it is not a solo occupation', comment from John Pearce,

Director of Children's Services at Hampshire County Council, during evidence given to the UK Parliament's Education Committee in 2025 – arguing that SEND children should be able to participate in ordinary community life rather than be isolated.

County Councillor written monthly report **APPENDIX I**. Report featuring... M27 works due to be completed late June; HCC finances; 'EyesOn' reporting app; 'Best Start' Family Hub; SEND reforms; Government's Schools White Paper.

.4 PCSO Andy Jones report

Tadley Police station continues to cover the Basingstoke Rural with a team of five PCs, three PCSOs and one Sergeant. Covering an area of 250 sq miles approximately. Putting this into prospective the IoW is 148 sq miles with far more neighbourhood officers looking after it. PCSO Jones, PC Holdsworth & PC Lecuyer are the dedicated points of contact for Basingstoke Rural South. This is the largest area within the Basingstoke Rural at approx 118 sq miles.

From the database, reported incidents in Upton Grey over the last 12 months are:

- Assault x1 – 09 July 25 an allegation was made of an assault; this all stemmed from a dispute over a tree house. Dealt with by WOA (Words of Advice).
- Concern for safety x2.
- Criminal damage x1 – A report received that catapults being used to target pheasants and the bodies left in the road.
- Hare coursing / hunting x6.
- Suspicious incidents x8.

REQUEST TO PLEASE REPORT – Policing needs intelligence to target resources. Please call 999 if any incident is happening then and there and any chance of catching perpetrators. If an incident is past, no one at the scene – call 101 or log online – search on 'Hampshire Police, report a crime'.

The seasonal closure of Byways Open to all Traffic (BOATs) – Five Lanes End - has had a real impact on how crime had dropped. The Police have no say on decisions about the closures, but long may they continue.

Re what's going on in Basingstoke Rural...

- Fire stations being targeted and notably two 'Jaws of Life' stolen. (Jaws of Life a trademarked name for specialised rescue tools – cutting and spreading machines – (hydraulic and battery-powered) used by emergency services, eg to open up wreckage – such as damaged cars after serious accidents). Evident uses for breaking into things such as ATMs (automated teller machines); to best of knowledge not being used yet... watching for this to happen. (Noting six or seven years ago (2019/2020) a lot of organised crime involving breaking into ATMs.)
- Andy also spoke of rogue traders offering maintenance services to the elderly and vulnerable and then charging extortionate rates. Neighbours can help, in being aware, intervening if possible and reporting.
- Question re crimes relating to theft of fuel due to high prices. Andy said had been expecting to see a spike and amazed this hasn't happened, so far. Prices did level off / creep down a little quite quickly. Have with Highways been conducting random stops - incl for Tax & MOT – and targeting certain vehicles – but only caught one offender. Noting that criminal messaging groups very efficient, word soon gets around.

ClIr Henderson and PCSO Andy Jones left the meeting with the thanks of all.

.5 Parish Lengthsman report for May

- Verges have been cut by Highways (a rough job)
- Most potholes filled – with these new machines, operator sits in cab and all works from cab. Where some have not been done, will further report.

End of report

7 REVIEW OF LEAD ROLES

CH – Governance, Village Hall Committee liaison; Tennis Committee liaison.

PB – Traffic and highways; Natural environment; Church liaison.

AB – Planning north of Greywell Road; Playground.

NL – Playground, Sports equip etc; IT.

NR – Planning south of Greywell Road; Traffic and highways.

Clerk – RFO, County Lengthsman liaison, Planning liaison (BDBC).

8 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE 2026/27**.1 Accounts to date – APPENDIX II** – Bank reconciliation @ 21 May = £60,452.70.

Payments this year to date

1	Lloyds – Service charge	£4.25
2	Hants Assoc Local Councils – HALC & NALC subs	£352.00
3	Simone Surveys – SLR sign x6 Dec25 to April26	£360.00
4	Saunders – Maintenance contract APRIL	£295.00
5	PlaySafe – 2 x toddler swing seats & installation	£446.40
6	Lengthsman – Salary APRIL	£80.00
7	Clerk – Salary APRIL	£763.96
8	Lloyds – Service charge	£4.25

Income this year to date

Precept six months	£12,204.50
BDBC Grass cutting grant	£1,292.47

.2 Budget APPENDIX III No updates to budget so far this year.**.3 Grant funding**

- i Playground Lottery application (*Update AB and NL*) National Lottery have suggested a more substantial application be submitted. (Meeting for discussion TBA, cllrs and clerk.)
- ii CCTV application to PCC Anti-Social Behaviour fund (fund to combat ASB) with thanks to steer from County Councillor Juliet Henderson.

AGREED an application form to be submitted for CCTV camera to cover the phone box.

The spate of glass panes being frequently broken thankfully stopped in Autumn 2023, but now a recent further breakage, to seek to deter any further escalation (Action CH and clerk.)

.4 Insurance renewal date 03 June 2026; premium £632 as per last year.

AGREED – To continue with Zurich on-line insurance package; no significant changes.

.5 Review of Parish Council policy documents

- Standing Orders
- Financial Regulations
- Risk Register including Financial Risk Register

AGREED – Key policy documents as above reviewed and confirmed.

IT, data protection and FOA policies, plus general policy published on website and updated to 2026. Agreed IT policy for further review (action NL).

.6 Internal audit 2025/26 scheduled for 09 June.

Notice of electors rights to be published 09 June.

9 RIGHTS FOR RIVERS

AGREED – The Parish Council hereby adopts its own 'Rights of Rivers' declaration in line with and in support of that agreed and adopted by BDBC and initiated by Ward Cllr Kate Tuck, see **APPENDIX IV**. Agreed the Parish's strong support in principle. Also considering the importance of the Upton Grey's location on the aquifer feeding the Whitewater, our own declaration to be amended to specifically include 'the springs and source headwaters of the River Whitewater'.

10 PARISH UPKEEP**.1 Playground**

- i Replacement cradle swings installed April 2026; photo **APPENDIX V**.
- ii Further quote received to renew the wetpour edging, @£4,015 the most cost-effective so far. However the current trip hazard very low and the viability of constantly refilling the gap subject to longer term plans for the playground.

.2 County Lengthsman – Next visit scheduled for 09 June. Importantly to include weed-kill spraying in vicinity of Village Hall and Recreation Ground; plus nettles around kissing gate to F12 from the Greywell Road beyond Manor Farm; plus routine takes as time permits. (Noting the weed spraying weather dependent, the last visit, too wet.)

- .3 Traffic diversions** Re previous conversations with County Cllr Henderson about unsuitability of local roads for diversions. A big issue has to be that there is no local knowledge on part of traffic management companies.

AGREED To make particular request for diversion to avoid Fold Lane between the Bidden Road (junction north of Upton Grey) and the Alton/Odiham Road B3349 (crossroads north of South Warnborough opposite the Long Sutton turning) – thus running approximately parallel to Lees Hill and a potential cut-through if Lees Hill is closed.
APPENDIX VI. Fold Lane is entirely single lane with very few passing places. Comment that faced with aggressive lorry driver, almost had to reverse into ditch; in winter the verges and road edges are destroyed. Also a route frequently used by couriers.

AGREED to request via Cllr Henderson that Highways flag this up as a route not to be used for diversions. And to suggest a 'Not suitable for diversion' sign. (Action ST.)

- .4 Pond project** – Marginal planting. Funding of £2K allocated in budget, the majority being grant funding.

AGREED To go ahead asap per quote from Broadley Aquatics and to meet timescale requirements of BDBC community grant funding.

- .5 Phone box**

TO RECORD THANKS to Brian Thrussell for installing new glass pane.

No further breakages reported so far. Agreed as per 8.3.ii Finance above to seek funding from PCC budget for CCTV coverage.

- .6 Speed limit reminder sign activations**

2026	2025
30-Dec-20-Jan 3 Weston Road 4963	02 Jan-23 Jan 1 Bidden Road = 6237
20 Jan-10 Feb 1 Bidden Road 5444	23 Jan-17 Feb 3 Weston Road = 4601
10 Feb-03 March 3 Weston Road 3742	17 Feb-11 Mar 2 Church Street N = 2692
03 March-24 Mar 2 Church St N 3350	11 Mar-31 Mar 3 Weston Road = 4989
24 Mar-14 April 3 Weston Road 4158	31 Mar-21 Apr 1 Bidden Road = 8002
14 Apr-5-May 1 Bidden Road 8467	22 Apr-13 May 3 Weston Road = 4795
05-May 26 May 3 Weston Road 5754	13 May-03 Jun 1 Bidden Road = 7912
	3 Jun-24 Jun 3 Weston Road = 4780
	24 Jun-15 Jul 2 Church St North = 2399
	15 July-05 Aug 3 Weston Road = 4616
	05 Aug-27 Aug 1 Bidden Road = 8231
	27 Aug-16 Sept 3 Weston Road = 4354
	16 Sep-07 Oct 1 Bidden Road = 7837
	07 Oct-28 Oct 3 Weston Road = 5242
	28-Oct-18 Nov 3 Weston Road 5022
	18 Nov-09 Dec 2 Church St N = 2571
	09 Dec-30 Dec 1 Bidden Road = 8740

11 PLANNING

- .1 Parish planning and tree applications** – Planning update **APPENDIX VII.**

Applications for discussion

[26/00793/HSE](#) (Validated 16 April) Cavendish House Cleves Lane. Replacement of all windows and external doors for new painted timber windows and doors. Parish Council no objection.

[26/00731/HSE](#) (Validated 08 April) Byways, Church Lane. Erection of garden outbuilding. Re-consultation – Outbuilding moved from proposed NE to SE corner of garden. No objection.

Re recent applications

[T/00149/26/TPO](#) (Approve 21 May, Validated 29 April) Remove 1 dead sapling, fell 3 saplings causing damage to a Grade 2 listed barn building, cut back branches in danger of causing damage to the barn roof, fell a further 2 saplings as and when they die back.

Noted the Elms are reaching a certain height then dying (Dutch Elm Disease). About tree management – need to keep them to a height they will survive; for those immediately by the barn will grind out stumps.

[25/02618/FUL](#) (Refuse 14 May) Land at Hoddington House. The construction of and excavation of a wildlife pond, the erection of a rotunda and construction of a 7-hole private golf course (part retrospective). Refused by officer; appeal anticipated.

.2 Upper Swallick – Application submitted for c2,500 houses.

26/00802/OUT (Validated 20 April) Land At Upper Swallick, Alton Road

Outline Planning Application for development comprising residential dwellings (Use Class C3), elderly living units (Use Class C2), serviced Gypsy and Traveller pitches (sui generis), a village centre and neighbourhood hubs comprising a mix of commercial and business uses (Use Class E), community uses (Use Class F2(B)), the expansion of Cliddesden Primary School and provision of a new primary school (Use Class F1), and associated infrastructure including the formation of sustainable urban drainage systems, public open space, allotments and sports pitches with facilities.

All matters reserved, save for the formation of new accesses from the A339 and Woods Lane, and the alteration of accesses from Northgate Lane and Farleigh Road.

Information circulated to all surrounding Parishes, including via Village email.

AGREED Upton Grey Parish Council opposes the major development south of M3; all local parishes will receive a high volume of additional traffic.

12 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS**.1 Village Hall Committee** Annual report 2025/26 **APPENDIX VIII.**

The Village Hall now in a much improved positions regarding finances and revenue.

TO RECORD THANKS from the Parish Council to all the people who look after the Hall.

A notable project from this last year ending September was the solar panel installation grant funded by BDBC Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF).

'Revenue comes from hall lettings, from the 100 club and from grants, and from successful fund-raising events – including a wonderful reel evening, an amazing concert from Derek Paravicini and friends, and a spectacular celebration by the Drama Group and Patrick Symington of the 100th year anniversary of the hall.'

.2 Village Hall update (report CH)

- i The major expense continues to be for building maintenance.
- ii The new boiler (May 2024) and now the solar panels with battery storage (May 2025) greatly help with running costs. The Village Hall no longer buys in electricity but generates a surplus. The current electricity supplier contract comes up for renewal in June and a new supplier is sought who will provide for a small business export tariff.

.3 Tennis Committee Annual report 2025/26 **APPENDIX IX.**

The financial goal of the Tennis Committee is to generate a capital reserve for future maintenance and resurfacing of the court, through achieving a net cash surplus each year. Surplus cash is held as a contingency against unexpected court problems, significant maintenance requirements, and to provide support for the playing of other sports in the village, particularly amongst its younger people.

Fifty six membership fees were received in the 2025/26 season, mostly for families, compared with 55 in the preceding year. For the past 11 years the Tennis Committee has arranged two sets of coaching for village children aged from about four to 16-17 years' old. In the Summer 60 children participated, and at Easter, 26 children. The coaching is hugely popular with parents and children and engenders a strong feeling of local community.

.4 Recreation ground A complaint from resident has been referred to BDBC head of environmental services. No response so far, previously out-of-office due to annual leave. Noted that the recreation ground is Public Open Space covered by BDBC bylaws. Owned by BDBC and leased by the Parish Council.**13 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** – Thursday 7pm, Village Hall

June meeting – To move scheduled date if possible to Wed 24th;

July meeting – To move scheduled July date a week ahead to Thursday 23rd;

Then September 17, October 15, November 19.

Meeting close 8.30pm with thanks to all

APPENDIX I COUNTY COUNCIL WRITTEN REPORT MAY

Juliet Henderson Candovers Oakley and Overton

Dear All, So, here it is, my final County Councillor Update of this term of office. Whether they continue next month is now up for my amazing residents to decide!

It's been a privilege and honour to serve our communities over the last 5 years. Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time to share this information through our parish magazines and to the friendship, collaboration and occasional challenge of all of you on our parish councils. It's been brilliant to work with you all. I very much hope to continue doing so once the results of the election are known early on Friday morning.

M27 works – There's some good news on the M27 works. National Highways now expect the motorway to return to the national speed limit by late June 2026.

There are still a few final stages to complete, including reinstalling permanent signage. For safety, this requires overnight closures (9pm–6am) on parts of the motorway:

30 April: J5 westbound entry slip & J7 eastbound entry slip

2–3 May: J7 westbound to J5

16–17 May: J4 eastbound to J5

30–31 May: J5 westbound to J4

Clearly signed diversion routes will be in place, but there will be some knock-on impact on local roads overnight. Important to note – Even once the main works are complete, a 50mph limit and lane closure will remain around J8. This is due to separate bridge maintenance, currently planned for 2027.

Reporting Highway Problems (See April report)

Let's be clear — Hampshire County Council is not "bankrupt".

We've set a balanced budget, we've issued no Section 114 notice, and we continue to manage our finances responsibly.

But there is a serious challenge — and it's one being felt right across the country. Demand for services is rising sharply and the cost we must pay is only limited by the number of people who are eligible and ask for our help. Imagine social care being like A&E, the NHS must treat everyone who arrives seeking help, just as we have to help everyone who qualifies for our help and asks for it:

Adult social care costs continue to grow – SEND transport costs have nearly doubled in recent years. At the same time, Hampshire receives far less Government funding per head than virtually any other area. This mismatch is the real issue.

But what sets Hampshire apart is how we are responding – We project our finances two years ahead, so we know the scale of the challenge and we can prepare appropriately to face it. We share that information with all councillors and also with the public. No matter how uncomfortable that might sometimes be. No hidden financial challenges, no in year emergency savings, no surprises.

And in addressing the challenge, we have:

Built in £94 million of planned savings

Delivered £40 million of efficiencies in-year during 2025/26

Put in place further savings plans for the years ahead

That level of delivery is far in excess of anything being achieved by Reform-led councils, and reflects the scale of the work already underway here in Hampshire.

We also maintain exceptionally low and well-managed borrowing (£154 million, down by £9 million in the last year), using it responsibly to invest in infrastructure and services that reduce long-term day-to-day costs — not to fund short-term spending.

Alongside this, our continued focus on

- Improving services
- Working more closely with the NHS
- Using technology and new ways of working

is expected to deliver further savings over the next two years.

We plan ahead over multiple years. We monitor our finances closely throughout the year. And we've been honest with residents and all councillors about the scale of the challenge — even when that's uncomfortable.

That's not failure — that's responsible leadership. The easy line is to shout 'bankrupt'. The honest answer is more complex — but it's also far more accurate.

APPENDIX I COUNTY COUNCIL WRITTEN REPORT MAY continued**EyesOn**

Rural businesses across Hampshire are being encouraged to sign up to a new free app designed to help tackle rural crime.

The EyesOn app, funded by Donna Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner and supported by Hampshire Police, provides a direct and secure way for rural businesses, landowners and workers to share information with each other and with local policing teams.

It replaces the previous DISC system and has been developed using feedback from those already working in our rural communities.

The app allows users to:

- Report incidents quickly in a police-ready format
- Share information securely with local groups and officers
- Use precise location tools such as what3words for rural areas
- Help police identify patterns and target organised criminal activity

This is a practical step forward in strengthening communication between rural communities and the police, helping ensure that officers can respond more effectively to the challenges faced in more isolated areas. If you are involved in a rural business or work in the countryside, I would encourage you to download the app and consider joining the local network.

As always, please remember that emergencies or crimes in progress should still be reported via 999.

Hampshire's first 'Best Start' Family Hub

As Chairman of the children and Young People Select Committee, I am delighted to see launch of Hampshire's first Best Start Family Hub in Leigh Park – an important step forward in how we support families across the county.

This is about making life simpler for parents and carers. Instead of having to navigate lots of different services, these hubs bring support together in one place – from pregnancy and early years through to starting school. That includes things like parenting advice, health visiting, early learning support and help for families with additional needs.

What's particularly important is the focus on early help. By identifying needs sooner and supporting families earlier, we can improve outcomes for children and reduce the need for more intensive interventions later on.

This is just the start. Around 30 hubs are planned across Hampshire by 2029, with more opening over the next year – including in places like Gosport, Alton and Andover. It's a practical, joined-up approach that reflects something simple but important: giving children the best start in life doesn't happen in silos – it happens when services work together, locally, around families.

The Government's Special Educational needs and Disability (SEND) reforms

Hampshire already started two years ago.

Hampshire County Council, is responsible for around 500 schools and our 40 libraries. Over 90% of our schools are rated outstanding or good. One of the key areas of focus is Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Getting the right school place for a child with SEND can be incredibly difficult because of national legislation and the lack of sufficient funding from central Government.

I hear from parents who've waited months and sometimes felt let down by 'the system'. That's why Hampshire has approved plans for 1,000 additional specialist SEND places between 2025 and 2030.

Since 2018, we've already created more than 750 new places, with another 350 in progress. Hampshire is ahead of much of the rest of the country.

For over two years, we've been rolling out our Transforming SEND programme across Hampshire - building better, more consistent SEND provision into everyday mainstream schooling, as well as creating specialist new schools. Our aim is to ensure that more children and their families get the right support, without having to fight 'the system' for it. That work is already making a difference for families across the county.

Where appropriate, the strongest outcomes are often achieved in mainstream schools with specialist provision and Resourced Provision - combining targeted support with inclusive settings so children can stay local, learn alongside their peers, and avoid long daily journeys.

Government's new Schools White Paper - Every Child Achieving and Thriving - published last month, is a significant shift in SEND policy. It acknowledges what Hampshire families have been telling us for years: too many children have been let down by a government system that forces parents to battle rather than be supported.

The reforms promise earlier intervention, even more specialist resource in mainstream schools, and £3.7 billion in new investment nationally.

Hampshire is already moving in that direction. But the new framework won't fully take effect until 2029 at the earliest. The places - and two new specialist schools - that Hampshire is already building, and the mainstream provision we're transforming right now, are what families actually need today.

UPTON GREY - 2026/27 @ 21 MAY			2027/28 BUDGET - DRAFT
EXPENDITURE	2026/27 TO DATE	2026/27 BUDGET - MAR	
Salaries	£843.96	£10,237.09	£10,748.95
Clerk's allowance		£480.00	£240.00
Expenses		£70.00	£70.00
Training		£300.00	£300.00
Admin/Governance	£360.50	£1,950.00	£2,000.00
Legal costs			
Community/ grants		£3,200.00	£3,200.00
VH-shop grant		£1,500.00	£1,500.00
		£656.85	
VH Hire (PC meetings)		£250.00	£250.00
SLR management	£300.00	£1,250.00	£975.00
MAINTENANCE			
Maintenance contract	£295.00	£3,672.24	£3,819.13
Plus contract cemetry		£450.00	£468.00
Pond fence			
Pond trees		£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Pond clearing			
Liner & bank repair			
Playground Inspection		£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Play equip / maint	£372.00		
Maintenance general		£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Assets / capital expend			
Tennis			
Pond project		£1,500.00	
Village Hall -CIF-Solar			
VAT - expend	£134.40		
TOTAL EXPEND	£2,305.86		
Expend - less tennis	£2,305.86	£28,202.48	£27,571.08

UPTON GREY - 2026/27			2027/28 BUDGET - DRAFT
INCOME	2026/27 TO DATE	2026/27 BUDGET - MAR	
Precept	£12,204.50	£24,409.00	£25,141.27
Grass Cutting Grant	£1,292.47	£1,292.47	£1,292.47
County Cllr-grant-pond			
Ward Cllr-grant-pond		£1,000.00	
CIF-Village Hall Solar			
Tennis			
Bank Interest	£131.96	£800.00	£800.00
VAT reclaim last yr		£216.58	
VAT reclaim this yr			
TOTAL INCOME	£13,628.93		
Income less tennis	£13,628.93	£27,718.05	£27,233.74

UPTON GREY - 2026/27			2027/28 BUDGET - DRAFT
TOTALS	2026/27 TO DATE	2026/27 BUDGET - MAR	
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	£11,323.07		
Bank balance	£60,452.70		
SURPLUS/DEFICIT-TENNIS	£0.00		
SURPLUS/DEFICIT-PC	£11,323.07	£484.43	£337.34
BALANCE - TENNIS	£19,518.48		
BALANCE - PC	£40,934.22	£29,126.72	£28,789.38

UGPC RESERVES 2026/27 (as per budget)	
General reserve	£24,409.00
Earmarked Reserves	
Playground reserve	£4,717.72
Total - YEAR END	£29,126.72
PRECEPT 2026/27 =	£24,409.00

APPENDIX IV RIGHTS OF RIVERS

Adoption of a Declaration on the Rights of Rivers That Cabinet

- 1) Adopt the declaration on the Rights of Rivers as set out in Appendix 3 of the report; and
- 2) Note the actions taken to date, including embedding protection and enhancement of the water environment into key strategies and into the emerging Local Plan. The Rights of Rivers declaration is helpful in providing the Council's formal view on the importance of water courses in the Borough which will help to inform and guide key strategies in the future. The declaration highlights the need to protect and enhance water courses through the various strategies and actions in the control of the Council alongside those duties that rest with others.

Appendix Three - Declaration for Adoption

Declaration on the Rights of the Rivers in the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane

Humans depend on our rivers to provide clean water for drinking and sanitation, fertile soil, and regeneration but rivers also support an extensive diversity of species and ecosystems and play a vital role in the functioning of the Earth's continuous water cycle. Rivers are also one of the largest natural carbon-transport systems on our planet, moving land-based carbon to be stored in the oceans and providing temperature regulation functions.

This Council recognises that rivers are vital to the ecological health, cultural heritage, and future sustainability of Basingstoke and Deane. In the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane, these waterways also include our globally rare, ecologically fragile and irreplaceable chalk streams. The Borough contains **the springs and source headwaters of the River Whitewater**; springs and headwaters of the River Loddon and River Test, as well as important tributaries of the Itchen and the Kennet. Rivers and the wetlands they create give many communities a sense of place and identity. Many towns exist in their place because of a river. Despite this, rivers across the UK, and here in Basingstoke and Deane, face increasing pressures from pollution, over-abstraction, habitat degradation, and climate change. Communities increasingly demonstrate that they care for their rivers and concern grows for the poor state of our rivers' ecological health, which increasingly impacts public health.

To address these growing threats and to uphold our responsibilities to future generations, this council resolves to formally recognise the Rights of Rivers, drawing inspiration from the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Rivers.

1. The Right to Flow – to follow natural and seasonal flow patterns.
2. The Right to Perform Essential Functions within its Ecosystem – to sustain the hydrological and ecological processes that underpin the health of the waterways and landscape.
3. The Right to be Free from Pollution.
4. The Right to Feed and Be Fed by Sustainable Aquifers and other freshwater sources – to be replenished by, and to replenish, groundwater systems without unsustainable depletion.
5. The Right to Native Biodiversity.
6. The Right to Regeneration and Restoration – to recover from damage, including through active protection, remediation and investment in habitat restoration.

This Council therefore declares that:

1. The intrinsic rights of rivers within the jurisdiction of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council will be acknowledged.
2. It will work with community groups, river trusts and environmental experts to identify and support the practical recognition of these rights.
3. It will support local initiatives and citizen monitoring efforts that protect and restore river health, such as citizen science water testing, riparian buffer planting, natural flood management and creating wildlife corridors.
4. It will embed river rights principles into council policies, where appropriate, particularly those concerning planning, development, land use, water quality, water management, and biodiversity.
5. It will commit to Council projects and strategies taking account of the principles of Rights of Rivers and chalk streams taking appropriate measures to protect these ecosystems and delivering enhancements where possible.
6. It will advocate to national and regional bodies, including the Environment Agency, the adoption of river rights frameworks and enhanced protections for our chalk streams and freshwater ecosystems.

APPENDIX V

NEW TODDLER SWING SEATS APRIL 2026



APPENDIX VI FOLD LANE – REQUEST TO EXCLUDE FROM TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS



APPENDIX VII UPTON GREY PLANNING UPDATE 21 MAY

NEW PARISH APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING OF 16 APRIL

T/00194/26/TCA (Approve 21 May, Validated 29 April) Remove 1 dead sapling, fell 3 saplings causing damage to a Grade 2 listed barn building, cut back branches in danger of causing damage to the barn roof, fell a further 2 saplings as and when they die back.

26/00793/HSE (Validated 16 April) Cavendish House Cleves Lane. Replacement of all windows and external doors for new painted timber windows and doors.

26/00731/HSE (Validated 08 April) Byways, Church Lane. Erection of garden outbuilding. Re-consultation – Outbuilding move from NE to SE corner of garden.

PROGRESS OF RECENT APPLICATIONS

T/00149/26/TPO (Grant 30 April, Validated 24 March) Redwing House Cemetery Lane. T1 Lime - Crown reduction back to primary reduction points, retaining approximately 0.5 - 1 of new growth.

26/00548/HSE (Grant 05 May, Validated 16 March) Champions, 3 South Hill. Replacement of external windows (excluding loft windows) and doors, and change of colour of front door and external garage doors.

25/02618/FUL (Refuse 14 May, Validated 30 October) Land at Hoddington House. The construction of and excavation of a wildlife pond, the erection of a rotunda and construction of a 7-hole private golf course (part retrospective).

T/00135/25/TCA (Pending, Validated 13 Mar 2025) The Old Post House, Bidden Road. T1 - Norway Maple fell.

WESTON PATRICK

26/00517/FUL (Grant 21 May, Validated 10 March) Pingasson, Village Road, WESTON PATRICK APPLICATION. Erection of a detached dwelling and garage; with associated parking, turning, landscaping, private amenity space and access.

WESTON CORBETT

25/02742/FUL (Grant 21 May, Validated 04 Dec 2025) Erection of detached storage building | Land Adjacent To Weston Mark Cottage Weston Road. Marked to be 'awaiting decision'. No objections from Landscape and biodiversity following the building moved further back into field. Though Landscape said they would welcome it being moved further back still. 'We note that the non-residential use of the building is considered acceptable, in the existing landscape context of a former agricultural field.'

OLD BASING APPLICATIONS – MOTO

Withdrawn from DC 11 March 2026 withdrawn from Development Control Committee (DCC) of 11 March. This due to the case officer assessing that more information is required from Thames Water. Now unlikely to be considered by Development Control Committee before the summer.

20/03130/FUL (Pending), Land At M3 J6 from J5 off slip. Construction of temporary access road to enable construction of Basingstoke Motorway Service Area.

25/00754/OUT (Pending, Validated 25 March 2025) Land Adjacent To J6 M3. Outline application (with access to be determined, all other matters reserved) for development of a new Motorway Service Area (MSA) and associated landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works.

CLIDDESSEN – UPPER SWALLICK

26/00802/OUT (Validated 20 April) Land At Upper Swallick, Alton Road

Outline Planning Application for development comprising residential dwellings (Use Class C3), elderly living units (Use Class C2), serviced Gypsy and Traveller pitches (sui generis), a village centre and neighbourhood hubs comprising a mix of commercial and business uses (Use Class E), community uses (Use Class F2(B)), the expansion of Cliddesden Primary School and provision of a new primary school (Use Class F1), and associated infrastructure including the formation of sustainable urban drainage systems, public open space, allotments and sports pitches with facilities.

All matters reserved, save for the formation of new accesses from the A339 and Woods Lane, and the alteration of accesses from Northgate Lane and Farleigh Road

APPENDIX VIII**Report of the Village Hall Committee to the AGM of the
UPTON GREY PARISH COUNCIL****1. Background:**

The Village Hall is a Charity with its own trustees, and a Committee that reports to the Upton Grey Parish Council. The Village Hall Committee continues to serve villagers and ensure that their hall is clean, safe and fit for use.

The Committee is aware that the hall needs a fighting fund to cover planned and unexpected maintenance costs, and other demands on its resources. This requires it to increase revenues, capital and reserves to a level that can assure the ongoing existence of our hall.

Revenue comes from hall lettings, from successful fund-raising events (which included a wonderful reeling evening, an amazing concert from Derek Paravicini and friends, and a spectacular celebration by the Drama Group and Patrick Symington of the 100th year anniversary of the hall), from the 100 club and from grants.

2. Maintenance and Improvements

The Hall is cleaned weekly. There were a few minor maintenance needs during the past year.

An 18-panel PV system was installed in May 2025. It was funded by a grant from Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council, for which the Committee and villagers are very grateful. Surplus electricity generation was exported to the Grid.

3. Finances

The village hall financial year ended on 30th September 2025.

There was a Profit on Ordinary Activities of £3,580.43, which compared well with the £(5,630.20) loss in the prior year. That loss was caused by the emergency purchase of a replacement oil boiler.

The capital and reserves increased to £11,496.75 (prior year £7,916.32).

This improving performance has continued into the current year. Over the seven months to the 30th April 2026, the profit on ordinary activities has been £3,823.56. Capital and reserves have increased to £15,320.31.

4. Appreciation

The Committee is grateful to the Parish Council for their ongoing support.

My personal thanks and appreciation go to all the Committee Members for their hard work, time and commitment: Jane Hanbury, Wendy Stanway, Hugh Chevallier, Denise Turnbull, Mary Harman, Sam Clough and Charles Holroyd.

TOM SEABROOK
CHAIRMAN

7th MAY 2026

APPENDIX IX

UGTCMC AGM 2025–2026

UPTON GREY TENNIS COURT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Report to the Upton Grey Tennis Court AGM on 19th May 2026

Report to the Upton Grey Parish Council on Thursday 21st May 2026

Introduction

The tennis court is owned by the Upton Grey Parish Council ("PC"), which in July 2004 appointed the Upton Grey Tennis Court Management Committee ("Tennis Committee") as its agent to manage the court on its behalf.

This report covers the operations of the Upton Grey Village Tennis Court Club in the tennis-playing year 1st May 2025 to 30th April 2026. It reviews playing fees, childrens' tennis coaching, the mixer, maintenance, fund raising and finances.

Playing Fees

To promote tennis in the village and to encourage people to use the court, playing fees are kept at very modest levels and commensurate with meeting the financial goal. The current playing fee rates are £40 per family, £25 for individuals over 18, and £5 for those less than 18. These have been unchanged for a number of years. Opportunities for occasional use of the court can also be provided although these are small relative to annual subscriptions.

56 membership fees were received in the 2025/26 season, mostly for families, compared with 55 in the preceding year. Playing fee income was £2,075 which was up on the prior year's £1,865.

Tennis Coaching

With the Tennis Court on a firm financial footing through activities by the membership and committee over many years, we continue to give emphasis to the use of the Tennis Committee's generated funds to encourage activities for adults' and childrens' tennis in Upton Grey.

For the past eleven years the Tennis Committee has arranged two sets of coaching for village children aged from about four to 16-17 years' old, one in the Easter and one in the Summer holidays. In the Summer there were 60 children who participated, and in the Easter there were 26 children.

The coaching is hugely popular with parents and children and engenders a strong feeling of local community. It is organised by Susannah Livingston Booth and run by Andrew Ridgers from Odiham Tennis Club. Andrew is a level 4 certified LTA Coach. The Upton Grey Educational Trust generously contributed £200 towards each of the coaching sessions, which allowed the cost per child per week to again be kept to an affordable £16.

Tennis Mixer

We held a social tennis mixer evening on Thursday the 26th June, arranged by James Acheson-Gray. The date is chosen to be in the week between Queen's and Wimbledon. The village tennis court and others in the village are used for the evening. Many members joined in for what is one of the high points of the social calendar, ending up at James' house where he and Annabel were wonderful hosts. The Committee will hold another mixer this year.

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Clothing and Tennis Balls

Ant Langly-Smith had arranged for 15 club caps to be designed and bought. The last one was sold in this financial year.

The Committee also arranged for tennis balls to be available for purchase at The Shop. 36 tubes were sold over the course of a few months. More have now been supplied.

Maintenance

Maintenance of the Court is looked after by Rosie Ralls. The court is generally chemically treated twice a year, and also given a jet wash. Having been resurfaced in 2022, it remains in excellent condition. Maintenance costs in the year were £534.

The county lengthsman are usually tasked with weed-killing around the exterior of the court, for which grateful thanks are given to the Parish Council.

Fund Raising and Overall Finance

The financial goal of the Tennis Committee is to generate a capital reserve for future maintenance and resurfacing of the court, through achieving a net cash surplus each year. The Tennis Committee has over several years and through fund-raising activities built up a reserve, which is held by the Parish Council.

Surplus cash is held as a contingency against unexpected court problems, significant maintenance requirements, and to provide support for the playing of other sports in the village, particularly amongst its younger people.

The Tennis Committee's funds are managed by the Treasurer, Julia Harker. Cheque payments from require two signatories. Amounts over £100 are paid through the Parish Council.

Revenues in the 2025/26 season were £4,691.00 (prior year PY £4,142.96). Expenditure was £2,817.26 (PY £1,600.54), giving an increase in the capital reserves of £1,873.74 (PY £2,542.42).

The closing Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2026 showed a positive position of £21,042.10 (prior year £19,168.36). A copy of the profit and loss statement and balance sheet is attached.

LTA - Wimbledon

The club is a member of the LTA. As such it benefits from advice and a low insurance premium. Members can enter the ballot for ticket allocations to the Wimbledon Championships.

Committee

The members of the Tennis Committee for 2025/26 were James Acheson-Gray (Social), Julia Harker (Treasurer and Welfare Officer), Charles Holroyd (Chair), Ant Langly-Smith (Marketing), Susannah Livingston-Booth (Coaching), Lizzie Frost (Governance), and Rosie Ralls (Maintenance). As Chair I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for the time they give, and for being such a well organised and enthusiastic team.

We also thank the Parish Council and the Upton Grey Educational Trust for their continuing encouragement and support.

Charles Holroyd
Chair, Upton Grey Tennis Court Committee
20th May 2026

APPENDIX VII

Appendix 1

PROFIT AND LOSS

Item	Year 1st May 2025 - 30th April 2026			
	£	£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Annual Playing Subs	2,075.00		1,865.00	
Subs prepaid in prior year	0.00		-200.00	
Subs prepaid for next year	820.00		80.00	
Interest	0.00		0.96	
Net Bank Interest from PC deposit account	0.00		0.00	
Junior Coaching - Subs for Summer	960.00		1,136.00	
Junior Coaching - Subs for Easter	416.00		641.00	
Sale of caps	20.00		220.00	
Donations from UG Educational Trust for Junior Coaching etc	400.00		400.00	
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Total Income		4,691.00		4,142.96
<u>Expenses</u>				
3rd Party Liability Insurance Premium (paid by PC)	0.00		0.00	
Court Maintenance & Repairs (paid by PC excl. VAT)	380.00		395.00	
Court Maintenance & Repairs (paid from TC a/c)	154.00		0.00	
AGM and meeting expenses	0.00		0.00	
Junior Coaching and volunteers - Summer	765.00		790.00	
Junior Coaching - Easter 2025	765.00		0.00	
Junior Coaching volunteers Easter 2026	552.00		75.00	
Bank account service charges	56.26		8.50	
LTA registration	145.00		140.00	
15 tennis club caps	0.00		192.04	
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Total Expenses		2,817.26		1,600.54
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Net Surplus Tennis Funds		1,873.74		2,542.42

BALANCE SHEET

Opening Cash Balances as at 1st May	19,168.36		17,559.36	
Represented by:				
Parish Council Tennis Funds brought forward as at 1st May	17,703.57		10,798.57	
Tennis Club Funds brought forward as at 1st May	1,464.79		5,827.37	
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Total Tennis Funds as at 1st May		19,168.36		16,625.94
Add surplus/deficit for the year		1,873.74		2,542.42
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Total Funds as at 30th April		21,042.10		19,168.36
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Represented by:				
PC Tennis Funds bank account as at 30th April	19,518.57		17,703.57	
TC Tennis Funds bank account as at 30th April	1,523.53		1,464.79	
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Total Funds as at 30th April		21,042.10		19,168.36

Note: Net funds in Parish Council tennis account

Opening	17,703.57		10,798.57	
Payments by PC of court maintenance excl. VAT	-380.00		-395.00	
Net interest	0.00		0.00	
Additions - Tennis Club cheque to PC for annual subscriptions	2,195.00		7,300.00	
Closing funds	19,518.57		17,703.57	