

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 19 January 2023, Village Hall, 7pm

Present: Parish Councillors Charles Holroyd (Chairman), Paul Barnes, Alison Barker, Tim Harman, Nick Ralls; Clerk Susan Turner; Guests: Parish Lengthsman Gordon Hunt. Members of the public: 2

- 1 **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** Apologies PCSO Andy Jones, County and Ward Councillors
- 2 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 17th November, agreed and signed.
- 3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda, none
- 4 **PUBLIC SESSION** No issues raised
- 5 **REPORTS TO THE MEETING**
 - .1 **Report from PCSO Andy Jones** – written report circulated 17th January.
 - 03 Dec: A car seen in suspicious circumstances, and occupants seen putting pheasants in the car. Registered owner known to the Police in connection with like offences.
 - 08 December: Report of Land Rover type vehicle thought abandoned – all in order.
 - 19 December: Report of persons in a field within Upton Grey, torches seen and dogs heard barking. Suspected to be persons involved in coursing offences.
 - 27 December – Land owner reported fresh damage overnight – conducive to a 4x4 type vehicle driven on wet ground. Believed involved in wildlife crime, no lines of enquiry.
 - .2 **Reports from County Cllr Juliet Henderson APPENDIX I**

January report – main points:

 - HCC has produced a Tree Strategy and has committed to facilitate the planting of at least one million trees in Hampshire. The Hampshire Forest Partnership has been set up as the public delivery mechanism for this strategy; its aim is to bring together the public and third sector across Hampshire, as well as residents, businesses, schools and the wider community. Part of the strategy is to plant mini forests across Hampshire.
 - County to provide additional local funding to reduce the impact of the year-on-year reductions in Government funding for local highway maintenance over past decade.
 - Hampshire has been rated third out of all 30 English county councils for public satisfaction with highway maintenance and is the highest performing county authority in the South-East region, according to the 2022 National Highways and Transport Survey.

December report – main points:

 - Hants and Kent Leaders’ letter to Government re underfunding – ‘and the need for Government’s immediate help and a clear plan for long-term financial sustainability, if the two County Councils are to avoid filing bankruptcy notices within next year or so’.
 - HCC Minerals & Waste consultation - 12-week consultation to 31 January.
 - Latest round of Household Support Funding from the Department for Work and Pensions – targeting households facing hardship, see connect4 communities.
 - .3 **Parish Lengthsman report**
 - All council furniture, fences, playing field, community areas are in good repair.
 - I have reported potholes in and around the village on numerous occasions.
 - I have walked all footpaths. They are very slippery so care needs to be taken.

FP 7 from Hoddington Farm entrance all the encroaching hedges have been trimmed back. Where it meets with the farm track it is very muddy.

FP 14 Cemetery lane to Greywell Road, the vegetation between the path and the property boundary has been cleared.
 - I always take my litter picking equipment with me and have covered the South Warnborough road as far as the Hoddington farm entrance; all along the Weston Road from the pond to Weston Mark; I am about to walk FP 9 and FP 14 so will litter pick from the Pudding Farm entrance to the village along Cleves Lane and FP 12 to Church Street.
 - I have reported the finger post at Biden Road junction with the track that goes up to Tunworth Road; it is laying at the side of the track.

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6 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**.1 Payments**

Payments since the last meeting of 17th November

37	Lengthsman – Salary Nov	£56.23
38	Clerk – Salary Nov	£480.00
39	Saunders L/scape – Maintenance Contract Nov	£244.00
40	ICO – Data Protection Reg 2022/23	£35.00
41	CPRE – Membership 2022/23	£36.00
42	HMRC PAYE – Clerk £360, LM £42	£402.00
43	Saunders L/scape – Maintenance Contract Dec	£244.00
44	Lengthsman – Salary Dec	£56.23
45	Clerk – Salary Dec	£480.00

Expenditure for approval this meeting

Saunders L/scape – Maintenance Contract Jan	£244.00
Lengthsman – Salary Jan (SO)	£56.23
Clerk – Salary Jan (SO)	£480.00

Payments anticipated and for discussion

<u>For consideration</u> from Cumbria Church Clock Co	£185.00
<i>See item 6.7 below.</i>	
<u>For consideration</u> from Vision ICT	
Website hosting & support Feb 2023 to Jan 2024	£249.00
Email hosting x six (£18 x 6)	£129.69 = <u>£387.60</u>
<i>See item 6.8 below.</i>	

.2 Accounts to date – as circulated **APPENDIX II**. Bank reconciliation = £39,425.65.

.3 County Lengthsman funding LATEST INFORMATION – Next year (and ongoing?) funding to stay at same level as currently supplied by HCC (£1,000 per annum) – via their contractor Milestone. To be confirmed at HCC Decision Day meeting 23 January.

.4 Ward Councillor community grants Thanks to Ward Councillors. Parish Council application for £450 for Jubilee tree, tree guard and plaque, approved. (See item 10 below.)

.5 Church organ fund Ward Cllr Grant can't be used towards part funding a larger project.

PROPOSAL For the Parish Council to consider a grant towards the organ fund.

AGREED In favour. The Church to submit a grant application form.

.6 Budget and Precept request 2023/24**i Precept level recent years**

2018/19 =	£16,240
2019/20 =	£16,240
2020/21 =	£18,667
2021/22 =	£30,500
2022/23 =	£15,250

The Precept increase of 2021/22 included an 'additional' £10K for potential legal / planning consultant costs – agreed at Parish meeting – which happily not required.

The Precept decrease of 2022/23 demonstrated 'giving back' this £10K to the community.

However, considering the budget, and budget projections over the next three years, this lower level of Precept is not sustainable. **APPENDIX III.**

ii Precept request 2023/24

AGREED Precept request of £18,605 (22% increase on this year). This in line with (still slightly below) the 2020/21 Precept figure – before the anomalies of this year and last. Bringing the Precept close to sustainable levels, while avoiding the alternative of a much larger percentage increase in a year or two's time.

PRECEPT FORM SIGNED for submission to BDBC.

iii Tax base for 2023/24 now released = 382.20

Tax base previous years for comparison:	
2022/23 =	375.7
2021/22 =	376.9
2020/21 =	364.1
2019/20 =	348.4
2018/19 =	347.4

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iv Band D equivalent

For this year 2022/23 – Precept of £15,250 (2022/23 tax base = 375.70)
 £15,250 / 375.7 = £40.59 per band D household.

2023/24 = Precept of £18,605 / 382.2 = 48.68 per band D household

Annual increase of £8.09 for this year)

(Bearing in mind will be double this for a band H dwelling and half for a band A.)

.7 Payment for servicing the Church clock

NOTED Long standing agreement for Parish Council to pay for servicing the Church clock. (Ideally annually but not been done for some years.)

‘For many years, the servicing (on an ad hoc basis, I believe) was carried out by Porters of Hartley Wintney. They were approached for the remedial work, but said it was beyond their capability. Taken on by Cumbria Clock Company for the recent restoration of the clock.’

Confirmed arrangement with Internal Auditor ‘on the basis of maintaining an asset that benefits the whole community, even though it is privately owned’.

NOTED Funding is available in either the grant and maintenance budgets.

AGREED In principle the Parish Council to continue to pay for servicing the church clock annually.

Invoice from Cumbria Clock Company to be made out directly to the Parish Council.

(Current invoice £185 plus VAT. Higher than would be usually expected due to length of time since last service.)

.8 Website costs

FOR DISCUSSION: As an alternative to Vision ICT, Hugo Fox host free Community websites – which are simple and easy to set up and use. Hugo Fox would host the websites only; alternative solution needed for domain name and email hosting.

AGREED Parish Councillors to keep existing email addresses.

7 DEED OF COVENANT FOR CHURCH MEADOW

Finalising the detail of the deed is ongoing – how best to satisfy all parties.

- NOTED
- The Parish Council will be a named party to the Deed of Covenant.
 - The Freehold stays with the current owner, the Covenantor. (Note – to read as ‘Covenantor and her successors in title.)
 - All land management costs are the responsibility of the Covenantor.
 - The Covenantor is responsible for ensuring that the Meadow is fit for village events including moving sheep in good time. Only sheep grazing is allowed – no other use.
 - Details on preparing the Meadow for events are covered in the Covenant.
 - The Management Committee will be a group of named individuals. They have no responsibility for land management but will be responsible for Meadow bookings and so will liaise with the Covenantor regarding preparation.

Noted that the Parish Council has no role other than as party to the Deed of Covenant.

8 CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Draft of the revised Conservation Area Appraisal likely to be brought to the Parish Council after February due to BDBC staff changes – a new Conservation Team Principal Officer is starting in February’.

NOTED Recently reviewed Conservation Area Appraisals have been rebranded as Management Plans – so can also be adopted as SPDs (Supplementary Planning Documents) by BDBC. The current NPPF Consultation proposes to abolish SPDs...

In any event, the CA Appraisal will always have weight under the 1990 Town and Country Planning Listed Building and Conservation Areas Act.

TO CONSIDER in the meantime – as requested by BDBC Conservation Appraisal officer:

1 ‘How will we use the CAA document?’

2 Additional key views and vistas – BDBC officers can appreciate the obvious views but there may be others - eg from Public Rights of Way - that they don’t know about.

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3 'Traditional surfacing materials' – considering 'historic roads'.

Discussion...

- i 'Things like the flint banks (such as by Upton Grey House and by Rose Cottage) might come under this – their better physical protection is certainly worthwhile.
- ii Regarding verges as 'soft surfacing', worth better protecting from damage – the 'rustic' ones and also ones such as along the base of the wall of Upton Grey House. (Also as listed in the 'Roads maintenance' document submitted to HCC Highways.)
- iii Re damage to verges – initial discussion with Conservation Area Appraisal Officer – how to strengthen a case for protecting verges – to add weight to arguments against future hosting of businesses which rely on HGV deliveries – looking long term.

4 Question re place names

i The Green at the top of Cleves Lane.

AGREED Councillors content with formal name of Cleves Lane Green.

ii Village Pond – confirmed that the pond, and land around, is just 'the Village Pond'.

5 Other ponds in village CAA Officer noted from maps APPENDIX IV: 'There were four ponds in the Conservation Area, the Village Pond and the pond within the Manor House Historic Garden remain. The ponds at Cleves Farm and at Hoddington Farm are no longer visible?

NOTED The new pond at Hoddington House – 2/00600/FUL (Granted 18th July 2022). Excavation of wildlife pond and erection of single-storey eyecatcher within the grounds.

9 PLANNING

.1 Shalden planning application – details forwarded by Clerk to Shalden Parish Council (East Hants application).

22139/016 The Golden Pot, New Odiham Road, Shalden. Change of use of existing public house to provide one dwelling; demolition of existing ancillary structures and the construction of four dwellings with associated works and operations.

Comments from the Parish Council – regret as this used to be a good pub.

Viability assessment by Savills notes the pub is privately owned. Various tenants / business models over past 15 years not proved successful. Also not registered as an Asset of Community Value. Seems no local objections to change of use, some objection to overdevelopment of the site.

.2 Parish applications APPENDIX V No new planning applications, one new tree application.

T/00007/23/TCA (Validated 05 Jan 2023) The Old Aviary, Baymans Lane, Hoddington. T1- Oak - dismantle to ground level due to trees location to garden steps, patio and house. This has caused excessive shading, leaf drop and as you can see in pictures branch drop in crown over house and patio. T2-Oak - dead wood, reduce right hand side of crown from 12m to 9m to balance and encourage growth on the right hand side once t1 is removed. T3- Cherry - dismantle to ground level due to damage from browsing of bark.

Discussion

Trees are important to character of Upton Grey and its Conservation Area.

The native trees in this application contribute to this character particularly the two Oaks and including the Oak T1 proposed to be felled.

The Oaks are significant trees, part of the backdrop to the house as viewed from the road and contribute to the landscape and tree cover as viewed from FP 7.

Reducing the tree cover of the Parish, particularly removing a mature Oak, is counter to the aspirations and goals of the Queen's Green Canopy, and now Hampshire's tree strategy, the Hampshire Forest Partnership.

The Parish Council is concerned that there is not sufficiently good reason to fell apparently healthy trees. The Oak T1 seems not to be directly affecting the house, with the patio encroaching on the tree rather than the other way around. The Parish Council would like to see an alternative solution to felling.

AGREED The Parish Council to request TPOs, particularly for the Oak T1, if this could be a practicable solution. Clerk to respond to Tree Officer accordingly.

.2 NPPF Consultation (LURB) – published 22 Dec, consultation to 02 March. **APPENDIX VI.**

TO NOTE For consideration Feb meeting, consultation is to 2nd March.

'Scope of this consultation: The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities is seeking views on how we might develop new and revise current national planning policy to support our wider objectives.'

The Consultation Proposals continue to support the Government manifesto target of £300K new homes per annum, insist on continuing with the Standard Methodology for calculating housing numbers (and using 2011 Census data up to 2024) and seek to boost the importance and relative status of housing delivery within the Planning Framework.

Chapter 2 discusses Policy Objectives in the LURB: ...'for good design and place making, securing infrastructure, more engagement with communities, better environmental outcomes, empowering communities to shape their neighbourhood... 'ALL THIS IS NEEDED TO DELIVER MORE HOMES...'

A proposed difference according to Michael Gove is that the standard method should be seen only as an 'advisory starting-point' for assessing housing need. Plus a stated intention to be clear on what exceptional circumstances will be considered – but focusing only on three criteria – housing densities out of keeping with local character; Green Belt, and over-delivery from previous Plan period.

The Proposal also include considerable and potentially positive changes to the Five Year Land Supply requirements for deliverable housing. However the 'transitional' lower requirement of four years doesn't apply until the Local Plan Update reaches at least Reg 18 consultation.

The consultation has nothing to directly support lower housing numbers for BDBC, and gives no immediate means to regain its land supply.

Further chapters cover Environment, Climate change, Onshore wind and Energy efficiency.

.3 Noise pollution

TO CONSIDER – 'turbine' noise audible in Upton Grey over the last few months.

Described by many as akin to a generator, more noticeable at night, More audible above Weston Road and higher on Church Street. Potentially from the direction of Hoddington.

NOTED Likely to a short term requirement. People would be happier if they understood that in the relatively short term it will stop.

ACTION Clerk to make enquiries with the Estate.

.4 Green Space – Planning officers are considering the detail of GreenSpace applications submitted as part of the 2020 Issues & Options consultation. Will consider additional applications for Upton Grey if submitted now.

ACTION: Clerk.

10 JUBILEE TREE

.1 Cleves Lane Green

BDBC Conservation Areas Appraisal officer and Landscape Architect – recommended native tree – promoting *Prunus avium* – Wild Cherry; *Prunus padus* – Bird Cherry. **APPENDIX VII**

'Woodland Trust has a specific leaflet for Jubilee Trees. It states Bird Cherry prefers limestone but will tolerate poor soils. It needs full sun in order to flower and grows to 7-10m. Alternatively, Crab Apple favours heavier soils. Its bark is purplish brown with scaly ridges and it has an average height of 9m.

'In terms of pruning undertaken to keep any tree to a smaller size, any tree chosen could be managed long term, with formative pruning undertaken as necessary.

'It will be great to get this resolved, it would be lovely to see a good sized flowering native in such a locally prominent position, for such an important memorial.

TO RECORD Unfortunately come to light that the tree removed from the Cleaves Lane Green a few years ago was taken down due to Honey Fungus. Cherries are suseptible. So seems are most relatively small native trees. (Holly a possibility, but thought not be suitable.)

.2 Summer Jubilee Tree survey

Alison Barker referenced the data from the Jubilee Tree consultation survey.

NOTED 59% of respondents suggesting a new tree at the pond;

23% suggesting a new tree at playground area.

Commented that practically, traditionally, aesthetically, Willows are obvious choice for by ponds. But susceptible to Honey Fungus. A question of how long it will stay in the ground.

ACTION: Chairman to contact local tree expert for advice.

11 POND

.1 New duck house – launch expected Sat 4th Feb at 2pm. Article prepared for Feb *UG Mag*. TO RECORD the appreciation and thanks of Upton Grey Parish Council, on behalf of the Village, to Nikki and Michael Sproule for supplying and donating the new duck house for the Village Pond. Thanks in particular to Micheal, and also young Ukrainian helpers 12-year-old Dima and his cousin Petya, for painstaking duck house construction. **APPENDIX VIII**

AGREED The Parish Council going forward is pleased to take over official ownership of and responsibility for the duck house following its launch.

.2 Pond liner repair – Seeking further companies prepared to quote.

12 HIGHWAYS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE**.1 Grips on Weston Road – County LM visit**

NOTED Council LM visit to clear grips was scheduled for 15 Dec, postponed due to frozen ground. Parish Lengtham Gordon Hunt – 29th December – ‘Reported grips all along Weston Road – from Weston Patrick to the pond – to Highways earlier this week.’

County LM visit 04 Jan. Task – to clear grips on Weston Road from Weston Mark to Pond. Completed worksheet said ‘We did the best we could with shovels, but it needs a digger.’

Discussion

- Grip clearing Weston Road – ‘Really needs a machine – all the way to Weston Patrick.’
- Some ditches not take water. Ditches silted up, bank eroded, water keeps going past.
- Putting the sewer down Weston Road from Holme Hill broke up the roadside bank. What is left readily disintegrates into sludge and washes away.
- Needs material bringing forward to side of road and bank recreating. Needs doing as far as from the pond all the way to Weston Partrick
- Clearing grips won’t work fully until all the ditches dug out.
- Ditches are the responsibility of landowner.
- Anecdotal – Candovers Parish Council, neighbouring Parishes, landowners, worked together to dig ditches, holding ditches, soakaway areas, to collectively address flooding.
- Need to engage landowners to from here to Weston Patrick.

ACTION Clerk. To investigate land ownership in Weston Patrick.

Next LM visit of 8th March – To clear grips on Bidden Road opposite the scaffolding yard.

.2 Weston Road flooding reported to HCC Highways. Also reported by Phillip Richards BDBC.

.3 Damage to Highway, including verges and white lining

TO RECORD thanks to Nick Ralls for compiling report and map. Submitted to roads@hants, copied to County Cllr Juliet Henderson. **APPENDIX IX**

.4 Training – brushcutter and first aid Parish Lengthsman confirmed he is happy to attend. To be booked with Hants or Surrey training providers – pending earliest dates available.

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION – Potential way forward to hire a brushcutter when needed, rather than purchasing one. Avoiding need to store, refurbish or repair.

13 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS**.1 Village Hall update**

i Re building work – Phase one: electrician to move lights switches etc out of the side room; carpenter to build new cupboards.’

ii Land deeds and registration – In hand with solicitor.

.2 Pumping station update

TO RECORD – A person looking for its location yesterday (18 Jan) for meeting with Thames Water. To keep as regular item on agenda. (Again noted, two pipes, only one pump. Failure for five weeks over summer. Still no adequate explanation from Thames Water.)

14 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 7pm, Village Hall.

16 Feb, 16 March, 20 April, 18 May (AGM – election year), 15 June, 13 July, 21 Sept, 19 Oct, 16 Nov. Generally third Thursday of month (change for July date to second Thursday).

Meeting closed 9pm with thanks to all

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APPENDIX I.I CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – JAN 2022

1. Schools news

The deadline for school place applications is 15th January. Hampshire County Council is urging parents of children due to start school in reception year or move to year 3 in a junior school in September 2023 to indicate three school preferences on their application.

Over the last six years, 98 per cent of parents secured a school place for their child at one of their three preferred schools, with between 90 and 93 per cent being offered a place at their first preference school. Online guidance can be found on the Education and Learning pages on the County Council's website.

Seven Hampshire schools could undergo major building works as part of a 10-year Government programme to ensure that school buildings are fit for the future. Three primary schools, two secondary schools and two special schools have been included in an announcement last month by the Department for Education (DfE), which has provisionally outlined a fourth round of schools to be prioritised for works under its £1bn School Rebuilding Programme.

2. Keeping homes warm

As more people feel the impact of rising energy costs and increasingly cold weather, Hampshire County Council is reminding those struggling to heat their homes that help is available. Residents can call the 'Hitting the cold spots' phone line for advice and guidance, from temporary heating and first-time central heating to arranging home visits and sourcing boiler repair funding.

To access these services, call the team on 0800 804 8601 (lines are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday). The phone advice line is open to all Hampshire residents. Some services have eligibility criteria, and the advisors will discuss the best possible solution for each caller. More information can be found online.

3. Minerals and Waste Plan update consultation

A reminder that the consultation on changes to Hampshire's Minerals and Waste Plan closes at the end of this month, at 17:00 hours on Tuesday 31 January 2023.

The consultation allows residents to comment on local sites that have been identified for minerals extraction and transportation. Sites for waste processing, recycling and disposal facilities are also indicated in the Plan. The proposed updated plan and the response form can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update. My advice is to study the plan carefully for proposals for your area and respond accordingly.

4. Tree planting

As part of the commitment to reach Net Zero by 2050, HCC has produced a Tree Strategy and has committed to facilitate the planting of at least one million trees in Hampshire. The Hampshire Forest Partnership has been set up as the public delivery mechanism for this strategy; its aim is to bring together the public and third sector across Hampshire, as well as residents, businesses, schools and the wider community.

Part of the strategy is to plant mini forests across Hampshire, using a technique developed by a Japanese ecologist, Dr Miyawaki, which encourages faster growth and more successful establishment of the trees, as well as a greater number planted, greater biodiversity and carbon sequestration.

More information can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/hampshireforestpartnership>. The council is also encouraging parishes and residents to suggest locations for mini forests and other tree planting. If you have any local suggestions, please also email the team at treeplanting@hants.gov.uk

5. Roads update

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

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

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

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

APPENDIX I.II CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – DECEMBER 2022

1. HCC reorganisation

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

- Adults' Health and Care - Cllr Liz Fairhurst (lead member) and Cllr Jan Warwick
- Children's Services - Cllr Edward Heron (lead member) and Cllr Steve Forster
- Universal Services - Cllr Nick Adams-King (lead member) and Cllr Russell Oppenheimer
- Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services - Cllr Rob Humby (leader) and Cllr Rob Chadd (deputy leader)
- Cllr Kirsty North will continue as Cabinet Member for HR, Performance, Communications and Inclusion and Diversity.

2. Leader calls on Government to address local government underfunding

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

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

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

3. Winter support

Hampshire's most vulnerable residents will not be left out in the cold this winter, thanks to a range of measures to help people with the costs of food, fuel and other essentials. Using its latest round of Household Support Funding from the Department for Work and Pensions, Hampshire County Council will be investing more than £7 million in a wide variety of schemes and initiatives targeting households facing hardship, between now and March 2023.

The initiatives will expand on what was offered in the previous funding round to include support for foster carers registered with the County Council, unpaid carers, care leavers, and people with disabilities. It will also widen the support available to reach out to those who may not be eligible for other assistance but are nevertheless in need.

Details can be found by emailing connect4communities@hants.gov.uk or visiting the [connect4communities](https://www.hants.gov.uk/connect4communities) website.

4. Minerals and Waste Plan update consultation

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

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

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

5. Boundary Commission review of constituencies

The Boundary Commission for England have published their revised proposals for parliamentary constituency boundaries. A final public consultation has commenced which closes on 5 December 2022. The revised proposals and maps can be viewed here [South East | Boundary Commission for England \(independent.gov.uk\)](https://www.boundarycommissionforengland.gov.uk)

INCOME UPTON GREY 2022/23 - 19 JAN 2023									
Date	Description	Precept	Gross cutting grant	Grants (other)	Tennis subs	S106	Bank interest	VAT reclaim	TOTAL
Balance brought forward from April 1st 2022									£38,220.13
03/05/22	Precept 1st six months	£7,625.00							£7,625.00
03/05/22	BDBC Grass cutting grant		£1,279.67						£1,279.67
01/08/22	HCCCS Grant - brushcutter			£569.40					£569.40
26/09/22	Precept 1st six months	£7,625.00							£7,625.00
13/10/22	Tennis subs				£1,700.00				£1,700.00
2022/23	Bank Interest						£8.55		£8.55
TOTALS		£15,250.00	£1,279.67	£569.40	£1,700.00	£0.00	£8.55	£0.00	£18,807.62

Receipts and Payments Summary	
Start balance	£38,220.13
Plus Income	£18,807.62
Less Expend	£17,602.10
Balance	£39,425.65

Bank reconciliation	
Lloyds-Treasurers	£29,833.62
£2K transfer from Tennis account to PC	
Lloyds-Business	£9,592.03
Balance	£39,425.65

TREASURERS ACCOUNT 30-93-32 01525302
UPTON GREY PARISH COUNCIL

£ 29,833.62 Current balance

£29,833.62 Available funds

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BUS BANK INSTANT 30-80-42 33785160
UPTON GREY PARISH COUNCIL SAVINGS

£ 9,592.03 Balance

EXPENDITURE UG 2022/23 - 19 JAN 23					Salaries	Personnel	Travel	Community / Grants	Miscellaneous	VH or / Staff	Teas	VAT	TOTAL
Invoice Ref	Invoice Ref	Page #	Description	date					Contract	Other			
1	2015/22	1991/22	Variable Callout	Multi-tenor bank bank	BACS			£525.00					£525.00
2	2015/22	1991/22	Upton Greys Ltd	Multi-tenor bank	BACS			£1,295.00				£275.00	£1,570.00
3	2015/22	2001/22	Tennis Club Ltd	Multi-tenor bank	BACS			£290.00				£42.00	£332.00
4	2015/22	2001/22	HAL COUNCIL	Multi-tenor bank	BACS		£289.02						£289.02
5	2015/22	2015/22	Revised Budget	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£227.00				£227.00
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7	1991/22	2015/22	HMRC	Multi-tenor bank	BACS		£391.87						£391.87
8	1991/22	2015/22	HAL COLLECT	Multi-tenor bank	BACS			£50.00				£95.00	£145.00
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10	2015/22	1991/22	Andy Lane Ltd	Multi-tenor bank	BACS			£252.00				£90.00	£342.00
11	2015/22	1991/22	Revised Budget	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£244.00				£244.00
12	Apr 14/22	1991/22	Leigh James	Multi-tenor bank	BACS		£112.49						£112.49
13	Apr 14/22	1991/22	Clark	Multi-tenor bank	BACS		£390.00						£390.00
14	1991/22	1991/22	Johnnie's Ltd	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£395.00			£105.00	£500.00
15	1991/22	2001/22	Duffin Harris Ltd	Multi-tenor bank	BACS		£240.00						£240.00
16	Apr 14/22	1991/22	HMRC	Multi-tenor bank	BACS		£402.00						£402.00
17	1991/22	2001/22	Upton Greys Ltd	Multi-tenor bank	BACS			£289.20				£92.40	£381.60
18	1991/22	2001/22	Revised Budget	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£244.00				£244.00
19	Jun	2015/22	Leigh James	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£59.25						£59.25
20	Jun	2015/22	Clark	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£490.00						£490.00
21	2015/22	1991/22	Revised Budget	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£244.00				£244.00
22	July	2015/22	Leigh James	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£59.25						£59.25
23	July	2015/22	Clark	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£490.00						£490.00
24	1991/22	2001/22	Revised Budget	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£244.00				£244.00
25	Aug	2015/22	Leigh James	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£59.25						£59.25
26	Aug	2015/22	Clark	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£490.00						£490.00
27	1991/22	2001/22	Upton Greys Ltd	Multi-tenor bank	BACS					£150.00			£150.00
28a	2015/22	2001/22	Brian Telford	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£121.19			21.99	£143.18
28b	2015/22	2001/22	Brian Telford	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£142.99			£23.99	£166.98
29	1991/22	2001/22	Revised Budget	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£244.00				£244.00
30	1991/22	2001/22	HMRC	Multi-tenor bank	BACS		£402.00						£402.00
31	Sept	2015/22	Leigh James	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£59.25						£59.25
32	Sept	2015/22	Clark	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£490.00						£490.00
33	Oct	2015/22	Leigh James	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£59.25						£59.25
34	Oct	2015/22	Clark	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£490.00						£490.00
35	1991/22	2001/22	Revised Budget	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£244.00				£244.00
36	2015/22	2001/22	HRP LTD	Multi-tenor bank	BACS		£390.00					£90.00	£480.00
37	Nov	2015/22	Leigh James	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£59.25						£59.25
38	Nov	2015/22	Clark	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£490.00						£490.00
39	1991/22	2001/22	Revised Budget	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£244.00				£244.00
40	1991/22	1991/22	ICO	Multi-tenor bank	DD		£35.00						£35.00
41	2015/22	2001/22	OPRE	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£90.00				£90.00
42	2015/22	2001/22	HMRC	Multi-tenor bank	BACS		£402.00						£402.00
43	1991/22	1991/22	Revised Budget	Multi-tenor bank	BACS				£244.00				£244.00
44	Dec	2015/22	Leigh James	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£59.25						£59.25
45	Dec	2015/22	Clark	Multi-tenor bank	PO		£490.00						£490.00

TOTALS					£6,882.07	£1,488.88	£840.00	£2,284.20	£2,178.00	£510.46	£750.00	£2,000.00	£1,112.48	£17,602.10
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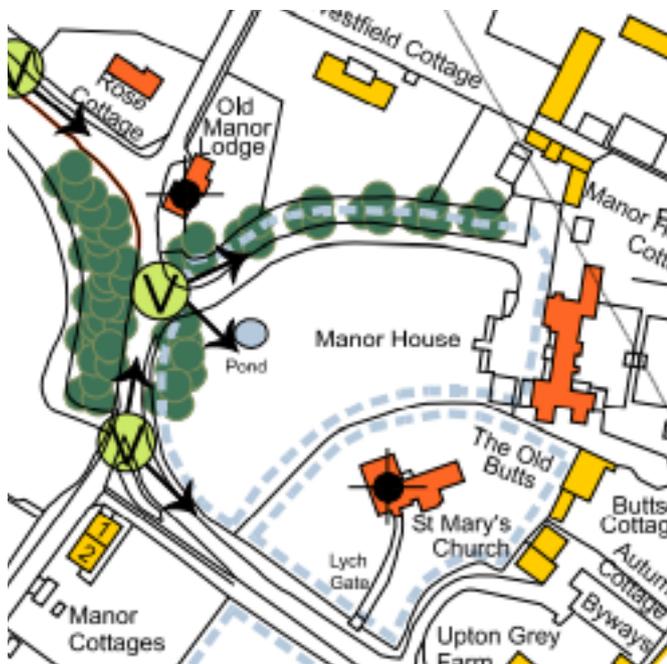
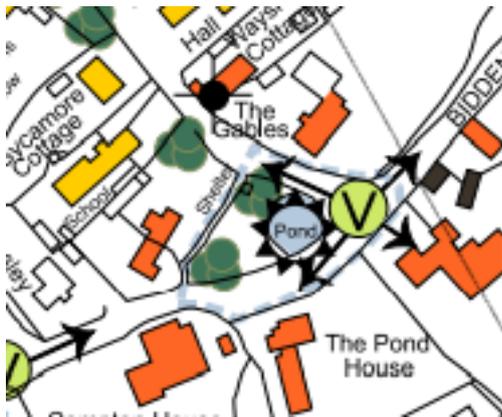
APPENDIX III – BUDGET AND 2023/24 PRECEPT

UG PC		2022/23 TO DATE	2022/23 LATEST EST JAN 2023	2022/23 BUDGET JAN 22	2023/24 BUDGET JAN 23
LATEST ESTIMATE & BUDGET					
INCOME – 18th November					
Precept		E 15,250.00	E 15,250.00	E 15,250.00	E 15,250.00
Gross Culling Grant		E 1,279.67	E 1,279.67	E 1,279.67	E 1,292.47
Grants other		E 939.40	E 1,019.40	E 900.00	
Bank sales		E 1,700.00	E 1,700.00	E 1,000.00	E 1,700.00
Bank Interest		E 55	E 200	E 10	E 100.00
WAT revenue			E 2,584.95	E 2,500.00	E 1,500.00
SIDS			E 1,452.73	E 1,452.73	E 0.00
		E 18,809.62	E 23,746.35	E 22,422.40	E 23,872.47
EXPENDITURE – 18th November					
Salaries	2000	E 8,032.07	E 8,034.36	E 8,480.00	E 8,880.00
Clerk's allowance			E 240.00	E 240.00	E 240.00
Expenses				E 70.00	E 70.00
Travel		E 40.00	E 1,050.00	E 750.00	E 300.00
Finance/Governance		E 1,453.89	E 1,823.89	E 2,340.00	E 1,725.00
HALF-DAILY SIDS	2000				
SILLO	2000				
Internal audit	2000				
External audit	2000				
Insurance	2000				
Village DT	2000				
ICD	2000				
Total		E 1,453.89			
Grants (Community)		E 2,884.20	E 3,500.00	E 3,500.00	E 3,500.00
Utilities (water/electricity)			E 350.00		
Village Hall / Shop		E 750.00	E 1,500.00	E 1,200.00	E 1,500.00
MAINTENANCE				E 6,300.00	
Maintenance contract	2000	E 2,175.00	E 2,911.00		E 3,250.00
Ford			E 3,036.00		E 1,000.00
Fence	2000	E 75.00			
Liner & tank repair	2000				
Buckhouse	2000				
Play equipment			E 250.00		E 750.00
Injection	2000				
Play equipment repair					
Maintenance general	2000	E 135.45	E 135.00		E 900.00
Total		E 3,332.45			
SID site		E 0.00	E 0.00	E 700.00	
Assets (finish outlet)			E 69.64		
Taxes		E 2,000.00	E 2,000.00	E 1,000.00	E 800.00
SIDS (for WAT)			E 1,452.73	E 1,452.73	E 0.00
Legal fees	2000		E 1,000.00	E 1,000.00	E 1,000.00
WAT - expense		E 1,112.49	E 2,500.00	E 2,500.00	E 1,500.00
TOTAL EXPEND		E 17,602.10	E 30,502.62	E 30,572.73	E 24,715.00
surplus / deficit		E 1,207.52	E 3,243.73		E 1,517.53
Balance		E 39,425.65	E 1,453.89	E 23,538.50	E 29,546.33
			Latest 2023	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
2022/23 (to date)		E 1,915.52	E 4,466.27		E 2,717.53
2022/23 (to date) - 18th Nov		E 910.00	E 910.00		E 1,200.00
PC		E 20,492.77	E 21,791.34		E 19,132.25
Totals		E 20,808.48	E 27,667.41		E 19,789.78

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APPENDIX IV – UPTON GREY PONDS - MAPS AS FORWARDED BY CAA OFFICER

Ponds shown at Village Pond, Manor Farm, Cleves Farm, Hoddington Farm



APPENDIX V

Parish Council Meeting of 19 January 2022
PLANNING AND TREE APPLICATIONS

APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING REF AGENDA ITEM 9.1

[22139/016](#) Change of use of existing public house to provide one dwelling; demolition of existing ancillary structures and the construction of four dwellings with associated works and operations. The Golden Pot, New Odiham Road, SHALDEN, Alton, GU34 4DJ

[T/00007/23/TCA](#) (Validated 05 Jan 2023) The Old Aviary, Baymans Lane, Hoddington. T1- Oak -dismantle to ground level due to trees location to garden steps, patio and house. This has caused excessive shading, leaf drop and as you can see in pictures branch drop in crown over house and patio. T2-Oak - dead wood, reduce right hand side of crown from 12m to 9m to balance and encourage growth on the right hand side once t1 is removed. T3- Cherry - dismantle to ground level due to damage from browsing of bark. Consultation to 26 Jan

[T/00536/22/TCA](#) (Approved 18 Jan) 6 Limbrey Hill. T1 Walnut: rebalance by reducing height by 7m leaving a finished height of 15m and a radius of 5m. T2 and T3 Walnut: reduce by 5m leaving a finished height of 10m and finished radius of 4m.

PROGRESS OF RECENT APPLICATIONS, PENDING OR DECIDED

[22/03087/HSE](#) and [22/03088/LBC](#) (Granted 10 Jan) Village Farm House, Bidden Road, Timber Garden Room (Resubmission of approved garden room under references 21/01059/LBC and 21/01058/HSE Approved 7/12/2021).

[T/00485/22/TCA](#) (Approved 13 Dec) Cleves House, Cleves Lane.

T1 Cherry - Fell as causing subsidence; T2 - Apple - Fell as causing, subsidence. These trees are two of numerous ornamental trees within the garden and their loss will be of no loss to the local aesthetic. PC no objection.

[T/00478/22/TCA](#) (Approved 05 Dec) Redwing House RG25 2RD.

T1 hedge Maple: cut back to suitable growth points from neighbouring property and remove small branches over hedge. PC no objection.

[22/02755/FUL](#) (Granted 13 Dec) Magellans, Baymans Lane [Blounce] South Warnborough. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential. Installation of outdoor swimming pool, and erection of associated pool building and plant building. Hard and soft landscaping works. Amended application from 22/01625/HSE (withdrawn 28 Sept), to include change of use.

[T/00373/22/TCA](#) (Approved 18 Oct) Portland House, Cleves Lane. Crown reduce T1 Ash, T2 Sycamore and G1 mixed species as per proposed tree work.

[22/01965/FUL](#) (Granted 01 Dec) Reynard House, Weston Road. Installation of 2 no. 7m high wooden telegraph poles for the purpose of mounting security cameras and lighting (part retrospective).

[22/00518/LBC](#) (Pending, Validated 21 Feb) Tile Barn Cottages, Little Dean Lane. Roof works. Response from Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings 23rd March 2022 – no further comment since then (at 10th Jan 2023).

APPENDIX VI**NPPF CONSULTATION (LURB) – CONSULTATION IS TO 2ND MARCH.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy>

'Scope of this consultation: The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities is seeking views on how we might develop new and revise current national planning policy to support our wider objectives.'

BDBC Planning officers have proposed publishing their response to the Consultation on the BDBC website, (Planning Policy – Local Plan Update section), and also share group and councillor responses. Awaiting the published response

The outcome of this consultation will shape the future of BDBC's Local Plan Update.

NOTES

The Consultation Proposals continue to support the Government manifesto target of £300K new homes per annum, insist on continuing with the Standard Methodology for calculating housing numbers (and using 2011 Census data up to 2024) and seek to boost the importance and relative status of housing delivery within the Planning Framework.

Chapter 2 of the Consultation Proposals discusses Policy Objectives in the LURB Bill – for good design and place making, securing infrastructure, more engagement with communities, better environmental outcomes, empowering communities to shape their neighbourhood... 'ALL THIS IS NEEDED TO DELIVER MORE HOMES...'

CH4.2. 'We propose making small additions to paragraphs 1 and 7 of the existing Framework (Introduction and Chapter 2 on Achieving Sustainable Development). These changes are intended to signal that providing for necessary development that is integrated with local infrastructure is a core purpose of the planning system', '...THE FRAMEWORK SHOULD BE REVISED TO BE CLEARER ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING FOR THE HOMES AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED.'

A proposed difference according to Michael Gove is that the standard method should be seen only as an 'advisory starting-point' for assessing housing need. Plus a stated intention to be clear on what exceptional circumstances will be considered – but focusing only on three criteria – housing densities out of keeping with local character; Green Belt, and over-delivery from the previous Plan period.

The Proposal also include considerable and potentially positive changes to the Five-year Land supply requirements for deliverable housing.

CH3.4. 'We propose to remove the requirement for local authorities with an up-to-date Plan (which in this case means where the housing requirement as set out in strategic policies is less than five years old), to demonstrate continually a deliverable five-year housing land supply. [Also] 3.5...we propose removing five-year housing land supply buffers from National Planning Policy in the future, [and] 3.7 We propose bringing our position on oversupply in line with that on undersupply, when calculating a five-year housing land supply.'

BDBC unable to take advantage of the lower 'transitional' land supply requirement until at least Reg 18 consultation scheduled for this autumn / winter.

'For the purposes of decision-making, where emerging Local Plans have been submitted for examination or where they have been subject to a Regulation 18 or 19 consultation... those authorities will benefit from a reduced requirement... a four-year supply of land for housing, instead of the usual five.'

Further chapters cover Environment, Climate change, Onshore wind and Energy efficiency.

APPENDIX VII

Jubilee Tree planting – Cleves Lane Green – ref Conservation Area Appraisal
Advice from BDBC Conservation Area Appraisal Officer, and Principal Landscape Architect

JUBILEE TREE AT CLEVES LANE GREEN

The area is and will remain in the new CA Appraisal an Open Area of Townscape Significance, however, I am concerned about the precedent set for future developments in the village using ornamental species instead of native trees.

The planting of a non-native Japanese Cherry goes against the draft Management Plan principle.

To quote from the Old Basing Management Plan:

Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan SPD (basingstoke.gov.uk)

[Landscape] features make an important contribution to the character of the conservation area.

This contribution can be adversely affected through (inter alia):

- Planting of non-native species.

In some instances ... the removal of a dead, dying or dangerous mature tree that affects the visual amenity of the Conservation Area [is required]. In such instances, a replacement native species tree should be planted.

BDBC Principal Landscape Architect has advised.

On this principle of an ornamental tree versus a native tree, there is a difference in the character of natural open space, which the Green is, and that of residential gardens, which are typically more ornamental in character. On this basis, and particularly due to the local significance of the site, our advice would be that a native tree would be more appropriate in the location proposed.

Instead of a Japanese cherry, there are two British native cherries which you could consider, which also have attractive blossom but would be more appropriate for the context. These include:

Prunus avium – Wild Cherry - <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-british-trees/wild-cherry/>

Prunus padus – Bird Cherry - <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-british-trees/bird-cherry/>

Interestingly the Woodland Trust have a specific leaflet for Jubilee Trees [twigged.pdf](#) (woodlandtrust.org.uk) Its states Bird cherry (*Prunus padus*) prefers limestone but will tolerate poor soils. It needs full sun in order to flower and grows to 7-10m.

Alternatively, Crab apple favours heavier soils. Its bark is purplish brown with scaly ridges and it has an average height of 9m.

In terms of pruning undertaken to keep any tree to a smaller size, any tree chosen could be managed long term, with formative pruning undertaken as necessary.

It will be great to get this resolved, it would be lovely to see a good sized flowering native in such a locally prominent position, for such an important memorial.

I hope this advice is helpful and I'm more than happy to elaborate/clarify if required.

Conservation Area Appraisal Officer

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Principal Landscape Architect

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

APPENDIX VIII - DUCK HOUSE CONSTRUCTION



APPENDIX IX.I



FAO HCC HIGHWAYS ENGINEER

roads@hants.gov.uk

cc County Councillor Juliet Henderson

17/01/2023

PARISH COUNCIL REQUESTS RE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Dear HCC Highways

Re: White lines and condition of Highway including road edges and future protection

I write regarding the condition of roads and verges, and the need to refresh the white lines within the village of Upton Grey.

Upton Grey has experienced a big shift in the volume and size of vehicular traffic to the parish. This due to a combination of increased housing numbers, delivery vans, increasing size of farm vehicles, and a recent big increase in large HGV traffic (some of which are too long to negotiate the road junctions within the village).

This has led to apparent acceleration of already ongoing damage to the village roads / streets, and brings to notice the lack of any clearly defined road edges, and their deterioration.

The Parish Council is seeking your support to redress these issues:

1 White-lining

The attached plan shows the extent of white-lining the Parish Council believes needs to be refreshed: in effect pretty much all lines in the village. Generally they are not visible (either eroded or overworked by road works). The extent of the carriageway is not defined in most places encouraging passing vehicles to mount the verges and banks.

- 1.1 In some areas – such as between the Upton Grey Road (known locally as the Greywell Road) junction at the top of Church Street and the Cleves Lane junction on Tunworth Road – the road edges are poorly defined and there is little to discourage traffic from mounting the banks in the dark / poor weather.
- 1.2 There is a broad range of areas where the roads are disintegrating – there are a number of large potholes within carriageways and these and the road edges are deteriorating fast in the winter weather. A number of these have been reported over the Christmas period.
- 1.3 Overall road surface quality throughout the village is particularly poor. Roads generally are being gradually widened 'by tyre' – including encroaching onto private property such as steps into household gateways, damage to walls and fences, and erosion of front gardens. Elsewhere erosion is leading to exposure of the tarmac edges, leading to rapid formation of deep potholes.
- 1.4 Specifically, white line hatching just below the Village Hall on Church Street, now barely visible, served to help protect pedestrians, and divert vehicles away from the walls and overhanging thatched roof of Wayside Cottage. The roof edges are regularly – and frequently – damaged by large vehicles catching and tearing away the thatch.

The Parish Council believes it is important to reinstate the white lines and identify the proper carriageways again, for road safety and to protect the heritage of the village.

2 Protection of highway verges and important boundary features

- 2.1 There are a number of areas of verge and embankment which need protection from over-driving by heavy vehicles. Some of these are marked on the enclosed plan.

Continued overleaf...

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APPENDIX IX.II

Continued...

2.2 Another particular area is around the junction of Church Street and Upton Grey Road, and on Upton Grey Road down to the entrance to the Manor House. Here three walls are increasingly being damaged, again by large / heavy vehicles.

2.2.1 All are parts of Listed Buildings or listed in their own right as follows:

- Name: BOUNDARY WALL AND GATE TO UPTON GREY HOUSE
Designation Type: Listing
Grade: II
List UID: 1167931
- Name: OLD MANOR LODGE
Designation Type: Listing
Grade: II
List UID: 1092756
- Name: ROSE COTTAGE
Designation Type: Listing
Grade: II
List UID: 1296656

2.2.2 The embankment wall (flint) to Upton Grey House has suffered extensive damage, as has the low flint wall to Rose Cottage. This presents a danger to road users (eg vehicles, cycles through punctures, and to horses / dogs) as the flints on the carriageway get crushed by further traffic, creating razor sharp shards. No vegetation at all has grown for several years on the embankmen/ verge along much of the wall of Upton Grey House, as it is constantly driven over – and was previously a bank full of snowdrops.

2.2.3 The front wall of Old Manor Lodge is also getting driven over and damaged by long HGVs (sometimes in the same movements as damaging the other walls), and its owner has noted a sharp increase in damage and regularity.

2.3 As a rather separate issue the verge and ditch banks along Weston Road were destroyed by overrunning while the mains sewer was laid under the road to the new development at Holme Hill.

Together, these factors combine to make an environment that is increasingly oppressive to pedestrian users, is in many places unsafe to drive on, and is marring the overall character of the Village.

3 As it stands there are three issues the Parish Council believe to be in need of attention, plus some future rethinking.

3.1 White lines

3.2 Repair of verges and roadside banks (and recovering tarmac edges)

3.3 Physical protection of verges and banks / walls (the form of which requires discussion – cast iron bells / posts ?)

3.4 Consideration of the approach to transport assessment in future planning applications, and in particular limiting increase in HGV traffic through Church Street and in the top part of the village.

Your assistance in addressing these issue will be very much appreciated by the community, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Parish Councillor Nick Ralls

for Upton Grey Parish Council

Enclosure : UG MAP ROAD MARKINGS DEC 2022.pdf