

## **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Thursday 16 February 2023, Village Hall, 7pm

Parish Councillors Charles Holroyd (Chairman), Paul Barnes, Alison Barker, Tim Harman;  
Clerk Susan Turner; Guests: Parish Lengthsman Gordon Hunt,  
County Cllr Juliet Henderson, Ward Councillor Kate Tuck. Members of the public: 1

**1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES** Apologies Nick Ralls, PCSO Andy Jones.

**2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 19th January, agreed and signed.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda

**4 PUBLIC SESSION**

i It was noted with appreciation that there have recently been fewer large lorries coming into the top of Upton Grey via Tunworth Road.

ii Appreciation also expressed for the well-crafted 'Roads' letter from Nick Ralls submitted to HCC Highways on behalf of the Parish Council, detailing highways work needed across the Parish – including white lining, pothole repair and road edge/verge/roadside protection.

**5 REPORTS TO THE MEETING**

**.1 Ward Councillor report to the meeting**

Cllr Onnalee Cubitt noted the Draft Council Plan completed, with new performance indicators. Re the NPPF Consultation, Officers' response and letter from the Council Leader are being drafted. BDBC Councillors are strongly opposed to the Standard Methodology for Calculating Housing Numbers – noting unanimous agreement from EPH (Economic Planning and Housing Committee) of 9th February to again recommend rejection of the Standard Method. The current Leader is receptive to the call for lower housing numbers.

Noting recent loss and high turnover of BDBC planning officers; head of planning has left.

The Borough continues without a five-year housing land supply; still no houses built on Manydown. BDBC owns jointly with HCC a £10M Option to buy the land at a future stage at a discount. That option not yet been exercised. Most land in BDBC allocated for housing and not yet built on belongs to County and/or Borough Council.

There is at the moment no overall control of the Council; our three Ward Councillors all independent, having been expelled or resigned from the Basingstoke Conservatives.

**.2 County Councillor report to the meeting**

i UG 'Roads' document County Cllr Juliet Henderson confirmed receipt of the Parish Council 'Roads' letter to HCC produced by Nick Ralls. She said such a good idea to provide a comprehensive outline of issues; a 'wish list' that HCC have on file. Juliet has responded separately to the concerns raised by Wayside and the damage to the thatch. She will push for all to be on the 2023/24 works programme. At the moment HCC won't be able to act on any of this due to the cycle of seasonal repairs, workload at present outstripping capability. However, with the new Cabinet member there is a noticeable culture change, a cause for optimism, officers are more receptive to requests.

ii 20mph consultation There has been a tremendous response from residents to the Consultation. Recognised that a 'blanket' 20ph will not work. But there will be provision – if individual villages so wish – to conduct a poll on a local 20mph scheme. For villages that wish to do so now, they can provisionally be put forward for a pilot scheme. If Upton Grey wishes to hold a poll, Juliet can propose in May to be put forward for the pilot.

iii Speed Indicator Devices potentially have a role in 20mph schemes. Centralised purchasing may be an option. The Parish Council requested centralised SID management be considered. Cllr Henderson will put this request forward.

iv Question re Ukrainian guest families some of whom have now been here more than six months. Is there a plan for what happens after six months, is County or Borough preparing? Cllr Henderson noted that County has a very good matching scheme. If relationships are not working with one family there are options to move. Will look for an update on present policy. Known that a Ukrainian family previously living in Greywell now moved to housing in Basingstoke and that has worked well for them.

v Policing question re Station Car parks Recently, a car stolen from Basingstoke station. Known that the Basingstoke Station Manager is diligent, also heard of same happening in Andover. Station car parks likely to come within the jurisdiction of British Transport Police. (Managed by National Car Parks?) Actions to investigate ways to take this forward. Cllr Henderson will raise via Hampshire District Commander.

vi County Councillor written report – main points – See also **APPENDIX I**

- A report on the 20mph review recommends a series of changes which will make it easier for communities to promote speed reduction schemes and seek the introduction of lower limits. The report will be considered by Full Council for approval in June. Seeking pilot villages.
- Demand for Highways services at present far exceeds capacity, and work is prioritised so the highest risk issues are addressed first. This includes making temporary 'infill' repairs to remove major potholes, longer term repairs come later. A priority now is ditch and grip clearing to help alleviate surface water flooding and ice problems in high risk areas.
- Recent spate of drain cover thefts – please report.
- PCC Donna Jones is on track to recruit her promised additional 600 officers by the end of March; her new budget has funded a further 50 officers via the Police Precept of the council tax.

**.3 Parish Lengthsman report to the meeting**

- All Parish Council assets are in good order.
- The goal net in the playing field needs some attention which I will get to soonest. Is in need of replacing, maybe a new net for Easter.
- I have litter picked the complete length of the Bidden Road – from the pond to Gypsy Lane top of the hill after Bidden Water. Collected enough to fill a bin twice, with bottles and tins to fill another bin.
- I have reported a dead badger and some fly tipping also along Bidden Road, it has all been collected.
- The footpaths I will walk in the next couple of weeks; no reports of problems.
- The grips along Bidden Road need to be cleaned and opened up.
- The water table is high, as the overflow pipe from the springs (right hand side past the farm) is flowing all the time and the pond at the entrance to Bidden Grange Farm has over flowed to create a small lake as it usually does this time of year.
- County LM task to clear grips both sides of the road from the scaffold yard to Bidden Water. **APPENDIX II**

**6 JUBILEE TREE**

**.1 To consider a new tree at the pond**

NOTED Fifty nine percent of consultation respondents suggested a new tree at the pond.

Advice from Dr Sandra Denham (Principal Pathologist, Tree health, Alice Holt).'

'The honey fungus is still around the pond although it has migrated away from the original area to the other end. If we put back a Willow, the fungus will surely after a few years attack and kill the tree. The tree the other side of the pond is apparently affected and may have only another one to two years of life left.'

SUGGESTION: 'Planting a tree that is as resistant as possible, and also that for 'belt and braces' for a new tree, to should consider a 2m x 2m wide by 0.75-1m deep extraction of earth, putting a thick plastic barrier around the side of the hole, then planting the tree with fresh soil. That depth and a resistant tree may be enough to ward off the honey fungus from attacking the roots.'

Information on susceptible and resistant trees circulated.

AGREED To seek specific advice on the variety of tree to plant.

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**7 POND****.1 New duck house 'launch'**

TO RECORD (and as noted January meeting) the appreciation and thanks of Upton Grey Parish Council, on behalf of the Village, to Nikki and Michael Sproule, and to all who helped with the construction, and the 'launch' on Saturday 4th February at 2pm **APPENDIX III**. A further article has been prepared for March edition of the *Upton Grey Magazine*.

CONFIRMED: The Parish Council is pleased to take over official ownership of and responsibility for the duck house.

**.2 Bank repair** – Broadley Aquatics from Badshot Lea will make a site visit on Friday 24th February with a view to preparing a quote.**8 FINANCE****.1 Grant requests**

- i. PCC grant request for donation towards the church organ of £350.

AGREED unanimously.

- ii. Helping Hands grant request towards the Coronation Barn Dance and Big Lunch.

Provisional agreement sought to cover costs in the region of:

- Marquee from John M Carter Ltd (incl 5% equipment insurance) – £1,449+VAT
- Portaloo hire – £165+VAT [paid £210 plus VAT last year]
- Barn Dance Band hire – £550 (no VAT included).

Provisional total £2,164.

AGREED – A grant of £1K towards the Coronation event. Alternative grant funding to be sought for the remainder. (It is expected Borough and County will provide Coronation grants.)

AGREED unanimously a payment of £550 (from the £1K allocated) to secure the barn dance band.

**.2 Payments**

Payments since the last meeting of 19th January

46	Saunders Landscape – Maintenance Contract Jan	£244.00
47	Lengthsman – Salary Jan (SO)	£56.23
48	Clerk – Salary Jan (SO)	£480.00
49	Vision ICT – email hosing (£18 x six email addresses)	£129.60

Payments approved this meeting

JH for setting up Village email address	£45.00
Saunders Landscape – Maintenance Contract Feb	£244.00
Church organ donation (PCC grant application)	£350.00
Woodsiders barn dance band (Helping Hants grant application)	£550.00
Lengthsman – Salary Feb (SO)	£56.23
Clerk – Salary Feb (SO)	£480.00
Cumbria Church Clock Co – Servicing church clock	£222.00

**.2 Accounts to date** – as circulated **APPENDIX IV**. Bank reconciliation = £38,520.71**.4 County Lengthsman funding** Confirmed funding for 2023/24 at same level as currently supplied by HCC (£1K per annum). This will now be via HCC contractor Milestone.

AGREED unanimously to continue with the County Lengthsman scheme for 2023/24.

**9 HIGHWAYS AND VILLAGE MAINTENANCE****.1 Highways and drainage – Weston Road**

- NOTED – Parish Lengthsman, 30th January, reported 'the grips along Weston Road from Weston Patrick to the pinch point have been opened and looking good'.
- Highways works pending – Weston Road; Road closure; Traffic restrictions – diversion; Date 20-24 Feb; Works Description – 1. Install concrete lined grips in place of existing unlined grips (15 x amount in total), 2. Install 46m kerblineline from existing kerblineline around pond to private road; Location – between pond and L Hunt & Sons.  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/plannedmaintenance>

**.2 Next County Lengthman Visit** of 2nd March

AGREED – As requested by Parish Lengthsman – To clear grips on Bidden Road – both sides of the road from the scaffold yard to Bidden Water. See 5.3 above.

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**10 PLANNING**

**.1 Parish applications APPENDIX V**

Two new tree applications for consideration.

T/00059/23/TCA (Validated 10 Feb 2023) 5 Hoddington Farm Cottages. Fell 1 Ash.

*PC response – no objection due to Ash dieback.*

T/00033/23/TCA (Validated Jan 2023) Weston House, Weston Close. Crown reduce 2 Silver Birch trees by 1.5-2 meters leaving a approx finished height of 14m with a crown spread (radius) of 7m. Re-pollard small Sycamore tree back to old points. Re-pollard a flowering Pear tree back to old points. Crown reduction on a small Beech tree by 1.5m leaving a approx. finished height of 5m with a crown spread (radius) of 3m. Crown reduce a flowering Plum tree by 1.5m leaving a approx finished height of 4m with a crown spread (radius) of 3m. Single Laurel reduce by 1m and trim into a lollipop leaving finishing height at 2m and width 1m Trim Pyracantha hedge running up side of drive - exempt. Trim top of a Laurel hedge & away from oil tanks – exempt. *PC response – no objection to the maintenance work.*

**.2 Local Green Space applications**

NOTED Draft Local Green Space applications prepared and circulated – for Church Meadow and the recreation ground (Upton Grey Park). Landowner approval to be sought. (Noting the landowner of the recreation ground is BDBC.) **APPENDIX VI**

**.3 NPPF Consultation (Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill) – Consultation to 02 March.**

- i Email from Whitchurch TC received 03 Feb with copy of WTC response to NPPF Consultation drafted by Gareth Capner **APPENDIX VII.**
- ii Mr Capner addressed BDBC’s Economic, Policy & Housing Committee (EPH), of 9th February. ‘The proposals retain the Standard Housing Assessment Methodology (the SHAM), which has already been rejected by this committee. ‘The rebellion by the 100 MPS give opportunity to ditch the SHAM. ‘Request the final representation by this Council sees the deletion of the SHAM and supports an objectively assessed local housing need.’
- iii Selected comments from EPH Committee  
 ‘BDBC should deliver a very technical response on where the Secretary of State has or hasn’t delivered on his promises – on what happy with, what dissatisfied with, and how it should be changed.’  
 ‘SHAM not fit for purpose. Need – mandatory – objectively assessed need – locally accountable, locally derived housing figure based on objective data – that reflects this borough’s true position. Need to be very clear what our evidence base can be.’  
 Officer’s advice: ‘The scope for ‘exceptional circumstances’ much narrower with these proposals because offers examples – only two of exceptional circumstances, and three of constraints which may be considered – that don’t apply to BDBC. Potential for flexibility therefore more limited.’  
 ‘How to identify characteristics of our population?’  
 ‘Possibly to identify with other towns that have London overspill. Then seek to identify the characteristics of these communities. This has implications for what say about our housing need because our population artificially supplemented as far as growth factors which are historical and ongoing. Other such towns might be Milton Keynes and Harlow [note both New Towns].  
 ‘So to make a case as a London overspill town. Basingstoke’s profile of growth over the last 50 years means have a different history and different issues than a town which has grown organically. Not to say we are the same as other overspill towns this applies to – but to understand the differences. How the extra pressure of rapid grown impacts on our physical resources which pose constraints... infrastructure, water quality, water demand... Other growth towns may not have these issues, but our constraints are real – we do have issues with our rivers and our aquifers. Basingstoke’s exceptional population growth require differences in how we deal with this.’

AGREED: Clerk to draft consultation response in line with Whitchurch and BDBC responses.

**11 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS**

**.1 Church Meadow Deed of Covenant – latest draft**

- AGREED
1. The map of the the area covered by the Covenant to be clarified.
  2. To request the Deed specify that members of the Management Committee always be residents of the Parish.

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**.2 Hoddington House generators**

NOTED

- Re phone call from White Lily (construction company) director, 9th Feb.
- Yes they have generators on site, yes they are running all the time. At night for lighting and security.
- But very low decibel, taken readings from 30m away and barely register. Directly by cabins where inside can't be heard.
- Have large machinery landscaping, but this wouldn't be continuous or late at night.
- The pump room for the house is fully constructed. Not running until occupied but completely contained, will be completely silent.
- Time scales - the main house will be finished to stage of handover to client for their furnishing etc end March / early April.
- Relevant dates re generators Handover to SSE likely to be end May into June due to finalising wayleave agreement. Towards end of project will be bringing in larger generators, so any noise there is from the generators likely to increase for a period.

**.3 Holme Hill – ME Developments (Upton Grey)**

NOTED

- i Ongoing correspondence with residents and BDBC re landscaping / planting.
- ii A blockage reported in the sewage pipe in Weston Road near to junction with Holme Hill. A contractor working this afternoon (16 Feb) to clear it. This is a six inch pipe, normal gauge for a sewage pipe. Potential issue that the waste water system / sewage pipes, as far as connection to the pumping station, not yet adopted by Thames Water.

**.4 Conservation Area Appraisal – No further update.**

The Upton Grey 'Roads' document forwarded to Conservation Area Appraisal Officer.

**.5 Village Hall update – Land registration likely to be complete mid-December 2023.**

**.6 Pumping station – perimeter fencing.**

Photos of broken site boundary fencing **APPENDIX VIII** forwarded to Thames Water.

**.7 May local elections for Upton Grey Parish Council – Noted that nomination forms to be submitted by hand to BDBC for 4pm Tuesday 04 April.**

**13 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 7pm, Village Hall.**

16 March, 20 April, 18 May (AGM – New Parish Council takes office), 15 June, 13 July  
21 Sept, 19 Oct, 16 Nov.

Generally third Thursday of month (change for July date to second Thursday).

*Meeting closed 8.45pm with thanks to all*

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**APPENDIX I** CLLR JULIET HENDERSON – HCC REPORT – FEB 2022

**1. £2.6bn spending programme for 2023/24** Hampshire County Council's spending plans for 2023/24 are shortly to be considered by Cabinet and then by Full Council on 23 February. The plans total £2.6bn and cover the hundreds of services delivered by the council to its 1.4 million residents, including supporting its most vulnerable children and adults.

The capital budget proposals will also be considered, with building and infrastructure projects totalling £645.3m over the next three years to be approved. The proposed three year programme includes:

- £175m investment in new and extended school buildings, delivering a further 4,393 school places, and giving a total of 18,874 new school places by September 2025.
- £142m for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges.
- £103m of Integrated Transport Plan schemes including £58m of schemes focused around improvements for walking and / or cycling
- £100m to address condition-based enhancements to schools.
- An additional £0.3m funding towards the County Council's Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Programme as part of HCC's response to the challenge of climate change.

**2. County Deal update** The Government has welcomed the proposals put forward by HCC and others for a Pan-Hampshire County Deal, including a directly elected mayor and extensive devolution from central Government down to the local area. The next stage is for government officials to meet with upper tier and unitary authorities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight this month, including to explore how the proposals might be taken forward as part of their next wave of negotiations.

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s100275/Pan-Hampshire%20Deal%20Prospectus%202022.pdf>

**3. 20mph review** The review of the criteria for 20mph speed limits within Hampshire has progressed to the next stage following last year's consultation and the work of a County Council Task and Finish Group. A report has been produced recommending a series of changes which will make it easier for communities who want reduced speed limits to promote speed reduction schemes and seek the introduction of lower limits. The proposals will now be considered further before progressing to full Cabinet for approval in June.

**4. Roads** The recent wet weather has provided many challenges to Hampshire Highways, especially from blocked drains, flooding and potholes. Though the water tables are now falling, the overnight freezing temperatures have exacerbated the pothole situation, and particularly in the rural areas.

Demand for Highways services far exceeds capacity at the present time, and work is having to be prioritised so that the highest risk issues are repaired first. This includes the use of temporary 'infill' repairs to remove major potholes, these can be addressed later on a longer term basis.

The outlook for later month is also unfavourable, with the Met Office suggesting that the weather is likely to be unsettled, with the potential for more periods of stormy conditions – possibly similar to those experienced in February last year – and some further colder/wintry spells. One of the priorities now is therefore ditch and grip clearance to help alleviate surface water flooding and ice problems in high risk areas.

Please do continue to report Highways issues online. A reminder that the number to call in emergency is 0300 555 1388 (0830-1700) Monday to Friday, or outside officer hours, 101.

Relevant website links:

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

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

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

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

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

Salt bins: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting>

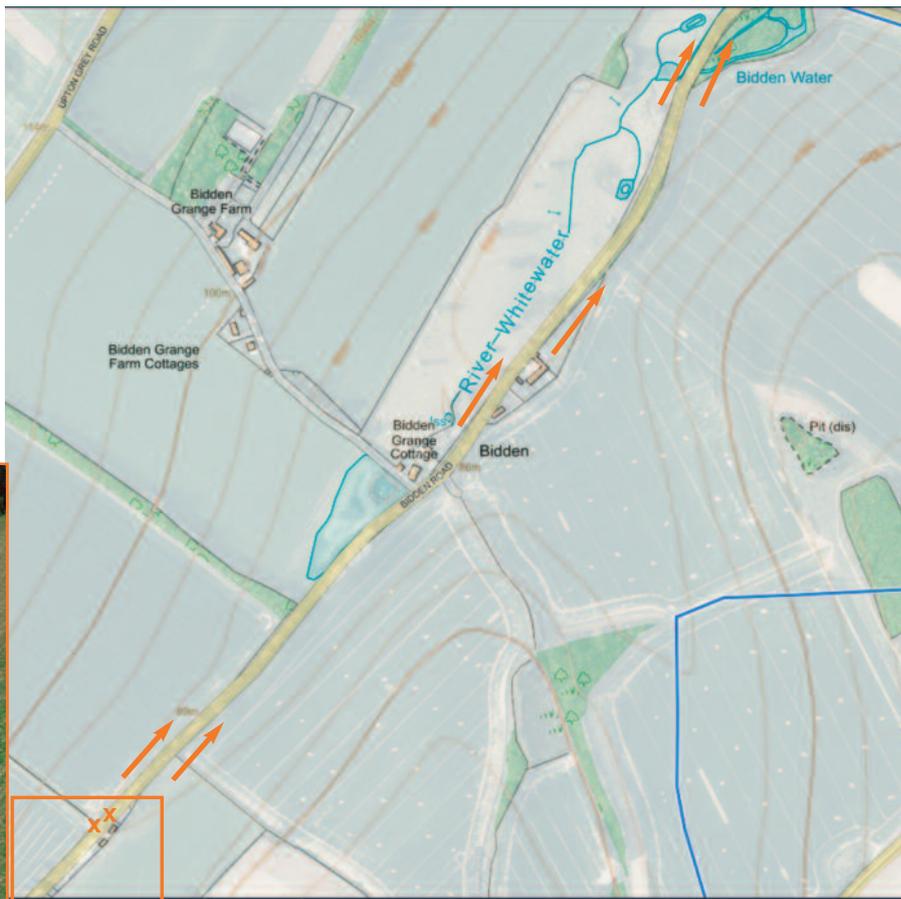
Gritter routes: <https://maps.hants.gov.uk/highwaysaltroutes/>

**5. Drain cover thefts** Road users across Hampshire are being urged to be vigilant after a recent spate of drain cover thefts - leaving deep openings in the road surface which could cause a potential hazard to drivers, pedestrians and cyclists, and also result in significant expense to council taxpayers. To report a missing cover, please call the number given above or report it to the police online at <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

**6. Increased police numbers announced** The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Donna Jones, has presented her budget plan for the years 2023-24. She had previously pledged to increase police numbers by 600 and is on track to recruit these by the end of March this year. Her new budget has added an additional 50 officers to these numbers, to be funded through the police precept of council tax.

**APPENDIX II** COUNTY LM TO CLEAR GRIPS FROM SCAFFOLD YARD TO BIDDEN WATER

UPTON GREY LENGTHSMAN VISIT  
THURSDAY 02 MARCH  
CLEARING GRIPS ON BIDDEN ROAD.  
STARTING WITH THE TWO GRIPS MARKED  
ON MAP OPPOSITE THE SCAFFOLD YARD  
AND CONTINUING TO BIDDEN WATER /  
PARISH BOUNDARY



**APPENDIX III** DUCK HOUSE LAUCH – SATURDAY 04 FEB



INCOME UPTON GREY 2022/23 - 11-Feb 23									
Balance brought forward from April 1st 2022									£38,220.13
Date	Description	Precept	Grass cutting grant	Grants (other)	Tennis subs	S106	Bank interest	VAT reclaim	TOTAL
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						£13.44		£13.44
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£15,250.00</b>	<b>£1,279.67</b>	<b>£569.40</b>	<b>£1,700.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£13.44</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£18,812.51</b>

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Receipts and Payments Summary	
Start balance	£38,220.13
Plus Income	£18,812.51
Less Expend	£18,511.93
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£38,520.71</b>

Bank reconciliation	
Lloyds-Treasurers	£1,923.79
Lloyds-Business	£36,596.92
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£38,520.71</b>

TENNIS ACCOUNT			
Bal t/o from	2021/22		£9,883.48
Income	2022/23		£1,700.00
Expend	2022/23		£2,000.00
<b>Balance</b>			<b>£9,583.48</b>

**TREASURERS ACCOUNT** 30-93-32 01525302  
 UPTON GREY PARISH COUNCIL  
**£ 1,923.79** Current balance  
 £1,923.79 Available funds

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**BUS BANK INSTANT** 30-80-42 33785160  
 UPTON GREY PARISH COUNCIL SAVINGS  
**£ 36,596.92** Balance

EXPENDITURE UG 2022/23 - 10 Feb					Salaries	Finance/ Governance	Train- ing	Community / Grants	M/tnance Contract	Other	VHall / Shop	Tennis	VAT	TOTAL
Invoice date	Paid date	Payee	Description	Means										
1	23/03/22	06/04/22	Woodside Ceilidh	Jubilee barn dance band	BACS			£525.00						£525.00
2	28/03/22	06/04/22	John M Carter Ltd	Jubilee Marquee	BACS			£1,365.00					£273.00	£1,638.00
3	21/03/22	29/04/22	Toilets Plus Ltd	Jubilee- Portaloos	BACS			£210.00					£42.00	£252.00
4	30/03/22	29/04/22	HALC / NALC	Subs (incl NALC) 2022/23	BACS		£288.02							£288.02
5	30/05/22	30/05/22	Saunders L/scape	Maintenance Contract-APRIL	BACS				£227.00					£227.00
6	07/04/22	30/05/22	UG Drama Group	Grant 'Rain-or-Shine'-Theatre	BACS			£200.00						£200.00
7	18/05/22	30/05/22	BHIB	Insurance	BACS	£630.87								£630.87
8	09/05/22	30/05/22	HALC-CILCA	CILCA Invoice	BACS		£340.00						£68.00	£408.00
9	30/05/22	30/05/22	MG Contracts	Resurfacing tennis court	BACS							2,000.00	400.00	£2,400.00
10	21/02/22	06/06/22	Andy Loos Ltd	Portaloo Church Fete	BACS			£252.00					£50.40	£302.40
11	28/05/22	06/06/22	Saunders L/scape	Maintenance Contract-MAY	BACS				£244.00					£244.00
12	Apr-May	06/06/22	Lengthsman	Salary Apr-May	BACS	£112.46								£112.46
13	Apr-May	06/06/22	Clerk	Salary Apr-May	BACS	£960.00								£960.00
14	10/06/23	13/06/23	J.Smith & Son	Pond fence move & rebuild	BACS					£675.00			£135.00	£810.00
15	11/04/22	20/06/23	Do the Numbers	Internal audit	BACS		£240.00							£240.00
16	Apr-May-Jun	20/06/23	HMRC	PAYE Clerk £360 + LM £42	BACS	£402.00								£402.00
17	14/06/22	20/06/23	John M Carter Ltd	Table hire - Church Fete	BACS			£296.20					£59.24	£355.44
18	15/06/22	20/06/22	Saunders L/scape	Maintenance Contract-JUNE	BACS				£244.00					£244.00
19	June	28/06/22	Lengthsman	Salary June	SO	£56.23								£56.23
20	June	28/06/22	Clerk	Salary June	SO	£480.00								£480.00
21	20/07/22	01/08/22	Saunders L/scape	Maintenance Contract-July	BACS				£244.00					£244.00
22	July	28/07/22	Lengthsman	Salary July	SO	£56.23								£56.23
23	July	28/07/22	Clerk	Salary July	SO	£480.00								£480.00
24	17/08/22	30/08/22	Saunders L/scape	Maintenance Contract-Aug	BACS				£244.00					£244.00
25	Aug	30/08/22	Lengthsman	Salary Aug	SO	£56.23								£56.23
26	Aug	30/08/22	Clerk	Salary Aug	SO	£480.00								£480.00
27	05/09/22	20/09/22	Village Hall	Shop rent & hall hire	BACS						£750.00			£750.00
28a	12/09/22	20/09/22	BT-TheGlassCentre	Phone box glass	BACS					£121.16			21.99	£143.15
28b	12/09/22	20/09/22	BT-BrewersPaints	Phone box paint	BACS					£14.29			£2.86	£17.15
29	14/09/22	20/09/22	Saunders L/scape	Maintenance Contract-Sept	BACS				£244.00					£244.00
30	Jul-Aug-Sept	20/09/22	HMRC	PAYE Clerk £360 + LM £42	BACS	£402.00								£402.00
31	Sept	28/09/22	Lengthsman	Salary Sept	SO	£56.23								£56.23
32	Sept	28/09/22	Clerk	Salary Sept	SO	£480.00								£480.00
33	Oct	28/10/22	Lengthsman	Salary Oct	SO	£56.23								£56.23
34	Oct	28/10/22	Clerk	Salary Oct	SO	£480.00								£480.00
35	19/10/22	30/10/22	Saunders L/scape	Maintenance Contract-Oct	BACS				£244.00					£244.00
36	28/10/22	30/10/22	PKF Littlejohn	External audit 2021/22	BACS		£300.00						£60.00	£360.00
37	Nov	28/11/22	Lengthsman	Salary Nov	SO	£56.23								£56.23
38	Nov	28/11/22	Clerk	Salary Nov	SO	£480.00								£480.00
39	16/11/22	30/11/22	Saunders L/scape	Maintenance Contract-Nov	BACS				£244.00					£244.00
40	02/12/22	02/12/22	ICO	Data Protection Reg 22/23	DD		£35.00							£35.00
41	20/12/22	20/12/22	CPRE	Membership	BACS			36.00						£36.00
42	Oct-Nov-Dec	28/12/22	HMRC	PAYE Clerk £360 + LM £42	BACS	£402.00								£402.00
43	16/12/22	18/12/22	Saunders L/scape	Maintenance Contract-Dec	BACS				£244.00					£244.00
44	Dec	28/12/22	Lengthsman	Salary Dec	SO	£56.23								£56.23
45	Dec	28/12/22	Clerk	Salary Dec	SO	£480.00								£480.00
46	18/01/23	28/01/23	Saunders-1781	Maintenance Contract-Jan	BACS				£244.00					£244.00
47	Jan	28/01/23	Lengthsman	Salary Jan	SO	£56.23								£56.23
48	Jan	28/01/23	Clerk	Salary Jan	SO	£480.00								£480.00
49	31/12/22	10/02/23	Vision ICT	Email x 6 - Feb2023-Jan24	BACS		£108.00						£21.60	£129.60

TOTALS					£6,568.30	£1,601.89	£340.00	£2,884.20	£2,423.00	£810.45	£750.00	£2,000.00	£1,134.09	£18,511.93
					Salary	Finance/ Governance	Train- ing	Community	M/tn contract	M/tn-other	VH/Shop	Tennis	VAT	TOTAL

£18,511.93

## APPLICATIONS SINCE LAST MEETING REF AGENDA ITEM 11.1

[T/00059/23/TCA](#) (Validated 10 Feb 2023) 5 Hoddington Farm Cottages. Fell 1 Ash.

[T/00033/23/TCA](#) (Validated Jan 2023) Weston House Weston Close. Crown reduce 2 Silver Birch trees by 1.5-2 meters leaving a approx. finished height of 14m with a crown spread (radius) of 7m. Re-pollard small Sycamore tree back to old points Re-pollard a flowering Pear tree back to old points Crown reduction on a small Beech tree by 1.5m leaving a approx. finished height of 5m with a crown spread (radius) of 3m. Crown reduce a flowering Plum tree by 1.5m leaving a approx. finished height of 4m with a crown spread (radius) of 3m Single Laurel reduce by 1m and trim into a lollipop leaving finishing height at 2m and width 1m Trim Pyracantha hedge running up side of drive - Exempt Trim top of a Laurel hedge & away from oil tanks - Exempt.

## PROGRESS OF RECENT APPLICATIONS, PENDING OR DECIDED

[T/00007/23/TCA](#) (**Withdrawn** 10 Feb) 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. PC objection, request TPO.

[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.

[22/00518/LBC](#) (**Pending**, Validated 21 Feb 2022) 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 11th Feb 2023).

## SHALDEN PLANNING APPLICATION

[22139/016](#) Pending 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

Response from Shalden PC:

"Shalden Parish Council (SPC) have no objection to the existing property being converted into residential dwelling but in considering this larger scale proposal would ask the Planning Department to ensure the relevant items of CP2, 11 and 19 are complied with. Further SPC would highlight that the site is at a notorious Highways junction and would strongly press for any CIL monies to be used on traffic controls at the junction to assuage residents' specific concerns on this matter."

To submit a comment in support of their requests to improve road safety at that junction?

**APPENDIX VI** SITE MAPS FOR LOCAL GREENSPACE APPLICATIONS



## APPENDIX VII

## NPPF CONSULTATION (LURB)

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

**Representations by Whitchurch Town Council** to certain Indicative Changes for Consultation in response to the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill Reforms to National Planning Policy - December 2022

Para 11 b (ii): We strongly support taking account of the character of an area.

Para 11 b (iii): We strongly support taking account of past housing delivery, but this should be obligatory – ‘may’ should be replaced with ‘will’ – and should explicitly include windfall sites of all sizes.

Para 11 d: We strongly support the second part of Footnote 9 which means that where the Housing Delivery Test shows the delivery of housing above 75% of the housing requirement over the previous 3 years, the Local Plan housing policies are not out of date and the ‘tilted balance’ does not apply.

Para 35: We strongly support the amended tests of ‘soundness’ in plan assessment.

**Para 61: We strongly support the objective assessment of local housing need but NOT by using the Standard Housing Assessment Method (the SHAM) which is NOT objective being flawed in concept, construction and application.** The defects include:

- Use of the nine-year-old 2014 based national household projections
- Use of partially estimated 14-year-old data inputs
- Ignoring the up-to-date results of the 2021 Population Census
- Use of an economically illiterate affordability concept which artificially increases every figure by up to 33%. This approach has been rejected by the Tillingham Hall planning inquiry, the Bank of England and current market realities, which all demonstrate that house prices are dependent on the cost and availability of credit and not marginal changes in housing supply. New housing in our area is more expensive than the existing stock due to the ‘new homes premium’ in spite of sustained high levels of house building.
- The Secretary of State himself, giving evidence to the Housing Select Committee on November 8th 2021, accepted that building new stock had little impact on house prices.
- The underlying algorithm assumes only one income per household and is an unstable basis for long term planning since it is based on six monthly updates.
- The SHAM is calculated for 10 years but applies to the whole of the 15 year Local Plan time span thus denying any change in local housing need for a third of the life of the Local Plan.

We strongly support Theresa Villiers and the other 100 Members of Parliament in their endeavours, as we have been raising this issue with indifferent DLUHC planning policy officials, other MPs and the revolving round of DLUHC ministers for over a year with no result.

The objective assessment of local housing need should be based on existing well-developed demographic cohort survival models such as the Chelmer model which have been used and tested at numerous examinations in public. The urban uplift can be applied to the output of these models. While it is welcomed that the outcome of the SHAM is advisory it should be discarded as completely flawed in concept, construction and application.

**The exceptional circumstances for its rejection are not specified which means that the position on housing targets has not fundamentally changed in spite of the welcome rebellion by the many concerned MPs and the apparent concessions of the Secretary of State.**

Unless the SHAM is completely rejected as a methodology, Local Planning Authorities will continue to delay the examination of their Local Plans using such an unsound process. As a result, the new Local Plan deadline of June 30th 2025 will have to be slipped again.

Para 75 Is supported but the test of the currency of a Local Plan should not be that it is five years old, but the amount of time left to run to its end date if that is more than five years away.

Para 77 Is supported – see comments in Para 11 d above.

Para 178 & Footnote 67 We strongly support the protection of agricultural land for food production in the light of global insecurities.

Appendix I

Para 226 We strongly support the use of the four-year land supply test where local plans are being prepared.

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APPENDIX VIII

