

**Goodworth Clatford Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting Minutes 5th March 2024**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7pm
Location: held in the main hall at the Village Club
Draft until approved.

Present:

Councillors	Clerk	TVBC + County Councillors	Others
Will Walker (Chairman) Ian Platt F Cross Claire Henderson Alan Willens Robin Welland H Kwiatkowski R Struthers	Eveline Attwood	Maureen Flood David Drew	2

Prior the meeting Nick Shorter gave a presentation about the Post Office and shop finances. He had also provided an application for a grant to help support the Post Office. He shared the following information.

- Small increase in the use of the Post Office.
- Revenue up 11%
- £5000 grant for rural Post Office's.
- A grant was requested from the Parish Council to help support the payment of staff wages as it is a mandatory requirement that qualified staff operate the Post Office. The Chairman congratulated him and the committee for turning around the trading and having some reserves to carry forward. The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

24022 Chairmans remarks – The Chairman has advised the Parish Council that he will be stepping down in the role of Chairman at the next Annual Council Meeting.

24023 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Hasselmann

24024 Public Participation – A Parishioner introduced himself and the Chairman invited him to speak during the Neighbourhood planning item on the agenda.

24025 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Platt declared an interest in the planning application 24/00285/FULLN Goodworth Lodge Church Lane item no 24029 Cllr Willens declared an interest in Southern Water, road flooding and tankering item no 24032.

24026 To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting - Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 8th of January 2024 have been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. The Chair asked if all members agreed with the minutes, and all agreed they could be signed.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th January 2024 can be confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

24027 Borough Councillors report - Councillor Floods reported on the following. See appendix A.

The following information was shared with Parish Councillors during the meeting.

- TVBC budget is stable for 24/25, and no money will be taken from the reserves.
- Measures to stop SWA pumping wastewater into the River Test and the Pan Parish Forum set up to tackle this issue by Houghton PC.
- Water testing kits have been purchased using grant from Cllrs fund.
- Resilience Forum 20th April in Kings Somborne. Cllr Henderson will attend.

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- Green Campaign – Climate change
- Mothering Sunday town market has lots of additional traders.
- Cllr Platt raised the issue of the Sludge Farm Planning application at Cowdown and couldn't see why more waste can be tankered in to be processed at Fullerton Works by SWA, when they already operating at full capacity.
- Cllrs Flood & Drew will seek an update on Nelson's land. (Golf course)

24028 County Councillor Drew report – Cllr Drew report is in Appendix B which has been circulated. He reported the following.

- That the Parish Councils need to work together to hold SWA to account.
- 5% increase in HCC tax.
- More fly tippers prosecuted resulting in a criminal record.
- HCC trading standards prosecute rogue traders.

Cllr Willens requested a map of the drainage pipes in the village which is HCC's responsibility.

24028 Clerks report (This was circulated prior to the meeting)

- Licence invoices sent out 3rd January, 17/02/24 Clerk currently chasing outstanding payments. One concern was voiced over steep increase of fee. Two fees outstanding, second request for payment sent out.
- Clock was serviced on 6th February 2024.
- No electric invoice for the clock was sent to Clerk for 15 months for electric, then invoice arrives with two demands for back payment within a few days. Approx £23 a month with VAT
- Cllr Struthers completed HALC training on the 6th of February 2024.
- Smart Meter fitted at Pavilion, sink unit repairs still need addressing.
- One two tree emergency tree work carried out at Riverside rest & planned works at the Sheepwash.
- Domain & email subscriptions renewed for forthcoming year.
- All dog bins filled, although a third delivery of dog gloves was ordered for the year as more bags are being used.
- One hard copy of local plan has been allocated to council if someone requires a paper copy to view.
- The contractor has informed me that he also empties the two bins at the sports field alongside the Sheepwash. He has been informed the bins at the Sheepwash have been removed.
- Reported the end of green meadow lane to HCC for repair.
- Spoken with a representative from Southern Water who has said repairs will be carried out to any damage caused by lorries. This must be reported to hantscustomer@southernwater.co.uk with photos. Repairs will not take place until weather improves. One resident has been issued with the e mail address to send photos to SWA. The Clerk has sent photos of the damage to Riverside Rest and has invited the Parishioner to send photos to the Clerk who will chase SWA to carry out repairs to the road caused by tankers.
- Allotments – The plot holder under notice has decided to leave. The resident on the waiting list has also moved away so the plot will be offered to a Upper Clatford resident.

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24029 Planning

24029.1 - 24/00285/FULLN Goodworth Lodge Church Lane Goodworth Clatford Andover – Single storey extension (circulated) – Cllr Platt declared an interest.

Resolved: The Parish Council have no objection to this application. Members agreed.

24029.2 -24/00343/FULLN West View Longstock Road Goodworth Clatford – Removal of garage.

Resolved: The Parish Council have no objection to this application. Members agreed.

24029.3 Local Plan 2040 review. Cllr Cross reported on the following:

- The review is on stage 2 of the Local Plan
- Goodworth Clatford village sits in tier 3 based on core facilities in the Parish.
- The number of tiers has been reduced to 4.
- 40 homes remaining to be built in Andover area, the Local Plan does not allocate sites and no sites are allocated in Goodworth Clatford.
- Cllr Flood suggested a housing survey was required.

Resolved: The Clerk will book the hall and advertise the event to Parishioners Friday 22nd March at 6.30pm in the Village Club.

24029.4 Neighbourhood Plan. Geoff Scard coauthor of the original Neighbourhood plan was invited to address the council about and has advised the council he was happy to help with producing a revised plan which is crucial for under pinning the Local Plan. See appendix C for further information.

Resolved: A “housing needs survey” was also discussed. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with the TVBC officer to discuss requirements of revising the Neighbourhood Plan.

Previous applications

23/02105/CMAN Sludge Facility Cowdown – Awaiting decision.

22/03267/FULLN Anaerobic digestion facility – awaiting decision.

23/01672/FULLN 24 The Crescent Awaiting decision.

23/02986/FULLN 2 Manor Farm Cottages Church Lane. Permission granted.

23/02974/CPLN Village Club Goodworth Clatford. – Certificate issued

23/03004/FULLN – Oakcutts Stockbridge Road Red Rice Road Permission granted.

24029.5 Planning Infringements- Concerns have been expressed about the scaffolding still being erected and a large green container at the Water Tower St Peters Close.

Resolved: The Clerk will ask TVBC if the container is allowed and whether enforcement can arrange for the scaffolding can be removed by the owner.

24030.1 Finance To approve the Statement of Accounts 1st December 2023 – 31st January 2024 until The Clerk had circulated a Financial Statements pack to all members prior to the meeting.

Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st December 2023 until 31st January 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

24030. 2 Payments for approval January & February 2024

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Clatford Shop Assoc	£436.66
Post Office License letters	£9.75
GC Village Club	£6.00
Business Stream Allotments	£22.97
Weebly - Domain	£15.81
Exchange for Weebly Euro's Dublin based	£0.43
Bank Charges- HSBC	£8.00
HMRC - Clerks Tax	£40.80
Clerks Wages	£656.48
JANUARY	£1,196.90

Clatford Shop Assoc	£436.66
SSE- Unmetered clock 15 months fee	£285.85
JRB Enterprises - Dog gloves	£252.18
HALC - training R Struthers	£117.60
One two tree	£1,500.00
Asda Stores Stationary Ink, paper	£49.00
Smith of Derby - Clock service	£315.60
ZOHO- E mail addresses	£158.40
Bank Charges- HSBC	£8.00
SSE Clock monthly	£22.43
One two tree - Sheepwash trees	£1,140.00
TVBC - Play parks inspection	£260.82
HMRC- Clerks Tax	£40.80
PT & EM Attwood	£655.88
TVBC - Dog Bins	£535.80
FEBRUARY	£5,779.02

Resolved: Payments for January and February 2024 were approved.

Bank Reconciliation			
Business	£	2,111.11	
Treasurers	£	20,859.85	
Business reserve	£	9,080.12	
Business	£	5.00	
Closing Balance as at 31st January 2024			
			£ 32,056.08

24030.3 Review of current budget - The Parish Council remains within budget.

24030.4 Approval of grant for Post Office.

Resolved: Cllrs approved a grant totalling £5240.00 to be paid monthly.

24030.5 Approval to refund allotment fee to plot holder under notice. The plot holder who was given notice has given up his plot early and asked for a refund of fees.

Resolved Cllrs approved the refund of £29.87 (2/3 of the plot holders fee of the person under notice to leave).

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Environment

24031.1 Footpaths & Highways – The following was reported.

- Church Lane the lines will be repainted by Highways.
- Village Street Footpaths will be reported on the HCC website, photos are required.
- Footpaths in the Park require chippings when the weather improves.
- Park & Water Meadow path is getting narrower due to tree fall. The tree Warden has undertaken some work.

24031.2 Sheepwash- Cllr Kwiatkowski reported that;

- the bins have been removed at the Sheepwash.
- including the bin from the opposite of Church Lane.
- The latch on the gate has been fixed.
- Tree work has been completed in the area.

24031.3 The Park & Estate Management Group – Cllr Walker reported the following:

- **Resolved:** Emergency tree work due to a fallen tree was required at Riverside Rest costing £ 1250.00 plus VAT.
- A new hedge was planted at Riverside Rest to deter people entering the river. Lots of tidying up & coppicing of hazel.

24031.4 Approval of Duke of Edinburgh Group – Resolved: A group have asked to use the bonfire site at The Park in the Autumn (date tbc). The organiser lives within the village. **Resolved:** Cllrs approved use of The Park for the D of E group subject to a current Insurance Public Liability Policy and Risk Assessment being provided to the Clerk as Parish Council Insurance would not cover the event.

24031.5 Emergency Resilience Plan – Cllr Henderson reported that everyone was had consented for use of their data which will be uploaded onto the website. It was suggested that as groundwater flooding is a constant problem a flood action group may be necessary. Cllr Henderson will be attending the next TVBC resilience planning meeting. Cllr Henderson also reported she had established contact with Mr Kirk the school headmaster and is arranging a meeting to discuss an emergency plan and the environment.

24031.6 Allotments- Nothing to report.

24031.7 Recreation Ground & Pavilion - The following was reported.

- Cupboard with sink in Pavilion is still wet and not deemed a health risk and it was suggested it should be left to dry out.
- Playground inspections – nothing to report.
- The Clerk will ask the football club to move the full bin so it can be emptied by TVBC.

24031.8 Completion of monthly H&S Inspections-

- Sheep wash Verbal report see 24031.2 - *Completed Post meeting.*
- The Park – *Completed Post meeting.* Estate management group asked to check trip hazard see 24031.3.
- Riverside Rest- Paperwork completed emergency tree work was undertaken.
- Play Park – Paperwork completed – no issues.
- Allotments – Paperwork completed no issues.

24032 Southern Water Road Flooding and Tankering (Cllr Willens declared an interest)

- The track at Deep Ford has been damaged leaving several large holes and the verge has been destroyed. This has been reported with photos. Southern Water have responded saying all damage will be repaired when the weather improves.

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- It was suggested a flood action group was formed.
- Cllr Willens will attend a Pan Parish forum meeting in Abbots Ann Village Hall on Thursday 21st March 2024
- It was suggested that HCC need to formulate a plan to upgrade the highway drainage system in the village.
- Concern was expressed about the need to improve the monitoring systems at the pump, to prevent the sewage from back flowing, restore tracks leading to the pumping station, improve drainage at the northern end of the village.
- It was suggested we await action now being undertaken by HCC and TVBC to place pressure on SWA.
- Cllr Willens to liaise with Cllr Flood for further information.
- Individuals need to lobby SWA as the contact form on the system only accepts queries and concerns from individual post codes/householders.

24033 Annual Parish Meeting Friday 17th May – Cllrs Struthers and Walker will formulate a plan.

24034 Correspondence – The following correspondence has been received and discussed under allotments.

- Email from resident about damage to track way by SWA tankers. Residents have been provided with an e mail address and advised to send in photos as this is a private track.
- Email from village website volunteer who said the website was not user friendly and a second e mail from a resident suggested the website was difficult for the user. The Clerk recommended Hugo Fox could be used as they are set up specifically for Parish Councils. This will be added to the agenda for approval next month. The Clerk advised that as paperwork is signed stating the web addressed for the External Auditors (appointed by the Audit Commission) to access legal documentation that a new website should not go live until the External Auditor has approved the AGAR and completed the process.

24035 Date of next meetings

- Date of Next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 7th May 2024 held in Goodworth Clatford Village Club.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday 17th May 2024 in Goodworth Clatford Village Club open doors at 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Appendix A Borough Councillor Hasselmann and Floods Report:

Budget and Precept for 2024/ 25 The budget for Test Valley Borough Council was approved at the Council meeting on 29th March 2024. It is a balanced budget without the need to draw from reserves to cover ongoing costs. This is the result of sustained efforts to control costs and the continued income from property and cash investments. To protect front-line services and in order to remain in a stable financial position, an increase in council tax by £5 for an average band D property, to £163.91, for 2024/25, was approved. This is a rise of 3.14%, and below current inflation levels. This represents less than 9% of the total Council bill people in the Test Valley will pay in 2024/ 25. Although TVBC collects the Council tax, most of it is distributed to other authorities, including Hampshire County Council, Police, Fire and Parish and Town Councils. In addition, to protect its most vulnerable residents, the Council recently approved its Council Tax Support scheme, for low-income households, to minimise the impact of the proposed increase.

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Finance portfolio holder, councillor Maureen Flood, said: “Local authorities across the country have had a difficult few years, and Test Valley Borough Council has been no exception. However, thanks to our hard work, and being careful with our money, we find ourselves in a strong financial position. “Any increases made to council tax are always difficult but are important to make sure that we are able to keep providing our vital services to the public, including bin collections, maintaining green and open spaces, housing, and homelessness, planning and much more. It will also help with our ambitious plans to regenerate both Andover and Romsey town centres. At an increase of 3.14%, we are still below the national inflation rates and believe it provides excellent value to our residents.”

Motion to oppose pumping of wastewater Following an in-depth debate where several speakers provided evidence and information to Council members about the impact of river pollution, a motion by Cllr Drew and Cllr Hasselmann was approved unanimously by Test Valley Borough Council on 29th February 2024. The motion read: 'This Council strongly opposes Southern Water pumping wastewater into the River Test or its tributaries. The Council is therefore calling on Southern Water to fix the problem by improving its infrastructure more widely and at greater speed, and work with Ofwat and the Environment Agency to enable the required investment funding to be released. In addition, we are calling on all parties to inform and closely engage with affected communities and relevant agencies. Water quality must be monitored and transparency must be maintained by publishing all testing data promptly.' Your Councillors and Caroline Nokes MP are working to put further pressure on Southern Water to resolve the many issues/ problems in our area. At the same time there is a move to replicate some of the structures set up for the pan-parish forum elsewhere.

Test Valley Community Resilience Forum The next Test Valley Community Resilience Forum will take place at King's Somborne Village Hall on Saturday 20 April 2024. The normal 'resilience' breakfast of sausage/bacon rolls and pastries will be on offer from 9.45am with the session beginning at 10am. The event will, in part, comprise of a power outage exercise, a risk faced by all of our communities. The event will also look at other risks facing our communities, including the increasing threat of wildfires. Finally, there will be a presentation about the outcomes of the LRF's work on community resilience. A final agenda will be circulated closer to the time. For more information and to RSVP to this event, please contact: gbloss@testvalley.gov.uk

Greening Campaign – Information Events for Communities The Greening Campaign is a scheme designed to help communities to consider how to tackle climate change, including measures to reduce energy use, health impacts related to climate change, waste prevention, promoting biodiversity and growing your own food. National Lottery funding has been awarded to help 20 communities in Hampshire to support their journey in relation to climate change through this scheme. Eighteen communities are already signed up across the county, so there is funding available for a further two communities. A small number of free information events have been organised for those who want to find out more, with the final events comprising an online session on Tuesday 12 March at 7pm and an in-person event at Romsey Town Hall on Tuesday 26 March at 7pm. Alternatively you can get in touch with the Greening Campaign using the details below. For more information contact the Greening Campaign on hello@greeningcampaign.org to ask questions or go to the website www.greening-campaign.org.

Appendix B Cllr Drew

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Have your say - Household Waste Recycling Centre proposals

A statement from Councillor Rob Humby, Leader of Hampshire County Council, encouraging residents to give their views on the Future Services Consultation, including proposals on Household Waste Recycling Centres:

Fly-tipping is a big concern for Hampshire residents and appreciate that it is an issue that is being linked to the County Council's current Future Services Consultation. The consultation sets out 13 cost reduction proposals which could help towards closing a £132m budget shortfall we expect by April 2025. Like many councils nationally, Hampshire County Council is also facing huge budget pressures in future as costs go up and more people need local services - particularly social care to protect children at risk of harm or abuse, supporting more older people and children and adults with disabilities and additional needs.

Tough decisions on what we can continue to deliver from April 2025 need to be taken. To ensure we can provide HWRCs that continue to meet people's needs and make the most of public money, please have your say and take part in the public consultation which is open until to 31 March 2024. Visit www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation."

Nine out of ten Year 6 pupils offered first preference secondary school in Hampshire

More than 98 per cent of parents in Hampshire (14,312) have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2024

Of those who applied for a Year 7 place for September 2024 by the application deadline, 90.71 per cent (13,232) have been offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 14,587 on-time applications this year – a decrease of 306 on-time applications compared to the number received for places in September 2023 (14,893).

A set of Frequently Asked Questions to help with parents' queries has been published on the Admissions webpages. This includes information on school transport assistance which may be available in certain circumstances, where the national eligibility criteria are met (application deadline 31 May).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240301secondaryadmissions>

Council Leaders receive assurances from Southern Water

Council leaders in Hampshire have collectively invited Southern Water to meet with them to explain how they are working to improve their services and to ensure reliable water supplies for the county's residents.

At the meeting it was also agreed to set up further meetings between the County Council and Southern Water colleagues to further support the ongoing improvement of services to customers in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240227SouthernWaterMtgLdr>

County Council Trading Standards welcomes successful prosecution of fraudulent roofing trader

Hampshire County Council has welcomed the successful prosecution of a rogue trader who has been sentenced for roofing fraud to the value of £642,850.320 involving 29 properties across Hampshire, West Sussex and the Isle of Wight

Following a detailed investigation by the County Council's Trading Standards officers, Lawrence Martin, aged 36, of Burnham Chase in Southampton, was sentenced for five years in jail Wednesday February 21, 2024 at Southampton Crown Court in connection to three counts of fraudulent activity. The Judge also imposed a Criminal Behaviour Order for ten years

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prohibiting the defendant from undertaking various activities. Mr Martin, trading as CLJ Roofing Limited, as well operating as a sole trader, had pleaded guilty on 20 October 2023 to the crime of fraud by false representation, participating in a fraudulent business, and carrying on the business of a limited company for a fraudulent purpose. The charges related to the provision of roofing and other general building maintenance works carried out at the properties. During the work, Mr Martin made false claims to the homeowners about the necessity of the work being undertaken, the value of the work, and that payments made had been used to purchase materials when they had not.

Learn more about Buy with Confidence: www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240222TradingStandardsCourtCase>

A budget to serve the people of Hampshire - County Council approves £2.6bn spending on local services for residents in 2024/25

£2.6 billion of public spending on the ongoing delivery of important local services to Hampshire's 1.4 million residents in 2024/25 has been approved by Hampshire County Council. From 1 April 2024, Hampshire County Council's portion of council tax will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care and supporting the county's higher numbers of older people and adults with complex needs and disabilities - in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,533.24 for a Band D property – an increase of £72.99 per year or approximately £1.40 a week.

The increase will generate an extra £39 million of vital income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire in 2024/25, and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/22022024HCCBudget2024-25>

Hampshire's young people encouraged to make their mark through consultation on campaigning issues

Hampshire's young people are being asked by new Members of the Youth Parliament (MYPs) to let them know what issues matter most to them

The Forum, on Feb 14, was chaired by a Member of the Youth Parliament, encourages direct dialogue between young people and key influencers, including council leaders and Members of Parliament, and meets three times a year. The Forum, along with local youth councils across Hampshire, is open to all young people aged 11-18 who live or attend school in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240220makeyourmark>

More transport choice and an improved built environment is at heart of new 10-year plan

A new local transport plan (LTP4) that aims to boost economic prosperity, reduce carbon pollution, help promote healthy lifestyles and build stronger communities is to be considered by Hampshire County Council

Central to LTP 4 are the following two principles, which are intended to guide what the County Council does to improve travel and transport infrastructure for the future:

To widen the choice of travel options that people can use;

To provide a transport system that puts people first and creates high quality and prosperous places.

The plan finds a balance between the movement of vehicles with the needs of people. It sets out frameworks to guide future transport planning and the policies that would be applied to create thriving and attractive places where residents can travel around easily.

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Proposed schemes for further development are also included in the plan such as the roll out of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, higher quality bus services in urban areas, better quality cycle facilities, changes to our roads to reduce congestion and improvements to high streets and town centres so they are more accessible and safer for shared use by pedestrians, cyclists as well as those pushing prams and those in wheelchairs.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240208TransportPlan>

Appendix C provided by Geoff Scard Co-author of Goodworth Clatford Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with this brief on the current status of the Goodworth Clatford Neighbourhood Plan. Together with others in this room and sub committees totalling over 30 people from the village, I was pleased to be part of the work that, over 3 years, produced the plan. Following approval by the Parish Council and a formal village referendum, the NP was adopted 5 years ago in 2019 and, for planning purposes, sits alongside the current TVBC Adopted Local Plan 2011 – 2029. Both the NP and the Local Plan are available to view on-line.

So, our NP has 5 years to run before it will need to be revised or replaced to reflect the new TVBC Local Plan 2040. In the meantime, we now, in 2024, are given the opportunity at the 5-year point to make appropriate amendments to our NP. It is important that we take this opportunity so that the plan is seen to continue to reflect the wishes of the population and any changing circumstances for the final five years of its life.

The Goodworth Clatford NP is notable for two main reasons. First, it was headlined as being the first NP to be adopted in Test Valley. Second, it was produced using evidence from the answers to a comprehensive questionnaire which was completed by 88 % of the village's electors – at the time, a record for the country. The analysis of this response is contained within this Community Evidence document which sits alongside this document - the NP itself.

I believe that we should now move promptly to take advantage of this opportunity to ensure that the NP continues to reflect the views of our residents, updating where appropriate. As before, any changes must be supported by documented evidence. This implies a further, if shorter, questionnaire. Topics could include, for example:

The pressing issue of the policy on water management, flooding and pollution.

Traffic and parking problems.

The current views on village housing need.

Also, the existing NP, at Section 4, includes a list of 12 Community Actions on important topics. The Parish Council has led on these actions and the list could be reviewed as part of the update. Any outstanding issues should be carried forward in the update for action together with new ones that may be raised as the result of the survey.

As a first step, I believe the Parish Council should seek advice from the Test Valley Planning officer responsible for NPs – Sarah Hughes. We will probably be her first case for updating NPs. We will need to know the expected scope of such an update and, importantly, the approvals process.

The Parish Council's idea for a working group is an excellent one. The group will need to work steadily so that we don't eat into too much of the 5 years remaining. Any work is unlikely to be wasted because, I assume, the parish will be looking at another update to match the new 2040 local plan.