**Date of Meeting: Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7pm**

**Location: held in the Village Club**

**Draft until approved**

**Present:**

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| Councillors | Clerk | TVBC + County Councillors | Others |
| Will Walker (Chairman)  Louis Sellers  Ian Platt  Claire Henderson  Chloe Sellers  Alan Willens  Fiona Cross  Robin Welland | Eveline Attwood | Susanne Hasselmann  David Drew | 2 |

Prior to the meeting Nick Shorter gave a presentation of the accounts and forecast figures which were circulated prior to the meeting.

* Last year was a difficult trading year and the accounts were audited.
* Not expecting a loss this year and currently £141 in profit as opposed to same date last year were showing a £23,000 loss.
* Shop supports Post Office financially and Post Office survival depends on a grant.
* More volunteers than paid employees and employment costs detailed in 3-year plan.
* Reduced labour bill by 25% £42,000 labour costs for this year.
* The Chairman was delighted that a profit was forecasted for this year.
* It was requested that the application for a grant was put into writing. The Chairman said he would formally respond.

**23110 Chairmans remark**

* The Chairman congratulated Jane Drew for her 19th successful fete. The Max Barnikal Cup was awarded to Jane Drew.
* The Chairman also reminded councillors that their support was required to increase the number of Parish Councillors to 10.

**23111 Apologies for Absence –** Cllr Flood

**23112 Public Participation – The following comments were made by Parishioners.**

* A Parishioner was concerned that no response had been received from Southern Water. The Clerk explained that she had sent the request twice, but the online form required her personal information to complete which meant it did not relate to an address in the parish. A Cllr had researched high water pressure and said there was no upper limit. It was suggested that Parishioners were made aware that they need to fit a limiting device to prevent high water pressure.
* A Parishioner suggested a school could be linked to Parish Council.
* A Parishioner suggested the roads outside school need to be swept more often.

**23113 Declarations of Interest -** None

# 23114 To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting - Minutes of the Council meeting held on the 4th of July 2023 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 4th of July 2023 Annual Parish Meeting can be confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**23115 County Councillor Drew report –** Cllr Drew report is in Appendix A which has been circulated. The following information was shared with Parish Councillors during the meeting.

* Cllr Drew trying to promote policies to support Village Shop & Post Office and has a meeting with the Community Economics Development Officer
* Cllr Drew recently attended a tour of Wessex Water treatment facility near Salisbury.

**23116 Borough Councillors report -** Councillor Hasselman reported on the following. See appendix B

* Stakeholders meeting for Thriving Communities to get involved in workshops has recently taken place and Cllrs are encouraged to attend future meetings*. (Dates have been circulated)*
* Lots of positive comments about Bury Hill Meadows
* Cllr Hasselmann attending a Climate change training session in Romsey.
* Social Housing – refer all enquiries of the application process to TVBC.
* Local Plan - Borough Cllrs will soon be able to view the first draft.

# 23117 Clerks report (This was circulated prior to the meeting)

* Reminder of training event Tuesday 3rd October
* Benches installed at Sheepwash.
* Tree Surgeon Part Payment made towards work completed in March 2023.
* Raffle tickets ordered & delivered.
* Community transport HCC chased no reply to first e mail asked to respond to 2nd e mail, they have said they will talk to the bus operator re parking on Zig Zags and switching off the bus engine while waiting.
* £500 donation memorial bench Riverside Rest
* Allotments invoices are ready to be sent out.
* More Finance details such as budget will be placed on website.
* Insurance renewal offering to maintain price if we sign up for three years (current quote £1584.50 currently awaiting confirmation of quote as there has been some minor amendments. Zip Wire was not included. May be small price increase.
* External Audit has not been returned; more information was requested full accounts have been sent. Still waiting to hear.
* Disciplinary and Grievance policy has been deferred until after training, no single employee policies exist. LGA 1972 section 101 that authority can only be delegated to an officer or Committee. This will not meet the Local Council award criteria. Further questions can be directed to the HALC trainer. It was suggested at the last meeting that these tasks/panels should be delegated to one person. This is also a requirement of the insurance policy to have these policies in place.
* Cllrs Walker, Willens, Platt and Cross have confirmed as per standing orders they would like the Village Clock on the agenda again.
* Tweaks will continue to be made to Website in preparation of applying for Local council award by Cllr Mrs Sellars.
* The village litter bins are emptied on the same day as your black bins – repeated complaints when they are full. TVBC will not empty at any other time. Next year it will go to every three weeks in line with new rubbish collections.
* No response from Southern Water concerning the High-Water pressure. This was sent twice via the website form. (No e mail address held).

**23118 Planning**

**23118.1 HCC/2023/0457 Erection of Sludge Storage Facility east of Cowdown – Reasons for objection discussed by members were.**

* Third industrial application related to land in the countryside, and which has to date been used as agricultural land in Cowdown Lane and is the second in relation to this piece of land.
* Concern that Picket 20 are not aware of this application.
* Don’t want to treat just store effluent.
* The Ecological report was not backed up with data.
* No data to suggest this is needed.
* No option to minimise height.
* Although it suggest traffic will use A303 and not Cowdown entrance no suggestion of how this will be controlled.
* The road would change from 9 HGV movements a day on average to between 80 HGV movements and 238 HGV movements for the anaerobic facility plus an additional 92 from this application.
* TVBC objecting to the application stated that ‘The proposed development would be contrary to policy E1 and E2
* Advertised on two websites and it is not clear how HCC & TVBC decide on these applications. Clerk requested to copy in both.
* This development is therefore in breach of polices E1 and E2 as well as policies SP1, SP3 and NE2 of the Goodworth Clatford Neighbourhood Plan as they do not conserve the rural nature of the natural environment.
* The odour could be unpleasant for nearby residents and could detrimentally impact their amenity under policy LHW4.

**Resolved Parish Councillors objected to this application. Members agreed.**

**23118.2 23/02093/FULLN** Erection of store for agricultural grain Oak cuts Stockbridge Road Red Rice.

**Resolved: Parish Councillors have no objection to this application. Members agreed. A comment was to be added to the response stating that it would be more appropriate to site the new barn on the nearby land where there were already previous farm outbuildings.**

**23118.3 23/02200/FULLN**Conversion of internal garage to form enlarged kitchenLyndhurst Goodworth Clatford.

**Resolved: Parish Councillors have no objection to this application. Members agreed.**

**23118.4 Nelson’s land-** The history of the land was reported. Both HCC & TVBC have taken the applicant to court for breach of planning regulations. The applicant had filled the land with hardcore and had to return the land back to original height. The applicant had phoned the Chairman stating he wanted to develop into a golf course and use more hardcore. The Borough Councillor has contacted the enforcement Officer and now needs to investigate further with the planning authority.

* **22/03267/FULLN Land to The North Of, Cowdown Farm, Cowdown Lane – awaiting Highways report due 11th August.**
* **23/01672/FULLN The Crescent Goodworth Clatford – Unknown further details required from Highways, one parking space short.**
* **22/03267/FULLN Land to The North Of, Cowdown Farm, Cowdown Lane,**

**Awaiting Update**

* **23/00325/FULLN Tan y Bryn** – Permission granted.
* **223/01381/FULLN Faith Lodge Longstock Road Goodworth Clatford -** Permission granted.
* **23/01679/FULLN Old Rose Cottage Goodworth Clatford Andover** – Permission granted.
* **23/01739/FULLN Millbourne North, Longstock Road, Goodworth Clatford –** Permission granted.
* **West View – Planning meeting to be confirmed for Monday 25th September.**

**23119 Policies – Approval of Terms of Reference for Planning Committee**

**Resolved: Councillors approved the amendment to the Planning Committee terms of Reference.**

**23120.1 Finance** Toapprove the Statement of Accounts 1st May until 31st July 2023. The Clerk had circulated a Financial Statements pack to all members prior to the meeting*.*

**Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st May 2023 until 31st July 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman.**

**23120. 2 Payments for approval July 2023**

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| Shoe Care - key cut | £10.00 |
| Asda Stationary & ink | £43.65 |
| Guy Kitchen | £790.00 |
| GC Village Club - Hall Hire | £19.00 |
| Glasdon - Benches | £1,468.55 |
| London Stock Exchange - LEI | £60.00 |
| Business Stream - Allotments | £164.45 |
| Bank Charges- HSBC | £8.00 |
| M Scott - Mow Meadow | £210.00 |
| Clerks tax E Attwood | £30.40 |
| Clerks Pay & Expenses E Attwood | £623.88 |

**Payments for approval August 2023**

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| Payments for August 2023 |  |
| GC Village Club - Hall Hire | £27.00 |
| Bulpitt Print-Letter | £48.00 |
| Alex Hebden - Tree Surgery | £300.00 |
| GA Rose | £240.00 |
| Raffle Tickets online | £62.00 |
| Bank Charges- HSBC | £8.00 |
| Clerks Tax | £30.40 |
| Clerks Pay & Expenses E Attwood | £617.13 |
| Andover Rubber Stamp Sign | £38.16 |

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| **Bank Reconciliation** | |  |  |  |  |  |
| Business | HSBC |  |  |  | £ 871.06 |  |
| Treasurers | HSBC |  |  |  | £ 18,072.21 |  |
| Business reserve | Nat West | |  |  | £ 7,894.68 |  |
| Business | Nat West | |  |  | £ 55.00 | **£ 26,892.95** |
| **Closing Balance as of 31st July 23** | | |  |  |  |  |

**Resolved: Payments for July and August 2023 were approved.**

**23120.3 Approval of grant to support Post Office**

**Resolved: Cllr Walker proposed with all Cllrs in agreement that the granted shall continue at the same level £5240 for the year. After the application has been received the Clerk will arrange payment. £1310 has been paid 02/06/23 £1310 to be paid 09/09/23. The remaining amount will be paid £436.67 monthly for six months between Oct 23 – March 23.**

**23120.4 Report External Auditor**

The Clerk reported that this has not been received and further evidence was requested by BDO Ltd. A full set of accounts was sent with further evidence relating to investments.

**23120.5 Renewal of Insurance Premium –** All Cllrs signed a statement in relation to the insurance declaration. It was approved that the provision could be fixed for 3 years. Cost currently quoted £1584.50.

**Resolved: £1600 was approved to pay for Insurance and that a 3-year contract was approved at the same price. Confirmation that price won’t increase when Zip Wire is added.**

**Environment**

**23121.1 Footpaths & Highways –** Cllr Cross reported she is investigating a footpath.

It was requested that the Clerk ask Westover farm to cut back the trees on the bend at the Southern end of the village.

**23121.2 Sheep Wash** – It was reported that 2 benches have now being fitted.

**23121.3 The Park & Estate Management Group –** Cllr Walker reported the following:

* The meadow has been mowed but may need to be mowed again.
* Strimming needed behind Twin Acres
* 5 new volunteers have joined the group.
* Estate Group will hold a raffle again.

**23121.4 Emergency Resilience Plan –** Cllr Henderson reported that she in the process of arranging a meeting for everyone involved at the end of October. It was also reported that Southern Electric will be carrying out a Keep Warm talk at a coffee morning.

**23121.5 Allotments- The following was reported:**

Cllr Welland will arrange to turn of the water for the winter.

Resolved: Cllrs approved giving the required one years notice to two allotment holders who both live outside the parish and whose allotments have not been maintained during the summer growing season. (3W & 14B) unless they agree to relinquish them sooner.

**23121.6 Recreation Ground & Pavilion -** The following was reported.

* Rotten Post – Approval to pay £10 for repairs by Parishioner to supply and fit post.
* Sink in Pavilion still wet, claims the repair has still re leaked. The clerk will ask the plumber to recheck.
* Bins in play park full. The Clerk said it was due to end of school holidays and they are emptied weekly.

**23121.7 Play Park –** Cllr Welland will have a look to see if the Zip Wire repairs have been carried out.

**23121.8 Riverside Rest Bench Donation –** Cllr Walker reported that a £500 donation had been received towards replacing the bench. This will be the same no maintenance bench as the ones recently purchased at the Sheep wash.

**Resolved: The clerk will purchase a bench costing £585.00 & fixing kit. Cllrs approved making up the difference. The memorial plate will be placed on the new bench.**

**23121.9 Completion of monthly H&S Inspections-**

* Sheepwash (Verbal confirmation in meeting no H & S issues)
* The Park (Verbal confirmation in meeting no H & S issues)
* Riverside Rest (Verbal confirmation in meeting no H & S issues)
* Play Park – Paperwork completed – no issues.
* Allotments – Paperwork completed no issues.

**23122 Local Council Award Scheme Foundation Level - The Clerk reported the following needs to be completed before an application can be made.**

* Cllr Pile & the Clerk need to arrange some tweaks to the website.
* Disciplinary & Grievance HALC & NALC policies deferred until after training.
* Cllr Walker reported he is making progress with the Action Plan.

**23122.1 Councillor training – Reminder 3rd October at 6.15pm in Village Club.**

Cllr Walker will arrange refreshments.

**23123 – Correspondence - Discussion re correspondence Village Clock** – It was reported that an offer of £250 has been received for the servicing of the clock. Cllr Walker will respond and accept the donation.

**Resolved: The clerk will arrange for the village clock to be serviced on receipt of the donation.**

**23124 Newsletter** - Cllrs are requested to send all items across for the newsletter to Cllrs Willens ready for printing. Discussions took place about making it only digitally available, but it was felt this would not be inclusive.

**23125 Date of next meetings**

* Date of Next Parish Council meeting Tuesday 7th November 2023 held in Village Club

**Appendix A County Councillor Drew’s report:**

**Schools and RAAC Residents** may be aware of the recent news story regarding schools in England due to close imminently as a result of their buildings containing unsafe concrete: School buildings in England to shut over concrete safety fears - BBC News. No Hampshire school is being closed. Cranbourne College in Basingstoke is the only site where RAAC has been identified among Hampshire County Council’s maintained schools. Temporary works have already been undertaken to one section of the building to make sure it is safe, and another area has been taken out of use since the beginning of the year, however, the school is expected to open as normal at the start of the autumn term.

**Generating green energy at home** – save on bills, protect the environment The group-buying scheme, Solar Together 2023, is now open to Hampshire residents looking to buy high-quality installations, at the right price, from pre-vetted installers. The scheme, offered by Hampshire County Council in partnership with independent experts iChoosr, means residents who invest now in solar panels or battery storage for their homes will not only benefit from reduced energy bills, but also boost local renewable energy generation – reducing carbon emissions in Hampshire and helping to build resilience to climate change. Residents have until 27 October to register their interest online, for free and without obligation – www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20230829SolarTogether **Everyday matters** - families urged to prioritise attendance in new school year with the new school year fast approaching, Hampshire County Council is encouraging families to do all they can to support regular school attendance for their children. While rates of school attendance are improving locally, there is still more to do to match the levels typically seen before the Covid-19 pandemic. Educational specialists advise that attending school every day, unless unwell, is best for children to ensure that the solid foundations for their future education and employment can be laid. It is also one of the best ways of protecting a child’s mental and physical health. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/290823-school-attendance>

**Recycle vapes at HWRCs** to avoid fire risks urges County Council Hampshire residents can now recycle vapes at any Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC), helping to avoid disposal in general waste, which is a fire risk, and reduce littering Following the rise in vaping it is now estimated that around 1.3m single use vapes are thrown away each week, making it the fastest growing type of waste.

Following an increase in young people experimenting with vaping, Hampshire County Council has pledged continuing support for a series of education and enforcement measures to tackle the increasingly pressing issue of teen vaping. In total, 20.5% of children nationally have tried vaping, up from 15.8% in 2022 and 13.9% in 2020. To help tackle the environmental impact of vapes, all our Household Waste Recycling Centres can now accept reusable, refillable and disposable vapes for recycling. Most large supermarkets and some shops also have special bins where batteries, including single use vapes, can be disposed of safely. Rogue batteries are the single biggest cause of fire in refuse trucks and waste sites, which poses an avoidable risk to staff and unnecessary cost burden on taxpayer-funded services. It can also mean a truckload of valuable recyclable material that were carefully sorted by residents going up in smoke. Single-use vapes contain lithium-ion batteries which can catch fire if broken. This is an increasing problem across the country, and research by Material Focus, a nonprofit organisation which runs the Recycle Your Electricals campaign, found that more than 700 fires in bin lorries and recycling centres nationally were caused by batteries that had been dumped into general waste. In Hampshire, the County Council estimates one fire a month on average in a waste truck or waste facility can be attributed to a battery, faulty electrical item, or disposable BBQ. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/07082023RecyclevapesatHWRCs>

**HCC launches consultation on future of care homes** on 4 September 2023 a consultation will commence on proposals that would see some £173million invested over the next five to six years to transform and expand the future of nursing and specialist care accommodation directly provided by Hampshire County Council for the county’s growing older population. The consultation will run for 10 weeks, closing on 12 November 2023. From 4 September the consultation will be available at this link: https://www.hants.gov.uk/social-care2023 The County Council’s seven remaining nursing and short term ‘step-down from hospital’ care homes will remain in operation. The changes would be phased over time and would help to increase the overall number of directly provided Local Authority beds to around 1,000 from the current position of just over 900 beds. Annually, the County Council sources care home places for around 1,600 clients, more than three quarters of whom go into private care homes. The investment proposals would enable a similar ratio of care provision to be maintained. https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/adultsocialcare/care-homes

**Borough Councillor Hasselmann’s report**

1. Maureen Flood and I will start taking turns attending Parish Council meetings.

2. I continue to receive briefings and training in my role as Borough Councillor. The most recent training sessions related to Local Government Finance and The Climate Action Plan.

3. I have been dealing with and advising on issues relating to parish website development, access to social housing and planning applications over the last month. News 1. Bury Hill Copse dedication To mark one year since Her Late Majesty passed away, a ceremony took place at Bury Hill on 8th September as the copse area was officially named Queen Elizabeth Memorial Copse. The dedication of the site, which will continue to be planted in partnership with Andover Trees United along with local school children, will serve as a long lasting memorial in honour of the late Queen and as a living legacy and tribute to the service she gave to the country. 2. Thriving Communities Workshops Thank you to everyone who attended the first stakeholder meeting for the Thriving Communities Workshops. By bringing together community representatives and hearing their views this series of three workshops will help Test Valley Borough Council develop more focused plans around our villages and rural communities. The next two workshops are planned for 1 November and 5 December (venues tbc). I would encourage you all to participate and make your voices heard.

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