



Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 21st July 2020, 5.30pm remote meeting via MS Teams

Present: Parish Councillors Hugo Cubitt (Chairman), Paul French, Tom Horsey, Kevin Rafferty, Alison Stent; Footpaths Warden Martin Carfrae; Clerk Susan Turner.

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** Apologies PC Andy Reid, his report as below.
2. **POLICE REPORT** 'On June 6th a damage road traffic collision took place in Greywell Road in which a car overturned, thankfully no one was injured, and on the same day but not connected we had a theft of a bird scarer from a field in Andwell Drove. We had a concern for safety in Up Nately which was resolved, on June 26th we had reports of a 'naked' Rambler in White Lane, Mapledurwell [near to Greywell border], reports of travellers riding pony and carts along Frog Lane / Greywell Road.'
3. **PUBLIC SESSION** No members of the public present.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 20th May AGM. Agreed and to be signed.
5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda – none.
6. **FINANCE**
 - 6.1 **2019/20 Audit**
 - i **External Audit exemption** – agreed last meeting, form signed and submitted.
 - ii **2019/20 AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) Part 2 forms**

AGREED 1. AGAR Sections One – Governance Statements.

2. AGAR Section Two – Accounting Statements.

3. Accounts pages – Bank Reconciliation & Significant Variances.

ACTION Forms to be signed by Chairman & Clerk, to be posted on website **APPENDIX I.**
 - 6.2 **Payments**

Cheques signed since last meeting

838	Villager 2019/20	£766.80
839	Came & Co - PC & VH Insurance	£1,138.84
840	PGGM 550 - Cleaning Play Equipment	£105.60
	PGGM 556 - Playground fence repair & posts	£542.40
	PGGM 561 - Allotment digger hire & materials	£1,356.00 (PGGM=£1,914.00)

Payments awaiting online access

10	Colin Robertson for Naturescape Ltd	
	ref Frog Lane chalk stream planting	£734.22
11	HALC (+NALC) subs (online-rate)	£273.59
12a	HC for A1 Lawn (tennis) moss killer	£49.95
12b.i	HC for Screwfix (tennis) padlock	
12b.ii	HC for Screwfix (tennis) yard brush	
12b.iii	HC for Screwfix (tennis) brush stale x 1	£31.98
12c	HC for B&Q - allotment padlock & chain	£26.84 (HC=£108.77)
13	Clerk - allowable expenses 2019/20	£216.00
14a	Clerk - salary Apr-May 2020	£629.23
14b	Clerk - salary June-July 2020	£629.23
 - 6.3 **Income** (Friends donation) £480.00
7. **ALLOTMENTS**
 - 7.1 **New allotment holders** Kate Mills has taken over the double plot 8 & 9. Steve Tingey from Kembers Lane will take on plot 6.

AGREED To advertise again in the Villager and directly to the Hollies.
 - 7.2 **Water meter in verge by gateway** – To be lowered to protect from vehicles.

ACTION Paul French – or request Lengthsman? Clerk to check bills and meter readings. (Note – majority of cost is in the standing charge as deemed a commercial supply.)

8 VILLAGE HALL GROUNDS

8.1 Playground – reopened 4th July, BDBC inspectors removed the Covid notices. Kevin Rafferty will make inspection for the Parish Council.

8.2 Playground picket fence – PGGM (Jason Ebury) used trial pack of 'Lifetime Wood Treatment'. Happy went on successfully so large pack on order.

8.3 Tennis courts

i Combination lock was installed from 1st July. Ten requests so far for code.

ii Moss – One court clear, one has some moss within the surface.

AGREED To monitor. With dry weather and use may die back naturally. If not, will need to spray to stop the surface breaking up. May also need to hire a mechanical brush (note Matt Heywood did this last year).

8.4 Chineham Tigers' current agreement runs from 1st Sept 2019 to 31st August 2020 @ £636. Noted that they have lost use from March to June – but Martin Gosling continues to cut the grass.

AGREED To keep the rent at £636 for next season 2020-21.

TO NOTE Parish Council needs key for pavillion.

ACTION Clerk to investigate re pavillion water meter.

9 PLANNING & TREES**9.1 Current applications for discussion**

T/00318/20/TCA (16 July 2020) Lanterns, Tunworth Road. Willow (T1) Crown Reduction. Sycamore (T2) Crown Lifting. The lower branches are now overhanging the roof line and rubbing on the upper ridge tiles. *No objection from Tree Warden.*

20/01675/FUL (15 July 2020) Parrotts, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell. Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of 1 no. single storey dwelling.

Note that application approved end last year 18/03675/FUL (10th Dec 2019) Change of use and extension of agricultural building to form one 2-bedroomed dwelling. A 'lifetime dwelling'.

Current application is to achieve similar outcome but involving demolition and rebuild rather than 'conversion'. In both case the original footprint is extended. The previous application received no objections. *'No objection'* from the Parish Council.

20/01723/FUL (29 Jun 2020) Brockwell (Paddock and Stable) Andwell Lane. Erection of 8 no. dwellings with new service road and improved access from the highway.

Comments:

- A big increase compared to number of houses currently in this location.
- Unlikely to result in noticable increase in traffic through the rest of the Parish as will go out to the A30.
- Adjacent to ancient woodland, potential impact on Lyde.

ACTION Clerk to prepare response for circulation

T/00290/20/TCA (Validated: Fri 03 Jul 2020) The Willows, Greywell Road, Mapledurwell RG25 2LR. T1 Ash: fell. *No objection from Tree Warden.*

20/01350/LBC (Validated 23 June) Andwell Mill. Internal wall configurations involving removing some internal walls and replacing with new internal walls in different locations. (Listed building consent only, *'No objection'* from the Parish Council.)

See **APPENDIX II** for all current planning applications relating to the Parish.

9.2 Moto – MSA J6 (Old Basing) 'No objection subject to conditions' from HCC Highways, Highways England, Landscape, Environmental Health. Outstanding concerns from HCC Flood & Water Management.

9.3 Local Plan

i Major site applications

1. Manydown considered by DC 8th July. Approval subject to conditions. 17/00818/OUT Approximately 3,200 homes (up to a maximum of 3,520).
2. Basingstoke Golf Course to be considered by DC 22nd July. 19/00971/OUT Up to 1,000 homes plus traveller site.

ii Local Plan Update – Draft 'Issues & Options' document scheduled for public consultation in September.

9.3 'Upper Swallick Garden Community' Portsmouth Estates has published a concept proposal for a new development of 2,500 houses south of the M3. 'Upper Swallick Garden Community' would stretch from the A339 at Winslade, all around and immediately south of Cliddesden up to the M3 in the west (map attached) covering an area of circa 296 hectares. The majority of the proposed site is in Cliddesden with the south western section extending into Farleigh Wallop.

STaNHd: Stand up for the North Hampshire Downs is the action group formed to oppose. 'The proposal represents an attempt to extend Basingstoke southwards and if permitted would represent the start of a process of house building [south of the M3] that would continue for many decades.'

Articles have been included in / prepared for July and August issues of the *Villager*.
(APPENDIX III)

AGREED Mapledurwell & Up Nately should be represented on Stanhd. Alison Stent agreed to represent the Parish Council.

10 FURTHER UPDATES & REPORTS

10.1 Diary date for BDAPTC meeting 30th July via MS Teams.

10.2 Fly tipping in Greywell Road, mainly carpet some mirrors. To note BDBC removed the day after it was reported.

10.3 Rights of Way

- i Path from top of Andwell Lane - tree down leaning across path. Landowner removed [to check and map location].
- ii Bollards at the cycle / footpath at the Hatch – have been run into, hazard tape around – under repair.

10.4 HCCCS Footpath Warden course: Martin Carfrae, Kevin Rafferty and Alison Stent expressed interest. Dates TBC with HCCCS Community Engagement Ranger.

10.5 Direction sign at Mapledurwell pond, black lettering missing.

ACTION Clerk to investigate repainting.

11 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesdays 16 Sept, 18 Nov

Meeting closed at 6.30pm with thanks to all present

APPENDIX I.I – AGAR FORMS

Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019/20

We acknowledge as the members of:

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY PARISH COUNCIL

our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020, that:

	Agreed		Yes means that this authority
	Yes	No	
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓		prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓		made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.	✓		has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓		during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓		considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓		arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓		responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓		disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A
			has met all of its responsibilities where as a body corporate it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.

*For any statement to which the response is 'no', an explanation must be published

This Annual Governance Statement was approved at a meeting of the authority on:

21/07/2020

and recorded as minute reference:

6.1.ii.1

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:

Chairman

Clerk

APPENDIX I.II – AGAR FORMS

MAPLEDURWELL & UP NATELY PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2019 £	31 March 2020 £	
1. Balances brought forward	8,774	8,460	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	8,999	9,269	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	4,753	5,775	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	3,120	3,120	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include gross salaries and wages, employers NI contributions, employers pension contributions, gratuities and severance payments.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	0	0	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	10,946	11,283	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	8,460	9,147	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	8,460	9,147	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – To agree with bank reconciliation.
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	116,481	99,447	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	0	0	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	The Council as a body corporate acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
		✓	N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2020 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been prepared on either a receipts and payments or income and expenditure basis following the guidance in Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities – a Practitioners' Guide to Proper Practices and present fairly the financial position of this authority.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer before being presented to the authority for approval

Date

21/07/2020

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

21/07/2020

as recorded in minute reference:

6.1.ii.2

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where the Accounting Statements were approved

APPENDIX I.III – ACCOUNTING SHEETS FOR AUDIT

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council 2019 / 20 Bank Reconciliation - AUDIT SHEET		
Receipts and payments summary		
1	Balance Brought Forward from 1st April 2019	£8,460.19
2	Plus Income 2019/20	£15,044.14
3	Less Expenditure 2018/19	£14,357.30
4	Balance to take over 31st March 2020	£9,147.03
Reconciliation 31st March 2020		
5	Business Instant Access	£982.47
6	Treasurers (Cheque)	£8,208.27
7	TOTAL ACCOUNTS	£9,190.74
8	Plus Income outstanding	£636.00
9	Less expenditure to clear	£679.71
10	Balance	£9,147.03
Notes		
11	Income outstanding at box 8 = Chineham Tigers cheque not banked	£636.00
12	<u>Expenditure to clear at Box 9</u> Hants wildlife trust donation - Watercress beds vist/advice Russell Price - allotment deposit returned Clerk salary Feb/March TOTAL	£116.00 £43.71 £520.00 £679.71

 Chairman 

23-7-20

 Susan Turner, RFO 

 23rd July 2020

APPENDIX I.IV – ACCOUNTING SHEETS FOR AUDIT

2019/2020 Audit Year Significant Variations - AUDIT SHEET Difference between current and previous year greater than both 10% and £100 in Section 1, boxes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10					
	Item	Previous Year 2018/19	Current Year 2019/20	Difference	Diff %
1	Balance Brought Forward	£8,773.50	£8,460.19	£313.31	-3.57%
2	Annual Precept	£8,999.00	£9,269.00	£270.00	3.00%
3	Total Other Receipts	£4,753.44	£5,775.14	£1,021.70	21.49%
4	Staff Costs	£3,120.00	£3,120.00	£0.00	0.00%
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	NA
6	Total other payments (excl salaries)	£10,945.75	£11,283.30	£337.55	3.08%
7	Balance carried forward	£8,460.19	£9,147.03	£686.84	8.12%
8	Total cash and short term investments	£8,460.19	£9,147.03	£686.84	8.12%
9	Total fixed assets and long term assets	£116,480.68	£99,446.68	£17,034.00	-14.62%
10	Total borrowings	0	0	0	NA
11	Trust funds	NA	NA	NA	NA
Box 3 Total other receipts					
	Explanation for variation of	£1,021.70	2018/19	2019/20	Difference
	Insurance- Village Hall contribution		£511.91	£642.26	£130.35
	BDBC Grants		£1,252.00	£1,171.00	£81.00
	Grant - County Cllr devolved budget		£0.00	£500.00	£500.00
	Other grants / donations (Friends)		£2,167.25	£579.00	£1,588.25
	Recreation - Football - Chineham Tigers pitch hire		£641.90	£636.00	£5.90
	Allotments		£92.04	£0.00	£92.04
	Returned funds		£83.10	£161.83	£78.73
	Village Hall rent (contra arrangement)		£5.00	£5.00	£0.00
	Vat reclaim		£0.00	£2,079.81	£2,079.81
	Bank interest		£0.24	£0.24	£0.00
	totals		£4,753.44	£5,775.14	£1,021.70
Box 9 Total fixed assets and long term assets					
	Explanation for variation of	£17,034.00	2018/19	2019/20	Difference
	Total fixed asset YE 2018/19, t/o to 2019/20 =		£116,480.68	£116,480.68	0
	Removal of Village Hall fixtures from this list			£20,127.20	£20,127.20
	2019 additions to the list =				
	Safe box (May 2019)			£1,005.00	£1,005.00
	Frog Lane Fence (July 2019)			£1,953.20	£1,953.20
	2 x Traffic advisory signs – men at work (July 2019)			£135.00	£135.00
	totals		£116,480.68	£99,446.68	£17,034.00
Chairman		date 23-7-20	Susan Turner, RFO		date 23/07/20

APPENDIX II – PLANNING APPLICATIONS RELATING TO THE PARISH

Planning update July 2020

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Planning applications

T/00318/20/TCA (16 July) Lanterns, Tunworth Road Mapledurwell. Willow (T1) - Crown Reduction. The crown needs thinning and has grown over 10-15 foot since last worked on. The tree is now very high and needs attention to reduce overall crown height. Sycamore (T2) - Crown Lifting. The lower branches are now overhanging the roof line and rubbing on the upper ridge tiles. Continued growth will cause damage to property. Request removal of lower branches to avoid damage.

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20/01257/HSE and 20/01258/LBC (Pending, Validated 19 May) Mead House, Heather Row Lane, Up Nately. Erection of two storey rear extension.

20/01107/FUL (Granted 28th June, Validated 18 May) Ivy House Tunworth Road. Replacement field shelter in existing horse paddock.

20/00901/FUL (Pending, Validated 2nd April) Erection of a detached double garage. The Gamekeepers, Tunworth Road.

20/00060/HSE (Pending, Validated: Tue 03 Mar 2020) The Farm, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Proposed single storey rear extension.

20/00153/FUL (Pending, Validated 24 Jan) Elmwood, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Demolition of outbuilding and erection of 1 no. five-bed detached dwelling with associated access and landscaping.

20/00009/PIP (Pending, Validated: 03 Jan) Nunnery House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Application for Permission in Principle for conversion of an agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling.

Old Basing application – MOTO Motorway Service Area M3 J6

17/03487/FUL (Validated 02 Nov 2017) Land Adjacent To Junction 6 M3 Basingstoke Hampshire Construction of a new Motorway Service Area to comprise an amenity building, lodge, drive thru coffee unit, associated car, coach, motorcycle, caravan, HGV and abnormal load parking, and a fuel filling station with retail shop, together with alterations to the adjoining roundabout on the M3 and slip roads to form an access point and works to the highway. Provision of landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works. Parish Council responded to further consultation on new documents published 29 April.

No objection subject to conditions from HCC Highways, Highways England, Landscape, Environmental Health. Outstanding concerns from HCC Flood & Water Management. HCC Highways have responded 'no objections with conditions'.

APPENDIX III.I – STANHD – VILLAGER ARTICLE JULY

The Villager

July 2020 Volume 49 No 6

The community newsletter for Mapledurwell
Up Nately, Newnham, Nately Scures, Greywell

PROPOSAL FOR NEW 'GARDEN COMMUNITY'

Portsmouth Estates has published a concept proposal for a new development of 2,500 houses south of the M3.

'Upper Swallick Garden Community' would stretch from the A339 at Winslade, all around and immediately south of Cliddesden up to the M3 in the west (map attached) covering an area of circa 296 hectares.

The majority of the proposed site is in Cliddesden with the south western fringes extending into Farleigh Wallop, and all in the open countryside. Arguably the proposal will bring the townscape of Basingstoke into the North Hampshire Downs.

The concept map shows a high street, local centres, and incorporates Cliddesden school; the proposal includes 'affordable housing, employment facilities, new school, medical facilities, improved transportation and utility infrastructure, open space, leisure facilities'. It has been submitted for consideration as part of BDBC's Local Plan Update, intended to feature in the initial 'Issues and Options' consultation. The consultation is scheduled for September; a draft document has already been released



and is on the Mapledurwell & Up Nately, and Newnham, Parish Council websites.

An action group – STaNHd: Stand up for the North Hampshire Downs – has already been set up by local people of the view that: 'The proposal represents an attempt to extend Basingstoke southwards and if permitted would represent the start of a process of house building in the North Hampshire Downs area that would continue for many decades and result in the loss of outstanding landscape, agricultural land, and destroy the countryside in Southern England.'

BDBC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Basingstoke & Deane's current Local Plan was adopted in May 2016 and covers the period from 2011 (when the previous Local Plan ended) up to 2029.

However and importantly, national government guidance now promotes the concept of an 'on-going cycle of plan-making and review', reinforced by a legal requirement to review Local Plans every five years.

BDBC has been preparing for its five-year review which will need to take into account changes in national planning policy, including the evolving approach for assessing housing need. It will also extend the Plan Period up to 2039. In preparation, the borough made a further 'call for sites' to update the SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment).

A number of evidence documents are being compiled to inform the Local Plan Update including:

Water Cycle Study (WCS) and Strategic Floodrisk Assessment

(SFRA) 'The WCS will assess the capacity of the borough's water supply and wastewater treatment infrastructure to accommodate any future growth – and consider the impact of growth on the borough's water environment. The SFRA will identify flood risk across the borough from all sources, including from rivers and surface water.'

Landscape Character Assessment & Landscape Capacity study

'The Character Assessment will identify and describe the variation in character of the borough's landscape, while the Capacity Study will consider the landscape capacity and sensitivity of sites – regarding their relative suitability to accommodate future development.'

Basingstoke Urban Design Framework An assessment of the design policies within the current Local Plan, considering to what extent they could be made more effective and locally specific.

Other updated evidence documents will include the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA), Economic Needs Assessment, Transport Assessment, Retail & Town Centre Study, Settlement Study and Gypsy and Traveller Needs Assessment.

The Borough Council will hold public consultations on the Local Plan Update, the first being an *Issues and Options* Consultation due to be published in September. The proposal for a 'Garden Village' will feature as an option.

APPENDIX III.II – STaNHd – VILLAGER ARTICLE AUGUST

DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF THE M3

The M3 has for some time provided a physical barrier to southward growth of Basingstoke. There are now two major development proposals which could potentially breach this divide

UPPER SWALLICK GARDEN COMMUNITY

This 'Garden Community' concept from Portsmouth Estates is a real threat to villages immediately south of Basingstoke.

The proposal will seek recognition via the Basingstoke & Dean Local Plan – alongside other sites promoted via the SHELAA (strategic housing and economic land availability assessment) published last December.

There will be opportunity via the public consultation process – scheduled to start in September – for Parish Councils and residents to register their opinion. The Borough Council will consider these representations – and what new sites to be included in the Local Plan Update.

Although 'Upper Swallick' is a couple of Parishes removed from Mapledurwell and Up Nately it will be viewed by many with great concern.

STaNHd (Stand up for the North Hampshire Downs) is an action group set up by residents of local parishes – notably Cliddesden, Ellisfield, Winslade – including representatives from Parish Councils and from Hampshire CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England).

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council has been invited to join STaNHd and has agreed that Parish Councillor Alison Stent will represent the Parish as part of the action group.

MOTORWAY SERVICE AREA M3 JUNCTION 6

The BDBC planning officer is yet to make a formal decision on Moto's application for a Motorway Service Area south of J6.

However, in consultation on the most recently amended proposals, Hampshire Highways and Highway England both indicate they have no objection subject to conditions. (To note that the Transport Planning Consultant engaged by Winslade is widely respected – his report suggests that the analysis by Highway England is flawed.)

The borough consultee on Landscape also indicates 'no objection subject to conditions'. Hampshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority continues to voice concerns.

PRESS RELEASE 29 June 2020

STaNHd

Stand up for the North Hampshire Downs

is a new action group set up by local people to protect the rural environment of the North Hampshire Downs, South of Basingstoke.

The first threat is the proposal by Portsmouth Estates, made public on 18th June 2020, to build 2,500 houses on 900 acres between the M3 and the A339 titled 'Upper Swallick Garden Community'.

The proposal represents an attempt to extend Basingstoke southwards and could represent the start of loss of outstanding landscape, agricultural land and significantly damage the environment of the area.



The development would engulf the village of Cliddesden and reach as far as Ellisfield and Winslade thereby ridding these villages of their individual characters.

STaNHd's new Chairman, Marcus Rule said: 'The area of countryside under threat helps make up the "LUNGS" of South Basingstoke.

'The North Hampshire Downs is an open space well used by the people of Basingstoke, many residents walk and cycle along the footpaths of the area from Cliddesden through Winslade and up to Ellisfield. This area is much valued by residents nearby'.

'This was especially relevant during the recent Covid-19 Pandemic when many people from all over the area used the area for recreation, it was a lifesaver for many people during lockdown and made us all realise the enormous importance of having access to clean air and countryside as well as appreciating the natural world.

'The proposal would irreversibly harm some of the finest rural chalk downland landscape, the North Hampshire Downs provides the most beautiful views over undulating farmland that stretch into the distance in all directions.'

To find out more visit our website www.stanhd.com or contact email: office@stanhd.com

