

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Monday 19th April 2021, 8pm – remote meeting via Zoom Following 2021 Parish Assembly

Present: Parish Councillors Jan Hughes (Chairman) Keith Alderman, Guy Chessell Adam Knight, Jennifer Roberts. Clerk Susan Turner.

Guests Cllr County David Simpson, Ward Cllr Anne Crampton, Hart Councillor Richard Quarterman, Portfolio Holder for Commercialisation. No members of the public present.

2021.

- **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES** THANKS to Guy Chessell for hosting.
 - Apologies Douglas Wheeler, PCSO Nick Greenwood.
- **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 15th March: agreed and to be signed.
- **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda none.
- 34 HOUND GREEN
 - **34.1 Mowing** Second cut made on Tuesday 13th April.
 - **34.2 Bus shelter** Turned around manually on Thurs 15th April, with thanks to Premier Grounds and Garden Maintenance. **APPENDIX I**
- NOTED Wood rotten around the base, base plate came away when moved. Replaced wood as needed, made minimum repairs. Suggested leaving it to settle for a while and then reassess. Previously been treated with a brown coating that won't allow a wood preservative to soak in, so will need be coated again with similar.
- 35 FINANCE
 - 35.1 Accounts 2020/21
 - i. Final payments 2020/21

46	S1 for NALC – online event – Community partnership	£//.86
47	Clerk Salary March 2021	£177.00
48	HMRC – tax Jan, Feb, Mar 2021	£165.00 = £342
49	Clerk annual expenses	£324.00
50	ST for Boston seeds – Glebe Wood planting	£526.98
51	PGGM Maintenance Contract	£274.00
52	Donation Hart Foodbank (ref SIDs)	£50.00

ii. Accounts year end – as circulated: APPENDIX II

APPROVED unanimously.

- 35.2 Audit AGAR 2020/21 forms as circulated APPENDIX III
 - i. Exemption from External Audit form
 - ii 1. Annual Governance Statement (S1)
 - 2. Accounting Statements (S2)

APPROVED unanimously.

- **35.3** Payments for approval 2021/22
- AGREED | Donation Whitewater Valley Conservation Society 2021/22 = £50.00.

TRAFFIC, HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

- 36.1 Fly tipping Hart's mobile CCTV camera Anne Crampton reported this to be a shared service with Rushmoor. She will discuss at the group leaders meeting beginning of May. An issue at the moment is the monitoring service which is being relocated. Agreed that CCTV in itself rarely effective, those flytipping know to keep number plates away from the cameras, wear hoodies or balaclavas to avoid any means of ID. Jenny Roberts reported fly tipping in Plough Lane 16th April black bin bags of rubbish. Keith Alderman reported in Bottle Lane, February 2021 old fridge/freezer.
- **36.2** Plough Lane Traffic calming Awaiting feedback from Hants Safer Roads re proposals submitted for signs, road markings, village gateways.

AGREED Letter to be circulated to residents once feedback received.

For signature

Re 'Gateways', once locations approved, the Parish Council can source, design its own – via recognised supplier like Glasdon – or have made locally in timber providing to HCC spec. Installation has to be by a Highways certified contractor and S171 licenced.

- 37.3 SID and Data Recorder Reports with thanks to Frazer Hamilton APPENDIX IV
- **Police camera and signs** The Roads Policing unit (Road Traffic Enforcement /Traffic Management) are seeking suitable sites along B3349 Mattingley. They need permission to park in private driveways and a recent request has been refused. Driveways to Ramsdale House and Kale House suggested.

Re the signs, PCSO Nick Greensmith previously reported that: 'the Roads Policing Unit have indicated they are able to put some signs up. I have contacted Hampshire Highways and they have agreed this. We will be looking at two signs in either direction within the 40mph limit. These will likely be installed in the Spring time.'

37.5 Footpaths and sightlines Clerk has discussed with Footpaths Warden. Much of the suggested work involves cutting back hedges so not possible during nesting season.

38 PLANNING

- **38.1** | Parish Planning applications No new applications. APPENDIX V
- **38.2 Bunkers Hill Solar** 21/00552/FUL Parish Council response submitted 7th April. **APPENDIX VI.** (Consultation extended to 21st April.)

39 FURTHER REPORTS / UPDATES

- **39.1 Vicarage Lane ditches** Discussed with landowner, work is in hand.
- **39.2 Shoulder of Mutton** NALC-promoted online event 29th April: 'The power of a local (parish and town) council and community business partnership...' speakers from Plunkett Foundation. Guy Chessell and Clerk booked to attend.
- **39.4 Hazeley Heath** Jenny Robert reported that the GPS cattle fencing was being installed. **APPENDIX VII.** Volunteers are taking on twice-daily fire patrols, to stop people lighting BBQs, (and to ask them to keep dogs on leads). Volunteers are in constant contact with the fire brigade.
- **39.5 HDAPTC meeting** Tuesday 13th April. The Long Sutton chairman spoke re solar farms. His stance that... 'There is no comprehensive solar strategy for N Hants and specifically Hart... The Hart Local Plan has no spacial strategy for solar developments...' Expressed concern at the potential cumulative impact of solar developments. Long Sutton chairman requesting all HDAPTC Councils to ask Hart to suspend decisions on solar farms until Hart has a 'coherent policy' in place. Proposed to write a letter to MP which he will ask all Parishes to support.

Those joining the discussion agreed the issues were green energy, climate emergency v landscape, amenity, farmland, food production. Wildlife habitat and biodiversity were not mentioned. Awaiting minutes from the meeting.

- **39.6** Policing Priorities Quarterly Meeting 29th April 7pm, MS Teams. Jenny Roberts will attend.
- **39.7 Hants County Council Farms** David Simpson said that HCC policy supports Council Farms, they are putting capital into buying more. They will now all be let on short tenancies to provide for and train new farmers for the future. A tenant may have up to nine years on a farm starting on a small farm possibly with one lease extension, then they will be required to move on. The Hazeley Farm tenant has already had an extension to the lease, he will need to leave in September this year.

40 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

40.1 AGM – Presently scheduled for 17th May.

NOTED If intending to hold the AGM remotely will need to reschedule for before 7th May. The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus)... Regulations 2020 apply to meetings taking place before 7 May 2021.

The Government has confirmed that the provisions of these temporary Regulations will not be extended. Though Anne Crampton noted that the outcome of the LGA's legal challenge for the continuation of remote meetings will be published on 27th April.

AGREED To await the outcome of the High Court ruling.

40.2 Further scheduled meetings – 21 June, 19 July, 16 Aug 20 Sept, 18 Oct, 15 Nov. *Meeting closed at 9pm with thanks to all present.*

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APPENDICES



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Balance brought	forward 1st April 2020					£26,748.68
Date	ltem	Precept	Grants	VAT	Interest	Total Receipts
	rish Precept ant ClIr Simpson nk interest 2020/21	£12,000.00	£1,000.00		£208.64	£12,000.00 £1,000.00 £208.64
TO	TALS	£12,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00	£208.64	£13,208.64
						£13,208.64
RECEIPTS & PA	AYMENTS SUMMARY		april	£22.36	Oct	£13.56
Bal brought forw	vard 1st April 2019	£26,748.68	May	£28.73	Nov	£13.76
Plus income		£13,208.64	June	£31.15	Dec	£12.86
Minus expenditu	ıre	£12,743.54	July	£24.82	Jan	£13.04
Balance		£27,213.78	Aug	£14.75	Feb	£12.50
BANK RECON	CILIATION		Sept	£14.43	Mar	£6.68
Club, charity, tru	ıst	£218.61				
Bus instant acces	ss	£26,995.17			Total	£208.64
TO	TAL ACCOUNTS	£27,213.78				
Balance		£27,213.78		VAT owing 20 VAT owing 20	-	£842.42 £996.78

Mattingley Parish Council

2020 / 2021 Significant Variations: AUDIT SHEET

Difference between current and previous year greater than both 10% and £100 in Section 2, boxes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10

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	Item	Previous Year 2019/2020	Current Year 2020/2021	Difference	Diff %	
1	Balance Brought Forward	£24,681.80	£26,748.68	£2,066.88	8.37%	
2	Annual Precept	£9,740.00	£9,740.00 £12,000.00		23.20%	
3	Total Other Receipts	£4,026.86	£1,208.64	£2,818.22	-69.99%	
4	Staff Costs	£4,023.00	£4,104.00	£81.00	2.01%	
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	NA	
6	Total other payments (excl salaries)	£7,676.98	£8,639.54	£962.56	12.54%	
7	Balance carried forward	£26,748.68	£27,213.78	£465.10	1.74%	
8	Total cash and short term investments	£26,748.68	£27,213.78	£465.10	1.74%	
9	Total fixed assets and long term assets	£27,938.07	£27,938.07	£0.00	NA	
10	Total borrowings	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	NA	
11	Trust funds	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Grant (VAT ret Bank ir			£545.00 £3,177.53 £304.33	£1,000.00 £0.00 £208.64	£455.00 £3,177.53 £95.69	
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APPENDIX II.II

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Date			Supplier	Description	Salary	Admin	Expenses	Donations	publication	Contract	Maintn HG	Glebe Wood	VAT	TOTAL
9/04/20	1		PGGM	Maint Contract April 2020				050.00		£228.33			£45.67	£27
0/04/20	3		Hart Foodbank Susan Turner	Ref SIDs APRIL 2020 Salary April 2020	£342.00			£50.00						£5
3/05/20	4	BACs		HALC /NALC 2020/21	2342.00	£276.07								£27
9/05/20	5		PGGM	Maint Contract May 2020		22.0.0.				£228.33			£45.67	£27
9/05/20	6		Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs - May 2020				£50.00						£5
9/05/20	7		Susan Turner	Salary May 2020	£342.00									£3
)/05/20	-		Came & Co	PC Insurance 2020/21		£790.80								£7
)/05/20	9		CPRE	Membership 2020/21				£36.00						£
3/06/20	10		PGGM	Maint Contract June 2020				050.00		£228.33			£45.67	£2
3/06/20	11 12		Hart Foodbank Susan Turner	Ref SIDs June 2020	£177.40			£50.00						£
3/06/20 3/06/20	13		HMRC	Salary June 2020 Tax-Apri-May-Jun-2020	£177.40 £164.60									£3
				, ,	£104.00									
/07/20	14		PGGM	Maint Contract July 2020						£228.33			£45.67	£2
/07/20	15		Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-July 2020	00.40.00			£50.00						£
/07/20	16		Susan Turner	Salary July 2020	£342.00					0000.00			045.07	£3
3/08/20 3/08/20	17 18		PGGM Susan Turner	Maint Contract AUG 2020 Salary Aug 2020	£342.00					£228.33			£45.67	£2
/08/20	19		Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-Aug 2020	2342.00			£50.00						£3
/09/20	20		WVPS - chg cleared	Donation 2020/21				£50.00						£
/09/20			RBL Poppy Appeal	Mattingley Wreath				£25.00						£
/09/20		-	ST:NaturalGardener	LifetimeWoodTreatment5gls							£61.93			£
. 55120	b		ST: Screwfix	HarrisTrade paint brushes x 2							£4.00		£0.80	
	С		ST: Screwfix	1 x roll hazard tape							£2.90		£0.59	
	d		ST: Screwfix	Danish Oil x 1 litre (x7)							£99.11		£19.72	£1
100100	e		ST:WoodFinishesDirect	Danish Oil x 5 litre (x2)						0000.00	£89.98		£18.00	£1
/09/20 /09/20	23 24		PGGM Hart Foodbank	Maint Contract Sept 2020 Ref SIDs-Sept2020				£50.00		£228.33			£45.67	£2 £
/09/20 /09/19	25		ICO	Data protection register		£35.00		£30.00						£
/10/20	26		Susan Turner	Salary Sept 2020	£177.40	£35.00								Ł
710/20			HMRC	Tax-July-Aug-Sept-2020	£164.60									£3
/10/20			JK Murray	Internal Audit	2	£100.00								£1
		-				2100.00		£40.00						
/10/20		-	RBL Poppy Appeal	5 x 7inch poppies				£10.00						£
/10/20			HIWWT	Ecology advice re JBMSolar				£100.00		0000.00			045.07	£1
/10/20 /10/20	31 32		PGGM Hart Foodbank	Maint Contract OCT 2020				£50.00		£228.33			£45.67	£2
/10/20			Susan Turner	Ref SIDs-OCT 20 Salary OCT 20	£342.00			£30.00						£3
				,	2042.00									
/11/20			PGGM	Maint Contract nov 2020						£228.33			£45.67	£2
/11/20	35		Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-nov 20	00.40.00			£50.00						£
/11/20	36	BACS	Susan Turner	Salary nov 20	£342.00									£3
/12/20	37	BACs	Susan Turner	Salary Dec 2020	£177.40									
/12/20	38	BACs	HMRC	Tax-Oct-Nov-Dec-2020	£164.60									£3
/12/20	39		PGGM	Maint Contract DEC 2020						£228.33			£45.67	£2
/12/20	40		Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-Dec 20				£50.00						£
/01/21			PGGM	Glebe Wood stile - Project						0000.00		£748.00	£149.60	£8
/01/21				Maint Contract Jan 2021				050.00		£228.33			£45.67	£2
/01/21			Hart Foodbank Susan Turner	Ref SIDs- Jan 2021	£342.00			£50.00						£3
/01/21 /02/21			Peter Elliott	Salary- Jan 2021 Tree works Oak by Lanterns	1342.00						£250.00			£3
/02/21			PGGM	Glebe Wood - clear track							££30.00	£220.00	£44.00	£2
/02/21			PGGM	HoundGreen-ditching							£576.00	~	£115.20	£6
/02/21			PGGM	Maint Contract Feb 2021						£228.33	22. 0.00		£45.67	£2
/02/21	49	SO	Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs- Feb 2021				£50.00						£
/02/21			Susan Turner	Salary- Feb 2021	£342.00									£3
/03/21			ST for NALC	Online event-community pub				£64.88					£12.98	£
/03/21			Susan Turner	Salary March 2021	£177.00									
/03/21			HMRC	Tax-Jan-Feb-Mar-2021	£165.00		0001.03							£3
/03/21			Susan Turner	Allowable expenses			£324.00					0400.40	007.05	£3
/03/21			ST for Boston Seeds	Wild flower bulbs and plus						0000.00		£439.13	£87.85	£5
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APPENDIX III.I

Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2020/21 Part 2

To be completed by smaller authorities where the higher of gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year of account ended 31 March 2021, and that wish to certify themselves as exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015

There is no requirement to have a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor, provided that the authority has certified itself as exempt at a meeting of the authority after 31 March 2021 and a completed Certificate of Exemption is submitted no later than 30 June 2021 notifying the external auditor.

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certifies that during the financial year 2020/21, the higher of the authority's total gross income for the year or total gross annual expenditure, for the year did not exceed £25,000

Total annual gross income for the authority 2020/21:

£13,209 R AMOUNT £00,000

Total annual gross expenditure for the authority 2020/21: £12,744 R AMOUNT £00,000

There are certain circumstances in which an authority will be unable to certify itself as exempt, so that a limited assurance review will still be required. If an authority is unable to confirm the statements below then it cannot certify itself as exempt and it must submit the completed Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3 to the external auditor to undertake a limited assurance review for which a fee of £200 +VAT will be payable.

By signing this **Certificate of Exemption** you are confirming that:

- The authority was in existence on 1st April 2017
- In relation to the preceding financial year (2019/20), the external auditor has not:
 - · issued a public interest report in respect of the authority or any entity connected with it
 - · made a statutory recommendation to the authority, relating to the authority or any entity connected with it
 - · issued an advisory notice under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 8 to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 ("the Act"), and has not withdrawn the notice
 - · commenced judicial review proceedings under section 31(1) of the Act
 - made an application under section 28(1) of the Act for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful, and the application has not been withdrawn nor has the court refused to make the declaration
- The court has not declared an item of account unlawful after a person made an appeal under section 28(3) of the Act.

If you are able to confirm that the above statements apply and that the authority neither received gross income, nor incurred gross expenditure, exceeding £25,000, then the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and a copy submitted to the external auditor either by email or by post (not both).

The Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation plus the information required by Regulation 15 (2), Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 including the period for the exercise of public rights still need to be fully completed and. along with a copy of this certificate, published on the authority website/webpage* before 1 July 2021.

By signing this certificate you are also confirming that you are aware of this requirement.

Signed by the Responsible Financial Officer I confirm that this Certificate of Exemption was approved by this 19/04/2021 19/04/2021 authority on this date: Signed by Chairman Date as recorded in minute reference: 19/04/2021 21.35.2.i Generic email address of Authority Telephone number 07515 777060 clerk.mattingley@parish.hants.gov.uk NERIC EMAIL ADDRESS *Published web address

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ONLY this Certificate of Exemption should be returned EITHER by email OR by post (not both) as soon as possible after certification to your external auditor, but no later than 30 June 2021. Reminder letters incur a charge of £40 +VAT

Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

We acknowledge as the members of:

MATTINGLEY 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 2021, that:

	Agı	reed					
	Yes	No	'Yes' me	ans that this authority:			
We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	V			d its accounting statements in accordance Accounts and Audit Regulations.			
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 responsibili 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 complied with Proper Practices in doing so.				
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 opportu- inspect and ask questions about this authority's accoun				
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.				
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 financi controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whethe internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.				
We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	v		respond external	ed to matters brought to its attention by internal and audit.			
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 activit 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:	Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval was given:					
19/04/2021						
and recorded as minute reference:	Chairman					
21.35.2.ii (1) MINUTE REFERENCE	Clerk	9 ED				

Other information required by the Transparency Code (not part of the Annual Governance Statement)

The authority website/webpage is up to date and the information required by the Transparency Code has been published.



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Section 2 - Accounting Statements 2020/21 for

MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

	Year e	nding	Notes and guidance					
	31 March 2020 £	31 March 2021 £	Please round all figures to nearest £1. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or Nil balances. All figures must agree to underlying financial records.					
Balances brought forward	24,682	26,749	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	9,740	12,000	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.					
3. (+) Total other receipts	4,027	1,209	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	4,023	4,104	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	7,677	8,640	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cash- book less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).					
7. (=) Balances carried forward	26,749	27,214	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	26,749	27,214	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	27,938	27,938	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).					
(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 2021 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

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Date 11/04/2021

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

19/04/2021

as recorded in minute reference:

21.35.2.ii (2) MINUTE REFERENCI

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

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

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Average Daily			2,624		2,326		
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% over limit	Monday 29.6	Tuesday 30.6	Wednesda 29.4	y Thursday 30.3	r Friday 30.5	Saturday 33.4	Sunday 35.5
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KALE HOUSE - SID DATA REPORTS COMPARED

KALE HOUSE - NORTHBOUND - 31ST MARCH 2021

Speed Intervals = 5 MPH. Time Intervals = Instant

Traffic Report from 00 on 01 March 2021 - 14.59 31 March 20219

85th Percentile Speed 50 MPH

Max Speed 95 MPH on 27/03/2021 05:10:00

AADT: 1,950

Volumes - weekly vehicle counts

Time 5 Day 7 Day
Average Daily 2,643 2,282
AM Peak 07:00 317 241
PM Peak 04:00 265 223

Speed - Speed limit: 40 MPH

85th Percentile Speed 50 Average Speed 43.02

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday % over limit 67.8 66.9 69.7 68.6 69.1 68.4 73.5 47.6 Avg Speeder 46.5 46.5 46.7 46.8 46.8 47.5

KALE HOUSE - NORTHBOUND - 8TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Speed Intervals = 5 MPH. Time Intervals = Instant

Traffic Report from 9am 10 Aug 2020 - 11.59am to 08 Sept 2020

85th Percentile Speed 48.1 MPH

Max Speed 100.0 MPH on 18/08/2020 06:00:00

AADT: 3,265.4

<u>Volumes - weekly vehicle counts</u>

Time 5 Day 7 Day
Average Daily 3,435 3,177
AM Peak 07:00 to 08:00 295 232
PM peak 04:00 to 05:00 312 281

Speed - Speed limit: 40 MPH

85th Percentile Speed 48.1 MPH 50th Percentile Speed 40.7 MPH 10 MPH Pace Interval: 40.0 MPH to 50.0 MPH

Average Speed 41.0 MPH

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday % over limit 54.9 52.7 55.9 53.3 53.6 54.0 55.8 46.0 46.1 45.9 46.1 46.2 46.1 Avg speeder 46.2

APPENDIX V: PLANNING UPDATE 17TH APRIL 2021

- 21/00812/PREAPP (Validated 31 Mar 2021) Hazeley Cottage Hazeley Bottom. Internal alterations to the dwelling, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, replacement orangery, replacement of link building roof, erection of a garage and extension of the existing driveway.
- <u>21/00552/FUL</u> (Validated 8th March) Bunkers Hill Farm Reading Road Rotherwick. Solar Farm and battery stations together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure. *Comment submitted 7th April. Consultation extended to 21st April.*
- 19/01288/FUL (Validated 08 Mar 2021) Bramshill House. Temporary change of use of land and buildings to enable use for film-making (sui generis use) for 2-years to include construction of temporary film sets and supporting activities including storage and parking. Comment submitted re heavy vehicles not using Plough Lane.
- 21/00266/FUL (Pending, Validated 03 Feb 2021) Cold Piece Farm. Erection of 10 floodlights, each 8m tall, around the existing manage retrospective, to replace the 8 approved floodlights. 'External lighting should be kept to a minimum to avoid any adverse impact on neighbours and wildlife. Request 'dark skies' in rural areas be respected and protected.'
- 21/00741/CA (Pending, Validated 12 Mar 2021) Vine Cottage, Mattingley Green. Yew Re-shape by trimming off 1m; Pear remove one arm.
- 21/00532/PREAPP (Pending, Validated 01 Mar 2021) Bannisters Farmhouse. Mattingley Green. Combined kitchen-dining-living space within a contemporary extension including a glazed partition to create a study internally. Removal of existing conservatory and reinstatement of first floor windows.
- <u>21/00515/HOU</u> (Granted 15th April, Validated 04 Mar 2021) Thistledown, Hazeley Heath. Erection of a detached triple garage with home office within the roof space and extension of the existing shingle drive.
- <u>21/00323/HOU</u> (Granted 6 April, Validated 10 Feb 2021) Chestnut Cottage, Chandlers Green Mattingley. Erection of a two storey rear extension, part single and part two storey side extension, replacement garage, new access and enlarged parking area.
- <u>21/00349/LDC</u> (Pending, Validated 05 Feb 2021) Aldermoor Farm, Reading Road, Heckfield. Use of agricultural land and buildings as commercial equestrian.
- 21/00263/HOU (Withdrawn 26 March, Validated 02 Feb 2021) White Ladies, Hazeley Bottom, Hartley Wintney. Erection of a stable block.
- <u>21/00230/HOU</u> (Refused 1st April, Validated 28 Jan 2021) White Cottage, Hazeley Lea.

 Demolition of existing garage, shed and greenhouse and erection of new garage, shed and garden room.
- 21/00163/LDC (Withdrawn 25 March, Validated 19 Jan 2021) Flinders, Bottle Lane, Mattingley.

 Application for a 'Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use' for the change of use of land from equestrian (paddock) to residential garden curtilage.
- 21/00141/HOU (Granted 23 March, Validated 28 Jan 2021) 5 Vicarage Grove, Hound Green. Erection of a single storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey rear projection, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation and alterations to doors and windows at ground floor.
- 21/00139/PREAPP (Answered 9th April, Validated 18 Jan 2021) Yew Tree Cottage, Hazeley Bottom. Proposed single storey rear extension and alterations to associated existing garden facing windows. The alteration to a first floor rear elevation window. Internal wall ground floor wall alterations. The enclosure of the existing car port to create a garage, and the extension of the adjoining garden room to create a home office and gym. The widening of the existing driveway entrance and replacement driveway gate. The repainting of existing entrance doors. A proposed garden pool and pool house.

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Case Officer Robert Moorhouse

5th April 2021

21/00552/FUL Bunkers Hill Farm, Reading Road, Rotherwick.

Solar Farm and battery stations together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure

COMMENTS FROM MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

This proposal is for a solar photovoltaic farm of c250 acres with a capacity of 49.9MWs. The applicant states that, without Government subsidy, sites on this scale are needed to be economically viable.

The need for urgent action to protect the natural environment is evident to all and recognised in the Hart declared Climate Emergency.

In this context it is notable that the majority of those responding are generally in support of delivering environmental benefit, but are opposed to this proposal. The same can be said for commentators on proposals for solar farms at Chosley Farm and nearby Ford Farm (EIA required) which are on a similar scale to Bunkers Hill.

Available evidence would indicate that these solar farm proposals – on this scale and as currently envisaged – are inappropriate for their proposed locations. The industrial nature and size is dominating and detrimental in sensitive rural landscapes. This is particularly the case adjacent to settlements where the amenity value of the landscape and long views – here across the river valley – and the rural sense of place, are so important. Comparing existing local solar projects in Winchfield these are a fraction of the size of the current proposals.

In the 'Statement of Community Involvement', Pegasus justifies by stating: 'The proposed development seeks to make an effective use of the site.' In this context 'effective' is considered only in terms of MW generation, it is not recognising environmental, biodiversity and amenity uses as 'effective use of land' as described by the NPPF – Part 11 - 118(b).

To consider, as per Local Plan Policy NBE10: 'f. the degree to which the developer has demonstrated any wider environmental, economic and social benefits of a scheme as well as how any adverse impacts have been minimised.'

The developer has not appeared willing to consider the wider value to the proposal of apportioning more land for other use, for 'wider environmental... and social benefits' – beyond a minimum of 'buffer' zones and the small areas to the South East of the site by the river. These are welcome but insufficient to mitigate the proposed harm to landscape and amenity – and fail to capitalise on the potential to further benefit wildlife and biodiversity.

Policy NBE2 Landscape requires that:

- 'Development proposals must respect and wherever possible enhance the special characteristics, value or visual amenity of the District's landscapes. Development proposals will be supported where there will be no adverse impact to:
- a) the particular qualities identified within the relevant landscape character assessments and relevant quidance;
- b) the visual amenity and scenic quality of the landscape;
- d) important local, natural & historic features such as trees, woodlands, hedgerows, water features eg rivers, & other landscape features and their function as ecological networks...'

Policy NBE9 Design requires that

- 'All developments should seek to achieve a high quality design and positively contribute to the overall appearance of the local area. Development will be supported where...
- a) it promotes, reflects and incorporates the distinctive qualities of its surroundings in terms of the proposed scale, density, mass and height of development.'

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It is hard to see how the scale and density and industrial nature of the solar farm as proposed can comply with these Policy requirements.

It is possible that reducing the area covered by panels, and increasing land areas to promote wildlife and retain some measure of visual amenity, may make solar generation acceptable in this landscape. If it is not economic for the applicant to achieve this, then the scheme cannot respect the special characteristics, value or visual amenity of the landscape.

To mention that the Tyler Grange's 'Ecological Appraisal' notes the presence of and potential for impact on birds, and on lapwing and skylarks in particular:

'4.22. Approximately 10 of the probable skylark territories are within the areas where PV panels are proposed, and four are within the grassland in the southern and eastern sections of the site which will be retained and managed as a meadow. The one pair of lapwing observed during the first visit was in the arable field in the northern section of the site, also in an area where PV panels will be installed.

'4.24. In the absence of mitigation, the development may reduce the number of skylark nesting territories within the site. Mitigation measures in the south eastern section of the site to improve conditions for nesting skylark and lapwing...'

Provision only in the small south-eastern section is insufficient. Mitigation is needed by providing areas of land suitable for these ground nesting birds of open habitat – ie without panels – across the site. A detrimental impact on these bird species recorded as in national decline must be avoided.

Also to note that the 'Ecological Appraisal' at 5.10. concludes that:

'Given the limited space available on-site and the proposed landscaping, off-site mitigation will be required to compensate for the loss of woodland.'

It's not clear what this refers to, but off-site mitigation should not be considered when on-site mitigation could bring much added benefit.

The Whitewater Valley Landscape Character assessment includes the following 'main enhancement priorities':

- '- Management of existing woodlands, hedgerows and trees to secure their long-term presence within the landscape and maximise their landscape and ecological value
- '- new planting of woods, hedgerows and trees to form a stronger landscape structure in denuded valleyside areas and where roads or power lines cross the valley
- '- planting of willows and other appropriate species alongside watercourses within the valley floor where the typically intimate, riparian character of the floodplain has been weakened
- '- where possible, creation of a more diverse range of wetland habitats within the valley floor, including wet grasslands, seasonally flooded areas, marshes and wet woodland.'

Should the application be in some form approved, it is noted that a 'Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)' is a matter for condition, and could usefully be adapted to address these 'enhancement priorities'. The 'Ecological Appraisal' does provide recommendations for ecological improvements – including improvements for reptiles and amphibians and 'enhancement of current ponds present on-site' (four and one adjacent).

In response to the October 2020 developer consultation Mattingley Parish Council put forward particular requests for habitat improvement (attached as Appendix I). This was compiled in consultation with HIWWT and asked for 'Best Practice for solar farms'. Considering the focus now on Environmental Land Management schemes (ELMS), Nature Recovery and Landscape Recovery are topical considerations. This is agricultural land: would it not be possible as per the Government ELMS to put aside more land for wildlife habitat without panels? This would then accord with the consideration of NBE10 (f) the degree to which the developer has demonstrated any wider environmental, economic and social benefits of a scheme as well as how any adverse impacts have been minimised.'

Susan Turner

Clerk to Mattingley Parish Council

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APPENDIX I

23rd October 2020

BUNKER'S HILL SOLAR FARM DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL COMMENTS TO THE CONSULTATION FROM MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL

1. THE WHITEWATER VALLEY

The River Whitewater is a chalk stream, internationally a rare, valuable and fragile habitat, home to a diversity of wildlife and priority species. The Valley environment is at the heart of wildlife corridors between the river ecosystems, fields and hedgerows, and adjacent ancient woodland.

The consultation map has considered national designations, but please also consider local wildlife sites. As per the Whitewater Valley Preservation Society website, the Water Framework Directive identifies the river as a main water body and a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).

Forty years of stable land and non-polluting use could provide an incredible opportunity to manage and improve this section of the river environment, and manage the solar farm environment to be wildlife-friendly and improve biodiversity. JBM Solar to please consider as detailed below.

2. FARMLAND ENVIRONMENT

Although farmland there will be wildlife in the fields themselves, and the features such as hedgerows, trees, headlands etc. They will all need to be fully assessed and surveys carried out at the right time of year for protected species such as reptiles, bats and dormice, badger, farmland birds etc. If there are ground nesting birds such as skylark there will be a definite negative impact, it is difficult to mitigate for skylark where the whole site is covered in arrays.

3. WILDLIFE NETWORKS

It will be important to assess how the development affects the ecological network. The Hampshire Ecological Network has been mapped, and part of the development area falls within the mapped network (buffering the Whitewater) see:

https://documents.hants.gov.uk/

biodiversity/MappingtheHampshireEcologicalNetworkFinalReport.pdf

4. CONSTRUCTION

Impacts on the Whitewater during operation and construction must of course be considered. Protecting the Whitewater from pollution was discussed at the September Mattingley Parish Council meeting and assurances given regarding no risk of battery or oil leakage. It's appreciated that long term pollutants should be reduced as won't be the agricultural inputs anymore (providing no intentions to use herbicides).

However regarding construction phase, how to avoid/mitigate potential for eg mud washing into the river, what is the plan for a fuel spill etc? It is anticipated that JBM Solar will produce a Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) https://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Construction_environmental_management_plan

5. NET GAIN FOR BIODIVERSITY

Beyond mitigation, reference the Environment Bill, it will soon be mandatory to demonstrate net gain mathematically with a Net Gain Calculator: https://www.environmentbank.com/resource/free-biodiversity-impact-calculator-download/
And in line with Hart Local Plan Policy NEB4 Biodiversity:

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'Opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and contribute to wildlife and habitat connectivity are taken where possible, including the preservation, restoration and recreation of priority habitats, ecological networks, and the protection and recovery of priority species populations. All development proposals will be expected to avoid negative impacts on existing biodiversity and provide a net gain where possible.'

Examples

- i Retain and enhance hedgerows;
- ii Secure some sheep grazing;
- iii Manage the land in between the panels as wildflower meadow (appreciating will need a sustained implementation plan, as establishing wildflower meadows on nutrient rich agricultural land will need some work to reduce the nutrient load before sowing);
- iv Take opportunities to enhance / create wetland areas the site gets very wet at the margins of the river flood zone suitable flower mixes for wet areas needed;
- v Plant species mixes across the site should be varied according to location request a soil survey to inform wildflower sowing.

6. SOLAR FARM WETLAND MARGINS

As iv above. Also to note that local Mattingley landowners believe that the flood zone extends considerably further than planned for.

7. RIVER ENVIRONMENT

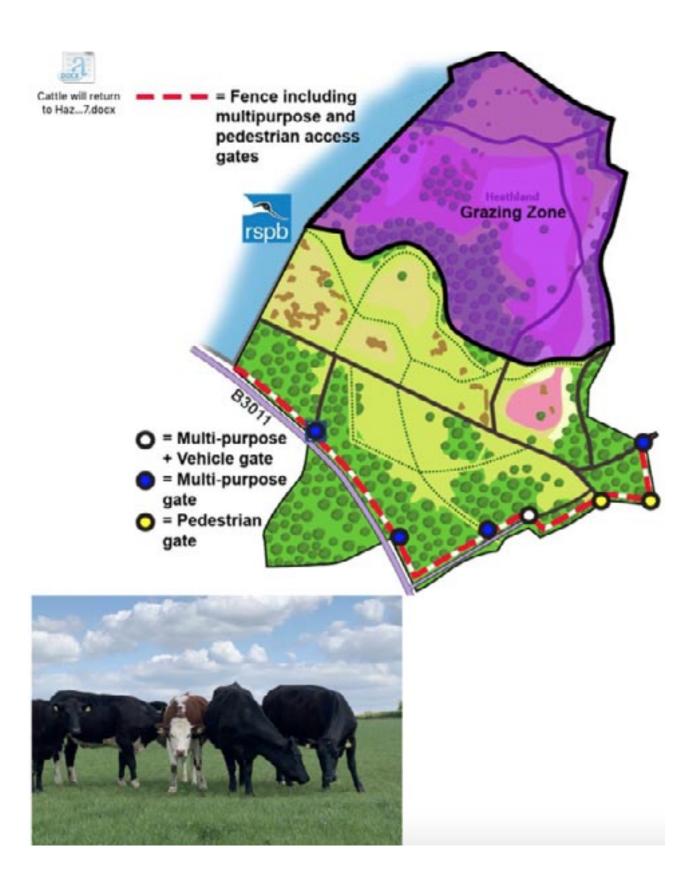
As 1. above, and again ref Local Plan Policy NEB4 Biodiversity as 5 above. Please give consideration to long term improvement of the local river ecosystem and habitats. (For eg a sustained programme to erraticate the invasive Himalayan Balsam and replant and re-establish the river banks with suitable native species.)

8 BEST PRACTICE

Mattingley Parish Council requests that JBM Solar strive for best practice for Solar Farms, to be achieved via a Biodiversity Management Plan, and to cover plans for wildflower meadow creation, hedgerow and hedgerow margins enhancement, wetland creation, river habitat improvements and ongoing monitoring and management: https://www.bre.co.uk/filelibrary/pdf/Brochures/NSC-Biodiversity-Guidance.pdf
The Parish Council requests that JBM Solar considers working with HIWWT regarding the Biodiversity Management plan as above.

Susan Turner Clerk to Mattingley Parish Council

APPENDIX VII.I: CATTLE GRAZING ON HART SIDE OF HEATH



APPENDIX VII.II: CATTLE GRAZING ON HART SIDE OF HEATH

Date: 20 April 2021 No: 1277

Press Release

Cattle will return to Hazeley Heath with the use of pioneering invisible fencing

technology

Hart District Council's Countryside Service is working in partnership with the RSPB to reintroduce grazing cattle to Hazeley Heath in Hartley Wintney, following a successful 5-year grazing trial and consultation period.

The first phase of the work, which started at the beginning of April, will see the installation of permanent fencing, which will include multipurpose access gates. This fence line follows the sites boundary beside the busy B3011 and is being installed as a precautionary measure to prevent the cows from getting onto the road. The main grazing zone will be managed using invisible fencing grazing technology.

Kate Ashbrook of the Open Spaces Society says: 'We are delighted that the managers of Hazeley Heath are installing invisible fencing here. This has the double benefit of enabling the area to be grazed while ensuring that there are no unsightly fences to mar the landscape and restrict people's freedom to enjoy this beautiful area. It is the perfect solution for commons which need to be grazed, and we congratulate Hart District council and the RSPB for pioneering it at Hazeley.'

Conservation grazing plays a key role in maintaining rare habitats like heathland. Amongst many other benefits, grazing is a sustainable way of controlling aggressive plant species which would otherwise dominate areas through scrub encroachment. Historically, livestock were grazed on the heath by commoners exercising their rights.

Talking about the new area Adam Green, Countryside Manager at Hart District Council, said: 'On Hart-owned land, when the cattle are introduced, they will be grazing within the 'grazing zone'. This area will be managed using invisible fencing technology, meaning there will be no permanent fencing structures put up within the site. This technology could also allow for the grazing zone to be further split into compartments, creating a more targeted grazing regime. As cattle will not be freely grazing across the whole site, visitors will have the option to avoid the cows completely, allowing free use of other areas for recreational purposes if preferred.'

Grazing stock will be trained to the invisible fencing system before they are put out onsite, it is hoped that the cattle will be ready to go onsite this summer. When the cattle are introduced to the site, signage will indicate when and where the cattle will be present so routes can be planned in advance.

The secretary of state gave consent for this project on the 11 April 2018. This project is part funded by Natural England, developer's contributions and Countryside Stewardship funds.

For more information visit: www.hart.gov.uk/hazeley-heath-nature-reserve-sssi For further information please call the press office on 01252 774460 or email amy.summers@hart.gov.uk.