



## Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Monday 16th November 2020, 7.30pm – remote meeting via Zoom

Present: Parish Councillors: Keith Alderman, Adam Knight, Guy Chessell  
Jennifer Roberts. Clerk Susan Turner

### GUESTS

1. County Cllr David Simpson
2. Ward Councillor Anne Crampton.
3. Footpaths Warden Frazer Hamilton

### 20.119 WELCOME, APOLOGIES & INTRODUCTION

AGREED Keith Alderman to chair the meeting.  
Thanks to Guy Chessell for hosting.  
Apologies from Janice Hughes (chairman), Hart Cllr Richard Quarterman.

### 20.120 PUBLIC SESSION

#### i Footpaths report from Frazer Hamilton

'HCC Countryside Services is conducting an audit of all "footbridge" crossings - over rivers / streams / ditches etc to ensure fit for purpose. Having checked out six or seven bridges they are mostly in good order.

- 'I have been walking some of the paths and cleared a few minor issues.
- 'The streams and rivers are high at the moment so I guess that FP 14 will be impassable. The FP to the rear of Hound Green is also nearing flood hopefully the next few days will see a reduction on the volume.'

NOTED 'Re Whitewater crossing on FP 21 to Aldermoor Farm. Last year's flooding had shifted the matting which remains out of place.'

ACTION Adam Knight and Frazer Hamilton to make repairs to get the matting back in place.

- 'Footpaths generally in good condition although the bridleways are taking a beating from horses and creating real mud challenges.
- 'I have reported FP 12 where the farmer has ploughed along the line of the path near to the wooded section. Walkers are now walking on the field at that point.
- 'The stile from Glebe Wood to Hortus Loci is wobbly [in hand with *Hortus Loci*].
- 'Heckfield FP 8 across Coldpeice Farm, the definitive route straight across the field has been reopened.

NOTED 'The stile from Heckfield FP 8 to the B3349 has been cleared to an extent but remains a dangerous location. HCCS are aware of Heckfield requests for a gate but don't have the funds to supply. They have said they will install if landowner will supply.'

ACTION Frazer Hamilton will take photos and follow up with Countryside Services.

#### ii Speed indicator device Plough Lane Frazer reported that the SID is showing c150 vehicles each way per day with vehicles generally not speeding above 33 to 34mph. The difficulty being that the speed limit is generally too fast for the road.

NOTED Jennifer Roberts noted that the sign appears to be a deterrent to speeding vehicles (eg on the school run) by making them aware of their speed. Local people are appreciative that something positive is being done.

#### iii Speed camera signs – the black cameras on white background – can be installed on official police speed camera van routes.

ACTION Clerk to liaise with police and Highways re permissions needed.

#### iv Speed Limit Reminder Sign as data recorder – To identify suitable post locations on the B3011 to install the SLR as a data recorder. Once locations identified Clerk to seek permission from HCC Highways. Frazer Hamilton noted that the Shoulder of Mutton / Plough Lane corner is a 'hot spot'. Trucks tend to fly around this corner and this is where school children cross.

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NOTED Question raised as to why can't use the SID sign on the B3100. There are other locations, and other locations in Hampshire, where flashing speed indicators are used. The 'portable' Speed Indicator Devices which Parishes are encouraged to buy are designed for speed limit zones of 40 or less. For higher speed areas the larger fixed County signs are used. (Require mains electricity?) David Simpson confirmed that Hampshire will not supply these.

*Frazer Hamilton left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council.*

**20.121 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 19th October. agreed and to be signed.

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

All Councillors deemed to have an interest in setting the Precept request re 5.1. Dispensation granted via the Clerk as per s33(2) Localism Act 2011.

**20.123 WAR MEMORIAL AND REMEMBRANCE**

**i Remembrance Sunday** The Whitewater Benefice website reported that: 'Mattingley church will not be open as the Bus Shelter memorial is accessible all the time. The Parish Council has agreed to lay their wreath on the Saturday so that it is there if anyone wishes to attend on Sunday. There will be no gathering as in previous years as we do not think it is safe to do so this year.'

**ii Wreath and poppies** Keith Alderman noted that Revd Shona laid her wreath on the Saturday and he had done so for the Parish Council.

NOTED The poppies supplied for the posts too small. Good gesture but next year need more and bigger. David Simpson noted that he can supply at £3-£4 each, need two per post.

AGREED Clerk to submit order for 50 poppies to provide for all roads into the Parish.

**iii Memorial maintenance** PGGM to clean and inspect roof.

**20.124 FINANCE**

**i Regular payments since last meeting**

October 2020 regular payments

26	28/10/2020	PGGM Maintenance Contract	£274.00
27	28/10/2020	Donation Hart Foodbank (ref SIDs)	£50.00
28	28/10/2020	Clerk Salary	£342.00

**ii Payments for approval** – none

**iii Accounts to date** – **APPENDIX I**

**iv Draft budget and Precept 2021/22** – **APPENDIX II.**

NOTED Last year the Precept was raised to £12K which ongoing now covers fixed and routine expenditure – and remains under £40 per band D household. Projects that had been budgeted for this year – phone box, footpaths, potentially defibrillator – have been moved on to next year. Latest estimate shows deficit of c£600 for this year – but this still includes provision for Hound Green trees, Glebe Wood, and 'training' which may not be needed.

AGREED No increase in Precept required for 2021/22. Request to be £12K as for this year.

£12,000 / (tax base 2021/22) 322.39

= total £37.22 per annum per band D household.

(Note that for a band H it will be double this and for a Band A it will be halved.)

ACTION Precept request to be signed and submitted to Hart for 18th January (via email).

QUESTION raised as to why the Parish Council has reserves of more than the annual Precept.

It was noted that in 2017 the Parish Council had a £15K bond mature, and also received £15K from the sale to Lanterns of a small parcel of Hound Green land directly behind their house. The Parish Council intends using the funds for projects to benefit the Parish and welcomes suggestions.

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**20.125 PLANNING****i New applications for consideration**

20/02662/HOU (Validated 30 Oct) Crabtree Lodge, Hazeley Heath. Swimming pool within the rear courtyard garden. *Parish Council response: 'No objection.'*

20/02474/HOU (Validated 04 Nov) 5 Vicarage Grove, Hound Green. 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. *Parish Council response: 'No objection.'*

**ii For information** re applications pending.

220/01720/PREAPP Thistledown, Hazeley Heath RG27 8NA. New garage (alternative reduced scheme from previous submission 19/00255/HOU).

Answered 26th October to the effect that felt to be generally acceptable. However tree impact assessment needed, plus advised to clarify position – in relation to the proposal – of neighbour extension and new garage not shown on plan.

20/01711/HOU and 20/01712/LBC Revised drawings submitted 2nd Nov, historical buildings assessment 5th Nov. 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 with ancillary accommodation at first floor and extension of the existing driveway.

**iii** See **APPENDIX III** for all current applications relating to the Parish.**iv Bunkers Hill Solar** Parish Council response submitted, see **APPENDIX IV**. This is on the Parish Council website together with responses from Rotherwick Parish Council and Whitewater Valley Preservations Society, plus details of the proposal.**20.126 HOUND GREEN****i Main cut** – including wildflower areas completed 28th October (land surprisingly dry).**ii Moles** – Robert Mandry has visited the Green. No recent new molehills.**iii Ditching** – PGGM unable to clear ditches in October due to sick leave.

AGREED Up to PGGM to manage according to weather and ground conditions.

NOTED Vicarage Lane does not generally flood near the Green – though can be surface water by B3349 junction where the culvert goes under the road.

**iv Trees** Small Oak near Lanterns removed 14th Nov. Parish Council permission agreed.

NOTED Tree surgeon confirmed: 'The Oak is from a seedling growing out at an angle from the treeline, ie trying to grow out to the light. Its removal won't detract from the existing tree cover, and as it gets bigger it will become unstable and cause a danger. Recommend taking it out now.'

The Oak has been left in a log pile on Parish land by Lantern's fence.

NOTED Inspection of all Hound Green trees shows very little work required, recommendations being cosmetic only, removing branches from some smaller trees. Awaiting full report.

**v Glebe wood** Keith Alderman reported all in hand.

Question raised re a proposal to put a Christmas tree in the centre of the wood.

Noted that this was a genuine proposal but for another year, will require a number of trees to be taken out.

**vi FP 13** Glencoe (including Footpath 13) landowner is willing via his solicitor to share all the search information he has regarding the footpath land.

NOTED Independent legal advice still required. The estimate received from HCC Legal Services is reasonable. (David Simpson noted that Hants Legal have access to a wide range of expertise.) All solicitors likely to want to do their own searches

AGREED It makes sense to ask the Glencoe solicitor to forward the information they have.

ACTION Keith Alderman to liaise with landowner Mark Thompson.

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**20.127 HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY****ii SID Reports** See Public Session**iii Rights of Way**

- 1 FP 13 See item 126 above.
- 2 Footpath Warden's Report – see Public Session.
- 3 Heckfield Parish Council has opened up the 'Old Road' opposite the New Inn to allow pedestrian access.
- 4 The Ramblers Association has published its report '*Find – Map – Save*': 'We've found over 49,000 miles of lost paths across England and Wales.'

**20.128 FURTHER REPORTS / UPDATES****i Hazeley Heath** Jennifer Roberts reported that working parties had continued clearing the Silver Birch, now to Wedgewood, creating a continuous open area. However very wet at the moment. Mountain bikes and horses churning up all routes.**ii Hazeley Heath (Hart)** Report from Hart Ranger Liz Vango (12th November)

1. Hart has continued with a full ranger team – but the rangers had also been drafted for community support – delivering prescriptions, shopping etc. For some time, the only duties were patrols with occasional surveys. Recently returned to more normal duties, strimming, mowing, clearing paths.
2. Update on interpretation benches, boards.
3. Re Countryside Stewardship
  - Almost there with achieving funding from Rural Payments agency, should be able to start booking work in the New Year.
  - Environmental impact assessment required for proposed 'fencing'. Joint application submitted with RSPB though no-one sure why needed.
4. Volunteer parties started in September, paused again with latest lockdown.
5. Future planned work – scrub works, scrapes and ponds – likely scrub work will be completed over winter.

**iii Police liaison meeting**

THANKS to Jennifer Roberts for attending and circulating notes of the meeting:

1. PACT meeting 28th October
  - a. Statistics for October: review of crime
    - Incidences are now back to pre lock down numbers;
    - Antisocial behaviour – vehicle-related incidents: 9 in Hartley Wintney / Bramshill areas on Commons and open spaces with quad and motor bikes;
    - Antisocial behaviour – nuisance calls: 1 Hartley Wintney and 2 in Hook;
    - Operation Rebate is now active again with Surrey and Thames Valley Police. Some success this week re drug dealing;
    - Burglaries: 5 businesses and 2 residential. The residential are houses in Hook and linked to others in Fleet usually in afternoon and early evening;
    - Vehicle theft: 5 from car auctions, 1 from Rotherwick which is being sought by Operation Rebate, it has been used in criminal activity.
  - b. Police pleased to receive 35 suspicious incident reports from the public.
  - c. The priority this month will be house burglaries. Reminding residents to protect their property by keeping lights on and securely locking houses.

ACTION Clerk to forward to Neighbourhood Watch for circulation – ie the 'priority' and request for any information from public re suspicious incidents – very useful to police and encourage people to report.

2. Shoulder of Mutton – Email from Nick Greenwood 28 October 2020 21:18  
Hi Jenny, Just a follow up email... We have just returned from the pub and had a good look around. It appears they left in a hurry! There is no sign of anyone sleeping at the location and no evidence of drug abuse. The rear of the pub is insecure and as such anyone can walk in. I will continue to periodically check it and the car park. Should anything more come to light please let me know.'

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**iv Shoulder of Mutton**

THANKS to PCSO Nick Greenwood who, reference email above, visited the pub immediately following the police liaison meeting.

NOTED Local people increasingly concerned that the pub land and building is insecure. Metal grills have been put up to the front – by whom? The back of the building apparently remains open.

Clerk drafted a letter to Tavern Propco raising community's concerns that the pub remains closed. To add stronger concern re security of the pub. **APPENDIX V**

**v Hazeley Bottom railing** Question raised regarding maintenance.

NOTED The railing does have significant value to people in Hazeley Bottom. It also prevents parking on the RSPB-owned Common land. However the rail does not have Commons consent, without which it cannot legally be maintained.

**vi Glencoe – verge planting** Question raised by resident. Clerk noted in email that: 'The verge is part of the highway where people have the right to "pass and repass". The plans show a mixed native hedge with grass verge.'

Councillor comments that the driveway offers refuge for people walking along the road and the planting is not high.

NOTED The developer has done a good job in creating soakaways which prevent any runoff to the road. This has been evidenced in the recent heavy rain.

**20.129 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** Monday 7.30pm.

AGREED December meeting to be scheduled if necessary.

2021 dates – 18 January, 15 Feb, 15 Mar, 19 April, 17 May (AGM), 21 June, 19 July, 16 Aug 20 Sept, 18 Oct, 15 Nov

NALC guidance continues for remote meetings.

*Meeting closed at 8.50pm with thanks to all present.*

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**APPENDIX I – ACCOUNTS TO DATE****MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL - INCOME 2020/21 -06 Nov 2020**

Balance brought forward 1st April 2020						£26,748.68
Date	Item	Precept	Grants	VAT	Interest	Total Receipts
17/04/20	Parish Precept	£12,000.00				£12,000.00
	Bank interest 2020/21				£149.80	£149.80
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>£12,000.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£149.80</b>	<b>£12,149.80</b>
						£12,149.80
<b>RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS SUMMARY</b>						
Bal brought forward 1st April 2019		£26,748.68	april	£22.36	Oct	£13.56
Plus income		£12,149.80	May	£28.73	Nov	
Minus expenditure		£6,381.90	June	£31.15	Dec	
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£32,516.58</b>	July	£24.82	Jan	
			Aug	£14.75	Feb	
			Sept	£14.43	Mar	
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>						
Club, charity, trust		£1,080.25				
Bus instant access		£31,436.33			Total	£149.80
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS</b>		<b>£32,516.58</b>				
<b>Balance</b>		<b>£32,516.58</b>		VAT owing 2019/20		£842.42



**Club, Charity And Trust Account**

30-96-29, 00778969

View a mini statement

Available funds: £1,080.25

Set up standing order

Make a payment

Make a transfer



**Business Instant Access**

30-96-29, 07266599

View full statement

£31,450.09

Make a payment

Make a transfer

NOTE – interest added to bank account post Nov accounts

**MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL - EXPENDURE 2020/21 - 06 Nov 2020**

Date		Supplier	Description	Salary	Finance Admin	Expenses	Community/Donations	Info publication	Maintn Contract	Maintn General	VAT	TOTALS
29/04/20	1	SO PGGM	Maint Contract April 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274.00
29/04/20	2	SO Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs APRIL 2020				£50.00					£50.00
30/04/20	3	SO Susan Turner	Salary April 2020	£342.00								£342.00
18/05/20	4	BACs HALC	HALC /NALC 2020/21		£276.07							£276.07
29/05/20	5	SO PGGM	Maint Contract May 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274.00
29/05/20	6	SO Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs - May 2020				£50.00					£50.00
29/05/20	7	SO Susan Turner	Salary May 2020	£342.00								£342.00
30/05/20	8	BACs Came & Co	PC Insurance 2020/21		£790.80							£790.80
30/05/20	9	BACs CPRE	Membership 2020/21				£36.00					£36.00
28/06/20	10	SO PGGM	Maint Contract June 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274.00
28/06/20	11	SO Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs June 2020				£50.00					£50.00
28/06/20	12	BACs Susan Turner	Salary June 2020	£177.40								£177.40
28/06/20	13	BACs HMRC	Tax-April-May-June-2020	£164.60								£329.00
28/07/20	10	SO PGGM	Maint Contract July 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274.00
28/07/20	11	SO Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-July 2020				£50.00					£50.00
28/07/20	12	SO Susan Turner	Salary July 2020	£342.00								£342.00
28/08/20	13	SO PGGM	Maint Contract AUG 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274.00
28/08/20	14	SO Susan Turner	Salary Aug 2020	£342.00								£342.00
28/08/20	15	SO Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-Aug 2020				£50.00					£50.00
02/09/20	16	367 WVPS - chq cleared	Donation 2020/21				£50.00					£50.00
17/09/20	17	BACs RBL Poppy Appeal	Mattingley Wreath				£25.00					£25.00
20/09/20	18	BACs ST:NaturalGardener	LifetimeWoodTreatment5gls							£61.93		£61.93
		ST: Screwfix	HarrisTrade paint brushes x 2							£4.00	£0.80	£4.80
		ST: Screwfix	1 x roll hazard tape							£2.90	£0.59	£3.49
		ST: Screwfix	Danish Oil x 1 litre (x7)							£99.11	£19.72	£118.83
		ST:WoodFinishesDirect	Danish Oil x 5 litre (x2)							£89.98	£18.00	£107.98
28/09/20	19	SO PGGM	Maint Contract Sept 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274.00
28/09/20	20	SO Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-Sept2020				£50.00					£50.00
27/09/19	21	DD ICO	Data protection register		£35.00							£35.00
17/10/20	22	BACs Susan Turner	Salary Sept 2020	£177.40								£177.40
17/10/20		BACs HMRC	Tax-July-Aug-Sept-2020	£164.60								£342.00
25/10/20	23	BACs JK Murray	Internal Audit		£100.00							£100.00
25/10/20	24	BACs RBL Poppy Appeal	5 x 7inch poppies				£10.00					£10.00
25/10/20	25	BACs HIWWT	Egology advice re JBMSolar				£100.00					£100.00
28/10/20	26	SO PGGM	Maint Contract OCT 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274.00
28/10/20	27	BACs Susan Turner	Salary OCT 20	£342.00								£342.00
28/10/20	28	SO Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-OCT 20				£50.00					£50.00
	29	PGGM	Hound Green ditching									
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>£2,394.00</b>	<b>£1,201.87</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£571.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£1,598.31</b>	<b>£257.92</b>	<b>£358.80</b>	<b>£6,381.90</b>
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## APPENDIX II – DRAFT BUDGET SUMMARY

MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL – YEAR END COMPARISON & BUDGET					2020/21 TO DATE	2020/21 Budget REV - NOV	2020/21 Budget Jan	2021/21 Budget DRAFT - NOV
	2016/17 YE	2017/18 YE	2018/19 YE	2019/20 YE				
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>								
CLERK'S SALARY	£3,491.70	£3,463.44	£3,834.00	£4,023.00	£2,394.00	£4,104.00	£4,225.00	£4,326.00
CLERK'S ALLOWANCE	£324.00	£324.00	£324.00	£324.00		£324.00	£324.00	£324.00
EXPENSES	£194.70			£123.83			£200.00	£200.00
TRAINING			£60.00			£400.00	£400.00	£400.00
FINANCE ADMIN	£1,757.12	£1,426.20	£1,357.73	£1,448.74	£1,201.87	£1,201.87	£1,370.00	£1,465.00
PRINT / PUBLISH /INFO	£90.00	£45.00	£180.00	£596.00			£500.00	£500.00
COMMUNITY / DONATIONS	£163.00	£235.99	£268.33	£235.00	£571.00	£821.00	£500.00	£750.00
HOUND GREEN	£3,426.58	£3,287.96	£3,019.96	£2,799.96	£1,598.31	£3,839.96	£4,550.00	£4,050.00
MAINTENANCE (OTHER)	£210.00	£6.95	£380.00	£62.00	£257.92	£557.92	£1,380.00	£1,200.00
<b>Projects</b>						£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Access / ROW							£1,901.88	£1,901.88
Phone Box							£2,100.00	£2,100.00
Glebe Wood						£500.00	£500.00	£500.00
DEFIBRILLATOR							£1,200.00	£1,200.00
<b>TOTAL PROJECTS</b>	£3,503.00	£1,575.00	£8,180.43	£1,245.03	£0.00	£1,500.00	£6,701.88	£6,701.88
<b>VAT</b>	£1,058.88	£998.47	£2,179.06	£842.42	£358.80	£1,000.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	£14,218.98	£11,363.01	£19,783.51	£11,699.98	£6,381.90	£13,948.75	£21,650.88	£21,216.88
Expenditure less projects	£10,715.98	£9,788.01	£11,603.08	£10,454.95	£6,381.90	£12,448.75	£14,949.00	£14,515.00
Expend less projects, less VAT	£9,657.10	£8,789.54	£9,424.02	£9,612.53	£6,023.10	£11,448.75	£13,449.00	£13,015.00
<b>INCOME</b>								
PRECEPT	£8,100.00	£8,100.00	£8,870.00	£9,740.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,000.00
Land Sale to Lanterns	£15,000.00							
Bond matured	£15,194.47							
Hart S106 HoundG £6134								
Hart S106 Access		£6,288.00					£1,901.88	£1,901.88
Hart S106-							£5,037.20	£5,037.20
Cllr Simpson dev budget		£700.00		£545.00			£500.00	£500.00
Refund		£288.00	£63.71					
Vat refund	£580.66	£1,058.88		£3,177.53		£1,842.42	£1,500.00	£1,500.00
Bank interest	£0.12	£6.87	£119.20	£304.33	£149.80	£200.00	£100.00	£100.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	£38,875.25	£16,441.75	£9,052.91	£13,766.86	£12,149.80	£14,042.42	£21,039.08	£21,039.08
Surplus/(Deficit) (£5,677.39)	£24,656.27	£5,078.74	£10,730.60	£2,066.88	£5,767.90	£93.67	£611.80	£177.80
<b>Balance to take over</b>	£30,333.66	£35,412.40	£24,681.80	£26,748.68	£32,516.58	£26,842.35	£26,136.88	£25,959.08

**APPENDIX III – PLANNING UPDATE NOVEMBER 2020****Parish Planning & Tree Applications**

20/02662/HOU (Validated: Fri 30 Oct 2020) Crabtree Lodge, Hazeley Heath. Provision of a swimming pool within the rear courtyard garden.

20/02643/PREAPP (29 Oct 2020) Moorcocks, Bottle Lane, Mattingley. Listed Building Consent for replacement 9 no. windows and 2 no. of french doors.

20/02474/HOU (Validated: 04 Nov 2020) 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.

20/02398/CA (Approved 29th October) White Ladies, Hazeley Bottom. T1 - Trim back low level overhanging branches to driveway; T3 - Cut back low level over hanging foliage to driveway and dead limb; T6 - Remove fruit tree and vegetation next to garage; T10 - Trim back recent growth to Oak tree; T11 - Trim back over hanging branches to apple tree; T12 - Remove fruit tree and trim Holly hedge; T13 - Remove low level branches to Conifer up to a height of approximately 6ft above ground

20/02224/CA (Approved 26th October) Lynchmere Cottage, Reading Road, Mattingley RG27 8JZ. Trimming back hard of 'bushes' at entrance. Cutting overhanging bough (please see drawing for 'specification of works')

20/02302/LDC (Granted 5th November) Sheldons Farm, Chandlers Green, Mattingley RG27 8LH. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension and alterations to doors and windows on the north west elevation.

20/01720/PREAPP (Answered 26th October - generally acceptable, tree impact assessment needed, advise clarifying position of neighbour extension and new garage not shown on plan) Thistledown, Hazeley Heath RG27 8NA. New garage (alternative reduced scheme from previous submission 19/00255/HOU)

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**Rotherwick – Bunkers Hill Solar**

JBM Solar / Pegasus consultation Closed Friday 23rd October

20/01807/EIA (Decided 17th Sept – EIA not required) Bunkers Hill Farm, Reading Road Rotherwick. Request for screening opinion for a proposed Solar Farm and Batteries together with all associated equipment and infrastructure.

20/00752/PREAPP (Pending, Validated 30 Mar 2020) Bunkers Hill Farm, Reading Road, Rotherwick. Solar array and battery storage facility.



**APPENDIX IV.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](https://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Construction_environmental_management_plan)

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### 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:

*'Opportunities to protect and enhance biodiversity and contribute to wildlife and habitat connectivity are taken where possible, including the preservation, restoration and re-creation 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 erradicate 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 their 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 V**



Tavern Propco Ltd  
3rd Floor 37 Esplanade  
St Helier, Jersey JE1 1AD

16th November 2020

**The Shoulder of Mutton , Hazeley Heath, Hook, Hampshire RG27 8NB**

Dear Tavern Propco

I write regarding the Shoulder of Mutton public house which is in Mattingley Parish and understood to be one of your properties.

You will know that the pub has been empty since October 2019 and while appreciating the difficulties posed by the Covid lockdowns, local residents are keen to learn when it will reopen.

Also, as the building is so obviously empty the community is concerned about increased incidences of fly tipping and unexplained activity around the pub.

Via a recent police liaison meeting our local PCSO reported that: *'We have visited the pub and had a good look around. It appears they left in a hurry! There is no sign of anyone sleeping at the location and no evidence of drug abuse. The rear of the pub is insecure and as such anyone can walk in. I will continue to periodically check it and the car park.'*

While appreciating the Police presence our Parishioners are increasingly concerned that the building is open to anyone, and request you give its security and maintenance your urgent attention.

Hope to hear from you with thanks

With kind regards

Susan Turner  
Clerk to Mattingley Parish Council