West Tytherley, Frenchmoor and Buckholt Parish Council

Meeting of the West Tytherley, Frenchmoor and Buckholt Parish Council held in King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley, on Monday 8th December 2025, 7pm.

Present: Cllr N Carpenter (Chairman), Cllr M Down (Vice-Chairman), Cllr F Collyer, Cllr R Gribble, and Cllr N Macpherson.

Also present: 3 Parishioners, Cllr N Adams-King (HCC), Cllr S MacDonald (TVBC), and S Bailey (Clerk)

2512-1	**To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Cllr F Collier was unable to attend due to a personal matter, the Parish Council accepted her apologies.	
2512-2	**Chairman's remarks**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone was recording the meeting to declare it.	
2512-3	**To receive declarations of pecuniary and personal interests relating to items on this agenda**
No pecuniary or personal interests to declare.	
2512-4	**To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th October 2025 and the meeting held on 10th November 2025**
The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on the 14th October 2025 and the meeting on 10th November 2025 were both approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
2512-5	**Public Session: To receive questions from members of the public**

- Parishioner Statement – Dean Road is a complex issue, some landowners don't feel that they own the ditches at the side of the road, so will not fix them. In 2016/17 HCC dug out the ditches, however they did it badly and made the ditches twice as big as they should be and nothing has been done to resolve this since then.

Cllr Adams-King has spoken to Cllr Macpherson about this issue and is going to look into it.

Cllr Down noted that the resurfacing of Dean Road was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Cllr Adams-King explained that if the surface temperature of the road is less than 10°C then resurfacing cannot take place.

- Parishioner Question – There is a spring in the middle of Dean Road, will this be dealt with when the resurfacing takes place?

Cllr Adams-King explained that the spring will be capped so that it goes out to the sides of the road, there is not much else they can do unfortunately.

2512-6	**To receive report from Test Valley Borough Council**

Cllr MacDonald discussed his key points:

- Local Plan:
  - 78% increasing in housing targets imposed on us by central government.
  - TVBC put in an impossible situation - having to allocate many more sites in the countryside than we would like.
  - Consulted on draft Local Plan in summer. Around 2,000 comments from residents.
  - Since consultation, a number of sites withdrawn by the land owner - Weyhill (700), Stockbridge (100), Appleshaw (40) - therefore making it even more challenging.
  - On the flip side, we have been inundated with speculative developments (far more than we thought we would receive).
  - Many of these speculative applications are in our villages and rural areas - in my personal view completely unsuitable locations.
  - Expect further consultation next year before plan submitted at year end.

- Food waste – Has been fully rolled out, is very successful with only a few hiccups. If you do have any issues report them to TVBC via their website.
- Grants – Let him know if there are any projects that need funding as there is finance available. The funding position once TVBC has been replaced with a unitary authority is likely to be much more challenging.
- Glebe Farm – He continues to chase the final draft of the S106.

Cllr MacDonald left the meeting at 7:18pm

2512-7	**To receive report from Hampshire County Council**

Cllr Adams-King discussed his key points:

- Planning – They have had over 200 speculative applications in Romsey and 315 in Wellow. Wellow's neighbourhood development plan (NDP) has so far prevented any development not in the Local Plan, however we will have to see if it holds up against appeals. It is extremely good that West Tytherley has an NDP and he is not aware of any development applications for this area. He explains that most of the proposed development is for large houses, which there isn't a market for, we need more smaller, affordable starter homes built, but unfortunately planning laws do not allow HCC to dictate what types of houses get built.
- Devolution – The Mayoral election that was due to take place in May 2026 has been postponed to 2028, the Government has tried to say that this is because the local Councils were not ready, however HCC are completely ready, it was postponed because when Angela Rayner left, the whole ministerial was reorganised and their priorities changed. The Government has proposed that the Councils can run under the new combined Councils but with no Mayor, however this is completely different from what they agreed to as there was supposed to be a committee of 5 led by the Mayor, but if there is no Mayor then 72% of the population only has 40% of the voting power, which is not acceptable. Devolution should eventually bring huge benefits to the area, so he is continuing to work towards it, he is attending a meeting on Thursday 11th December and will be pushing for the Mayoral elections to be brought forward to 2027. Consultation ends on the 11th January, and they should know by the end of March, however they almost certainly won't as the HCC elections are due to take place at that time, so we will probably not know until May. He will keep us up to date as soon as he knows more.
- Money – At the start of the financial year HCC needed to find £130 million, they have been very successful this year and now only need to find £10 million more, thus Council Tax will only increase by 5%. Next year they will have £48 million less due to 'fair funding' so they will need to find £142 million, but he is confident that they will. On the downside he fears that in 2028 when the Councils merge Council tax may increase a lot, potentially as much as 18%.
- National Nature Recovery – HCC are currently trying to make lots of sites nature areas, that subsequently can't be developed. Currently 23% of Hampshire is covered by nature areas, but by 2030 they aim to be over 30% covered.
- Dean Road – He is apologetic that the resurfacing work was cancelled, however when work starts up again in February/March he will push for Dean Road to be near the top of the list.
- The verge at the junction with North Lane and the Village Shop – The verge does not belong to HCC, so they are unfortunately unable to do anything about it becoming muddy when the school bus drives over it. It is not particularly clear who owns the verge and no one will take responsibility for it. He has spoken to the bus company, and they informed him that they have to drive over the verge when they turnaround because when there are cars parked in the lay-by opposite there is not enough space without clipping the verge. They are unable to use a smaller bus/minibus as it picks up kids from several villages and is thus very full and they will not send a minibus to each village because it is not cost effective. Additionally, they cannot move the bus stop as that would mean the student has to walk along a road that doesn't have a path and so it would not be approved because of health and safety. He recommends that the

Parish Council get the Lengthsman to put down some flat stones/gravel to try and minimise the amount of mud that is created. The Parish Council agreed to get the Lengthsman to put down some flat stones/gravel.

- Councillor Grants – They are back open for up to £5,000. However, organisations that have a raiseable precept cannot apply for grants.

Cllr Adams-King left the meeting at 7:37pm

2512-8	**To receive an update on the resilience project**

- Cllr Gribble explained that he attended a resilience forum in October that was very useful and he made lots of helpful contacts. However, since then he has been indisposed but will start working on this again in the new year.
- The Chairman wished to thank Cllr Gribble for all his work on this matter.
- The Clerk stated that the Chairman of the Village Hall committee has let her know that the walkie-talkies are not working correctly and thinks the aerial may be in the incorrect location and/or the cables to the aerial are not connected properly. She is also not comfortable with anyone going up a ladder to take the aerial down as she doesn't feel it would be safe and would like the Parish Council to hire a cherry picker or something similar.
- Cllr Gribble will speak to the Parishioner who helped install the aerial as see what the best course of action would be.

2512-9	**To discuss the telephone box refurbishment**

- BT have said that no one is allowed to refurbish the telephone box apart from them, thus the Clerk asked for them to come out and fix the door hinge as it had become dangerous and to consider repainting it, BT agreed to send an engineer. *[After the meeting the Chairman and Clerk inspected the telephone box, and the door hinge had been mended so it was no longer swinging open].*
- BT explained that they have put in resilience to the telephone box's that are still operating so that when the copper lines are removed they will still work.
- BT let the Parish Council know that they are unable to purchase the telephone box as it is a useful asset in an emergency, and subsequently they need to make sure it is maintained.

2512-10	**To receive an update on the decorating equipment by the school dining hall**

The Clerk spoke to the school and they have agreed to get the equipment tidied away.

2512-11	**To discuss getting flood signage from Hampshire County Council**

The Clerk spoke to HCC, and they let her know that they cannot give the Parish Council any flood signage because they must ensure that the correct signs are placed on their roads, so only their approved contractors can place signs. They said to report any flooding to HCC on their website as soon as it occurs so they can direct the appropriate team with the minimum of delay.

2512-12	**To receive an update on the damaged culvert**

HCC Flood and Water Management have spoken to the landowner, the Parish Council will wait to see what becomes of this.

2512-13	**To receive an update on the pub as an Asset of Community Value**

The listing was last renewed in 2023, so the Parish Council does not need to renew the listing again until 28th June 2028.

2512-14	**To receive an update on moving the bin at the junction of Dean Road and Coopers Track**

Cllr Collier is looking into this issue, so it will be on the next agenda as she was unable to attend this month's meeting.

2512-15	**To discuss the electricity in the Pavillion**

- Cllr Down explained that the West Tytherley football club may be starting up again next year, so may want electricity, particularly the showers which need quite a lot of power.
- The Parish Council agreed that a better option has not yet presented itself, so they unfortunately need to keep paying for the electricity until a better option is found.
- The Parish Council thought that they could maybe get a grant from TVBC to put solar panels on the pavilion, however they would need to find out how much power solar panels can generate and if the pavilion's roof could hold them.

- The Clerk will enquire with TVBC to see if a grant for solar panels would be possible.

2512-16	**To receive an update on the roads**

- Cllr Macpherson discussed that he has sent pictures of the flooding across Dean Road to HCC, but they have said that it is fine and can't do anything about it, however when he spoke to Cllr Adams-King he said that it has been passed along to another department.
- Cllr Macpherson also explained that the washouts at the side of the roads are dangerous, but HCC feels that they are not severe enough to warrant any action.
- He will continue to chase both issues.

2512-17	**To review the Parish Council's Code of Conduct**

The Chairman would like more time to review this policy.

2512-18	**To review new planning applications and decisions**

a) 25/02685/TREES Little Thatch, 8 East Dean Road, West Dean

Reduce the height of a 6m plum tree by 1.5m.

The expiry date has already passed for this application, but the Parish Council has no objection.

b) 25/02712/FULLS Buckholt House, Buckholt Lane, West Tytherley

Demolition of existing ancillary barn and erection of replacement ancillary barn. The replacement barn is being built on the same footprint as the old barn and the new barn is in keeping with the village.

The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

c) 25/02711/FULLS Buckholt House, Buckholt Lane, West Tytherley

Demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage. The replacement garage will be on the same footprint as the existing garages. There will be 2 garages either side of the gateway, this will be grander than the existing 4 garages.

The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

d) 25/02722/TPOS Yewcroft, 51 Stony Batter Lane, Stony Batter

Reduce a walnut tree by up to 3.5m, being no more than 20% of an assessed crown diameter of 17.5-18m and remove dead and dying wood. Will be a benefit to the tree.

The Parish Council has no objection to this application.

e) 25/02795/FULLS The Drove, Red Lane, West Tytherley

Rear extension to house and extension to garage. The house extension seeks to add an orangery with roof light. It is a modest extension when compared to the size of the house and there are no trees in the area and no near neighbours. The garage currently has 3 bays, the extension would add 2 further bays in materials that match the existing garages. There are trees in the vicinity and one tree, T6, a hazel will need to be removed.

If another tree is planted nearby to replace the hazel tree, then the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

2512-19	**Finance**

a) To agree upcoming invoices

- ICO, £47 – Agreed

b) To note November's receipts/payments and expected receipts/payments

Outs (Current Account)

Date	Payment	Total	VAT	Net	Balance
11/11/2025	Danbury School Award Sponsorship	£30.00	£0.00	£30.00	£2,582.57
24/11/2025	Hugo Fox (Emails)	£20.99	£3.50	£17.49	£2,561.58
25/11/2025	Hugo Fox	£11.99	£2.00	£9.99	£2,549.59
28/11/2025	S Bailey Payroll	£710.45	£0.00	£710.45	£1,839.14
28/11/2025	S Bailey Office Allowance November	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	£1,813.14

Ins (Deposit Account)

Date	Receipts	Total	Balance
10/11/2025	Interest	£11.59	£22,038.64

Expected Receipts/Payments

Ins

Receipt	Expected Total	Date
HCC	£172.00	Quarterly (£86.00)
Total	**£172.00**	

Outs

Payments	Expected Total	Date
Poppy Wreath	£30.00	December
Resilience	£115.00	December
ICO	£47.00	December
Noticeboard	£525.00	January
Clerk Payroll	£2,945.80	Monthly (£736.45)
Hugo Fox (Emails)	£69.96 (£83.96 incl. VAT)	Monthly (£17.49, £20.99 incl. VAT)
Hugo Fox	£39.96 (£47.96 incl. VAT)	Monthly (£9.99, £11.99 incl. VAT)
SSE	£400.00 (Under review)	Quarterly
Business Stream (Water)	£100.00	Quarterly
HMRC Employers National Insurance	£300.00	Quarterly
Total	**£4,572.72 (£4,594.72 incl. VAT)**	

2512-20 Matters for future meetings

- The village is looking very scruffy, Sovereign need to be contacted to trim the hedges they are responsible for. Villagers and the Lengthsman need to cut back hedges, tidy the verges and clear the drains. The Clerk will email Sovereign and update the list of jobs for the Lengthsman.
- The number of cars speeding through the village seems to be increasing. The Clerk will speak to HCC to see if anything can be done about this.

2512-21 To decide on the date for the next meeting

Monday 12th January, 7pm.

Meeting Closed at 8:30pm

S Bailey
Clerk of the Parish Council

N Carpenter
Chairman of the Parish Council