

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting

Monday 19th October 2020, 7.30pm – remote meeting via Zoom

Present: Parish Councillors Janice Hughes (Chairman), Keith Alderman Guy Chessell, Jenny Roberts; Clerk Susan Turnerr

GUESTS

- 1. County Cllr David Simpson
- 2. Cllr Richard Quarterman Hart Cabinet member for Commercialisation.

20.108 | WELCOME, APOLOGIES & INTRODUCTION

Thanks to Guy Chessell for hosting the meeting. Apologies from Adam Knight, Douglas Wheeler, Ward Cllr Anne Crampton. Cllr Quarterman explained he was attenting the meeting to seek more insight into the work of Parish Councils.

- **20.109** MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 21st September, agreed and to be signed
- **20.110** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda None
- **20.111 PLANNING**
 - **Bunkers Hill Solar Consultation** (to Friday 23rd October) Draft response circulated. Response seeking long term environmental benefit. Awaiting input from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust Consultancy Manager Deborah Whitfield. See **APPENDIX I** for submitted response.
 - ii New applications since last meeting

Tree applications

<u>20/02398/CA</u> (Validated 05 Oct) 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. *Parish Council response: No objection.*

<u>20/02224/CA</u> (Validated 02 Oct) Lynchmere Cottage, Reading Road, Mattingley. Trimming back hard of 'bushes' at entrance. Cutting overhanging bough. *Parish Council response: No objection.*

Permitted development notification

<u>20/02302/LDC</u> – (Validated 28 Sept) Sheldons Farm, Chandlers Green, Mattingley. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a proposed single storey rear extension and alterations to doors and windows on the north west elevation. *Parish Council response: No issues to raise.*

- **iii** See **APPENDIX II** for all current applications relating to the Parish.
- iv White Paper Draft response to be circulated. See APPENDIX III

20.112 HOUND GREEN

- i Main cut Scheduled Tuesday 27th Oct
- ii Ditching Scheduled Thursday 29th Oct.
- iii Moles ACTION Chairman to contact Robert Mandry.
- **Trees** Report from Peter Elliott: 'Full report to follow shortly. Very minimal work required and the trees are very safe. I also looked at the trees at the Lanterns and there is a small oak growing at a severe angle. I would suggest it is removed.'

 Clerk to seek a date for the work and advise Lanterns.

ACTION

SSE have trimmed through the route of the power lines, coppicing some Willow, leaving log piles and chipping the smaller cuttings.

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- **FP 13 by Glencoe** Confirmed via email to Glencoe land owner / developer that the Parish Council is happy to proceed with the footpath land transfer if he will cover the legal fees.
- **Glebe wood** Stile into Garden Centre in need of repair (though remains serviceable for the time being). The boundary belongs to the Woodland Trust and so under the management of the Parish Council. Hortus Loci have indicated they wish to add fencing to try to keep rabbits out of the plant centre. Keith Alderman to follow up.

20.113 WARM MEMORIAL AND REMEMBRANCE

Service - Email from Revd Marion de Quidt following Odiham Deanery Clergy meeting on 7th October. She says: 'Clearly, our wish would be to hold a memorial service at each of our locations. However, it looks like these will be severely restricted. 'Many of our local churches are working closely with the British Legion. The Uniformed organisations are not permitted to join in a public procession.

'Our Worship in Church will be guided by current government guidelines, Church of England guidelines, and the safe number that buildings can hold. We are watching the Church of England directions for the latest update.

'As soon as I have clarity I will be in touch. <u>'I suggest that we continue to plan for wreath laying.</u> But this may need to be short, and with limited numbers. It can be live streamed by our mobile phones. Timings can be released nearer the date.'

To await developments and confirmation.

ii Wreaths and poppies

TO RECORD thanks to Richard Quicke for ordering the wreath and delivering to Jennifer Roberts.

AGREED To request the five x 7inch-across poppies for posts found in the local British Legion 'supplies'. Cllr Simpson advised he can source additional wreaths, poppies etc.

20.114 SHOULDER OF MUTTON

Guy Chessell updated Councillor Quarterman regarding the closure of the Shoulder of Mutton. He noted reliable advice from two independent pub chain owners that the pub considered to be viable at reasonable purchase price and with rear extension and new kitchen. However no further news since last meeting other than increasing concern by local residents regarding the premises being obviously empty and not secured, thus a target for fly-tipping and squatters. Has been more fly tipping and neighbour confronted people in the building on three different occasions... all of whom said they were 'just looking' and then disappeared when challenged.

NOTED

- The police are aware and will make checks as and when they can.
- This is owner responsibility, potential health and safety issue, potential fire risk.
- Clerk noted that there are provisions under the Localism Act for situations where owners are deliberately withholding community facilities eg keeping pubs closed. But this seems only to be regarding request to LPA for compulsory purchase.

AGREED | Clerk to write to Tavern Propco raising community's concerns. See APPENDIX III

20.115 | HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY

i SID Reports

Present locations - Heckfield and Plough Lane

DATA REPORT for Bottle Lane Northbound, Sept until October 5th

Project Summary (Speed Intervals 5 MPH, Time Intervals Instant) APPENDIX IV.I

85th Percentile Speed 43.2 MPH 85th Percentile Vehicles 157349

Max Speed 80 MPH on 15/09/2020 at 02:40:00

Total Vehicles 185117 Average daily traffic 7726.

For signature

ii | SID as data recorder - loan to Heckfield

Heckfield Parish Council has contributed £50 to Friends of HMR Churches.

Project Summary (Speed Intervals 5 MPH, Time Intervals Instant) APPENDIX IV.II

85th Percentile Speed 52 MPH 85th Percentile Vehicles 20338

Max Speed 85 MPH on 08/10/2020 at 21:35:00

Total Vehicles 23927 Average daily traffic 3418.

iii SID as Data recorder on B3011

ACTION | Frazer Hamilton and Clerk. To identify location and seek Highways' permission.

ii Rights of Way

- No issues reported in Mattingley.
- Rotherwick FPs 20,21, 22 behind Coach & Horses ploughed over, not yet re-instated
- Heckfield FP 8 HCC Countryside Services has required access to be reinstated to the definite line of the ROW (where diverted around field edge) across Cold Piece Farm land from Laundry Lane to B3349 at Hortus Loci. HCCCS aware of request for gate to replace stile at B3349.
- Heckfield Parish Council has negotiated new permissive paths with Cold Piece Farm north of Laundry Lane APPENDIX V

20.116 FINANCE

i Payments since last meeting

September 2020 regular payments

19	28/09/2020	PGGM Maintenance Contract	£274.00
20	28/09/2020	Donation Hart Foodbank (ref SIDs)	£50.00
21	28/09/2020	ICO data protection, annual DD	£35.00
22	28/09/2020.	Clerk Salary	£177.40
	28/09/2020	HMRC Cumbernauld – Tax April-May-Jun	£164.60 (= £342.00)

ii Payments for approval

23	John Murray - internal audit	£100.00
24	RBL Poppy Appeal 5 x 7in poppies	£10.00
25	Donation to HIWWT for solar farm advice	£100.00
26	PGGM - Ditching - estimate	£492+VAT.

iii Accounts to date APPENDIX VI.

20.117 | FURTHER REPORTS / UPDATES

- Hazeley Heath Jennifer Roberts reported that working parties continue, up to about 16 people socially distanced. Cutting back Silver Birch by Hazeley Court to reseed for heather. RSPB staff were furloughed but now returned and the interns are back. Fencing proposals still as satellite system used in Epping Forest not yet instated, no cows yet. No Consultative Group meetings scheduled.
- **Mattingley Church Wildlife project** Re Amphibian & Reptile Group. Email contact via website from Joe Malyan (MSc Student, Species Identification and Survey Skills, Reading University). His course recommends working with local conservation groups on biodiversity surveys in different habitats. In contact with ARG (Amphibian and Reptile Group) and Mattingley Church re a church biodiversity project called 'Caring for God's Acre'. Meeting at the church with Revd Shona on 31st October and Sheila Dyason who is Hants and IofW Amphibian & Reptile Group (HIWARG) project coordinator for 'slow worms in churchyards'. Plan is that Joe will take on monitoring once a month for his course, then HIWARG will take over.
- **Next Police liaison meeting** 28th October 7pm via MS Teams. Jennifer Roberts agreed to attend.

ACTION To consider request for Parish 'policing priority'.

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Comments re Policing priorities

- Yately Frogmore tasked three priorites and the Police have undertaken them.
- Traffic-related issues cannot be included as policing priorities.
- Police visibility needed in rural lanes as well as main roads.
- Chairman noted recent string of burglaries in Hook, Hartley Wintney, Long Sutton, targeting houses not outbuildings.
 Cllr Simpson noted gangs come in from London via M3 to Southampton, then back to London.
- Query re issues raised some time ago by landowners poachers at night with firearms threatening residents and property, as well as wildlife and damage to land.
- Chairman noted some shooting two to three months ago shooting across public footpath at night, but couple of youngsters not poachers.
- Noted tend to lose problems associated with poaching this time of year when dark, wet and cold. Targets instead become houses with heating. Then in summer back to fields, particularly problems on moonlit nights.

20.118	NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS Monday 7.30pm 16th November.
	2021 - 18 Jan, 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 8.45pm with thanks to all present.

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APPENDIX I.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

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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 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 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 II - PLANNING UPDATE OCT 2020

Bunkers Hill Solar

- JBM Solar / Pegasus consultation Closes Friday 23rd October
- <u>20/01807/EIA</u> (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.
- <u>20/00752/PREAPP</u> (Pending, Validated 30 Mar 2020) Bunkers Hill Farm, Reading Road, Rotherwick. Solar array and battery storage facility.

Parish Planning & Tree Applications

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- 20/01932/HOU (Granted 29th Sept, Validated 19 Aug) Cherry Trees, Hazeley Heath RG27 8NB. Erection of two storey side and rear extension to the dwelling and creation of a first floor to existing outbuilding to include balcony and alterations to fenestration.
- <u>20/01915/HOU</u> (Granted 29th Sept, Validated 20 Aug 2020) Pipers Croft, Vicarage Lane, Hound Green RG27 8LF. Erection of a single storey front extension, single storey side infill extension and alterations to fenestration..
- 20/01738/FUL (Granted 5th Oct, Validated 06 Aug 2020) Fox Glade, Hazeley Bottom RG27 8LU. Erection of a five bedroom detached dwelling with associated hard and soft landscaping following demolition of the existing three-bedroom detached bungalow.
- 20/01720/**PREAPP** (Pending, Validated 24 Jul) Thistledown, Hazeley Heath RG27 8NA. New garage (alternative reduced scheme from previous submission 19/00255/HOU)
- 20/01711/HOU and 20/01712/LBC (Pending, 23 Jul) Hazeley Cottage, Hazeley Bottom RG27 8LU. 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. NO OBJECTION
- <u>20/01573/HOU</u> and <u>20/01574/LBC</u> (Granted 16th October, Validated 08 Jul 2020) White Willows, Mattingley Green RG27 8LA. Erection of a single storey rear extension, minor alterations to the layout and insertion of an en-suite within one of the first floor bedrooms. Alterations to fenestration.
- <u>20/00843/HOU</u> (Granted 25th September, Validated 15th June) White Ladies Hazeley Bottom. Erection of a two storey side extension following partial demolition of existing dwelling and alterations to fenestration.

APPENDIX IV.I SID REPORT FOR PROJECT: BOTTLE LANE

Northbound Sept until October 5th 2020

Project Summary:

Location/Name: Incoming, Report Generated: 06/10/2020 15:44

Speed Intervals 5 MPH, Time Intervals Instant

Traffic Report From 11/09/2020 11:00:00 through 05/10/2020 09:59:59

85th Percentile Speed 43.2 MPH 85th Percentile Vehicles 157,349

Max Speed 80 MPH on 15/09/2020 02:40:00

Total Vehicles 185,117 AADT: 7726

Volumes - weekly counts

Time 5 Day 7 Day Average Daily 8305 7557 AM Peak 07:00 939 709 PM Peak 04:00 774 683

Speed

Speed Limit 40 85th Percentile Speed 43.2 Average Speed 36.69

Thur Mon Tues Wed Fri Sat Sun Count over limit 7812 7477 7528 7546 8960 7223 6385 % over limit 28.9 27.9 29.5 27.2 29.5 30.4 27.7 44.2 44.2 44.4 Avg Speeder 44.2 44.1 44.0 44.4

APPENDIX IV.II SID REPORT FOR PROJECT HECKFIELD

Northbound opposite first entrance to School Lane on transition post from 50mph to National speed limit.

Project Summary

For Project: Heckfield Northbound 5th October to 12th October Project Notes: 300 mts noth of New Inn at national limit sign

Location/Name: Incoming

Report Generated: 12/10/2020 09:13

Speed Intervals 5 MPH
Time Intervals Instant

Traffic Report From 05/10/2020 09:00:00

85th Percentile Speed 52 MPH 85th Percentile Vehicles 20338

Max Speed 85 MPH on

Total Vehicles 23927 AADT: 3418

Volumes -

weekly counts

APPENDIX VI – ACCOUNTS TO DATE

MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL - IN	NCOME 2020/2	21 - 17 Oct	2020		
Balance brought forward 1st April 2020					£26,748.68
					Total
Date Item	Precept	Grants	VAT	Interest	Receipts
17/04/20 Parish Precept Bank interest 2020/21	£12,000.00			£149.80	£12,000.00 £149.80
TOTALS	£12,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£149.80	£12,149.80
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY Bal brought forward 1st April 2019 Plus income	£26,748.68 £12,149.80	april May June	£22.36 £28.73 £31.15	Oct Nov Dec	£12,149.80 £13.56
Minus expenditure Balance	£5,505.90 £33,392.58	July Aug	£24.82 £14.75	Jan Feb	
BANK RECONCILIATION Club, charity, trust	£456.25	Sept	£14.43	Mar	
Bus instant access TOTAL ACCOUNTS	£32,936.33 £33,392.58			Total	£149.80
Balance	£33,392.58	V	AT owing 20)19/20 £	842.42

Date			Supplier	Description	Salary	Finance Admin	Expenses	Community/ Donations	Info publication	Maintn Contract	Maintn General	VAT	TOTALS
9/04/20	1		PGGM	Maint Contract April 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274.0
9/04/20	2		Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs				£50.00					£50.
0/04/20	3		Susan Turner	Salary April 2020	£342.00								£342.
3/05/20	4		HALC	HALC /NALC 2020/21		£276.07							£276.
9/05/20	5		PGGM	Maint Contract May 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274.
9/05/20	6		Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs - May 2020				£50.00					£50.
9/05/20	7		Susan Turner	Salary May 2020	£342.00								£342
0/05/20	8	BACs	Came & Co	PC Insurance 2020/21		£790.80							£790
0/05/20	9		CPRE	Membership 2020/21				£36.00					£36
3/06/20	10		PGGM	Maint Contract May 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274
3/06/20	11	SO	Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs June 2020				£50.00					£50
3/06/20	12		Susan Turner	Salary June 2020	£177.40								
3/06/20	13	BACs	HMRC	Tax-Apri-May-Jun-2020	£164.60								£342
3/07/20	10	SO	PGGM	Maint Contract July 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274
3/07/20	11		Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-July 2020				£50.00		2220.00		240.07	£50
3/07/20	12		Susan Turner	Salary July 2019	£342.00			200.00					£342
3/08/201	13	SO	PGGM	Maint Contract July 2020						£228.331		£45.67	£274
3/08/20	14		Susan Turner	Salary Aug 2019	£342.00					2220.00		240.07	£342
3/08/20	15		Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-Aug 2020	2042.00			£50.00					£50
2/09/20	16		WVPS - chg cleared	Donation 2020/21				£50.00					£50
7/09/20	17		RBL Poppy Appeal	Mattingley Wreath				£25.00					£25
0/09/20		_	ST:NaturalGardener	LifetimeWoodTreatment5gls				220.00			£61.93		£61
3/00/20			ST: Screwfix	HarrisTrade paint brushes x 2							£4.00	£0.80	£4
			ST: Screwfix	1 x roll hazard tape							£2.90	£0.59	£3
			ST: Screwfix	Danish Oil x 1 litre (x7)							£99.11	£19.72	£118
			ST:WoodFinishesDirect	Danish Oil x 5 litre (x2)							£89.98	£18.00	£107
3/09/20	19	SO	PGGM	Maint Contract Sept 2020						£228.33		£45.67	£274
3/09/20	20	so	Hart Foodbank	Ref SIDs-Sept2020				£50.00					£50
7/09/19	21	DD	ICO	Data protection register		£35.00							£35
7/10/20	22		Susan Turner	Salary Sept 2020	£177.40								
7/10/20		BACs	HMRC	Tax-July-Aug-Sept-2020	£164.60								£342