

# MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM

TUESDAY 05 MAY 2026, 7.30PM, VILLAGE HALL

Parish Councillors – Alan Tyler (Retiring chairman), David Raggett (elected new chairman 2026/27) Nicola Barnes, Mark Gifford, Dave Rudge; Clerk Susan Turner; Guests County Cllr Juliet Henderson, Newsletter Editor David Brown, Village Hall Chairman and StaNHD representative, Les Smith; Members of the Public... 3

## 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Chairman opened the AGM and welcomed all; no apologies received.

Parish Council Chairman Alan Tyler said he had enjoyed the last nine years as chairman; enjoyed working with all colleagues on the Parish Council. 'It is you all who have made this possible; thank you to all.'

## 2 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2026/27

i Chairman invited nominations for new chairman for coming year.

Proposal for David Raggett accepted, agreed unanimously.

Declaration of office made and signed, witnessed and signed by Clerk.

ii Presentation of 'thank you' bottle of wine from new to retiring chairman as token of Parish Council's appreciation.

3 **PUBLIC SESSION** No issues raised other than those on the Agenda.

4 **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 10 March, agreed and signed.

5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda, none.

## 6 REPORTS TO MEETING

### .1 Update from County Cllr Juliet Henderson

By way of recap, Juliet has 21 parishes in her division. She is Chairman of the HCC Children and Young People Select Committee and is County representative to the Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Council of Partners.

Hampshire County Council has a statutory duty to provide social care for adults and children which takes up 85% of their income. Children's services includes provision and school transport for those with Special Education Needs.

School attendance in Hampshire is now back to above the national average, however much more demand for Children's Services post Covid.

Focus now is on prevention and early intervention (different from the previous 'sure start'.) Creating social hubs, eg in community centres, for vulnerable families, those struggling to cope, and also open to new families; will be a variety of professionals available for eg medical, financial advice. These to be opened across the County.

Reference the Government White Paper, SEND children are often sent out of area.

Thinking now is to bring SEND provision within local schools, where teaching will be separate but children integrated at playtime, thus to enhance social skills. Consider positive moves and that County is on the front front in response to White Paper.

Back to roads... the Lane Rental scheme seeks to hold utilities to account for their roadworks. The scheme enables a charge per day, and will be fined if signage left.

Question – are HCC contractors required to supply a warranty on their work? Do they have to guarantee a patch stays in place, for eg five years? Juliet said for repairs intended to be permanent – using the 'jet patchers' (dragon patchers) – yes the contractors are liable for their work. Utilities particularly need to be held to account for their contractors. Recognised that 'temporary' patching capable only of being temporary.

Question – are there inspectors who follow up the works? Juliet said that it is part of the Lane Rental Scheme to look at how to increase quality of work.

Re the hospital, recap that the Hampshire Hospitals Trust has purchased land near Junction 7 seeking to at least keep an option for a new hospital here. The land continues to be farmed... but all so far down the lane now, who knows what provision will be required? Likely the original design will be nothing like what actually happens; very upsetting that so much work put into the new hospital come to nothing.

Re Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), don't believe this is going to save money. Yes, there should be a join up between planning, highways, and infrastructure provision. But worried that Health and Social Care will be fragmented between the unitaries.

Will be a matter for the Mayor of the devolved strategic authority – once elected in May 2028 – will be very influential role.

*Cllr Henderson left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council.*

*Written reports, see also Appendices*

**.2 County Councillor written reports** for April and May **APPENDIX I.**

**.3 Decision on Local Government Reorganisation** by Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, announced 25 March confirming a five-unitary solution including a North Hants Unitary comprising BDBC, Hart and Rushmoor. Elections to shadow unitary councils will be in May 2027 with 01 April 2028 being the vesting day. Letter to Council Leaders from Secretary of State at **APPENDIX II.**

**.4 Devolution – Hampshire & the Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA)** [www.hants.gov.uk/News/](http://www.hants.gov.uk/News/) **APPENDIX III.**

On 16 March 2026 a statutory instrument (SI) was presented to Parliament [ie laid in Parliament but not yet approved – this is the start of the parliamentary process]. The legislation will legally set up the HSCCA and define its initial responsibilities and how decisions will be made. An Interim Chief Executive has been appointed, with temporary staff to fill key roles including Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer... The HSCCA is expected to be legally established this summer 2026, with the first Mayor elected in May 2028.

## 7 REVIEW OF LEAD ROLES

- Alan Tyler – Planning and STaNHd liaison
- Nic Barnes – Governance, parish communication and public relations
- Mark Gifford – Planning, defibrillator, welcome pack, contact for *Hill & Dale*
- David Raggett (chairman) – Finance, Village Hall committee liaison
- Dave Rudge – Speed Indicator Device; village upkeep
- All – Natural environment
- Clerk – Liaison with Parish Lengthsman, Tree Warden, 3CG.

NOTED The Parish Council has a legal duty to conserve and enhance biodiversity as per the Environment Act 2021 which amended the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 – adding the requirement to 'enhance'. Parish councils must consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity when carrying out their functions and as far as possible within their remit **APPENDIX IV.**

AGREED for Parish Council to liaise with 3CG (Cliddesden Community Conservation Group).

Non-Parish Council roles

- Nic Barnes – Trustee (PC representative) Farleigh Educational Trust.
- David Brown – *Newsletter* editor
- Alec Conboy – *Newsletter* distribution
- Alison Mosson Tree Warden

Question raised re a representative to the Cliddesden School? Noted that the school isn't looking for a relationship with the Parish Council; rather for non-parent school governors which is a considerable commitment.

TO RECORD thanks to Hazel Metz for her role as lead *Newsletter* co-ordinate and distributor for almost a decade, and ending with the May 2026 edition.

Thanks also to Alex Conboy for taking over the role.

TO RECORD thanks to David Brown for his now ongoing role as *Newsletter* editor. '

- 8 ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (AGAR) FORMS 2025/26 APPENDIX V.**
- .1 Payments since last meeting to year end** (incl VAT where applicable)
- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 52 Lloyds – Service charge (Mar)      | £4.25  |
| 53A CivicP-84027762 – CVN-Feb & March | £103.50                                      |
| 53B CivicP-84027762 – CVN-Feb & March | £103.50 (duplicate - error - to be refunded) |
| 54 CivicP-84028336 – CVN-April 2026   | £51.75                                       |
| 55 Clerk – Salary MARCH 2026          | £485.33                                      |

**.2 To confirm appointment of internal auditor**

AGREED Peter Brown to continue as internal auditor for audit year 2025/26

**.3 Year End Accounts with Audit sheets** (*circulated*)

Bank reconciliation at Year End 31 March 2026 = £49,348.19.

AGREED by all, signed by Chairman and Clerk.

**.4 AGAR (S1) – Annual Governance Statements**

AGREED by all, signed by Chairman and Clerk.

**.5 AGAR (S2) – Accounting Statements**

AGREED by all, signed by Chairman and Clerk

**.6 BDO LLP (external auditor) form to confirm no conflict of interest.**

CONFIRMED by all, no conflict of interest with BDO LLP, signed by Chairman and Clerk.

**9 FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE 2026/27**

**.1 Accounts to date APPENDIX VI.** Bank reconciliation at 05 MAY = £52,156.46

Payments this year to date...

1 HALC (8081) – HALC/NALC subs	£321.00
2 Lloyds – Service charge	£4.25
3 HCC – Farleigh Rd roundels	£1,458.26
4 Clerk – Salary APRIL 2026	£485.33

Income of note – Precept six months @ £4,997.00.

**.2 Budget update – APPENDIX VII.** No changes to budget as approved Year End.

**.3 Insurance renewal from 01 June** Zurich renewal documents circulated, premium £264 (as current year). Noting that Zurich on-line policies are based on level of Precept which, where eligible, makes for straightforward and competitive premium. Particularly as Cliddesden has a low Precept (currently under £10K).

AGREED to renew with Zurich for 2026/27 (Action clerk).

**.4 Parish Council Governance – policy review**

- Current Parish Council governance documents and policies online updated for 2026.
- New IT policy – as draft circulated – at **APPENDIX VIII.** For ongoing review.

**10 NEWSLETTER – update**

- i Format – Agreed to change to A5, thus likely 24pp will be standard.
- ii Print run – Agreed to paper copy delivery for all the Parish – initial print run 235.
- iii Colour – Agreed full colour throughout.
- iv Estimated cost for above c£1,200 per annum. Budget allocates £2K to cover additional printing needs if required.

AGREED unanimously as i-iv above.

- v Delivery – Alex Conboy to take over from Hazel Metz as lead distributor, co-ordinator. To record thanks to both as per item 7 above.

- vi Parish Council pages Suggestion from editor to include standard text as to Parish Council role. (Action NB to make initial draft.)

- vii Email delivery of pdf copies to continue; noting email list is incomplete. To also include standard Parish Council page request for email addresses.

**11 PARISH ASSEMBLY**

*Friday 08 May 7pm for 7.30 start.*

- .1 Prep / Set-up** – 6.30pm for doors open 7pm, 7.30pm start – to confirm re availability of projector and screen. Teas and coffees available, plus cash bar.
- .2 Upper Swallick** report to the Assembly will be delivered by StaNHD.

*Recap to the AGM from Les Smith on behalf of StaNHD.*

Re planning application for Upper Swallick submitted by Farleigh North Farms:

26/00802/OUT (Validated 20 April) Land At Upper Swallick. Outline Planning Application for [major] development... All matters reserved, save for the formation of new accesses from the A339 and Woods Lane, and the alteration of accesses from Northgate Lane and Farleigh Road.

- Upper Swallick information flyers (from Parish Council and StaNHD) delivered to everyone in Cliddesden; also emailed to surrounding Parishes.
- Powerpoint presentation, but cues only on screen.
- Important for people to understand how and why we got to where we are.
  - Background of Local Plan process, revised NPPFs (National Planning Policy Frameworks) with requirement for increased housing numbers.
  - Emerging Local Plan still a work in progress and officially on hold.
  - To keep focus on Adopted Local Plan and current (Dec 2024) NPPF. Appreciate likely to be considered under the new NPPF but to come to that as it happens. (IF adopted as Dec 2025 draft will included requirement to consider infrastructure.)
- StaNHD will focus on areas of maximum impact, potential show-stoppers. Access and transport are major issues, as is water infrastructure and off-site flood risk. Won't for example cover ecology although a local concern – as no key nationally protected habitat – will be dealt with via 'mitigation'/ offset, off-site payments .
- For members of the public to consider all planning-related issues of local concern. The breakdown of topics included in the recent Local Plan Reg 18 consultation responses to be shown in pie chart (Powerpoint slide).
- To push back against the applicant's Planning Statement which considers all in terms of benefits, looks away from the harm.
- Nothing has changed physically in relation to this site since officers rejected it for inclusion in the previous Spatial Strategy according to their Integrated Impact Assessment. Known issues with water supply are known to be worse. What has changed is the political backdrop and Government imposed housing numbers.
- So how is it that planning officers can suddenly recommend? They have merely presented their assessment in a more favourable light and referenced unspecified mitigation. The inclusion of Upper Swallick in the latest Reg 18 Spatial Strategy was nothing about good planning and all about numbers.
- StaNHD commissioned expert reports on Water, including drainage and flood risk, and Transport – as it did for the Reg 18 consultation. Likely there will be holding objections from consultees requiring more information.
- Looking to provide evidence to BDBC on issues where this proposal does not stand up to scrutiny. To evidence where there is not a reasonable prospect the required infrastructure is achievable.
- Numbers of public objections, evidence of level of public opposition, validates the approach taken by StaNHD and Parish Council, and helps inform the wider debate.
- With reference to the question 'is this now headlined to be a Garden Village'? The application itself gives mixed messages, it does not comply with the requirements of a Garden Village; is effectively a proposal for an urban extension to Basingstoke.

*On behalf of all at the meeting the Chairman thanked Les and StaNHD for the update.*

The Chairman has written to Alex Brewer MP. StaNHD is to arrange a meeting – to discuss in relation to her headline campaign for chalk streams and improving the water environment; also re seeking contact with the Secretary of State for DEFRA. Noting DEFRA has recently launched new food security advice...

Defra's latest Land-use Framework (published 18 March 2026) prioritises food security as national security, introducing enhanced protections for Best and Most Versatile (BMV) farmland – thus creating a strong presumption against non-agricultural development on BMV farmland.

## 12 RIGHTS OF RIVERS

AGREED – The Parish Council hereby adopts its own 'Rights of Rivers' declaration in line with and in support of that agreed and adopted by BDBC and initiated by Ward Cllr Kate Tuck, see **APPENDIX IX**. Agreed the Parish's strong support in principle. Also considering the importance of the Cliddesden location on the 'Basingstoke Chalk' aquifer.

## 13 PLANNING

### .1 Parish planning and tree applications – Planning update **APPENDIX X**.

1A New applications for discussion 26/00.

**26/00838/HSE** (Validated 20 April) 3A Hackwood Lane [Corrected address Kites View, 3C Hackwood Lane.] Detached garage. Parish Council, no objection.

**26/00802/OUT** (Validated 20 April) Land At Upper Swallick, Alton Road. Outline Planning Application for development comprising residential dwellings (Use Class C3), elderly living units (Use Class C2), serviced Gypsy and Traveller pitches (sui generis), a village centre and neighbourhood hubs comprising a mix of commercial and business uses (Use Class E), community uses (Use Class F2(B)), the expansion of Cliddesden Primary School and provision of a new primary school (Use Class F1), and associated infrastructure including the formation of sustainable urban drainage systems, public open space, allotments and sports pitches with facilities.

All matters reserved, save for the formation of new accesses from the A339 and Woods Lane, and the alteration of accesses from Northgate Lane and Farleigh Road.

#### Actions to date

- i Letters /flyers from PC and StaNHD agreed, printed, and delivered to all in Parish. To record thanks to all involved. Parish Council flyer at **APPENDIX XI**.
- ii FOI request submitted to BDBC re Planning Performance Agreement.
- iii Ref StaNHD update at 11.2 above, StaNHD has commissioned additional Transport and Water reports specifically in response to the application documents. A planning policy response also commission by StaNHD and the Parish Council.

AGREED: Reports and response documents as at iii above to be submitted from the Parish Council as the statutory consultee.

**T/00166/26/TCA** (Validated 10 April) Wheat Glade, House Woods . T1 - Sycamore - Reduce overhang to near boundary. T2 - Horse Chestnut - Reduce lateral branches by 1m. Tree Warden and Parish Council, no objection.

**26/00710/HSE** and **26/00711/LBC** (Validated 02 April) Old School House, Farleigh Road. Erection of two-storey rear and single storey side extension, with habitable space within roof. Parish Council, on further consideration, no objection.

**26/00632/HSE 3A** (Validated 25 Mar) Greenlands Nursery Hackwood. Detached Garage. Parish Council, no objection.

**26/00552/PIP** (Validated 18 Mar) Land South Of Newland Lodge, Woods Lane. Permission in Principle for erection of maximum 4 no. detached single dwellings and associated access. Parish Council objection on basis of cumulative harm.

### .2 Parish planning appeals – Noted

**6007440** (26/00022/REF) (APPEAL LODGED) reference 25/01476/OUT Refused BDBC 28 October, Validated 13 June) Land West Of Millars, Station Rd. Outline application with some matters reserved (appearance and landscaping) for the erection of 4 no. dwellings

**6001439** (25/00070/REF) (APPEAL ALLOWED 01 April 2026) Land South Of Woods Lane. PIP for the erection of up to four dwellings and associated access.

### .3 Local Plan Update – Reg 19 officially on hold as per Council Leader announcement at Full Council of 19 March and subsequent email from Planning Policy Manager **APPENDIX XII**. Re Reg 18 responses to Water Cycle Study from SE Water, Environment Agency and Natural England.

NOTED – Responses to Reg 18 consultation published on the BDBC website on 23 March.

- .4 Local listing** – A Cliddesden School parent has taken initiative to apply for Local Listing for the school. Question raised as to if this could be appropriate for other buildings in the Parish? Noted that a similar exercise was undertaken for the Neighbourhood Plan and no building identified not already listed or considered positive buildings in the Conservation Area.

## 14 VILLAGE UPKEEP AND HIGHWAYS

### .1 Bus shelter

- i Legal advice sought re means to protect the bus shelter, re structural damage from encroaching tree. See **APPENDIX XIII** also minutes from March Parish Council meeting.
- Response from Hampshire Legal Services that the bus shelter has a legal right to be where it is, that the public have a right to use as a Highways asset, and that the Parish Council has a right to maintain as required.
  - Hants Legal cautious about advising re the tree at initial enquiry stage. Potential to be complicated in legal terms re nuisance issue, insurance risk.
- ii Unlikely the bus will be considered as curtilage listed with the rest of the wall as it is an addition built in the 50s. Usually would need to be in place before July 1948 to be so considered. However to seek the view of BDBC Conservation (ST).
- iii The bus shelter is cited in the Cliddesden Neighbourhood Plan Policy LW1 – Current Valued Community Facilities.
- iv Evident from the structural engineer's report that the bus shelter and tree can't successfully co-exist.

AGREED – To write to owners explaining the situation as the Parish Council now understands it (ST). No work in any case can be undertaken on the tree until the end of the year. To also discuss with Tree Warden and BDBC tree officer (ST).

- .2 Farleigh Road roundels** 'refresh' complete. All 30mph roundels on Farleigh Road from Southlea to Otters Nursery, have been 'repainted' by HCC Highways contractor via the 'Community funded initiative' paid for via CIL funding, and as agreed at the January Parish Council meeting. To record thanks to Dave Rudge for initiating.

- .3 Direction sign post at the pond** To record thanks to Dave Rudge for repairing and reinstating the two remaining finger boards.

- .4 Parish Lengthsman tasks** – Pond area mowed / strimmed 04 May, further visit scheduled end May, early June. Further visit to include cutting back vegetation from road signs, and cleaning road signs throughout the Village.

## 15 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS

### .1 Village Hall update

- i This year the original oil boiler has been replaced and a new water softener installed. On Monday 03 August, the Hall will be closed for a week to enable refurbishing the entrance foyer – with thanks to the Parish Council for 50% contribution from CIL funding.
- ii There will also be new garden table and chairs ready for the BBQ and play second week of June. Plus a new shed behind the Annex building to store them in.
- iii Trustees are looking for a suitably skilled person to help with the Hall's promotion and social media presence, ideally for a few hours a month.

- .2 Hoopers Mead street light** – Reported fixed on 13 March.

## 16 NEXT MEETINGS

- .1 Parish Assembly (Annual Village Meeting)** – Friday 08 May 7pm for 7.30 start.

### .2 Parish Council meetings

First Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm in the Village Hall meeting room  
07 July, 01 September, 03 November.

*Meeting close 9.15pm with thanks to all*

**APPENDIX I.I** COUNTY COUNCIL WRITTEN REPORT MAY

*Juliet Henderson Candovers Oakley and Overton*

*Dear All, So, here it is, my final County Councillor Update of this term of office. Whether they continue next month is now up for my amazing residents to decide!*

*It's been a privilege and honour to serve our communities over the last 5 years. Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time to share this information through our parish magazines and to the friendship, collaboration and occasional challenge of all of you on our parish councils. It's been brilliant to work with you all. I very much hope to continue doing so once the results of the election are known early on Friday morning.*

**M27 works** – There's some good news on the M27 works. National Highways now expect the motorway to return to the national speed limit by late June 2026.

There are still a few final stages to complete, including reinstalling permanent signage. For safety, this requires overnight closures (9pm–6am) on parts of the motorway:

30 April: J5 westbound entry slip & J7 eastbound entry slip

2–3 May: J7 westbound to J5

16–17 May: J4 eastbound to J5

30–31 May: J5 westbound to J4

Clearly signed diversion routes will be in place, but there will be some knock-on impact on local roads overnight. Important to note – Even once the main works are complete, a 50mph limit and lane closure will remain around J8. This is due to separate bridge maintenance, currently planned for 2027.

**Reporting Highway Problems** (See April report)

**Let's be clear – Hampshire County Council is not "bankrupt".**

We've set a balanced budget, we've issued no Section 114 notice, and we continue to manage our finances responsibly.

But there is a serious challenge – and it's one being felt right across the country. Demand for services is rising sharply and the cost we must pay is only limited by the number of people who are eligible and ask for our help. Imagine social care being like A&E, the NHS must treat everyone who arrives seeking help, just as we have to help everyone who qualifies for our help and asks for it:

Adult social care costs continue to grow – SEND transport costs have nearly doubled in recent years. At the same time, Hampshire receives far less Government funding per head than virtually any other area. This mismatch is the real issue.

But what sets Hampshire apart is how we are responding – We project our finances two years ahead, so we know the scale of the challenge and we can prepare appropriately to face it. We share that information with all councillors and also with the public. No matter how uncomfortable that might sometimes be. No hidden financial challenges, no in year emergency savings, no surprises.

And in addressing the challenge, we have:

Built in £94 million of planned savings

Delivered £40 million of efficiencies in-year during 2025/26

Put in place further savings plans for the years ahead

That level of delivery is far in excess of anything being achieved by Reform-led councils, and reflects the scale of the work already underway here in Hampshire.

We also maintain exceptionally low and well-managed borrowing (£154 million, down by £9 million in the last year), using it responsibly to invest in infrastructure and services that reduce long-term day-to-day costs – not to fund short-term spending.

Alongside this, our continued focus on

- Improving services
- Working more closely with the NHS
- Using technology and new ways of working

is expected to deliver further savings over the next two years.

We plan ahead over multiple years. We monitor our finances closely throughout the year. And we've been honest with residents and all councillors about the scale of the challenge – even when that's uncomfortable.

That's not failure – that's responsible leadership. The easy line is to shout 'bankrupt'. The honest answer is more complex – but it's also far more accurate.

**Support to help rural businesses tackle crime**

Rural businesses across Hampshire are being encouraged to sign up to a new free app designed to help tackle rural crime.

The EyesOn app, funded by Donna Jones, Police and Crime Commissioner and supported by Hampshire Police, provides a direct and secure way for rural businesses, landowners and workers to share information with each other and with local policing teams.

## **APPENDIX I.I** COUNTY COUNCIL WRITTEN REPORT MAY.. *continued*

It replaces the previous DISC system and has been developed using feedback from those already working in our rural communities.

The app allows users to:

- Report incidents quickly in a police-ready format
- Share information securely with local groups and officers
- Use precise location tools such as what3words for rural areas
- Help police identify patterns and target organised criminal activity

This is a practical step forward in strengthening communication between rural communities and the police, helping ensure that officers can respond more effectively to the challenges faced in more isolated areas. If you are involved in a rural business or work in the countryside, I would encourage you to download the app and consider joining the local network.

As always, please remember that emergencies or crimes in progress should still be reported via 999.

### **Hampshire's first 'Best Start' Family Hub**

As Chairman of the children and Young People Select Committee, I am delighted to see launch of Hampshire's first Best Start Family Hub in Leigh Park – an important step forward in how we support families across the county.

This is about making life simpler for parents and carers. Instead of having to navigate lots of different services, these hubs bring support together in one place – from pregnancy and early years through to starting school. That includes things like parenting advice, health visiting, early learning support and help for families with additional needs.

What's particularly important is the focus on early help. By identifying needs sooner and supporting families earlier, we can improve outcomes for children and reduce the need for more intensive interventions later on.

This is just the start. Around 30 hubs are planned across Hampshire by 2029, with more opening over the next year – including in places like Gosport, Alton and Andover. It's a practical, joined-up approach that reflects something simple but important: giving children the best start in life doesn't happen in silos – it happens when services work together, locally, around families.

### **The Government's Special Educational needs and Disability (SEND) reforms**

Hampshire already started two years ago.

Hampshire County Council, is responsible for around 500 schools and our 40 libraries. Over 90% of our schools are rated outstanding or good. One of the key areas of focus is Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Getting the right school place for a child with SEND can be incredibly difficult because of national legislation and the lack of sufficient funding from central Government.

I hear from parents who've waited months and sometimes felt let down by 'the system'. That's why Hampshire has approved plans for 1,000 additional specialist SEND places between 2025 and 2030.

Since 2018, we've already created more than 750 new places, with another 350 in progress. Hampshire is ahead of much of the rest of the country.

For over two years, we've been rolling out our Transforming SEND programme across Hampshire - building better, more consistent SEND provision into everyday mainstream schooling, as well as creating specialist new schools. Our aim is to ensure that more children and their families get the right support, without having to fight 'the system' for it. That work is already making a difference for families across the county.

Where appropriate, the strongest outcomes are often achieved in mainstream schools with specialist provision and Resourced Provision - combining targeted support with inclusive settings so children can stay local, learn alongside their peers, and avoid long daily journeys.

**Government's new Schools White Paper** - Every Child Achieving and Thriving - published last month, is a significant shift in SEND policy. It acknowledges what Hampshire families have been telling us for years: too many children have been let down by a government system that forces parents to battle rather than be supported.

The reforms promise earlier intervention, even more specialist resource in mainstream schools, and £3.7 billion in new investment nationally.

Hampshire is already moving in that direction. But the new framework won't fully take effect until 2029 at the earliest. The places - and two new specialist schools - that Hampshire is already building, and the mainstream provision we're transforming right now, are what families actually need today.

**APPENDIX I.II** COUNTY COUNCIL WRITTEN REPORT APRIL

*Juliet Henderson Candovers Oakley and Overton*

**Highways reporting**

Dear All, Fairer weather is thankfully with us so you will see many road repairs!

Please continue to use online reporting via the HCC website or OurHants App.

Reporting Highway Links to report road issues are here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/treehedge>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/flooding>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/paving>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/brokensigns>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/streetlight>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/road-markings>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.

**Hampshire and the Solent Combined Authority confirmed**

The legislation to create the New Hampshire & Solent Combined County Authority has now been laid before Parliament — unlocking £1.3 billion of investment and giving us the powers we need to shape our own future.

This is a huge step forward. For the first time, decisions on things like transport, skills, housing, regeneration, the environment and public safety will be made here, by local leaders who understand our communities — not in Westminster.

From this summer, the new Authority will begin taking on its responsibilities, with a Mayor elected in 2028. In the meantime, councils across Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton are working together to get everything ready so we can hit the ground running.

For Hampshire, this is about unlocking our full potential:

- Better transport links
- More opportunities for skills and good jobs
- The right homes in the right places
- Stronger support for our environment and local economy
- A real chance to deliver long-term improvements for residents

We need to make sure this investment delivers real, tangible benefits for the people and communities I represent.

If you'd like to read more, the new HSCCA website is now live: [hantsandsolent-ca.gov.uk](https://hantsandsolent-ca.gov.uk)

**Local Government Reorganisation Proposals**

The Government has now made its decision on Local Government reorganisation for Hampshire. Our job as a County Council is to work together to deliver whatever changes are required safely, effectively, and with as little risk as possible for the people we serve.

My own take on this is that this is a top-down political decision and many communities across Hampshire are understandably worried. I will continue listen to my residents and make sure their voices are heard. Many Residents have already described it as illogical, unwanted, hugely disruptive, and a carve-up that ignores local identity. People are rightly concerned about:

- Losing their local identity
- Disruption to schools, social care, highways and planning
- Higher council tax under a different authority
- Weaker representation for rural and semi-rural communities
- A rushed process driven by administrative convenience, not community need

I remain unconvinced that this proposal is in the interests of our residents or our county.

**APPENDIX I.II** COUNTY COUNCIL WRITTEN REPORT APRIL continued...

The risks are huge, the benefits unproven, and there is significant public opposition. So, while we will work constructively to deliver the Government's overall decision, Hampshire's communities deserve stability, continuity, and a real say in their future — not a reorganisation that tears them away from the places they call home.

**Hampshire's Debt: What It Is, What It Isn't, and Why It Matters**

You will hear a lot of talk about 'Council's Debt' in Hampshire. It's likely to be a theme as we run up to the election. So here's the simple picture for Hampshire County Council.

**Debt vs Deficit — they're not the same**

- Debt is long-term borrowing for things like school buildings, roads and care facilities.
- Deficit is when the annual cost of running services is higher than the annual funding we receive.

Hampshire's financial pressures come from increasing demand and funding issues, not from debt.

**Hampshire's debt is low — and falling**

Our external debt is now £153 million, down from £162 million last year. To put that in context: Hampshire's gross budget is £3.3 billion, so our debt is only around 4.6% of total spending. Many councils carry hundreds of millions or even billions in borrowing. By private-sector standards, Hampshire's borrowing is extremely conservative. This is disciplined, responsible financial management.

**What we actually borrow for**

Hampshire only borrows for long-term capital projects, not day-to-day services. That includes:

- New SEND units and specialist school places
- Modern social care facilities
- Highways and transport improvements, for example the Stubbington bypass.

These are assets that last for decades and benefit residents across the county.

**How this investment saves money**

Capital investment is one of the few ways we can reduce long-term running costs:

- SEND units in mainstream schools mean fewer expensive out-of-county placements and lower transport costs.
- Modern care facilities reduce reliance on high-cost private placements and cut energy and maintenance bills.
- Better infrastructure prevents costly emergency repairs later.
- Borrowing for the right projects helps protect the revenue budget year after year.
- Hampshire is managing its finances responsibly and investing wisely to protect services for the future.

**Let's Talk About Pensions and Council Tax – With Actual Facts**

You may have seen claims circulating from some opposition parties suggesting that half of Hampshire County Council's Council Tax income is swallowed up by staff pensions. That figure isn't just wrong – it's completely made up.

Here are the real numbers for 2026/27:

- Total employer pension contributions (excluding schools): £63.4 million
- What proportion of our Council Tax income is that? Just 3.4%
- What proportion of the Council's overall budget? Also 3.4%
- To put it plainly:
- For every £1 of Council Tax, around 3p goes toward staff pensions – not 50p.

Hampshire has one of the most efficient, well-managed pension schemes in the country, and we budget responsibly to protect frontline services. So when you see dramatic claims designed to stir up outrage, it's worth checking the facts.

If anyone tells you pensions are eating half the Council Tax bill, feel free to share this post. The numbers speak for themselves.

**APPENDIX II DECISION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION**

Leaders in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton

By email

Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP. Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government  
2 Marsham Street, London, SW1P 4DF

25 March 2026

Dear Leaders,

Thank you for your continued efforts to deliver new unitary councils in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton. This Government is undertaking the biggest reform of local government in a generation, ending the current two-tier system and replacing it with new single-tier unitary councils. This agenda is key to this government's vision of local councils that deliver good services for residents and are equipped to drive economic growth, while empowering their communities.

As a government, our number one ambition is growing the economy and putting more money in the pockets of working people. Driving economic growth means acknowledging that cities, towns, and villages don't all perform the same roles in the national economy – they specialise in what they're best at. Public service demand also isn't the same across the country. Some areas have high levels of homelessness and temporary accommodation, others have high need for adult social care due to an older population. Local leaders, both in councils and mayoralities, need to be able to focus on the specific needs of their area.

Reorganisation presents a once-in-a-generation chance to make sure our councils match the modern realities of our places, making sure outdated boundaries are not constraining growth, particularly in our towns and cities. In too many places, council boundaries are misaligned with the needs of their local communities and how those communities live their lives.

This is particularly important for key government priorities on housebuilding, like our target of building 1.5 million homes in England this Parliament. The housing needs of local communities are best met by councils who are closely connected to their communities and understand a place's local identity. This connection is crucial in ensuring that local government can boost economic growth and design public services that respond to local residents.

Reorganisation must also respect local identity, and the distinctive nature of the rural, urban and coastal communities across our country. We want to see councils that are connected to their local residents and communities; councils that mean something to the people they serve.

**Decisions**

I have considered your proposals carefully against the criteria set out in the invitation letter of 5 February 2025, alongside the responses to the consultation, representations made and all other relevant information.

**Following this assessment, I have decided to move forward with implementation of the five unitary authority proposal (option 1A)** brought forward by Eastleigh Borough Council, Fareham Borough Council, Hart District Council, Havant Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council, Rushmoor Borough Council and Southampton City Council. This would retain the Isle of Wight Council and create the following four new councils, referred to in the proposals as:

- **North Hampshire Council (current local government areas of Basingstoke and Deane, Hart and Rushmoor)**
- **Mid Hampshire Council (current local government areas of East Hampshire, New Forest, Test Valley and Winchester, less 11 parishes from all 4 areas)**
- **South East Hampshire Council (current local government areas from East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth, 3 parishes from East Hampshire and 1 parish from Winchester)**
- **South West Hampshire Council (current local government areas of Eastleigh, 4 parishes from New Forest, Southampton and 3 parishes from Test Valley)**

In implementing this proposal, I am exercising my power to modify the base proposal received from the existing councils named above, in order to make the boundary change requested.

I appreciate that this decision will be disappointing for some of you. I would like to thank you for your efforts to date to prioritise the best outcome for your residents, and to thank you in advance for maintaining that perspective and seeking to deliver the new unitary councils that will help to grow the local economy and provide better public services for your people. Your ongoing collaboration will be vital to ensure that the proposal is implemented with the interests of residents at its heart.

Turning to the reasons for my decision, in my judgement, although each of the other proposals met the criteria for unitary local government, the five unitary proposal (option 1A) that I have chosen best met the criteria overall.

**APPENDIX II cont...** DECISION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

While all proposals met the criteria, I have decided to implement this proposal because I considered it best met the financial sustainability criterion. I also judged that the proposal grouped urban and rural areas in a way that better reflects the local identities, communities, and places across the area, whilst also setting up new councils that would be more effective in supporting the growth of two of the key urban centres in the region: Portsmouth and Southampton.

In more detail, I believe this proposal provides a coherent balance across the region between the distinct urban, rural, and coastal communities and identities. I judged that the boundary changes, which seek to expand the local authorities covering Portsmouth and Southampton, were sensible. I judged that these new councils would create a sensible and credible

geographic footprint for planning housing and infrastructure to support housing supply and meet local needs, and in turn support economic growth in these cities. This is of importance to the region given Southampton's role as a key economic centre and Portsmouth's high population density, which together reinforce the need for councils with the right geographies to plan for local housing needs, infrastructure, and growth effectively.

These changes will also facilitate a coherent geography for delivering public services, ensuring that vital functions - including social care, education, waste, and public health - operate within logical, place-based footprints.

In reaching this view, I took account of responses received in the consultation, including those from the Solent Growth Partnership and Southampton Voluntary Services, that expressed support for the five unitary proposal as the best means to promote inclusive growth, efficient and effective public services, and enhanced regional collaboration.

I considered the expected costs and benefits, including transition costs, and the ability of each new council to be financially resilient. As set out above, I am satisfied that the five unitary proposal (option 1A) can be delivered on a sustainable financial basis. The 500,000 population figure has always been a guiding principle, not a fixed threshold. Where any new council is below that level, and recognising the Isle of Wight will remain on its current footprint, I am satisfied that it is appropriate on the basis that it produces a more coherent and effective outcome for Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.

Simplifying local government ensures a strong foundation for devolution. I judge that the five unitary (option 1A) proposal provides a balanced and robust foundation for Mayoral Strategic Authority arrangements, positioning the councils centred on Southampton and Portsmouth as two key drivers that will help the Authority to deliver sustained regional economic growth. We are committed to working with partners across Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton, including new unitary authorities once established, to further support the Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority.

**Next steps**

In relation to next steps, as you are aware a Structural Changes Order, which will be subject to Parliamentary approval, is required to abolish existing councils, establish new structures and make transitional arrangements. I have carefully considered the information in the proposals as well as the further representations you have made on the content of this Order.

My officials will shortly write to your Chief Executives setting out the next steps and timeline for implementation, including my initial decisions on transitional arrangements that will be included in the draft legislation and to request further input, including on warding arrangements. This will enable you to take forward the work needed to begin preparation for elections and implementation, in advance of Parliamentary approval of the Order. For clarity, the elections that will take place for new authorities in 2027 will replace any existing local elections planned.

I am pleased to be able to confirm how the £63m in transition funding announced in February will be allocated. We will provide at least £900,000 per each new unitary authority that is being implemented to help establish effective services and governance arrangements, ensuring funding is provided fairly, consistently, and as quickly as possible. This means that

the Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton invitation area will receive £3.6m for four new unitary councils. This approach reflects the differing levels of complexity involved across areas and allows for a small central reserve to be used later for targeted support if needed. Funding will be issued through established grant mechanisms and we will be in touch to confirm next steps.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with you to deliver the vital improvements that reorganisation can facilitate.

I am copying this letter to your Chief Executives, MPs and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police and Crime Commissioner.

Yours sincerely, RT HON STEVE REED OBE MP

Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

**APPENDIX III: PRESS RELEASE** [www.hants.gov.uk/News/](http://www.hants.gov.uk/News/)**HAMPSHIRE & THE SOLENT COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY (HSCCA)**

**On 16 March 2026 a statutory instrument (SI) was presented to Parliament, which will legally set up the HSCCA** and define its initial responsibilities and how decisions will be made. An Interim Chief Executive, Dr Ruth Adams, has been appointed, with temporary staff to fill key roles including Chief Financial Officer and Monitoring Officer to ensure legal operations. The recruitment of permanent staff has started.

This legislation will transfer significant powers from central Government to the HSCCA, giving it controls over major local matters including transport, housing, regeneration, public safety, adult skills training, health and wellbeing and the environment. Local councils will still be responsible for day-to-day service decisions in their communities.

Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council are now working together to finalise the operational framework for the HSCCA, including drafting its constitution. The HSCCA is expected to be legally established in summer 2026, with the first Mayor elected for a four-year term in May 2028.

The new HSCCA website is now live at [hantsandsolent-ca.gov.uk](http://hantsandsolent-ca.gov.uk)

**From early summer 2026** (exact date to be confirmed), the HSCCA will have new devolved powers. This means it will be able to direct investment and deliver improvements across the region. Its main areas of responsibility will include:

- Transport: Responsibility for developing and implementing integrated transport strategies that improve connectivity across the region.
- Skills and Employment Support: Authority over adult skills funding, driving upskilling opportunities, and supporting pathways into high-quality employment.
- Housing and Strategic Planning: The power to prioritise and deliver new housing developments and support the provision of affordable homes.
- Economic Regeneration and Development: The ability to attract and retain national and international investment ensuring the region capitalises on its economic strengths.
- Environment and Climate Change: Implement initiatives for the region to reduce carbon emissions, promote sustainability, and protect natural habitats.
- Health and Wellbeing: Work closely with local partners to reduce health inequalities and support healthier communities.
- Public Safety: Working with Police and Crime Commissioner and the Fire and Rescue Authority, enhance safety by supporting collaborative approaches to emergency planning, community resilience, and crime prevention.

With these devolved powers, the HSCCA will be able to lead locally driven projects, create new opportunities for economic development, and enhance infrastructure. Leaders from Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and Southampton councils will work together, alongside other board members on priorities that reflect the needs of local communities.

**The Hampshire and the Solent region has secured a major investment fund of £1.3 billion.**

This funding will support the new Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority (HSCCA), which will focus on boosting economic growth, encouraging innovation among local businesses, and creating more opportunities for communities when the Authority is created later this year.

To support the establishment of the HSCCA it will receive 40% of its investment fund each year, together with additional funding to support the HSCCA's internal capability, for the financial years 2026/27 and 2027/28. This approach will support the organisation to set up and take on its new responsibilities. The full investment fund will then be released when a Mayor is elected in 2028.

**APPENDIX IV:****PARISH COUNCIL DUTY TO CONSERVE AND ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY (ENGLAND)**

THE BELOW TAKEN FROM AN AI SUMMARY

**The legal duty**

The duty comes from the Environment Act 2021, which amended the Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006.

FROM January 2024, parish councils must:

Consider what they can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity when carrying out their functions.

For a parish council, this could include:

- Managing council-owned land for wildlife.
- Creating or improving wildflower meadows.
- Planting native trees and hedgerows.
- Installing bird, bat, or insect boxes.
- Reducing pesticide use.
- Managing roadside verges for pollinators.
- Supporting habitat connectivity between green spaces.
- Considering biodiversity impacts when commenting on planning applications.
- Incorporating biodiversity objectives into council policies and decisions.

**Reporting requirements**

Parish councils should be able to demonstrate how they are complying with the duty.

Many councils now:

- Adopt a biodiversity policy.
- Include biodiversity objectives in council plans.
- Publish an annual biodiversity report or statement.
- Record actions taken and outcomes achieved.

The legislation does not prescribe a specific reporting format for parish councils, but keeping a clear record of decisions and actions is considered good practice.

**APPENDIX V.I YEAR END 2025/26 ACCOUNTS**

CLIDDESSEN PC – INCOME 2025/26 - 31 MARCH									
Balance brought forward 1st April 2025								£45,017.88	
Date	Item	Precept	Grants	S106	CIL	Interest	VAT	Total	
14/04/2025	CIL				£5,127.43			£5,127.43	
28/04/2025	Parish Precept (six months)	£4,759.00						£4,759.00	
29/09/2025	Parish Precept (six months)	£4,759.00						£4,759.00	
27/10/2025	CIL				£10,254.86			£10,254.86	
	Vat reclaim 2024/25						£22.95		
	Vat reclaim 2025/26 - to 31 Dec						£985.28	£1,008.23	
	Bank interest					£1,450.58		£1,450.58	
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£9,518.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£15,382.29</b>	<b>£1,450.58</b>	<b>£1,008.23</b>	<b>£27,359.10</b>	
								£27,359.10	
<b>RECEIPTS &amp; PAYMENTS SUMMARY</b>									
								April	£12.04
								May	£13.33
								June	£14.96
								Jul	£12.39
								Aug	£12.48
								Sept	£8.61
								Oct	£8.35
								Nov	£12.56
								Dec	£13.71
								Jan	£14.24
								Feb	£10.06
								Mar	£7.35
								Total	£140.08
Plus income Minus expenditure Balance at year end <b>£49,348.19</b>									
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>									
									£26.10
Business Inst Access									£18,011.59
95 day notice									£30,000.00
Interest on 95-day notice									£1,310.50
Balance									<b>£49,348.19</b>

VAT to reclaim 2025/26

£473.93

**APPENDIX V.II YEAR END 2025/26 ACCOUNTS**

**LLOYDS BANK** 

[Our Products and Services](#) [Cookie Policy](#) [Your Security](#)  
Our Online for Business guarantee

**Mrs S. Turner** Log off  
Last logged on 31 March 26 at 07:05 PM

**Cliddesden Parish Council** 64  
Switch business

**Get more than you think with a Business Credit Card**

Earn 1% cashback on fuel and electric vehicle charging and 0.5% on other purchases.

Apply now >

All lending is subject to status.

[Make a quick transfer](#)

[Need to add, amend or remove people from your accounts? Make changes.](#)

**COMMUNITY ACCOUNT** 30-90-53 00320253  
**PARISH COUNCIL OF CLIDDESDEN**

£ 26.10

Current balance

---

£26.10 Available funds ?

[Open an Instant Access Savings Account](#)

[View statement](#) >

[Payments and transfers](#) >

[More actions](#) >

**Get into the swing of saving** Start saving >

Choose a business savings account to meet your needs, based on how long you want to save and how quickly you want to be able to access your funds.

**COMMERCIAL INSTANT ACCESS ACCOUNT** 30-90-53 02914789  
**CLIDDESDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

£ 18,011.59

Balance

---

[View statement](#) >

[Payments and transfers](#) >

[More actions](#) >

**Your statements, your way** Go to my inbox >

Did you know you can download and print your statements?

Select your statement, click 'View as PDF' and save it.

**95 DAY NOTICE ACCOUNT** 21192329LS

£ 31,310.50

Balance

2.63% Gross p.a. (variable) ?

**OUR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

Featured

- Black In Business  
Open a savings account
- Take payments with Cardnet  
Download our App
- LOANS +
- CARDS +
- OVERDRAFT +
- TAKE CARD PAYMENTS +
- MAKE A PAYMENT +
- BUSINESS ACCOUNTS +
- SAVINGS +
- INVOICE FINANCE +

**APPENDIX V.III YEAR END 2025/26 ACCOUNTS**

CLIDDSDEN PC – EXPENDITURE 2025/26 - 31 MARCH																
	Date inv	Date paid	Supplier	Description	Salary this year	Salary 2024/25	Annual allowance	Admin/ Governance	Planning / Legal	Newsletter	Community	Assembly expenses	M/tenace Equipment	CIL Projects	VAT	TOTAL
1	MAR	06/04/2025	Clerk	Salary Mar 2025		£212.00										
2	MAR	06/04/2025	HMRC	PAYE-Jan-Feb-Mar		£243.00										£455.00
3	31/03/2025	06/04/2025	P.Print-24034	CVN-April-568						£56.00						£56.00
4	01/04/2025	06/04/2025	Hart-Gdn-Machin	Brushcutter/trimmer									£615.82		£123.17	£738.99
5	15/04/2025	15/04/2025	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
6	15/04/2025	18/04/2025	HALC	HALC/NALC subs				£338.00								£338.00
7	APRIL	30/04/2025	Clerk	Salary April 2025	£485.33											£485.33
8	15/04/2025	15/04/2025	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
9	31/05/2025	31/05/2025	Zurich	Online Insurance 2025/26				£264.00								£264.00
10	MAY	31/05/2025	Clerk	Salary May 2025	£485.33											£485.33
11	31/05/2025	31/05/2025	Geosphere	Parish Online				£48.00							£9.60	£57.60
12	01/06/2025	01/06/2025	Lidl	Food & drink - ParishAsse								£86.58			£17.31	£103.89
13	17/06/2025	17/06/2025	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
14	JUNE	29/06/2025	Clerk	Salary June 2025	£194.33											
15	JUNE	29/06/2025	HMRC	PAYE-April/May/June	£291.00											£485.33
16	30/06/2025	30/06/2025	P.Print-25008	CVN-May-Jul 569-571						£168.00						£168.00
17	18/07/2025	18/07/2025	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
18	28/07/2025	28/07/2025	ACC Leisure Mtn	VH floor deposit										£2,088.00	£417.60	£2,505.60
19	JULY	03/08/2025	Clerk	Salary July 2025	£485.33											£485.33
20	07/08/2025	08/08/2025	ACC Leisure Mtn	VH floor balance										£2,088.00	£417.60	£2,505.60
21	18/08/2025	18/08/2025	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
22	AUG	28/08/2025	Clerk	SalaryAug2025	£485.33											£485.33
23	06/10/2025	06/10/2025	P.Print-	CVN-AUG-OCT						£168.00						£168.00
24	16/09/2025	16/09/2025	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
25	SEPT	29/06/2025	Clerk	Salary Sept 2025	£194.33											
26	SEPT	29/06/2025	HMRC	PAYE-Jul/Aug/Sept	£291.00											£485.33
27	09/10/2025	09/10.25	Peter Brown	Intenal audit				£100.00								£100.00
28	20/10/2025	20/10/2025	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
29	OCT	31/10/2025	Clerk	SalaryOCT2025	£485.33											£485.33
30	31/10/2025	31/10/2025	P.Print-	CVN-NOV						£56.00						£56.00
31	17/11/2025	17/11/2025	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
32	21/11/2024	23/11/2024	CPRE - DD	Subscription								£36.00				£36.00
33	NOV	28/11/2025	Clerk	SalaryNOV2025	£485.33											£485.33
34	01/12/2025	01/12/2025	ICO	Data protection register				£47.00								£47.00
35	04/12/2025	04/12/2025	Civic Print	CVN-Dec						£29.72						£29.72
36	16/12/2025	16/12/2025	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
37	DEC	27/12/2025	Clerk	Salary DEC 2025	£194.33											
38	DEC	27/12/2025	HMRC	PAYE-Oct/Nov/Dec	£291.00											£485.33
39	06/01/2026	07/01/2025	1947Planning	Planning consultant					£3,395.00							£3,395.00
40	JAN	28/01/2025	Clerk	SalaryJan 2026	£485.33											£485.33
41	2024-25	28/02/2025	Clerk	Annual allowance			£324.00									£324.00
42	09/01/2025	09/01/2025	Hugo Fox-DD	Website hosting				£119.88							£23.98	£143.86
43	12/01/2025	12/01/2025	Civic Print	CVN-Jan						£30.62						£30.62
44	14/01/2025	14/01/2025	Hugo Fox-DD	Email hosting				£149.75							£29.95	£179.70
45	18/01/2026	07/01/2025	1947Planning	Planning consultant					£2,372.50							£2,372.50
46	19/01/2026	19/01/2026	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
47	01/02/2026	02/02/2026	Home Restorer	Bus shelter repair deposite										£1,050.00	£210.00	£1,260.00
48	04/02/2026	04/02/2026	Home Restorer	Bus shelter repair balance										£1,050.00	£210.00	£1,260.00
49	12/02/2026	12/02/2026	1947Planning	Pensdell & EIA					£300.00							£300.00
50	17/02/2026	17/02/2026	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
51	FEB	06/03/2026	Clerk	SalaryFeb 2026	£485.33											£485.33
52	17/03/2026	17/03/2026	Lloyds	Service charge				£4.25								£4.25
53A	18/03/2025	18/03/2025	CivicP-84027762	CVN-Feb & March						£103.50						£103.50
53B	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	CivicP-84027762	CVN-Feb & March						£103.50						£103.50
54	30/03/2025	30/03/2025	CivicP-84028336	CVN-April 2026						£51.75						£51.75
55	MAR	31/03/2026	Clerk	SalaryMARCH 2026	£485.33											£485.33
<b>TOTALS</b>					£5,823.96	£455.00	£324.00	£1,117.63	£6,067.50	£767.09	£36.00	£86.58	£615.82	£6,276.00	£1,459.21	£23,028.79
	Date		Supplier	Description	Salary this year	Salary 2024/25	Annual allowance	Admin/ Governance	Planning /	Newsletter	Community	Assembly	M/tenace	CIL	VAT	TOTAL

## APPENDIX V.IV YEAR END 2025/26 ACCOUNTS

CLIDDES DEN YEAR END / BUDGET 2025/26				2026/27 BUDGET – MARCH 2026	
@ 31 MAR 2026	2025/26 YEAR END	CIL-only 2025/26	2025/26 Budget		CIL-only 2026/27
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
CLERK'S SALARY 2025/26	£5,823.96		£5,824.00	£6,350.00	
SALARY MAR 2025	£455.00		£455.00		
CLERK'S ALLOWANCE	£324.00		£324.00	£324.00	
EXPENSES (Assembly)	£86.58		£95.00	£100.00	
TRAINING			£300.00	£300.00	
ADMIN / GOVERNANCE	£1,117.63		£1,100.00	£1,370.00	
PLANNING FEES REG 18	£6,067.50				
NEWSLETTER / printing	£767.09		£1,000.00	£2,000.00	
COMMUNITY	£36.00		£900.00	£500.00	
M/TNCE / EQUIPMENT	£615.82		£500.00	£500.00	
<b>Precept-funded expend</b>	<b>£15,293.58</b>		<b>£10,498.00</b>	<b>£11,444.00</b>	
<b>PROJECTS</b>					
TrafficCalming FarleighRd roundels				£1,458.26	£1,458.26
Bus shelter wall repair	£2,100.00	£2,100.00		£500.00	£500.00
Station Road verges					
Village hall floor	£4,176.00	£4,176.00		£5,300.00	£5,300.00
<b>VAT</b>	<b>£1,459.21</b>				
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£23,028.79</b>	<b>£6,276.00</b>		<b>£18,702.26</b>	<b>£7,258.26</b>
<b>INCOME</b>					
Precept	£9,518.00		£9,518.00	£9,994.00	
Ward / County Cllr grant					
<b>CIL</b>	<b>£15,382.29</b>	<b>£15,382.29</b>			
Bank Interest	£1,450.58		£750.00	£1,000.00	
VAT refund	£22.95			£473.93	
VAT refund this year	£985.28				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£27,359.10</b>	<b>£15,382.29</b>	<b>£10,268.00</b>	<b>£11,467.93</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Surplus/ Deficit</b>	<b>£4,330.31</b>	<b>£9,106.29</b>	<b>£230.00</b>	<b>£7,234.33</b>	<b>£7,258.26</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£49,348.19</b>			<b>£42,113.86</b>	
Balance CIL		<b>£39,207.14</b>			<b>£31,948.88</b>
Balance less CIL	£10,141.05		£14,687.03	£10,164.98	
<b>ALLOCATED RESERVES 2025/26 Y/E</b>					
	£9,518.00				
<b>CIL</b>		<b>£39,207.14</b>			
	£623.05				
		<b>£49,348.19</b>			
Precept =	£9,518.00				

**APPENDIX V.V YEAR END 2025/26 AUDIT SHEETS**

## CLIDDESSEN PARISH COUNCIL

### 2025/2026 Bank Reconciliation – AUDIT SHEET

Receipts and payments summary		
1	Balance Brought Forward from 01 April 2025	£45,017.88
2	Plus Income	£27,359.10
3	Less Expenditure	£23,028.79
4	Balance to take over Year End - 31 Mar 2026	£49,348.19
Reconciliation @ 31 March 2026		
5	Lloyds Community Account	£26.10
6	Lloyds Business Instant Account	£18,011.59
7	Lloyds 95-day Notice Account	£31,310.50
8	Balance to take over Year End - 31 Mar 2026	£49,348.19

Signed:

Chairman ..... Date: 5th May 2026

Susan Turner, RFO ..... Date: 5th May 2026

**APPENDIX V.VI YEAR END 2025/26 AUDIT SHEETS****CLIDDESSEN PC SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS 2025/26 - AUDIT SHEET**

Difference between current and previous year greater than both 10% and £100  
in Section 1, boxes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10

	Item	Previous Year 2024/25	Current Year 2025/26	Difference	Diff %
1	Balance Brought Forward	£52,850.37	£45,017.88	£7,832.49	-14.82%
2	Annual Precept	£9,331.00	£9,518.00	£187.00	2.00%
3	Total Other Receipts	£7,767.77	£17,841.10	£10,073.33	129.68%
4	Staff Costs	£5,248.00	£6,278.96	£1,030.96	19.64%
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	NA
6	Total other payments (excl staff costs)	£19,683.26	£16,749.83	£2,933.43	-14.90%
7	Balance carried forward	£45,017.88	£49,348.19	£4,330.31	9.62%
8	Total cash and short term investments	£45,017.88	£49,348.19	£4,330.31	9.62%
9	Total fixed assets and long term assets	£35,453.62	£35,671.62	£218.00	0.61%
10	Total borrowings	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	NA
11	Trust funds	NA	NA	NA	NA

	2024/25	2025/26	Difference
CIL allocation	£5,127.43	£15,382.29	£10,254.86
Bank interest - High interest account for 2025/26	£410.34	£1,450.58	£1,040.24
VAT refund	£2,230.00	£1,008.23	£1,221.77
	£7,767.77	£17,841.10	£10,073.33

<b>Box 4 Staff Costs</b>			
	2024/25	2025/26	Difference
PAYE for Jan-Feb-Mar 2024 paid in April 2024	£243.00		£243.00
Clerk Salary 2024/25	£5,460.00		£5,460.00
Salary for Mar 2025 paid in April 2025	£455.00	£455.00	£910.00
Clerk Salary 2025/26		£5,823.96	£5,823.96
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,248.00</b>	<b>£6,278.96</b>	<b>£1,030.96</b>

	2024/25	2025/26	Difference
Expenses and Clerk's allowance	£380.77	£410.58	£29.81
Admin / Governance	£1,221.07	£1,117.63	£103.44
Newsletter printing	£970.00	£767.09	£202.91
Maintenance - general / equipment	£0.00	£615.82	£615.82
Community and grants	£273.95	£36.00	£237.95
Neighbourhood Plan / Planning consultant	£4,412.50	£6,067.50	£1,655.00
Station Road verges (CIL-funded)	£274.75	£0.00	£274.75
Noticeboard - three-bay - install (CIL-funded)	£146.00	£0.00	£146.00
Pond pathway (CIL-funded)	£5,985.75	£0.00	£5,985.75
Village Hall fire alarm upgrade (CIL-funded)	£3,875.00	£0.00	£3,875.00
Village Hall new floor (CIL-funded)	£0.00	£4,176.00	£4,176.00
Bus shelter structural repair (CIL-funded)	£0.00	£2,100.00	£2,100.00
VAT expend	£2,143.47	£1,459.21	£684.26
	£19,683.26	£16,749.83	£2,933.43

Signed:

Date 5th May 2026

Date 5th May 2026

## APPENDIX V.VII YEAR END 2025/26 AGAR FORMS

### Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2025/26

We acknowledge as the members of:

#### CLIDDESSEN 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 2026, that:

	Agreed			*Yes* means that this authority:
	Yes	No*		
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.	✓			<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.	✓			<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>
3. We have assured 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.	✓			<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.	✓			<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.	✓			<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.	✓			<i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i>
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.	✓			<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.	✓			<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>
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	<i>has met all of its responsibilities where, as a body corporate, it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.</i>
			✓	
10. We have put in place arrangements for the effective IT and data management in accordance with proper practices during the year under review.	✓			<i>has made suitable arrangements for its IT and data management and has complied with proper practices in doing so.</i>

\*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response and describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified. These sheets must be published with the Annual Governance Statement.

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

05/05/2026

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE  
8.4

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

Chair

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Clerk

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

ENTER PUBLIC ADDRESS [www.cliddesdenparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cliddesdenparishcouncil.gov.uk) E ADDRESS

## APPENDIX V.VIII YEAR END 2025/26 AGAR FORMS

## Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2025/26 for

## CLIDDES DEN PARISH COUNCIL

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2026 £	
1. Balances brought forward	52,850	45,018	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	9,331	9,518	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	7,768	17,841	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	5,248	6,279	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	19,683	16,750	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	45,018	49,348	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	45,018	49,348	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	35,454	35,672	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	Yes	No	
11 Do the figures in the accounting statements above exclude any trust transactions?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	For guidance refer to the Practitioners' Guide sections 2.31 to 2.33.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2026 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.

SIGNED

Date

07/04/2026

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

05/05/2026

as recorded in minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE  
8.5

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

SIGNATURE REQUIRED



## APPENDIX VII BUDGET UPDATE 2026/27

CLIDDESSEN	2026/27 TO DATE	CIL-only 2026/27	2026/27 BUDGET – MARCH 2026	CIL-only 2026/27	
<b>@ 04 May 2026</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					<b>EXPENDITURE</b>
CLERK'S SALARY 2026/27	£485.33		£6,350.00		CLERK'S SALARY
CLERK'S ALLOWANCE			£324.00		CLERK'S ALLOWANCE
EXPENSES (Assembly)			£100.00		EXPENSES (Assembly)
TRAINING			£300.00		TRAINING
ADMIN / GOVERNANCE	£325.25		£1,370.00		ADMIN / GOVERNANCE
PLANNING / NP					
NEWSLETTER / printing			£2,000.00		NEWSLETTER / print
COMMUNITY			£500.00		COMMUNITY
M/TNCE / EQUIPMENT			£500.00		M/TNCE / EQUIPMENT
Precept-funded expend	£810.58		£11,444.00		Precept-funded expend
<b>PROJECTS</b>					
	£1,458.26	£1,458.26	£1,458.26	£1,458.26	FarleighRd roundels
Bus shelter wall repair					
Station Road verges			£500.00	£500.00	Station Road verges
Village hall foyer			£5,300.00	£5,300.00	Village Hall foyer
VAT	£0.00				
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£2,268.84</b>	<b>£1,458.26</b>	<b>£18,702.26</b>	<b>£7,258.26</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>					<b>INCOME</b>
Precept	£4,997.00		£9,994.00		Precept (5% increase)
Ward / County Cllr grant					
<b>CIL</b>		£0.00			
Bank Interest	£80.11		£1,000.00		Bank Interest
VAT refund 2025/26			£473.93		
VAT refund 2026/27					
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£5,077.11</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£11,467.93</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>
Surplus/ Deficit	£2,808.27	£1,458.26	£7,234.33	£7,258.26	Surplus/ Deficit
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£52,156.46</b>		<b>£42,113.86</b>		
Balance CIL		£37,748.88		£31,948.88	
Balance less CIL	£14,407.58		£10,164.98		Balance less CIL

## APPENDIX VIII



## IT POLICY 2026

## INTRODUCTION

1. The 2025 Practitioners' Guide introduces a requirement for an IT Policy to strengthen governance and compliance. Paragraph 1.54 of the Practitioners' Guide 2025 states:  
'All smaller authorities (excluding parish meetings) must... have an IT policy. This explains how everyone – clerks, members and other staff – should conduct authority business in a secure and legal way when using IT equipment and software. This relates to the use of authority-owned and personal equipment.'
2. As per NALC Guidance:  
'An IT policy helps parish and town councils set clear expectations for the appropriate use of IT equipment and systems, raise awareness of potential risks associated with IT use, safeguard the council's data and digital assets... Having a robust IT policy isn't just about compliance. It's about good governance and digital resilience.'

## SCOPE

- 3 The Parish Council recognises the importance of effective and secure information technology (IT) and email usage in supporting its business, operations and communications.
- 4 This policy applies to council members and the clerk. By adhering to this Policy, the Parish Council aims to create a secure and efficient IT environment that supports its mission and goals.

## ACCEPTABLE USE OF IT RESOURCES AND EMAIL

- 5 IT and email resources are for council related activities. Users must follow ethical standards, respect copyright and Intellectual Property rights and avoid offensive or inappropriate content.

## DEVICE MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY

- 6 'All devices used for council business should run the latest version of operating systems available to them and updates applied; and ensure necessary security and antivirus protection is up-to-date.'

## DATA MANAGEMENT AND SECURITY

- 7 Confidential data must be stored and transmitted securely using encrypted or approved systems. Data should be regularly backed up and secure disposal procedures must be followed.

## NETWORK AND INTERNET USAGE

- 8 Internet usage should be responsible and efficient for official purposes. Downloading and sharing copyrighted material without proper authorisation is prohibited.

## EMAIL COMMUNICATION

- 9 Email accounts provided by the Parish Council are for official communication only. Emails should be professional and respectful in tone. Confidential or sensitive information must not be sent via email unless it is encrypted.
- 10 Attachments and links must be treated with caution to avoid phishing and malware. Verify the source before opening any attachments or clicking on links.

## PASSWORD ACCOUNT SECURITY

- 11 Parish Council IT users are responsible for maintaining the security of their accounts and passwords. Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) wherever possible.

## MOBILE DEVICES AND REMOTE WORK

- 12 Mobile devices should be secured with passcodes and/or biometric authentication. When working remotely, users should follow the same security practices as if they were in the office.

## RETENTION AND ARCHIVING

- 13 Emails must be retained in line with the Council's Document Retention Policy and legal requirements. Non-essential emails should be deleted regularly in line with Data Protection.

## REPORTING SECURING INCIDENTS

- 14 All suspected security breaches or incidents should be communicated immediately to all relevant parties; the clerk being the designated point of IT contact to further investigation and resolution.

## TRAINING AND AWARENESS

- 15 The Parish Council promote awareness of IT and email security best practices, and will provide training and resources as required.

## POLICY REVIEW

- 16 This policy will be reviewed as necessary to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.

## APPENDIX IX RIGHTS OF RIVERS

Adoption of a Declaration on the Rights of Rivers That Cabinet

- 1) Adopt the declaration on the Rights of Rivers as set out in Appendix 3 of the report; and
- 2) Note the actions taken to date, including embedding protection and enhancement of the water environment into key strategies and into the emerging Local Plan. The Rights of Rivers declaration is helpful in providing the Council's formal view on the importance of water courses in the Borough which will help to inform and guide key strategies in the future. The declaration highlights the need to protect and enhance water courses through the various strategies and actions in the control of the Council alongside those duties that rest with others.

### Appendix Three - Declaration for Adoption

Declaration on the Rights of the Rivers in the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane

Humans depend on our rivers to provide clean water for drinking and sanitation, fertile soil, and regeneration but rivers also support an extensive diversity of species and ecosystems and play a vital role in the functioning of the Earth's continuous water cycle. Rivers are also one of the largest natural carbon-transport systems on our planet, moving land-based carbon to be stored in the oceans and providing temperature regulation functions.

This Council recognises that rivers are vital to the ecological health, cultural heritage, and future sustainability of Basingstoke and Deane. In the Borough of Basingstoke and Deane, these waterways also include our globally rare, ecologically fragile and irreplaceable chalk streams. The Borough contains the springs and headwaters of the River Loddon and River Test as well as important tributaries of the Itchen and the Kennet. Rivers and the wetlands they create give many communities a sense of place and identity. Many towns exist in their place because of a river. Despite this, rivers across the UK, and here in Basingstoke and Deane, face increasing pressures from pollution, over-abstraction, habitat degradation, and climate change. Communities increasingly demonstrate that they care for their rivers and concern grows for the poor state of our rivers' ecological health, which increasingly impacts public health.

**To address these growing threats and to uphold our responsibilities to future generations, this council resolves to formally recognise the Rights of Rivers, drawing inspiration from the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Rivers.**

1. The Right to Flow – to follow natural and seasonal flow patterns.
2. The Right to Perform Essential Functions within its Ecosystem – to sustain the hydrological and ecological processes that underpin the health of the waterways and landscape.
3. The Right to be Free from Pollution.
4. The Right to Feed and Be Fed by Sustainable Aquifers and other freshwater sources – to be replenished by, and to replenish, groundwater systems without unsustainable depletion.
5. The Right to Native Biodiversity.
6. The Right to Regeneration and Restoration – to recover from damage, including through active protection, remediation and investment in habitat restoration.

**This Council therefore declares that:**

1. The intrinsic rights of rivers within the jurisdiction of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council will be acknowledged.
2. It will work with community groups, river trusts and environmental experts to identify and support the practical recognition of these rights.
3. It will support local initiatives and citizen monitoring efforts that protect and restore river health, such as citizen science water testing, riparian buffer planting, natural flood management and creating wildlife corridors.
4. It will embed river rights principles into council policies, where appropriate, particularly those concerning planning, development, land use, water quality, water management, and biodiversity.
5. It will commit to Council projects and strategies taking account of the principles of Rights of Rivers and chalk streams taking appropriate measures to protect these ecosystems and delivering enhancements where possible.
6. It will advocate to national and regional bodies, including the Environment Agency, the adoption of river rights frameworks and enhanced protections for our chalk streams and freshwater ecosystems.

**APPENDIX X PLANNING UPDATE @ 04 MAY****APPLICATIONS NEW SINCE LAST MEETING OF 10 MARCH**

26/00838/HSE (Validated 20 April) 3A Hackwood Lane [Corrected address Kites View, 3C Hackwood Lane.] Detached garage.

**26/00802/OUT** (Validated 20 April) Land At Upper Swallick, Alton Road

Outline Planning Application for development comprising residential dwellings (Use Class C3), elderly living units (Use Class C2), serviced Gypsy and Traveller pitches (sui generis), a village centre and neighbourhood hubs comprising a mix of commercial and business uses (Use Class E), community uses (Use Class F2(B)), the expansion of Cliddesden Primary School and provision of a new primary school (Use Class F1), and associated infrastructure including the formation of sustainable urban drainage systems, public open space, allotments and sports pitches with facilities.

All matters reserved, save for the formation of new accesses from the A339 and Woods Lane, and the alteration of accesses from Northgate Lane and Farleigh Road

**T/00166/26/TCA** (Validated 10 April) Wheat Glade House, Woods Lane . T1 - Sycamore - Reduce overhang to near boundary T2 - Horse Chesnut - Reduce back lateral branches growing over lawn by 1m

26/00710/HSE and 26/00711/LBC (Validated 02 April) Old School House Farleigh Road. Erection of two-storey rear and single storey side extension, with habitable space within the roof]

26/00632/HSE 3A (Validated 25 Mar) Greenlands Nursery, Hackwood Lane. Detached Garage.

26/00552/PIP (Validated 18 Mar) Land South Of Newland Lodge, Woods Lane. Permission in Principle for erection of maximum 4 no. detached single dwellings and associated access

**T/00134/26/TCA** (Approve 16 April, Validated 12 Mar) 17 Southlea . T1 - Lime. Reduce to previous pollard points leaving the height of the tree at approx 6m and the spread at approx 3m

**APPLICATIONS PENDING OR RECENTLY DECIDED**

**26/00234/ENS** (Enquiry complete/answered 12 March, Validated 03 Feb) Upper Swallick Farm, Alton Road [on behalf of Farleigh North Farm]. Request for a Scoping opinion under Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended) for approximately 2,500 new residential homes with the potential for later living residential dwellings, a new two-form entry primary school, extension of the of the existing half-form entry primary school; provision for pre-school day nurseries, commercial and community floorspace (which may include medical or health services), and extensive new public open space.

**26/00178/HSE** (Grant 24 March, Validated 29 Jan) 4 Millars Cottages, Station Road. Construction of a part single, part two storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration following demolition of existing conservatory.

**25/01313/OUT** (Pending, Validated 27 May 2025) Land North of Bramble Bank. Farleigh Road. Outline application with all matters reserved save for access for the erection of up to 17 dwellings with access, parking, drainage works, areas of open space, landscaping and any other associated infrastructure. (Most recent docs of note, new Transport statement following HCC comments.)

**24/00617/RET** (Pending, Validated 07 June 2024) 1a Millars Cottages, Station Road. Revised parking arrangements and associated landscaping in connection with permission 20/00390/FUL (Retrospective).

**APPEALS**

6007440 (26/00022/REF) (APPEAL IN PROGRESS) reference 25/01476/OUT Refused BDBC 28 October, Validated 13 June) Land West Of Millars, Station Rd. Outline application with some matters reserved (appearance and landscaping) for the erection of 4 no. dwellings

6001439 (25/00070/REF) (APPEAL ALLOWED 01 April 2026) Land South Of Woods Lane. PIP for the erection of up to four dwellings and associated access.

**WINSLADE APPLICATIONS**

**25/01235/FUL** (Pending, Validated 01 July) The Firs, Alton Road. Material Change of Use of Land to a use of Gypsy/Traveller site comprising 2 pitches with the siting of 1 Mobile Home, 1 Touring Caravan, and 1 Dayroom per pitch and alteration of access onto the A339 (Part Retrospective).

**25/00200/LBC** (Pending, Validated 06 Feb) and **25/00199/FUL** (Pending, Validated 28 May) Hackwood House, Hackwood Park. Conversion of Hackwood Park from residential use to hotel and ancillary hotel use, including conversion of Mansion House, erection of extension to west, 2 no. new basements to north and south and minor alterations. Conversion of Stable Block to hotel rooms. Erection of hotel bedroom buildings to north and south of Stable Block and Car Park and Energy Centre. Demolition of 6 no. non listed structures and replacement with 12 no. hotel lodges. Construction of satellite support building for BOH facilities, car parking and decked visitors car park.

**OLD BASING APPLICATIONS – MOTO**

**20/03130/FUL** (Pending, withdrawn from DC 11 March 2026), Land At M3 J6 from J5 off slip. Construction of temporary access road to enable construction of Basingstoke Motorway Service Area.

**25/00754/OU**(IPending, withdrawn from DC 11 March 2026, Validated 25 March 2025) Land Adjacent To J6 M3. Outline application (with access to be determined, all other matters reserved) for development of a new Motorway Service Area (MSA) and associated landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works.



## UPPER SWALLICK UPDATE

### A PLANNING APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED



A planning application (**26/00802/OUT**) was submitted on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to build 2,500 houses at Upper Swallick.

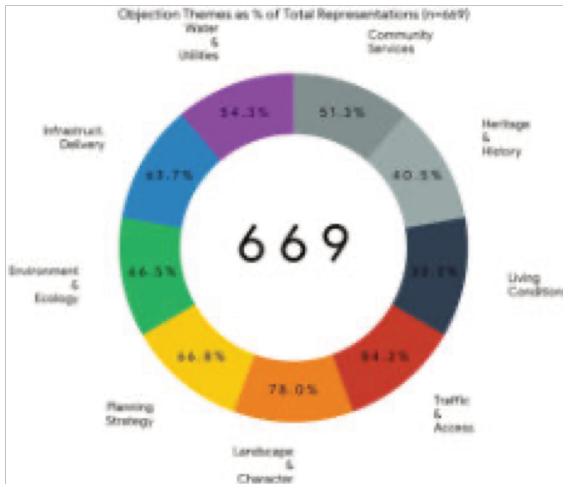
#### Deadline for Comments: **27<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

- This is **not** part of the Local Plan and the Reg 18 consultation.
- Comments/objections already made on the Reg 18 consultation **do not count** against this new planning application.
- Your previous comments can be resubmitted against the new application 26/00802/OUT. If you have more to add, you can amend your original comments or create new ones, but a resubmission **is essential** (easy via email: *planning.comments@basingstoke.gov.uk*).
- STaNHd have been preparing for this application and are working flat out to digest the 177 documents filed.
- To access this application, search for Basingstoke and Deane Planning Portal in your web browser, click on 'View or make a comment on an application,' enter 26/0082/OUT in the search box and click search.

**STaNHd will be presenting on this application at our Parish Assembly on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Doors open at 7pm. We would strongly encourage you to attend to hear more, share your concerns and ask questions. A separate sheet from STaNHd on the issues is also enclosed.**

## APPENDIX XII.II

### Local Plan Update



During the Regulation 18 consultation, the community responded with 669 representations on Upper Swallick, highlighting major concerns with traffic congestion (84%), landscape destruction (78%), environmental impact (66%), and utilities (54%). All remain valid for this application.

Some of these concerns have already stopped the emerging Local Plan in its tracks. There is much more to scrutinise and challenge yet. **Your voices counted!**

### Making Your Voice Count Again

- Every Comment Counts – it will take many objections to have a chance of stopping this development from happening.
- Commenting – No need for formal language. Simply describe in your own words how this development would affect you and your family’s life and environment. What do you find unacceptable about it? Loss of dark skies, inaccessibility of walking riding and cycling routes for 15 years, road congestion, impact on rare species, destruction of a beautiful landscape, flooding risk, sustained damage to the aquifer, increased sewage in the Loddon, harm to a rural community.
- Local Plan Comments – if you submitted a comment during the Regulation 18 consultation, resubmit as a new comment to this application.
- Email Address for Comments - [planning.comments@basingstoke.gov.uk](mailto:planning.comments@basingstoke.gov.uk). It must include the application reference 26/00802/OUT, site address “Land at Upper Swallick Alton Road”, state whether you object, agree or are neutral, and give your full name and address.
- Deadline for Comments – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**APPENDIX XII LOCAL PLAN UPDATE ON HOLD**

*Email of 20 March (following Paul Harvey announcement to Full Council of 19 March)*

Dear Parish Council Clerk

The council recently completed a consultation on a Local Plan Draft Spatial Strategy (Regulation 18). This was the latest step in developing a new Local Plan for the borough. The consultation set out a proposed strategy for meeting needs over the plan period, including the significant increase in housing numbers required as a result of the 2024 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published by Government. It was a highly successful consultation with high attendance at several exhibitions and around 5,000 representations received. We extend our gratitude to everyone that took the time to respond to the consultation.

The process has brought to light significant issues concerning the provision of the strategic infrastructure required to support the higher level of growth now required by Government. In particular, the capacity and resilience of the borough's water supply system has been brought into question.

The draft water cycle study that the council commissioned last year as part of the Plan making process raised questions about South East Water's ability to provide a resilient supply of fresh water to parts of the Borough. The Regulation 18 responses from the Environment Agency and Natural England have reinforced and strengthened these concerns. The council therefore now needs to work closely with South East Water and the regulators to fully understand the implications of the emerging water supply constraints for the borough and for the draft Plan.

The council remains committed to restoring a plan led system for the borough. Once the full scale of the work needed to resolve the issues is understood, the council's Cabinet will need to agree a new timetable for the Local Plan. We will keep you up to date on next stages as we progress.

A press statement has been released today at <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/rte.aspx?id=298&task=View&itemid=10745>. All of the responses to the consultation on the draft Local Plan Spatial Strategy will be available from midday Monday (23 March) on the council's website at <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/dlp-reg18-consultation-2025>

Kind Regards

Joanne Brombley

Planning Policy Manager

**APPENDIX XIII BUS SHELTER - HANTS LEGAL - RESPONSE**

Dated 10 April From Legal Executive, Legal Assistant – Commercial Property, Hampshire Legal Services

Dear Su, In response to the query raised, I can confirm the following:

The bus shelter appears to fall within the title for Well House.

In relation to any implied public rights of way or rights to use the shelter, the Parish Council may be able to argue that it falls within the highway. In particular, this would relate to the small strip of land between the bus shelter and the road that was dedicated to the council, with the bus shelter potentially constituting an extension of the highway by way of presumed dedication.

Presumed dedication

Presumed dedication can happen either at common law, or by statute under section 31(1) of the HA 1980.

Presumed dedication at common law

**The common law presumption is that land has been dedicated as a highway if it has been used by the public as of right and without interruption.**

The land does not have to be used for a defined length of time. However, it must have been used for long enough to justify an inference that the freehold owner intended to dedicate the way as a highway. This is so because it has been used as a bus shelter since at least 1957.

The common law presumption can be rebutted by demonstrating that the landowner had no intention of dedicating the land to the public. The landowner must show one of the following:

- It has stopped people using the highway, either by turning people away or by putting obstacles in the way.
- It has restricted use of the highway to a particular section of the public.
- It lacked the capacity to dedicate the land.

I have not seen any evidence to suggest that the landowner, or any previous landowners, have taken steps to demonstrate the above in order to rebut the presumption of dedication.

Common law has established that a highway is a defined route, or "way", over which "the public at large" can pass and repass as frequently as they wish, without hindrance and without charge. The use must be as of right and not on sufferance or by licence. There is no clear statutory definition of a highway, for example, the Highways Act 1980 (HA 1980) defines a highway, for the purposes of the HA 1980, as:

"... the whole or a part of a highway other than a ferry or waterway.", therefore I do not see why the bus shelter cannot form part of the highway.

I have checked the position with Hampshire Highways regarding whether the structure of the bus shelter would be included within the highway, or whether this would extend only to the land beneath it. Their view is that the highway would cover the footprint of the bus shelter, particularly as the structure itself may have changed over the years.

They have also indicated that many older bus shelters were installed following discussions between the Parish Council and the relevant landowner for the "good of the village". It is likely that this would be recorded in the Council's minutes.

**Overall, Hampshire Highways' view, which I share, is that there is either a lost dedication or an implied dedication of the bus shelter. This is further supported by the 1957 dedication of the highway, which includes a schedule for a new wall incorporating the bus shelter walls. This appears to reflect an agreement to restructure the land to accommodate the bus shelter for the benefit of the village, and provides further evidence of dedication.**

**On that basis, it appears that the public has a right to use the shelter.**

Unfortunately, the two conveyances referred to on the title are not available at the Land Registry, and I have therefore been unable to review them.

**The Council is also correct that, if the bus shelter was installed by a local council, it may be maintained under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1953, which allows councils to provide shelters on highways or land adjoining them. As such, there does not appear to be any issue with the Council maintaining the shelter.**

In terms of whether the Council could require the owners to remove the tree, this would be a matter for litigation, if it were to develop into a nuisance issue. That said, the owners of Well House should give careful consideration to their obligations under the Occupiers' Liability Act, as the shelter is situated on their land, and to any potential liability should the tree cause damage resulting in injury to a member of the public. In addition, it would be prudent for the owners to ensure that appropriate public liability insurance is in place.

I do hope this assists, and please let me know if you require any further information. Kind regards, Legal Executive