

# Melchet Park & Plaitford Annual Parish Meeting

*Minutes of meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026*

## Present

K Curtis (Chairman)	J Wright (Parish Clerk)	Cllr G Bailey (TVBC)	Cllr N. Adams-King (HCC)
13 Members of the Parish	Amar Benkreira (Technical Director - Strategic Communications, Tor&Co)		

## Apologies

No apologies were received

*The minutes of the May 2025 meeting had been agreed and signed at an earlier Parish Council meeting.*

## Report by Cllr Adams-King (HCC and TVBC)

Despite the Local Government Reorganisation it is thought that the additional £15m for roads from Central Govt is still fairly safe. In addition, there is a further sum of £5m from utility firms who carry out work on roads, but although 50% is earmarked for roads it is not clear what happens to the other 50%.

HCC needs to provide typically £1k per week for each person in a care-home. Whilst care-homes often cross subsidise from privately funded residents to those publicly funded the increase in costs and general longevity is now resulting in the private residents exhausting their ability to pay sooner and HCC has then to fund them also.

HCC is considering a judicial review of the LGR model announced by Govt as it will leave the region including Test Valley with relatively few income sources despite having the greatest costs in road maintenance and providing social care due to its extensive rural road network and dispersed population.

## Input by Mr Benkreira

His company has been tasked to draw up documents to submit as a planning application for the re-development of the B&W Nurseries site on the A36. At this stage nothing is yet definite but it seems that the application will be for two buildings (one one-storey and the other two-storey) purporting to be let for small scale offices. The owners of the land are SDM Fuel Solutions (one of the artists' impressions showed SDM emblazoned on the two-storey building). (SDM is a 24/7 specialist in fuel and fuel-related engineering services.)

## Other

In response to a question from the public regarding the funding of St Edwards School Cllr Bailey confirmed that the pupils were funded by HCC. A member of the public observed that it didn't seem right that the parents of those boys attending didn't contribute the normal costs of sending a child to school such as the cost of the school uniform. Seemingly this is because the rules say there should be no cost to the parents.

*There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 8.00 p.m.*