

Langrish Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Langrish Parish Council held at The Cow Shed, Ramsdean on

Monday 8 September 2025 at 7:30pm

Present: Councillors Debbie Luff (Chair), Roger Hetherington (Vice Chair) and Robert Bewes
Sam Marchant (Clerk).
1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Talbot-Ponsonby, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Walder and Cllr Mocatta (District & County Councillor).

2. Declaration of Interests: Cllrs were asked to declare any pecuniary interests.

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes for review & approval:

a) Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2025

The Chair asked Councillors to consider whether the minutes were a true record of the meeting. Councillors who had attended the meeting confirmed that they were accurate, the minutes were approved as read and signed as a true and correct record.

b) Meeting held on Monday 21 July 2025

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4. Open Forum: Members of the Public were invited to comment.

A resident raised concerns following a recent road traffic accident near his property, noting wider issues of speeding and inadequate road signage.

Key points discussed included:

Existing road signage is outdated; a replacement or repair may be required.

A new Speed Indicator sign, costs were believed to be in the region of £2,500. The Chair noted possible grants and the requirement for volunteer support.

The accident in question was considered to be more related to poor road markings than speed; the bend itself naturally reduces vehicle speed.

Concerns were raised about driver misjudgement, overtaking on the bend, and the frequency of dead animals on the road.

Councillors agreed that the matter is primarily a highways issue, with potential options including reducing the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph, reinstating cats' eyes, and replacing missing chevrons.

It was suggested that residents report road issues directly via the Hampshire County Council website or the “OurHants” app.

The Parish Council confirmed its support in principle and agreed to follow up with Cllr Mocatta and Hampshire Highways.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Cllr Mocatta and report back. Cllr Blackwell to investigate costs for pole-mounted speed devices.

6. Finance & Admin Matters:

a) Finance summary Actuals vs Budget & list of Payments and Receipts report (15 July – 1 September 2025)

The RFO presented the financial report, which was unanimously approved by Councillors. (Appendix A)

b) Project ideas to include in budget planning for 2026-2027: to note

Councillors noted including a Speed Sign.

c) CiLCA Clerk Training: to approve

Approval for the Clerk to undertake CiLCA training was noted.

7. Matters Arising

a) Feedback on Unitary Authority Consultation on 7th August (DL)

The Chair reported that in general she had felt that there had been disappointment from East Hampshire delegates that EHDC were to be included with Basingstoke and Dean, Hart, Rushmore and Winchester. She had asked the question as to why this option had been chosen by executives over an alliance with Test Valley, Winchester, and EHDC and had been informed that the decision had been made purely based on finances and not the compatibility of District Councils which were able to work together with common interest. The proposed option would look to save money through Council Taxes and CIL money from the area to support the more densely populated areas of North Hampshire and Winchester and to finance increasing resources needed for Community care, Special Educational Needs and children in care.

b) Community Grants: to note current grants open for application

An Orchard grant from SDNP would be investigated for potential replacement trees at the Langrish Meadow orchard due to suffering losses over the summer.

c) War Memorial: to review public response to consultation.

The majority of residents supported a project on the village green. The Parish Council was unable to fund at present, and uncertainty remained around the future of the church. The matter would remain under review.

d) Remembrance Sunday: to note plans

Arrangements to proceed as usual. The Parish Council would invite Stroud Parish Council to participate, order a wreath, and ensure a representative would be available to lay it.

e) Speeding and safety issues A272: to note actions

The matter had discussed during the Open Forum to be revisited at the November meeting. Actions to include contacting Hampshire Highways regarding gateways. Speed Indicator sign and painting of the bus cages.

f) River Rother Communities and Parishes Event 7th October
Noted.

8. Reports and Updates

a) Bench refurbishment (CW)

Councillors confirmed the quote for works was satisfactory.

b) Langrish Meadow / Community Orchard (IB)

A report had been circulated from Cllr Blackwell. While some trees had survived, many had not. Further grants were to be investigated.

c) Footpaths and Rights of Way (RB)

Cllr Bewes reported progress on installing additional kissing gates with Countryside Services supplying gates and the Parish Council undertaking installation.

With regard to BOATs the Chair reported that she had been disappointed to learn, particularly after assurances from Cllr Robert Mocatta at the last Langrish Parish Council meeting. that the new BOP was not passed at the last HCC Utilities meeting. From what she could gather, HCC Councillors wanted a trial period to see how the proposals in the BOP would work. This needs to be in place before the Elections next May or she feared all the work which had gone into the paper may be lost.

d) Lengthsman: to note recent works and call for jobs (RB)

Recent works had included installing a kissing gate, new jobs identified included clearing the shelter and ditch at Ham Lane.

e) Roads/Highways (IB)

Had been covered under Open Forum and due to Cllr Blackwells absence, no report available.

f) Website (RB)

Cllr Bewes planned to write an article for the Squeaker asking people to sign up to the Parish Council website, this would help with engagement of the community.

9. District and County Councillor report: to receive a report from Cllr Mocatta

A report received had been received. (Appendix B)

10. Any other business

No additional matters were raised.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Monday 10 November 2025

The Parish Council meeting closed at 20:36pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Financial Report September 2025

Below is the summary of Actual v Budget 15 July - 01 September 2025 for Payments & Receipts

Summary of Cost Centres - Payments	Actual	Budget	Variance
Room Hire	£ -	£ -	£ -
Clerk and Cllr Admin Expenses	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Clerk Salary (inc PAYE)	£ 541.65	£ 1,400.00	£ 858.35
Audit Fee	£ 225.00	£ 250.00	£ 25.00
Insurance	£ 297.83	£ 350.00	£ 52.17
Donation	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Asset Maintenance	£ 325.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,675.00
Asset Purchase	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Miscellaneous	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Election Expenses	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Subscriptions	£ 283.00	£ 350.00	£ 67.00
Training	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Website	£ 20.99	£ 500.00	£ 479.01
Langrish Meadow Orchard Project	£ -	£ 650.00	£ 650.00
Total	£ 1,693.47	£ 6,650.00	£ 4,956.53
VAT	£ 65.00		

Summary of Cost Centres - Receipts	Actual	Budget	Variance
Precept	£ 3,213.00	£ 6,426.00	£ 3,213.00
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -

Appendix A

Bank Interest	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total	£ 3,213.00	£ 6,426.00	-£ 3,213.00
VAT Reclaim 2024-25	£ 164.05		

Payments from 15 July - 01 September 2025

Date Paid	Payee	Description	Amount
01/08/2025	Sam Marchant	Clerk Salary	£86.73
01/08/2025	HMRC	PAYE	£21.60
01/08/2025	The Reliable Gardener	Langrish Meadow	£78.00
04/08/2025	HugoFox	Website/Emails	£20.99
01/09/2025	Sam Marchant	Clerk Salary	£86.73
01/09/2025	HMRC	PAYE	£21.60
		Total	£315.65

Receipts from 15 July - 01 September 2025

Date Received	Company	Description	Total
		Total	£ -

Opening Bank Balance 31 March 2025	£6,542.30
Bank Balance 01 September 2025	£8,160.88

EHDC September Report

EHDC announced how the £1.8m of CIL funding was spent across the district

There were 24 projects across the district. Full details are here: [this included £106,9000 to Clanfield Junior School, £12,677.5 to Clanfield cricket club.](#)

[New homes leads to new infrastructure | East Hampshire District Council](#)

The SDNP will approve its £1.87m of CIL projects on September 11th.

SDNP is allocating £1.87m of CIL into the SDNP area. Of this, £167,000 is going on projects in East Hampshire. (The full list of projected grants is here on p 13):. The grants in East Hants include £29k for Clanfield Junior school, £25k for Blackmoor Village Hall, £35k for Liss Infant school, £28,300 for the Sustainability Centre, £50k for the QECP,

[8 September 2022 Planning Committee Agenda](#)

EHDC will collect food waste from all households from April 2026

All 55,000 households will be given both an external food caddy and one for their kitchen. These will be delivered in April next year.

Full details are here

[Food waste collections to launch in 2026 | East Hampshire District Council](#)

Becoming more energy efficient

The move to new offices on Bedford Road will result in ongoing cost savings for EHDC. It now has the information on how much energy cost it has saved by installing solar panels on the new offices. The full press release is here:

[Office solar panels save 31 tonnes of CO2 in a year | East Hampshire District Council](#)

NEW CCAF fund

EHDC's new Climate Change Adaption Fund will be launched on 12th September. This will be a fund of at least £129,000. This follows the funding of 29 projects in the CCAF scheme for 2023 and 2024. Full details are here:

[Fourth round of climate grants to open on 12 September | East Hampshire District Council](#)

Hampshire County Councillor Update September 2025

Hampshire Faces Major Funding Cuts Under Government's 'Fair' Funding Review

Essentially this takes money from rural areas in the South and passes it to urban councils, particularly those in the North and Midlands. So, despite the really great work we are doing to improve our finances the Government's transfer of funding to the cities and the north will just undo all the good we are doing. Hampshire County Council has now responded to the Government's Fair Funding Review 2.0—and we're sounding the alarm. The proposed changes to how councils are funded could leave Hampshire significantly worse off, with many councils across the county facing real-terms cuts.



What's happening? The new formula underestimates Hampshire's needs and overestimates how much we can raise through council tax. It risks deepening our financial deficit and reducing vital services.



The numbers speak for themselves:

Hampshire County Council: funding drops from £338.9m in 2025/26 to £291.1m in 2028/29—a loss of £47.8m.

East Hampshire: down £1.3m

Eastleigh: down £1.6m

Hart: down £1.4m

Test Valley: down £4.4m

Winchester: down £2.1m

Even councils seeing small increases—like Fareham (+£2.1m) or Havant (+£1.3m)—won't escape the pressure, as overall resources shrink and demand grows.




We're calling for:

Fairer service formulas that reflect real demand, especially in rural areas.

Use of actual council tax levels—not national averages—when calculating funding.

Reform of the New Homes Bonus to support infrastructure for growing communities.

A funding floor that protects councils from falling below sustainable levels, indexed to inflation and population.

 Why it matters: Without urgent changes, Hampshire's councils could struggle to deliver essential services—especially for vulnerable residents. We're urging the Government to rethink and deliver a formula that's truly fair for all.

Council	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29
HCC	338.9	323.0	307.0	291.1
Basingstoke	8.2	8.6	9.1	9.5
East Hampshire	7.1	6.6	6.2	5.8
Eastleigh	8.7	8.2	7.6	7.1
Fareham	3.9	4.6	5.3	6.0
Gosport	5.6	5.7	5.8	6.0
Hart	4.6	4.2	3.7	3.2
Havant	7.9	8.3	8.8	9.2
New Forest	10.3	10.3	10.2	10.2
Rushmoor	6.7	7.0	7.3	7.5
Test Valley	12.3	10.8	9.3	7.9
Winchester	10.1	9.4	8.7	8.0
HCC + Districts Total	424.3	406.7	389.0	371.5
Portsmouth	129.1	133.1	137.0	140.9
Southampton	149.9	153.9	157.9	161.9
HCC + Districts + Cities Total	703.3	693.7	683.9	674.3
Isle of Wight	89.8	87.0	84.3	81.5
Hampshire & Solent Total	793.1	780.7	768.2	755.8

Winter Fuel Payments – No Need to Apply!

 [#NoNeedToApply](#)

I've seen reports from Hampshire Police about scammers posing as officials trying to "help" people access their Winter Fuel Payment. Let's set the record straight:

✅ If you're eligible, the payment is AUTOMATIC

🚫 No one needs to contact you, and you don't need to give out any info

👉 Check the official details here: gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment

Be scam-savvy: 🔍 Learn about current scams: BBC Article |

Watch the video 📞 If you've shared financial info, call your bank on 159 📧 Forward suspicious texts to 7726 and emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

Need support? 🧠 Victim Care Hub – free, confidential help: hampshireiowvictimcare.co.uk / 📞 0808 178 1641

📢 Report anonymously: crimestoppers-uk.org / 📞 0800 555 111

🚒 In emergency: call 999

Even if this doesn't affect you — please share to protect someone who might be vulnerable.

General Updates from HCC:

Savings agreed to safeguard essential services

[Savings agreed to safeguard essential services | Hampshire County Council](#)

Helping your child start the school year with confidence

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Celebrating success and looking forward: Hampshire's college and sixth form students to receive 2025 exam results

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Hampshire's GCSE students shine: Celebrating success and supporting futures

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Travel alert: Overnight works on A334/A3051 Junction, Botley

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Highways Information

Who Looks After Our Roads? A Quick Guide for Hampshire, Southampton & Portsmouth Residents

Whether it's potholes, flooding, broken streetlights or overgrown hedges — knowing who to contact makes all the difference.

Here's a breakdown of who's responsible for roads in our area, and how to report issues quickly and effectively:



****Hampshire County Council****

Responsible for most roads across Hampshire (excluding motorways and trunk roads).



Report issues like potholes, drainage, trees, or street lighting:




Hampshire Highways Reporting

Portal: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways>




****Southampton City Council****

Manages roads within the Southampton boundary.


 Report road defects, street furniture issues, or traffic signals:

 Southampton Highways

Reporting: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/.../report-road-defect/>


 **Portsmouth City Council**

Responsible for roads, footpaths, cycleways and coastal paths in Portsmouth.


 Report maintenance concerns or view their strategy:

 Portsmouth Highways Maintenance

Hub: <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/.../local-highways.../>

 **National Highways**

Handles motorways and major trunk roads like the M3, M27, M271, M275, A303, A36, A34, A3 and A31 west of Cadnam.

 Report issues on these roads:

 National Highways Contact

Centre: <https://report.nationalhighways.co.uk/>

Let's keep our roads safe, accessible and well-maintained — and make sure concerns reach the right hands. Feel free to share this post to help others know where to turn.

Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes:

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

Tree/hedge problems:

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

Flooding/drainage issues:

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

Pavement problems:

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

Broken or missing signs:

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

Faulty street lights:

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

Faded or missing road markings:

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

Problems with rights of way:

<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.