

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2023, Heckfield Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Guy Chessell (meeting chairman) , Andy Piercy, Jenny Roberts;
Clerk Susan Turner; Guest County Cllr Tim Davies

2023.

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

AGREED Guy Chessell to Chair the meeting.
Apologies received and accepted from Keith Alderman, Ward Cllr Anne Crampton.
County Cllr Tim Davies apologies for late arrival following another meeting.

2 PUBLIC SESSION

3 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** of 28th November, agreed and signed.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** in items on the Agenda – none.

5 FINANCE

.1 Payments since last meeting

39	Clerk – Salary – Nov	£432.60
40	PGGM – Maintenance – Nov	£304.01
41	AP for ?? – Phone box – Thinners for primer	£14.29
42	PGGM – HG trees – ground-crew (three days)	£3,120.00
43	CMM Contract Arborists – HG trees – tree surgeon	£1,950.00
44	Dial-a Digger – HG trees-chipper	£540.10
45	Heckfield Memorial Hall – Meeting venue – Nov	£28.00
46	Clerk – Salary – Dec	£432.60
47	Clerk – Allowable expenses 2022/23	£324.00
48	PGGM – Maintenance – Dec	£304.01
49	SSEN – Phone box-power connect	£386.32
50	PGGM – HG trees-ground-crew (one and a half days)	£1,020.00
51	CMM Contract Arborists – HG trees-tree surgeon	£600.00

Income since last meeting – £991.66 – County Councillor grant, thanks to Tim Davies.

.2 **Accounts to date** – Circulated **APPENDIX I** – Reconciliation 12 January = £21,536.54

.3 **Precept 2023/24** submitted to Accountancy Hart – confirmation email received. Request as agreed at November 2022 meeting for £12.6K (5% increase), equates to £38 per Band D household (annual increase per Band D of £1.31).

.4 **Budget review** Draft Budget revised: **APPENDIX II**. Question raised re intended purchase of battery powered brush cutter. Potential for County Councillor grant funding for next year but to further consider how much it will be used.

.5 **Lengthsman** Funding 2023/24 to stay at same level as currently supplied by HCC – via their contractor Milestone. To be confirmed HCC decision day 23rd January.

6 COUNCILLOR VACANCY & PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

.1 **Parish Council elections** – Agenda item for March meeting, complete nomination forms.

.2 **New councillors** – AGREED: To advertise May elections on Mattingley Matters.

7 HOUND GREEN

.1 Trees

i Tree works completed – as per the July 2022 Arborsphere tree survey and recommended works for three, six and 12 month time scale – for Hudson’s Meadow, Vicarage Lane and adjacent to B3349 – **APPENDIX III**. Agree the ‘Woodland’ area between Lanterns and Hudson’s Meadow low priority. First phase of works 6th/8th/9th Dec – more done than originally hoped, completed all Hudson’s Meadow and a majority of Vicarage Lane. Second phase of works completed 10th/11th January.

ii Additional issue encountered 10th January, recently broken branch hanging on power lines / BT lines corner B3349 and Vicarage Lane. SSE called, attended and will remove. Total cost to date £6,975.08; telescopic lift (cherry picker) hire yet to be invoiced.

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- iii Logs and brash arising from the tree works.
- As previously, larger logs – rough cut, available for residents to collect.
 - Oak tree trunk off Hudson’s Meadow – recommended for felling – AGREED to be left – as ‘feature’ – for children to climb on, and for wildlife.
 - Brash – majority chipped, some left in piles for wildlife. One pile left in wildflower area near corner Vicarage Lane / B3349. NOTED Much of this somehow ended up in the ditch, blocking the ditch. ACTION Clerk to refer to Groundsman to remedy.

.2 Grounds maintenance

i. Ditches Report Keith Alderman Recent very wet weather – ditches working, seems to have managed well on the Green. Problem with ditches along Vicarage Lane, blocking with leaves. Again noted local resident removing leaves from his property into the ditch.

AGREED: Notices regarding legal position to be fixed to noticeboards. **APPENDIX IV.**

ii. Chain harrows Discussed with Groundsman and agreed, first cut, small drags to be used behind the mower.

.3 **Dragon’s teeth** Noted additional dragon’s teeth still needed – to be cut and shaped from 4in round fence posts – and painted. (To request groundsman?)

.4 **Brooke** – Reports of diesel / oil in the Brooke. Reported to EA. EA responded immediately, called back, seeking further information. No further update, Keith Alderman to monitor.

.5 **Sewage treatment works** Keith Alderman report: Lorries to the site have ceased, site manager reports process now working normally. Still awaiting update from Thames Water and monitoring reports.

.6 Phone box

i. SEN quote £386.32 (plus VAT) accepted and paid (2019 quote for £359.61 plus VAT). (There is an anomaly in the most recent quote - job quoted as domestic not commercial – and so didn’t include VAT. They are to re-invoice.) SSE design document **APPENDIX V.**

ii. Order of works (copied from previous minutes)

1. Base – in hand – to be done this week (weather / frost permitting)
2. Move phone box, establish on site.
3. Dig trench for power cable / install ducting.
4. Supply / install cabinet in phone box for electricity connection and meter
5. Power connection.
6. Following installation, to register the MPAN with electricity supplier, and book for them to install meter (allow a minimum of 28 days for this).

.7 **Plug socket** to be provided for Xmas tree lights etc – AGREED.

8 HAZELEY

.1 **RSPB Deer Cull** – Emailed report to Chairman **APPENDIX VI.** Jenny Roberts noted the cull was ongoing. Great cause of concern to horse riders and walkers, when they will be shooting (early morning) and how long will be going on for. Noted the Parish Council can request information but has no authority with regards to the land or the cull.

9 PLANNING

.1 **Parish planning applications** See **APPENDIX VII,** no new consultations.

.2 **Warehousing proposals Oakdown Farm (M3J7) appeal dismissed**

22/00667/FUL Land At Oakdown Farm, Dummer APP/H1705/W/22/3301468

For info – Public Inquiry 18th to 21st October 2022. Appeal dismissed 15 December 2022, largely on Landscape grounds

.3 **NPPF Consultation** published 22nd Dec, live till 2nd March.

Notes at **APPENDIX VIII.** These proposed changes to the NPPF will set the parameters for Hart’s Local Plan Update. Clerk to enquire as to Hart’s response.

.4 **Bramshill house** – Bramshill’s December Parish Council meeting recorded that:

‘A previous offer to purchase Bramshill House been withdrawn. Matters now continue between The Pheasantry and City and Country since the lapsing of the other offer.’

.5 **Parish Councillor lead role for Planning**

AGREED Jenny Robert to take this role following Adam Knight’s resignation.

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10 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS**.1 Footpath 21** Hound Green (by garage) to Whitewater.

Noted that Countryside Services in July 2022 replaced the two planks that formed the ditch crossing 'to make it as wide and user friendly as the other bridges on the same footpath – the local rambler group kindly installed this'.

REPORTED that following recent heavy rain, the bridge crossing under water, and creating a blockage from debris washed downstream, effectively damming the ditch. (Also noting that the three planks forming the bridge are no different in height to the two that were there previously.)

APPENDIX IX. Clerk to advise Countryside Services of the issue, re future maintenance.

TO RECORD Thanks to Mark Lockett for clearing the ditch.

.1 Local Policing

a. Next PACT meeting 2nd February 7pm, Yeather Police Station and MS Teams.

b. Barn Meet report Report Keith Alderman: Gained contact details of local police controller PC William Jones, have passed to local farmers for their information. Many expressing the police request for reports of any incidents. Jenny Robert noted, not as well-attended as the last; but core attendees landowners, much discussion about poaching and agricultural machinery theft.

.2 Hartley Wintney twinning Social Event Thurs 12th January – attended by Jenny Roberts: Discussion of visits and plans. The wider communities of Saint-Savin and Malle are generally much more involved than the Parishes here. The group talking about how to get us more involved. To organise visit here – eg host walks around different Parishes.Discussion

- Potential to involve the pubs.
- To get the schools involved – pen pals – Jenny a School Governor.
- Noted Malle has a brewery. Andwell unfortunately outside the twinned Parishes but the Hartley Wintney festival has Andwell beers. Hartley Wintney used to have a jazz band in autumn at orchard for Apple Day – came from Malle.
- Events now much smaller scale, individual basis rather than organised groups.
- No longer in EU but good to keep this relationship going.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEM to consider publicity.

.3 County Councillor Highways update Hampshire has been rated third out of all 30 English county councils for public satisfaction with highway maintenance and is the highest performing county authority in the South-East region, according to the 2022 National Highways and Transport Survey.

Hampshire residents' satisfaction with how Hampshire County Council maintains the county's 5,500 miles of highway has improved, following the County Council's decision to provide additional local funding to try to reduce the impact of the year-on-year reductions in Government funding for local highway maintenance over the past decade.

.4 Church - To note Revd Shona has left the Parish and moved to Cornwall.

To RECORD The Parish Council's appreciation for all that Shona and her husband Martin have done during their time in the Parish.

.5 Bunkers Hill Solar Letter received 12th December from Vantage RE Ltd who have bought the Bunkers Hill Farm project from JBM Solar. **APPENDIX X** www.vantagere.co.uk They say they will be delivering the solar farm and expressed a wish to 'meet with the local community and key stakeholders over the coming weeks and months'. They offer to attend a Parish Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEM – To consider joint meeting / potential for Parish Assembly?

11 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

20 Feb, 20 Mar (election nomination forms, 17 April (Parish Assembly?), 15 May (AGM for new Parish Council following elections), 19 June, 17 July, 21 Aug, 18 Sept, 16 Oct, 20 Nov

Meeting closed at 9pm with thanks to all

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APPENDIX I – ACCOUNTS TO DATE

MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL - INCOME 2022/23 - 12 JAN 2022						
Balance brought forward 1st April 2022						£29,415.07
Date	Item	Precept	Grants	VAT	Interest	Total Receipts
11/04/22	Parish Precept	£12,000.00				£12,000.00
21/12/22	County Cllr Grant- benches		£991.66			£991.66
	2022/23 Bank interest				£133.27	£133.27
TOTALS		£12,000.00	£991.66	£0.00	£133.27	£13,124.93

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY			
Bal brought forward 1st April 2022	£29,415.07	April	£7.47
Plus income	£13,124.93	May	£9.75
Minus expenditure	£21,003.46	June	£9.72
Balance	£21,536.54	July	£11.42
		Aug	£16.61
		Sept	£16.23
		Oct	£14.95
		Nov	£14.45
		Dec	£15.31
		Jan	£17.36
		Feb	
		Mar	
		Total	£133.27

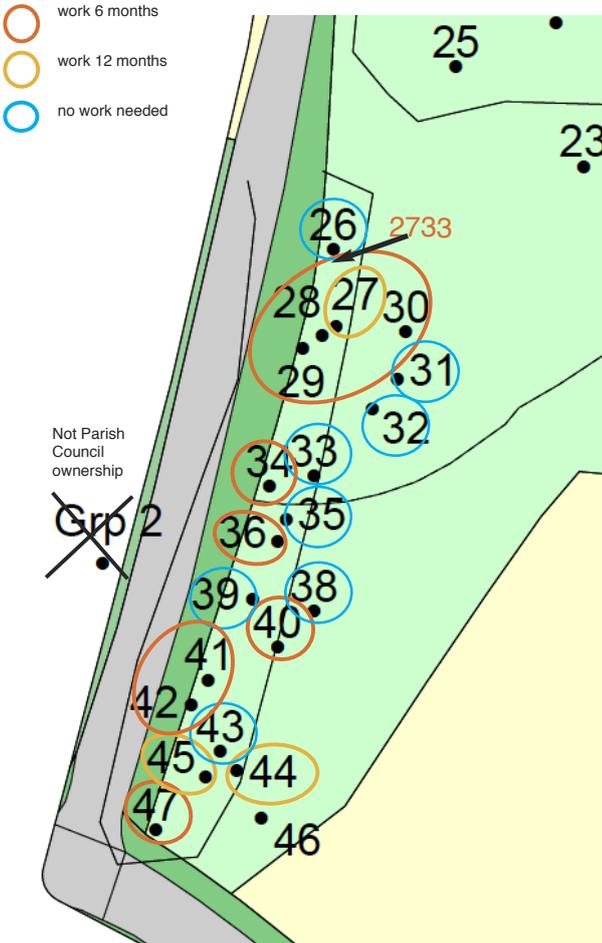
MATTINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL - EXPENDURE 2022/23 - 12 JAN																	
No	Inv Date	Pay Date	Supplier	Description	Means	Salary	Finance Admin	Design & publication	Expenses	Community Jubilee	Maintr Contract	HGreen other	Hound Green Trees	Maintn General	Project	VAT	TOTALS
1	21/03/22	14/04/22	New Inn	Feb & Mar meeting venue	BACS		£40.00										£40.00
2	04/04/22	14/04/22	HALC	HALC / NALC 2022/23	BACS		£281.71										£281.71
3	13/04/22	14/04/22	Stuart Ovenden Design	Hazley Heath logo	BACS			£100.00									£100.00
4	21/04/22	22/04/22	M Hazell	Hound Green moles	BACS							£80.00					£80.00
5	23/04/22	28/04/22	PGGM	Maintenance April	SO					£253.34						£50.67	£304.01
6		02/05/22	Clerk	Salary-April	BACS	£432.60											£432.60
7	13/04/22	04/05/22	Stuart Ovenden Design	Jubilee poster	BACS					£100.00							£100.00
8		09/05/22	New Inn	April meeting venue	BACS		£20.00										£20.00
9	02/06/22	09/05/22	Loos for Doors Ltd	Jubilee portalo balance	BACS					£275.00						£55.00	£330.00
10	28/04/22	09/05/22	GC-JubileeFlagsBunting	Jubilee flags-beacon event	BACS					£131.60						£26.32	£157.92
11	18/05/22	18/05/22	Mark&HildaThompson	Harrow, roll HoundGreen	BACS							£100.00					£100.00
12	24/05/22	28/05/22	PGGM	Maintenance May	SO					£253.34						£50.67	£304.01
13	02/05/22	31/05/22	Personalised Print	Jubilee flyers	BACS					£40.70						£1.54	£42.24
14	05/05/22	31/05/22	Gallagher	Insurance	BACS		£872.84										£872.84
15		07/06/22	New Inn	May meeting venue	BACS		£20.00										£20.00
16		07/06/22	Clerk	Salary-May	BACS	£432.60											£432.60
17	06/06/22	07/06/22	GC-Jubilee - £368.71	Jubilee - party provision	BACS												
17.1	30/05/22		Costco	Plates, Napkins, Complements						£81.83						£13.53	£95.36
17.2	30/05/22		BRIGHT SIDE TRADING	Plastic beer mugs - pint						£57.88						£11.52	£69.20
17.3	30/05/22		BRIGHT SIDE TRADING	Plastic beer mugs - half pint						£26.22						£5.25	£31.47
17.4	31/05/22		BRIGHT SIDE TRADING	Plastic half pint beer mugs						£61.18						£12.25	£73.43
17.5	31/05/22		Amazon EU S.a r.l. UK	Mustard						£15.30							£15.30
17.6	31/05/22		Amazon EU S.a r.l. UK	Quiz pencils x 144						£5.05						£1.01	£6.06
17.7	31/05/22		Amazon EU S.a r.l. UK	Queen - cardboard cutout						£29.16						£5.83	£34.99
17.8	02/06/22		ElectricFix/ScrewFix	LED Lightbulbs - Jubilee						£10.74						£2.15	£12.89
17.9			tesco	ice						£25.00							£25.00
17.10			Misc							£5.01							£5.01
18	27/06/22	28/06/22	PGGM	Maintenance-June	SO					£253.34						£50.67	£304.01
19	June	28/06/22	New Inn	June meeting venue	BACS		£20.00										£20.00
20	June	28/06/22	Clerk	Salary-June	BACS	£432.60											£432.60
21	25/07/22	28/07/22	PGGM	Maintenance-July	SO					£253.34						£50.67	£304.01
22	July	29/07/22	New Inn	July meeting venue	BACS		£20.00										£20.00
23	July	29/07/22	Clerk	Salary-July	BACS	£432.60											£432.60
24	15/08/22	15/08/22	Arborsphere	TreeSurvey/Report HG	BACS								£525.00			£105.00	£630.00
25	18/08/22	18/08/22	Westcote Ltd	SID batteries x 2	BACS									£175.50		£35.10	£210.60
26	30/08/22	28/07/22	PGGM	Maintenance-Aug	SO					£253.34						£50.67	£304.01
27	August	21/09/22	Clerk	Salary-August	BACS	£432.60											£432.60
28	21/09/22	21/09/22	Jakk Country Furniture	Hound Green Benches	BACS										£991.66	£198.32	£1,190.00
29	30/08/22	28/09/22	PGGM	Maintenance-Sept	SO					£253.34						£50.67	£304.01
30	29/09/22	21/09/22	ICO	Data protection register	DD			£35.00									£35.00
31	Sept	21/09/22	Clerk	Salary-Sept	BACS	£432.60											£432.60
32	03/10/22	07/10/02	Heckfield Mem Hall	Meeting venue Sept	BACS			£28.00									£28.00
33	27/09/22	07/10/02	RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath	BACS					£25.00							£25.00
34	20/10/22	20/10/22	PGGM	Materials to install benches	BACS										£65.70	£13.14	£78.84
35	30/10/22	28/10/22	PGGM	Maintenance-Oct	SO					£253.34						£50.67	£304.01
36	14/10/22	31/10/22	A&C Shotblasting	Phone box stippling priming	BACS										£980.00	£196.00	£1,176.00
37	Oct	31/10/22	Clerk	Salary-Oct	BACS	£432.60											£432.60
38	09/11/22	09/11/22	O A Barraclough Ltd	Repairs to War Memorial	BACS										£387.00	£77.40	£464.40
39	Nov	27/11/22	Clerk	Salary-NOV	BACS	£432.60											£432.60
40	28/11/22	28/11/22	PGGM	Maintenance-Nov	SO					£253.34						£50.67	£304.01
41	28/10/22	28/10/22	AP for ??	Thinners phone box primer	BACS										£14.29		£14.29
42	09/12/22	09/12/22	PGGM	Trees - ground-crew	BACS								£2,600.00		£520.00		£3,120.00
43	09/12/22	11/12/22	CMM Contract Arborists	Trees - Charlie work	BACS								£1,950.00			£1,950.00	
44	09/12/22	12/12/22	Dial-a Digger	HG trees - Chipper	BACS							£450.08			£90.02	£540.10	
45	18/12/22	18/12/22	Heckfield Mem Hall-67	Meeting venue Nov	BACS		£28.00										£28.00
46	Dec	19/12/22	Clerk	Salary-DEC	BACS	£432.60											£432.60
47	19/12/22	28/12/22	Clerk	Allowable expenses 2022	BACS				£324.00								£324.00
48	28/11/22	28/12/22	PGGM	Maintenance-DEC	SO					£253.34						£50.67	£304.01
49	09/02/22	10/02/22	SSEN	Phone box power connect	BACS										£386.32		£386.32
50	11/12/22	11/12/22	PGGM	Trees - ground-crew	BACS								£850.00		£170.00		£1,020.00
51	12/12/22	12/12/22	CMM Contract Arborists	Trees - Charlie work	BACS								£600.00				£600.00
TOTALS						£3,893.40	£1,365.55	£100.00	£324.00	£889.47	£2,280.06	£180.00	£6,975.08	£562.50	£2,437.99	£1,995.41	£21,003.46
Date	Supplier	Description	Salary	Finance Admin	Design & publication	Expenses	Community Jubilee	Maintr Contract	H Green other	H Green Trees	Maintn General	Projects	VAT	TOTALS			

APPENDIX II – DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24 - REVISED

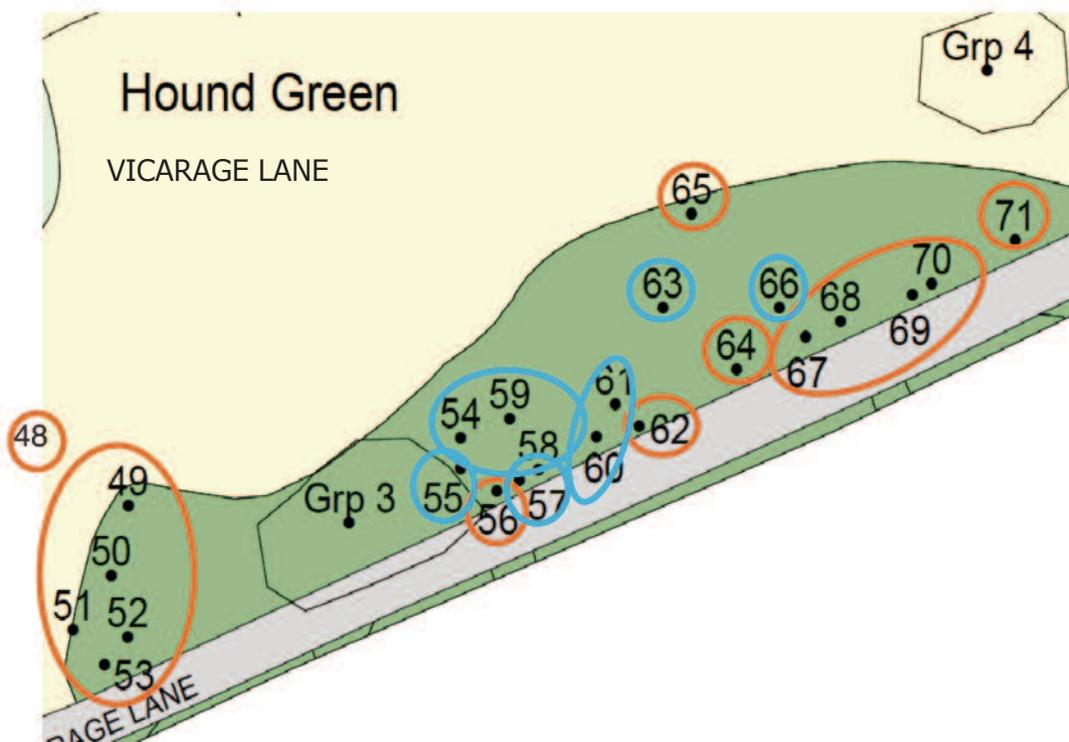
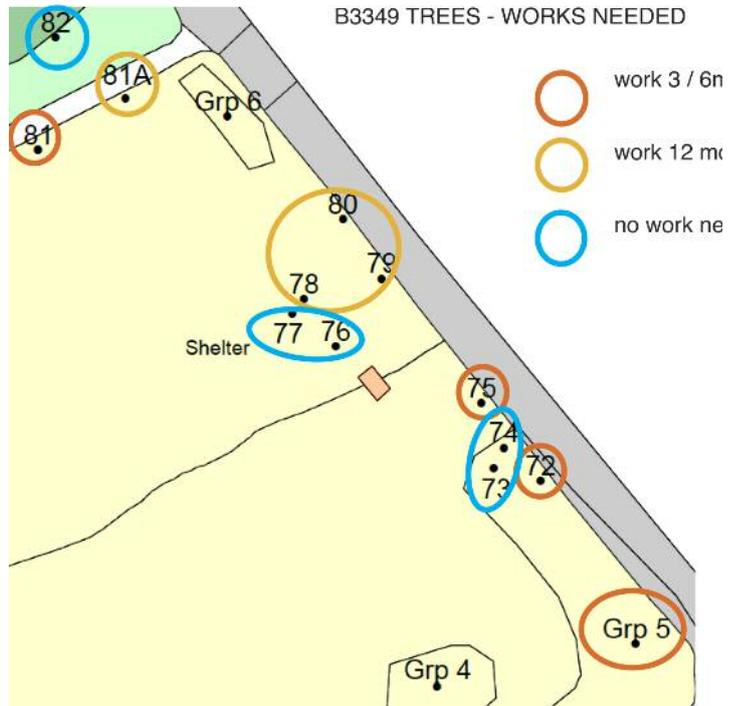
MPC BUDGET	2022/23 TO DATE	2022/23 LATEST ESTIMATE JAN 2022	2023/24 BUDGET JAN 2023
EXPENDITURE			
CLERK'S SALARY	£3,893.40	£5,191.20	£5,191.20
CLERK'S ALLOWANCE	£324.00	£324.00	£324.00
CHAIMAN'S EXPENSES			£100.00
TRAINING			
FINANCE / ADMIN	£1,365.55	£1,440.55	£1,600.00
PRINT / PUBLISH /DESIGN	£100.00	£100.00	
COMMUNITY / DONATIONS	£25.00	£25.00	£500.00
HOUND GREEN -contract	£2,280.06	£3,040.00	£3,344.00
HOUND GREEN other	£180.00	£500.00	£500.00
MAINTENANCE (OTHER)	£562.50	£562.50	£500.00
GLEBE WOOD			£500.00
Projects			
HOUND GREEN TREES	£6,975.08	£8,500.00	
Jubilee	£864.47	£864.47	
Benches	£1,057.38	£1,150.00	
Phone Box	£1,380.61	£2,500.00	
Defibrillators		£2,500.00	
Plough Lane gateways			£6,000.00
VAT	£1,995.41	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£21,003.46	£29,197.72	£21,059.20
Expenditure less projects			
Expend less projects, less VAT			
INCOME			
PRECEPT	£12,000.00	£12,000.00	£12,600.00
County Cllr Dev budget	£991.66	£1,491.66	£500.00
Vat refund		£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Bank interest	£133.27	£125.00	£125.00
Hart S106 Access		£1,901.88	
TOTAL INCOME	£13,124.93	£18,018.54	£15,725.00
Surplus // Deficit	£7,878.53	£11,179.18	£5,334.20
Balance	£21,536.54	£18,235.89	£12,901.69

APPENDIX III: HOUND GREEN TREE WORKS

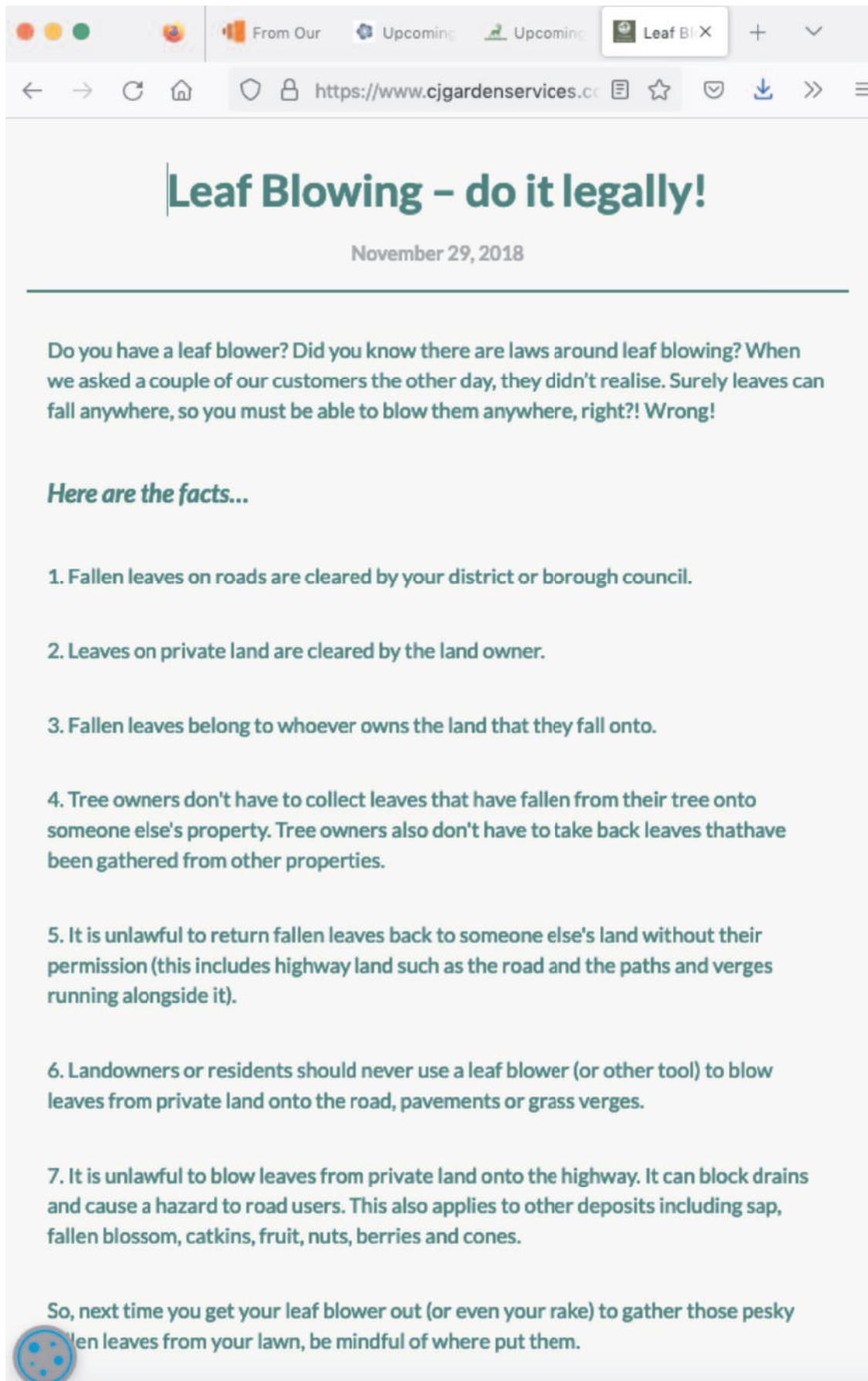
HUDSON'S MEADOW



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APPENDIX IV



Leaf Blowing – do it legally!

November 29, 2018

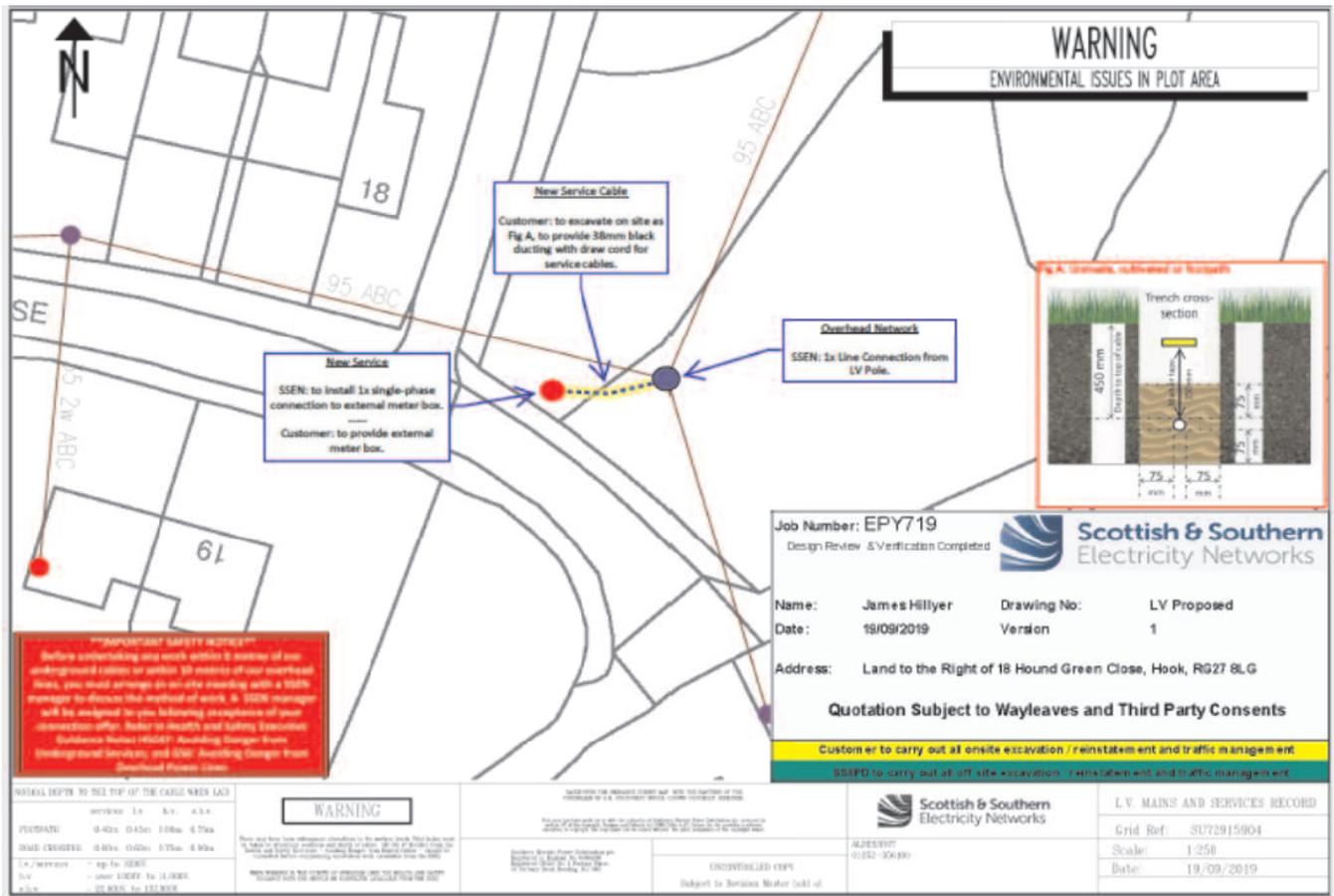
Do you have a leaf blower? Did you know there are laws around leaf blowing? When we asked a couple of our customers the other day, they didn't realise. Surely leaves can fall anywhere, so you must be able to blow them anywhere, right?! Wrong!

Here are the facts...

1. Fallen leaves on roads are cleared by your district or borough council.
2. Leaves on private land are cleared by the land owner.
3. Fallen leaves belong to whoever owns the land that they fall onto.
4. Tree owners don't have to collect leaves that have fallen from their tree onto someone else's property. Tree owners also don't have to take back leaves that have been gathered from other properties.
5. It is unlawful to return fallen leaves back to someone else's land without their permission (this includes highway land such as the road and the paths and verges running alongside it).
6. Landowners or residents should never use a leaf blower (or other tool) to blow leaves from private land onto the road, pavements or grass verges.
7. It is unlawful to blow leaves from private land onto the highway. It can block drains and cause a hazard to road users. This also applies to other deposits including sap, fallen blossom, catkins, fruit, nuts, berries and cones.

So, next time you get your leaf blower out (or even your rake) to gather those pesky fallen leaves from your lawn, be mindful of where you put them.

APPENDIX V: SSE DESIGN DOCUMENT



APPENDIX

From: Mike Coates Date: 16 January 2023 at 15:47:07 GMT
 To: Keith Alderman Subject: RE: Deer Cull update

I can let you know that, as of 11/1/23 the stalkers had culled 41 fallow, 3 roe and 2 muntjac. They will be continuing at least until the end of the month. The high number of fallow deer shot only confirms the very high population that existed. From personal observation, there are still plenty of deer out there.

Public response has been mixed, but to be honest, that was always going to be the case. Some local residents were, and still are, adamantly opposed to shooting deer on a nature reserve, and don't mind telling me so, but we have also had support from some local people, one of whom went to the trouble of e-mailing me that the deer numbers were excessive and that " the cull is welcome".

Any review in April will not be into the ecological impact of the cull, since it will be too soon to tell, but more into the practicalities – were the stalkers able to access the site, did other users make it hard to do the work etc. The views of the Parish council could feed into that process.

The Parish council might also like to have an update on our most recent round of forestry work. As in previous years we have cut a band of trees at the edge of the open heath. The intention is to, firstly, extend the area of open heath, which is the reason Hazeley Heath is protected as a SSSI, and, secondly to help to create a "scrubby edge" to the retained woods (assuming the deer don't eat any regrowth!). All the contractor felling work is now complete, and the timber is being moved to the Purdies Farm access track, from where it will be taken from site.

Unfortunately the work coincided with a very wet period, and the ground has been rather chewed up. The word 'Somme' has been mentioned. While a degree of ground disturbance is actually desirable, to promote seed germination, it is possible to have too much of a good thing. I will be speaking to the contractors about some reinstatement, but this might have to wait until conditions dry out slightly in order for any work to be effective, rather than just pushing liquid mud around.

I have copied in my colleagues, Andy Daw and Mark Crisp, as I will be retiring from this role at the end of the month. They will be able to deal with Hazeley related matters until my successor is in post.

APPENDIX VII**PLANNING UPDATE 16 JANUARY – MATTINGLEY****APPLICATIONS (SINCE LAST MEETING)**

None

APPLICATIONS PENDING AND RECENTLY DECIDED

22/02625/PREAPP (Opinion issued 9 Jan 2023) Hatts Cottage Hazeley Heath. Erection of replacement dwelling and annex.

22/02583/S106 (Pending, Validated 25 Oct 2022) Middle Of The World Farm Vicarage Lane. Discharge of Section 106 Agreement. (Not for consultation.)

APPEAL**APPEAL DECISION PENDING**

21/01926/HOU (Refused by Hart 5th Oct 2021) APP/N1730/W/21/3287722 Thackhams Farm, Bottle Lane. Erection of a single storey side extension. In progress - Start date 20th June (linked 3287721 listed building and conservation area appeal)

APPENDIX VIII**NPPF CONSULTATION (LURB) – CONSULTATION TO 2ND MARCH.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy>

'Scope of this consultation: The Department for Levelling Up, Housing, and Communities is seeking views on how we might develop new and revise current national planning policy to support our wider objectives.'

The outcome of this consultation will shape the future of Hart's Local Plan Update.

NOTES

The Consultation Proposals continue to support the Government manifesto target of £300K new homes per annum, insist on continuing with the Standard Methodology for calculating housing numbers (and using 2011 Census data up to 2024) and seek to boost the importance and relative status of housing delivery within the Planning Framework.

Chapter 2 of the Consultation Proposals discusses Policy Objectives in the LURB Bill – for good design and place making, securing infrastructure, more engagement with communities, better environmental outcomes, empowering communities to shape their neighbourhood... 'ALL THIS IS NEEDED TO DELIVER MORE HOMES...'

CH4.2. 'We propose making small additions to paragraphs 1 and 7 of the existing Framework (Introduction and Chapter 2 on Achieving Sustainable Development). These changes are intended to signal that providing for necessary development that is integrated with local infrastructure is a core purpose of the planning system', '...THE FRAMEWORK SHOULD BE REVISED TO BE CLEARER ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING FOR THE HOMES AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED.'

A proposed difference according to Michael Gove is that the standard method should be seen only as an 'advisory starting-point' for assessing housing need. Plus a stated intention to be clear on what exceptional circumstances will be considered – but focusing only on three criteria – housing densities out of keeping with local character; Green Belt, and over-delivery from the previous Plan period.

The Proposal also include considerable and potentially positive changes to the Five-year Land supply requirements for deliverable housing.

CH3.4. 'We propose to remove the requirement for local authorities with an up-to-date Plan (which in this case means where the housing requirement as set out in strategic policies is less than five years old), to demonstrate continually a deliverable five-year housing land supply. [Also] 3.5...we propose removing five-year housing land supply buffers from National Planning Policy in the future, [and] 3.7 We propose bringing our position on oversupply in line with that on undersupply, when calculating a five-year housing land supply.'

BDBC unable to take advantage of the lower 'transitional' land supply requirement until at least Reg 18 consultation scheduled for this autumn / winter.

'For the purposes of decision-making, where emerging Local Plans have been submitted for examination or where they have been subject to a Regulation 18 or 19 consultation... those authorities will benefit from a reduced requirement... a four-year supply of land for housing, instead of the usual five.'

Further chapters cover Environment, Climate change, Onshore wind and Energy efficiency.

APPENDIX IX

Ditch crossing FP 21 as replaced last July



APPENDIX X

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December 2022

Dear Susan,

I'm writing to you on behalf of Vantage RE to introduce myself, and to share information about the planned solar project on land at Bunkers Hill Farm near Hook.

As you know, the proposals for a new solar farm and battery storage facility put forward by JBM Solar were approved by Hart District Council in November last year (10th Nov 2021). I wanted to let you know that Vantage RE have bought the project from JBM, and we will be delivering the solar farm. This news was announced today, so you may have already read about it. But we wanted to get in touch with the Parish Council to ensure you also heard from us.

What happens next?

We understand that you may have questions or wish to discuss our plans. Over the coming weeks and months, we'd like to meet with the local community and key stakeholders.

We hope to work with Mattingley Parish Council to find the most suitable ways to engage with people locally through this process and ensure that you are kept up to date at each step. For example, you may feel it could be helpful for us to attend a meeting with the Parish Council to introduce ourselves and discuss the project.

About Vantage RE

We own, develop, and operate renewable energy assets across the UK. Headquartered in London, our experienced team manages a growing portfolio of solar, onshore and offshore wind with a combined total of 530MW generation capacity.

We are part of Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), a Malaysian utility company aspiring to be a leading sustainable energy solutions provider in Malaysia and internationally. Vantage RE was launched as TNB's renewable energy growth platform in the UK and Europe.

Find out more

Our website and a project webpage is being prepared at www.vantagere.co.uk and this is where you will be able to find out more and keep up to date at each stage of the process.

I'd be very grateful if you can share my letter with the Chair and appropriate Councillors and would welcome their response to the above when they are ready. If there is further