

**Greatham Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Greatham Village Hall**  
**Wednesday February 19th 2025 at 7.30 pm**

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of Greatham Parish Council for the transaction of business set out below.

*SJ Bartlett*

Acting Clerk

13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**AGENDA**

**1. Chairman's Announcements**

**2. Apologies for Absence:** To note any apologies received from Councillors

**3. Declarations of Interest:**

*Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses & votes on the matter*

**4. Approval of Minutes:** To approve minutes from the council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**5. Update on previous actions arising from council meetings** (Appendix 1)

**6. Report from District Councillors:** Report from Cllr Mitchell/Cllr Steevens (Appendix 2)

**7. Report from County Councillor:** Report from Cllr Russell Oppenheimer (Appendix 3)

**8. Public Question Time:** Adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes to allow the public to raise questions

**9. Parish Council Finances/Administration:**

**a) Payment Schedule:** To approve current payment schedule. (Appendix 4)

**b) Finance Report:** To note the Finance Report for January 2025, and present the bank reconciliations for approval. (Appendix 5)

**c) Clerks Report** (Appendix 6)

**10. To discuss planning application received.**

SDNP/24/03046/LDE	West Fork, Farnham Road, Liss, Hampshire, GU33 6LA	Lawful Development certificate for an existing development – building operation to erect and complete the existing barn.	12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025
SDNP/24/05165/FUL	Greatham Primary School, Petersfield Road, Greatham, Liss, Hampshire GU33 6HA	Installation of Astro Turf on the existing school playing field.	10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
SDNP/24/04802/FUL	Golds Farm Barn, Petersfield Road, Greatham, Liss Hampshire GU33 6HA	Demolition of the existing barn and erection of 2 dwellings and associated landscaping works.	12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025

**11. To discuss Council led projects for 2025.** (Appendix 7)

**12. To discuss the SLR locations for the coming year. (Appendix 8)**

**13. To note reports from representatives of Organisations, Outside Bodies, Leads & Groups (Appendix 7)**

**14. Agenda Items for the next meeting**

**15. Date of Next Meeting : 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 @ 7.30 pm**

#### **Appendix 1 : Matters Arising**

- The old church graveyard needs attention, and the laurel stumps are re-sprouting so need addressing. Meeting to be called of the working party and discussions to take place with SDNP.
- Old Apple Pie development higher than thought so sun isn't getting to the road in the winter months. Frost is becoming a bit more of an issue on the highway. Agreed to review the use of salt bins
- The Junction of Petersfield road and Farnham Road is getting messy again, and the signage is not easy to see. HCC will be chased to get the agreed work carried out and the Lengthsmen will be tasked with clearing the road.
- Pot hole at junction of forest road and Petersfield road getting bigger. Also pothole opposite the Greatham inn. Both will be reported.
- Bus stop near Digby way needs clearing. Will request work carried out by lenthsmen.

#### **Appendix 2 : District Councillors Report**

None Received.

#### **Appendix 3 : County Councillor Report**

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT TO ALL PARISH COUNCILS IN PETERSFIELD HANGERS**

**3 FEBRUARY 2025**

### **1. Devolution and Council Tax Update**

We are still waiting to hear from the Government as to whether Hampshire will be included in the Devolution Priority Programme, also referred to as the Fast Track. This decision will potentially affect the May elections. The decision will also have an impact on the County's projected financial position. Hopefully we will get the announcement in the coming days.

The Government has today refused a request from HCC for Extraordinary Financial Support in the form of a council tax rise higher than 5% (without a referendum). This decision means that HCC cannot effectively plan beyond the coming municipal year of 2025-26. That makes service delivery extremely challenging and puts the wellbeing of communities at risk.

### **2. Love Lane Space for Nature: Project Update**



The Hampshire Monday Group have done a fantastic job of removing invasive cherry laurel and scrub from the Love Lane Space for Nature. I would like to send my sincere thanks to all the volunteers who came out in cold weather and did an amazing job. The verges and paths have been restored, and heritage features and superb native trees are now visible.

The Hampshire Monday Group also undertook a litter pick as they went which is much appreciated. Hampshire Highways kindly removed eight piles of cuttings last week which creates space for the final laurels to be removed.

Cherry Laurel leaves and berries contain poisonous cyanide. It will be fascinating to see what growth comes up now that some light is getting into the copse and the cherry laurel has been removed. I am optimistic that we will see a rapid improvement in biodiversity and in the local amenity value of this prominent green space. The project also aims to discourage anti-social behaviour and fly-tipping in this copse.

It is especially pleasing to note that the Love Lane footpath width has almost doubled as a result of the clearance. This route is used by visitors to the nursery, the community centre and the recreation ground so it is heavily used by people of all ages. Safety and accessibility have been substantially improved for all users.

There is still some thinking and consultation to do about the ongoing maintenance and management of the copse. I will be arranging a site visit with all stakeholders to take place in March. In the meantime, here are some more photos.



### 3. Pulens Lane Traffic Calming Scheme Update

The Pulens Lane scheme is getting closer to implementation. A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes. The scheme webpage has now been updated with the current position and a public slide pack. The first phase is focused on the Durford Road crossroads. I remain optimistic that we can secure funding for the remaining phases.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/petersfield-pulens-lane>

Construction of Phase 1 is now targeted for the first quarter of 2026.

#### 4. Construction poised to commence at Bulmer House

I am pleased to be able to report that the rebuilding of Bulmer House will get underway this month. It has been a long planning process to get to this point. I feel that the imminent commencement of works is good news for Petersfield. The extra-care apartments will provide much-needed downsizing opportunities for people across the area and the day-care facilities will also be a welcome addition to the town. The schedule is now as follows:

- February 2025: Start on site (demolition and tree works)
- April 2025: Construction commences
- Spring 2027: Practical completion
- Summer 2027 onwards: Scheme occupied

The below images show the approved tree works alongside the eventual footprint of the new building.



#### 5. New Lane Rental Scheme, also known as “Disruption Charging” outlined by HCC

Hampshire County Council has set out proposals to introduce a new disruption charge scheme designed to reduce delays on the county’s busiest roads whilst raising extra revenue for highway maintenance. The plan, which would complement the existing permitting scheme, would incentivise any companies or agencies needing to carry out work on busier parts of the public highway to improve their planning, work outside of peak times wherever possible, and reduce the duration of their work.

This would be achieved by charging a daily fee for the duration of the work, including any delays. Surplus revenues received over and above the basic scheme operation costs would be ringfenced towards funding innovative projects that reduce the disruption of streetworks and roadworks and, subject to new national legislation that is expected later this year, a proportion of the income could be re-invested back into highway maintenance.

The plans were approved by the County Council’s Cabinet Lead for Highways and Waste, Councillor Lulu Bowerman, on 28 January 2025. The draft proposals will now be subject to wider consultation this year. Final recommendations would subsequently be developed by the County Council before formal approval is sought from the Department for Transport. The aim would be for the scheme to become operational in 2026.

Disruption charging – or ‘lane rental’ – is already in operation in several parts of the UK and local schemes must comply with national legislation. Rental charges can only be applied on the most congested, strategically important local roads under the management of the highway authority. The County Council would be able to apply a ‘rental’ charge of up to £2,500 per day, the maximum that can be charged under the legislation. For more information, you may wish to read the [Decision Day report](#).

## 6. [Helping Hampshire children get healthy and active](#)

At HCC we are expanding our initiatives to reduce ill-health and improve the wellbeing of Hampshire’s children. Getting kids into good habits early on can make a big difference. Helping children maintain a healthy weight is essential for long-term health.

In Hampshire, almost one-third (32%) of Year 6 students and one-fifth (21%) of Reception-aged children are overweight or very overweight. We also know that 30% of children aged five to 19 in the county do less than 30 minutes of physical activity daily, with those from disadvantaged backgrounds facing further barriers to accessing activity.

A new set of initiatives across the County includes one in East Hants: Community engagement and child-friendly elements have been added to the Horndean Green Trail project, which aims to improve access between Horndean and surrounding areas.

HCC has also given funding to children’s charity Barnardo’s to launch a new programme to help families stay healthy, called Hampshire Healthy Steps. It is a flexible, community-based programme for families with children aged 2 to 12 years, enabling them to get more active, sleep better, eat healthily, and connect with their local area. Find out more here: <https://www.hampshirehealthysteps.org.uk/>

Parents and carers worried about their child’s weight can get help and guidance from the County Council commissioned health visiting team or school nursing team. Details can be found on the Hampshire [Healthy Families](#) website.

## 7. [South Downs Local Plan Review](#)

The consultation on the South Downs Local Plan Review is underway. The consultation can be accessed at this link:

<https://sdnpalocalplanreview.commonplace.is/>

It was good to see so many Parish Councillors at the engagement session at the Festival Hall on 29 January. Many Councillors will want to comment on the new site allocations for housing and nature. There are also policy changes and the four which caught my eye are:

- Rural Exception Sites: 20% market housing to be allowed when community-led, with the rest affordable. It will be interesting to see whether more sites come forward.
- A favourable New Policy on Viticulture, Winemaking and Wine Tourism.
- Policy SD23 is being changed from Sustainable Tourism to “Regenerative Tourism”
- A new concept of Regenerative Design.



**Total at Bank** **£39,214.90**

**Earmarked Funds Held**

Trees £ 900.00

Community Engagement £ 250.00

Elections £3500.00

EMR CIL + £2K Grant £1720.00

Telephone Box £ 500.00

Kings Coronation £ 500.00

Old Church £4500.00

Defib Maintenance £ 250.00

Bus Shelters £ 250.00

**Total Earmarked Funds** **£12,370.00**

**General Reserves Balance** **£26,844.90 (Total at Bank less Earmarked funds)**

**Appendix 6 : Clerks Report**

- The parish Councillors enjoyed a night out at The Temple, kindly organised by Cllr Cheesman, as a belated Christmas celebration.
- Wrote the copy for the February parish magazine update.
- Attended the EHAPTC meeting via zoom.
- Attended the SDNP planning policy meeting with Cllr Pond in Petersfield to give feedback on the plans to hear an update on the timeline they are working towards.
- Attended the Portsmouth cathedral choir evensong at St Johns the Baptist church to start the 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebrations and read the first reading on behalf of the Parish council.
- Hosted a parish Councillor get together to discuss projects for 2025 and beyond in preparation for discussion at meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025.
- Had preliminary discussion with potential RFO to support the parish council.

**Appendix 7 : Council Projects 2025 and beyond.**

**Greatham Parish Council Project List 2025/2026 and beyond**  
updated February 2025

Colour Code :

2025 projects

2026 Projects

2027 Projects and new Parish Council

Task	Lead	Cost	Comments/Progress
<b>General Parish Council Work</b>			
Playground maintenance	Cllr Lafferty		<i>Sort out drainage issue. Ensure ongoing checking of equipment and play area.</i>
Speedwatch equipment	Cllr Lafferty		<i>Fix owned camera and utilise within village on permanent basis</i>
Lengthsman	Cllr Bartlett		<i>Ongoing planning of work.</i>
Bus Shelter maintenance	Cllr Lafferty/Cllr Cheesman		<i>Review roof of shelters and re paint</i>
Review of salt bins	Cllr Cheesman		<i>Look at state of bins and if any need replacing, and if need cleaning/re-filling.</i>
Foliage management at Digby Way	Cllr Bartlett		<i>Look at improving visibility for cyclists and road users on the roundabout. ASAP using Lengthsmen. Look at Pedestrian Signage.</i>
Footpath	Cllr Bartlett		<i>Make up footpath from church to Farnham road junction. And alongside the village green. Look at using probation service. Also consider lengthsman.</i>
Footpath	Cllr Bartlett		<i>Clear all footpaths so minimum walking area is available to pedestrians. Note : footpath to Snailing lane and to ham barn roundabout.</i>
Maintenance of Footpaths and bridlepaths	Cllr Bartlett		<i>Ongoing maintenance during summer months. Ask Sue Booton, Sue Godby and other residents to report on specific footpaths.</i>
Longmoor Bridge			<i>Maintenance and Painting.</i>
Village Green Posts	Cllr Lafferty/Cllr Cheesman		<i>Replace all posts around the village green. Clerk to source costs for Ash posts.</i>
<b>Quick Wins</b>			
Speedwatch	Cllr Lafferty/Cllr Bartlett		<i>Review locations of speed camera. Find volunteers to run village speedwatch sessions.</i>
G15			<i>Reviewed for new parish council</i>
Councillor Drop In	All		<i>Look to hold in April. Consider 12<sup>th</sup> if available. 10 – 12.</i>
Telephone box	Cllr Lafferty		<i>Concrete base to be organised. Windows to be installed.</i>
Wildflowers	Cllr Rudd		<i>Look at creating Wildflower and pollinator corridors in the village.</i>
Village Footpath & Ecology Signboards/Gateways	Cllr Bartlett	S106	<i>Find out where we are and get production moving.</i>
Old Church Strategy	Cllr Bartlett		<i>Book meeting with old church working group.</i>
Flood alleviation	Cllr Lafferty		<i>Work to be done on the river to reduce chance of flooding.</i>
Parking issues with school run	Cllr Cheesman/Cllr Rudd		<i>Review options to improve village access at peak times. HCC follow up and parking enforcement – Cllr Bartlett.</i>
Bakers field Parking			<i>Review issues and look at resolution options</i>
Old Church laurel hedge	Cllr Bartlett		<i>To agree actions regarding stumps of laurels that have been sprouting on bank. To agree boundary with L'Abri.</i>



Christmas tree	Cllr Bartlett		<i>Are we having one? Location? Power? Look to secure permanent site. Raised bed to be created.</i>
Litter pick	Cllr Bartlett		<i>Litter pick all areas currently in need to clearance : Forest Road, Petersfield Road, Selbourne Road to Snailing Lane, Farnham road to ham barn roundabout. Encourage support at Drop in to support Green Week</i>
Cove Homes Update	Cllr Bartlett		<i>Member of cove homes to visit parish council meeting and update on plans. Suggest attendance at March/April meeting.</i>
Budget Review	Cllr Lafferty/Cllr Bartlett		<i>Ongoing financial planning.</i>
<b>Major Initiatives</b>			
Cycle route from Greatham to Liss			<i>Utilise plans from previous parish council to see if route possible and look at finance.</i>
Old Church power and light	Cllr Bartlett		<i>Review option of having power and light installed at old church to allow for greater usage to be made of site to aid with cost of maintenance.</i>
Traffic calming initiatives	Cllr Lafferty/Cllr Bartlett		<i>Follow up with HCC regarding crossing, Farnham road junction works, traffic calming options. Consider planters.</i>
150 <sup>th</sup> celebration of St Johns church	Cllr Rudd		<i>Agree what the parish council will do to note this event. Look at funding a new noticeboard – Cllr Bartlett to source.</i>
<b>Other Initiatives</b>			
Community Hub engagement			
Recruitment of RFO and Clerk			
War Memorial – Post/Chain at front of memorial. Flower border to surround. Look at Funding options.			
Gift for Ven. Peter Sutton to Thank for his service : Cllr Bartlett to review option of print of painting of old church.			

## Appendix 8 : Community Hub

Update from the Greatham Community Hub Action Group The members of the Action Group visited more than 12 community hubs in the area and shared a selection of these at the two consultation events in January. The Action Group were very encouraged by the excellent turnout at these meetings, which were attended by approximately 100 people over the two dates. We had lots of very useful feedback from the people who came along that will form the basis of a wider survey which will be going out in the next couple of months.

We note that the petition for a community shop/café now has over 500 signatories

Members of the Action Group are Sue Godby, Helenka Vedna, Kay Henrie, Zoe Coltart, Emily McCubbin and Helen Perry. For enquiries please contact Sue or Zoe for any questions or offers of help! [sue.godby@sky.com](mailto:sue.godby@sky.com) or [zoe\\_p@hotmail.com](mailto:zoe_p@hotmail.com)

We will be keeping everyone informed via the Parish magazine as well as providing regular updates to GVH and the Parish Council

