

**Greatham Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Greatham Village Hall**  
**Wednesday April 9<sup>th</sup> 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*

Clerk and RFO

5<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**AGENDA**

1. **Election of Chairman, and Election of Vice Chair**
2. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
3. **Chairman’s Announcements**
4. **Apologies for Absence:** To note any apologies received from councillors
5. **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*
6. **Approval of Minutes:** To approve minutes from the council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025
7. **Update on previous actions arising from council meetings** (Appendix 1)
8. **Report from District Councillors:** Report from Cllr Mitchell/Cllr Steevens (Appendix 2)
9. **Report from County Councillor:** Report from Cllr Russell Oppenheimer (Appendix 3)
10. **Public Question Time:** Adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes to allow the public to raise questions
11. **Parish Council Finances/Administration:**
  - a) **Payment Schedule:** To approve current payments (Appendix 4)
  - b) **Finance Report:** To note the Finance Report for March 2025, and present the bank reconciliations for approval. (Appendix 5)
  - c) **Council insurance:** To review and agree the council’s insurance policy at an annual cost of £1002.23
  - d) **Clerks Report** (Appendix 6)
12. **Planning Applications:** To consider and agree a response to the following application:

Reference	Address	Proposal	Consultation Expiry Date
Sdnp/25/00370/TPO	Cove Construction, Greatham primary school, Petersfield rd, Greatham	T10 –Oak. reduce lowest limb by approx. 3-4 m to suitable growth point, to maintain natural shape of the canopy and reduce weight loading. T11 – Oak. As above.	1 <sup>st</sup> May 2025
SDNP/25/00971/ADV	BGO Moor Propco Limited, Longmoor enterprise park, Longmoor Road, Greatham	1 no totem signs (Illuminated) and 6 mounted signs.	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025
SDNP/25/01137/TCA	The old Coach house, Petersfield road, Greatham	Ash tree requiring crown reduction following consultation with local tree surgeon. Tree is encroaching on	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2025

		neighbouring property and has become unmanageable.	
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**13. To note reports from representatives of Organisations, Outside Bodies, Leads & Groups**

**14. Annual Meeting:** To agree the date for the Annual Meeting following the elections

**15. Annual Parish Meeting:** To agree the date for the annual meeting of electors of the parish

**16. Parish Council Meetings :** To agree the dates for the meetings for the next council year.

**17. Agenda Items for the next Meeting**

- Review and approve end of year accounts for last fiscal year.
- Review first draft of AGAR return.
- Review and discuss Internal Audit information for meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**18. Date of Next Meeting : 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 @ 7.30 pm**

**Appendix 1 : Matters Arising**

- Dates of devolution meetings provided on Facebook.
- Cove development traffic direction of travel explained during the meeting.
- Traffic Calming measures are constantly under review, and assessment. Cost of implementation to be sought and funding options considered.
- Wooden posts surrounding the village green to be replaced. Clerk to seek quotes and schedule of works. Consideration for inclusion of dragons teeth posts for verge on left as you exit church lane.
- School parking issues under review. Clerk to chase traffic enforcement update.

**Appendix 2 : Report from District Councillors**

- None received.

**Appendix 3 : Report from County Councillor**

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

**1 APRIL 2025**

1. Retirement of HCC Chief Executive

HCC Chief Executive Carolyn Williamson has announced her retirement after four years in the role. She will depart HCC in July. A selection process to recruit her replacement will commence in the coming weeks. This is likely to be a crucial appointment coming as it does at a time of transition for local government in Hampshire.

## 2. Future Services Consultation on possible changes

In order to bridge our budget gap, HCC is currently consulting on some service changes. I thought it would be appropriate to report on them. Here is a brief summary of the savings proposals:

### **Planned highway maintenance**

This withdrawal of funding is possible due to an increase in National funding of £15.2m. The proposal is to remove £4.32m funding provided each year by the County Council to supplement Department for Transport funding for planned highway maintenance activities including larger-scale structural repairs, surface treatments on roads, and drainage improvements.

### **Older Adults Day Services**

The proposal is for HCC Care and Support Service to stop running the older adult day care services at Chesil Lodge (Winchester), and Newman Court (Basingstoke). These day care services provide a range of individual and group activities (e.g. crafts, exercise, singing) together with personal care.

### **Post-16 Transport**

- To focus the County Council's resources on those most in need, by amending the eligibility criteria for Post-16 transport assistance so that the County Council would only assist with travel for Post-16 students with special educational needs or a disability, and who are from a low-income family.
- To make Post-16 Transport provision more sustainable in the long-term by requiring all families of students who receive County Council-provided Post-16 transport assistance to contribute to the costs of transport for their child.
- To support SEND students to develop their independent travel skills by introducing mandatory Independent Travel Training (ITT) for some Post-16 students.
- To make Post-16 Transport provision more sustainable in the long-term by requiring parents/carers/responsible adults to act as a Passenger Assistant where it is reasonable for them to do so.

### **Both School Transport and Post-16 Transport**

- To reduce the number of unused seats by utilising bus pass usage data.
- To increase flexibility to meet short-term variations in demand by using the full licensed capacity of buses.
- To make discretionary transport more viable by asking parents to increase their financial contribution towards the cost of the transport.
- To promote the most independent forms of transport assistance.

The service change proposals outlined within the consultation would contribute around £9.9 million in total towards balancing the budget for 2025/26 while ensuring that the delivery of essential services is maintained.

If you would like to respond to the consultation, you can do so until 7 May at this link:  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/future-services-consultation-spring-2025>

### 3. Consultation on new layout for junction

HCC has commenced a formal consultation on a new layout for the Causeway/Sussex Road/Hylton Road/Dragon Street junction, also known locally as the “Tesco junction”.

As well as making it easier for everyone to cross the road, we also hope that this crossing will have a traffic-calming effect.

A Public Notice was published on 21 March and representations can be made until 18 April.

More information is available at this link to the scheme web page:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/petersfield-dragon-street>

### 4. HCC enters Purdah due to by-elections

Due to the resignation of sitting councillors Dominic Hiscox and Adrian Collett, by-elections have been triggered for two County Divisions. They are Winchester Eastgate and Yateley East & Blackwater Electoral Divisions.

This means that HCC is now in Purdah and consequently will not make any substantial announcements until the by-elections have taken place on Thursday 1 May. This may mean that there is not anything meaningful for me to report in my next monthly report but let's see.

### 5. Easter activity QE Country Park

Queen Elizabeth Country Park has organised an Easter trail for kids called the “Big Butser Egg Roll” Trail. For £6 you get a pack including a trail guide, a pack of pencils, a springtime craft to take home, and a rubber egg to decorate. The idea is that you throw the rubber egg up Butser Hill, see how far it goes, and then watch it roll down. The trail will be in place from 5-21 April. Tickets can be purchased online here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/thingstodo/countryparks/qecp/visit-us/whatson/the-big-butser-egg-roll-2025>

### 6. South Downs celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday



The South Downs National Park is marking its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday by announcing a major upcoming consultation that will help decide future priorities.

The South Downs National Park came into being on 31 March, 2010 after first being mooted in the 1920s. Fifteen years on, a great deal has been achieved for nature, climate and communities.

Yet there's still so much more to be done to protect and enhance the landscape, as well as create opportunities for people to enjoy it, all while facing growing challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, water pollution and economic uncertainty.

A public consultation will run from June to August on a new draft 5-year Partnership Management Plan, which is an overarching plan setting out the goals for the National Park over the next five years. It will replace the current Partnership Management Plan.

**RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER**  
County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers

**Appendix 4 : Payment Schedule**

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Net Total	Vat	Total
07/04/2025	Reg White	St Johns Churchyard maintenance	168.00	0.00	168.00
04/04/2025	Greatham village Hall	Booking 12/03/25 & 18/03/25	15.00	0.00	15.00
07/04/2025	Giff Gaff	Mobile phone charges	5.00	1.00	6.00
01/04/25	Disking	Monthly support and m/soft subscriptions. Paid by DD	63.97	12.79	76.76
25/03/2025	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Cover	894.85	107.38	1002.23

**Appendix 5 : Finance Report and Bank Reconciliations**

**Receipts 1<sup>st</sup> March to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

**Total Receipts** **£168.08**

**Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025**

Current Account £11,907.73

Deposit Account £26,864.23

**Total at Bank** **£38,771.96**

## **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
<b>Total Earmarked Funds</b>	<b>£12,370.00</b>
<b>General Reserves Balance</b>	<b>£26,401.96 (Total at Bank less Earmarked funds)</b>

## **Appendix 6 : Clerks Report**

- Carried out Litter pick on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March on Forest Road. No one else attended the session.
- Dads been in hospital unexpectedly since 23<sup>rd</sup> March so difficult to do much clerking work.

## **Appendix 7 : Community Hub Update**

### Greatham Community Hub Update for GVH meeting April

The survey was sent out in the April Parish magazine to all Greatham residents; the Action Group are very keen to get as many responses from people living in the village as well as those who use other services in Greatham or would be potential customers.

For additional copies of the paper survey or to contact the Action Group us please email [greathamhub@gmail.com](mailto:greathamhub@gmail.com)

The Action group members have so far been funding initial expenses ourselves, so we are hoping to gain some seed funding and are in the process of creating a more formalised body, which will be a Community Benefit Society.

Once we have the survey results, we will be producing a report and proposal which will be shared with all stakeholders.

