

**Greatham Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Greatham Village Hall**  
**Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup> 2026 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 to the Parish Council

5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**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 payments (Appendix 4)

b) **Finance Report:** To note the Finance Report for January 2026 and present the bank reconciliations for approval. (Appendix 5)

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

d) **Review Statutory Documents and Information :** Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Register of Interests, Asset Register.

**10. Budget v Actual Spend 2025 – 2026 :** To review where we are year to date with our spending and what funds are remaining by cost center and budget line. (Appendix 7)

**11. Planning Applications:** To consider and agree a response to the following application:

Reference	Address	Proposal	Consultation Expiry Date
SDNP/26/00110/LIS	Pook Cottage, Church Lane, Greatham, Liss, Hampshire, GU33 6HB	Removal of 3 no. first floor windows and their replacement with 3 new matching painted timber windows.	24 <sup>th</sup> February 2026

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12. **Speed Indicator Device** : To discuss existing equipment, future needs and next steps.
13. **Flag Pole on Village Green** : To discuss received quotations, approve works to take place and contractor.
14. **Annual Parish Meeting** : Agree date and scope meeting. (can be held between 1 March and 1 June and not before 6pm).
15. **To note reports from representatives of Organisations, Outside Bodies, Leads & Groups**  
(Appendix 8)
16. **Agenda Items for the next Meeting**
17. **Date of Next Meeting : 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 7.30 pm**

**Appendix 1 : Matters Arising**

- The parish council reviewed the options to comment on the local government re-organization but found the consultation had been closed.
- Cllr Lafferty spoke with the equestrian center regarding the use of the horses on the footpath. He will also request a new sign from the MOD to denote the footpath status.
- Cllr Lafferty is yet to have an answer regarding the parking infringement.

**Appendix 2 : District Councillors Report**

Nothing Received.

**Appendix 3 : County Councillors Report**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**  
**TO**  
**ALL PARISH COUNCILS**  
**IN PETERSFIELD HANGERS**  
**1 FEBRUARY 2026**

1. Highways maintenance update

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I am acutely aware that the state of our roads is bad at the moment, and that residents are upset by it. I drive to various places in my car every day and so I share the frustration. I wish to assure you that the problems we are seeing are not the result of a lack of focus by Hampshire County Council. The main culprits are: increasingly extreme weather, heavier vehicles and rampant materials inflation over the last five years. Of course, the funding crisis in local government caused by escalating care costs and escalating special educational needs costs has played a key part. We are 100% reliant on the Highways funding we get from central Government, which is totally inadequate. The experts tell us that it would cost £600m a year properly to restore and maintain Hampshire's roads. Yet we are actually in receipt of just £60m per year in Hampshire.

Since Christmas, wintry and wet weather has hit our highway network particularly hard. The impacts of regular freeze-thaw cycles and persistent rain have accelerated road deterioration, leading to a significant surge in pothole reports and repair requests. This level of degradation leads to weakened road surfaces and the failure of the underlying layers. To tackle the damage and spike in demand, the Highways Team, working closely with our contractor M Group, have successfully secured extra supply-chain resources - and they have managed this despite a significant rise in demand for frontline resources nationally from other highway authorities.

Highways have extra Jet/Dragon Patchers already out on the Hampshire network with more due soon. In addition, extra carriageway patching gangs started on 12 January, and more are expected to join by the end of this month. Further resource increases are likely over the coming weeks. However, their work has been hampered by ongoing heavy rain and low temperatures. You cannot repair potholes when the road surface temperature is below 8 degrees or when it is raining heavily. We need to hope for a clear fortnight for the teams to really get a grip on it.

While dealing with potholes will remain the main focus over the coming months, the winter weather is also placing pressure on other parts of the network, especially drainage assets. To help manage the increase in flooding, there are also additional jetting machines available to respond to issues related to piped drainage systems. A team is also available to tackle other localised flooding problems. In addition, an extra white-lining team is now on the network addressing small, localised sites where markings have deteriorated.

In light of the increased demand, it is inevitable that some reported defects will need to be temporarily infilled to ensure road safety. Whilst permanent first-time repairs are always preferred, the level of demand is currently so high across Hampshire that infill repairs will need to be

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considered as a quick-fix for safety reasons while longer term permanent repairs are scheduled. Nobody likes infill repairs because they sometimes fail within days. But I trust the Highways engineers when they say that this is the best way to maintain safety for road users. They are the experts.

In summary, we are doing everything we can to bring our highways back to a safe and acceptable state as swiftly as possible. I appreciate your patience and I would be very grateful for your help with explaining the situation to residents.

2. May 2026 elections.

As you know, Hampshire County Council refused to request a delay to elections despite pressure from Ministers to do so. I am proud of our principled stance. Thankfully, the Government has not imposed a delay on Hampshire so the May elections are proceeding.

Town and Parish Councils may wish to consider organising village hustings for candidates in April so that residents can hear directly from the candidates. This can be an important and helpful part of local democracy.

3. County Councillor grants

I wish to draw attention to a change to the rules around County Councillor grants to Parish Councils. Recently, a grant which I had approved to Ropley PC was caught by this rule and rejected by officers. This was vexing for me and even more vexing for Ropley PC.

The rule quoted at me by the Grants Team was this one:

*iv) Grants will continue to be available for Parish Councils, however grants should not support normal business operation or projects that can be revenue funded (including through precepts) or funded through alternative sources like the Community Infrastructure Levy.*

Please could I ask Town and Parish Councils to be mindful of this constraint when making applications in the future. We may need to check with the Grants team in advance which I can always do.

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4. New Partnership Management Plan for South Downs National Park

The SDNPA have published their new 5-year management plan covering the period 2026-2031. This is a key document for the National Park and is a requirement of the National Parks legislation. I was interested to note a shift towards nature recovery which I think is welcome.

A range of ambitious targets have been agreed, including increasing tree canopy and woodland cover by 4,200 football pitches (2,625 hectares) by 2031 to help store carbon, soak up water and create vital new havens for wildlife.

A goal of restoring or creating more than 3,300 hectares of wildlife-rich habitats by 2031 has been agreed – an area the size of Worthing or Hayling Island. These new havens are outside current protected nature sites and will help significantly boost regional biodiversity in the long-term and increase resilience to higher temperatures and flooding.

Meanwhile, a key goal is that all water bodies in the National Park achieve “high” or “good” status by the end of 2027. It comes after a major study last year showed that most bodies of water are failing to meet good ecological standards.

The Plan also commits to engaging with 2,500 schools, inside and outside the National Park, and delivering 500 nature-based activity sessions for young people. I do not think any of us would argue with that one.

The plan is for the whole National Park and it can only be delivered in partnership with farmers, landowners, local authorities, the health sector, water companies, businesses, schools, charities and communities. There is an important role for Parish Councils in identifying areas for nature recovery and getting plans in place for designating those areas and restoring them through planting and other measures.

You can read the full plan at this link:

<https://partnership-management-plan.southdowns.gov.uk/>

**RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER**  
**County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers**



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#### Appendix 6 : Clerks Report

- Organised with Disking to add RAM and a new battery to Clerk Laptop to enhance performance and enable more effective use in meetings.
- Added all outstanding Parish Magazine issues to the parish council website.
- Met with Cllr Pond to utilize her notes from the 14<sup>th</sup> January parish council meeting to produce the meeting minutes.
- Liaised with Cllr Tree, Whitehill Town Council, regarding the Mayor of Whitehill and Bordon visiting the Greatham Inn, in an official capacity wearing her Mayoral Chain of Office.

#### Appendix 7 : Budget V Actual Spend

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#### Summary of Receipts and Payments

All Cost Centres and Codes

7 February 2026 (2025-2026)

#### Earmarked Reserves

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position +/- Under/over spend
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	
26	EMR Trees				900.00		900.00	900.00 (100%)
27	EMR Community Engagement				250.00		250.00	250.00 (100%)
28	EMR NDP							(N/A)
29	EMR Elections				1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00 (100%)
30	EMR CFI							(N/A)
31	EMR S106							(N/A)
32	EMR Grants							(N/A)
33	EMR CIL + £2K Grants (old chu				1,720.00		1,720.00	1,720.00 (100%)
34	EMR Telephone Box				850.00	447.32	402.68	402.68 (47%)
42	EMR King's Coronation				500.00		500.00	500.00 (100%)
43	EMR Old Church				2,500.00	1,344.00	1,156.00	1,156.00 (46%)
44	EMR Defibrillator Maintenance				150.00		150.00	150.00 (100%)
45	EMR Bus Shelters				250.00		250.00	250.00 (100%)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>8,620.00</b>	<b>1,791.32</b>	<b>6,828.68</b>	<b>6,828.68 (79%)</b>

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#### Equipment & Repairs

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
10	Repairs & Maintenance				1,000.00	100.00	900.00	900.00 (90%)
11	Equipment Purchase				350.00	416.66	-66.66	-66.66 (-19%)
12	SLR				350.00	295.30	54.70	54.70 (15%)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>1,700.00</b>	<b>811.96</b>	<b>888.04</b>	<b>888.04 (52%)</b>

#### Grants

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
14	Grant Allocation		900.00	900.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,900.00 (190%)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>			<b>900.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>1,900.00 (190%)</b>

#### Insurance & Fees

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
15	Subscriptions & Fees				1,500.00	452.00	1,048.00	1,048.00 (69%)
16	External Auditor				450.00	315.00	135.00	135.00 (30%)
17	Internal Auditor				450.00	450.00		(0%)
18	Insurance				1,000.00	894.85	105.15	105.15 (10%)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>3,400.00</b>	<b>2,111.85</b>	<b>1,288.15</b>	<b>1,288.15 (37%)</b>

#### Meeting Costs

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
8	Room Hire				100.00	92.50	7.50	7.50 (7%)
46	APM Costs					52.10	-52.10	-52.10 (N/A)
54	Printing costs					21.66	-21.66	-21.66 (N/A)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>100.00</b>	<b>166.26</b>	<b>-66.26</b>	<b>-66.26 (-66%)</b>

#### Other Costs

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
24	VAT Payments		12,977.46	12,977.46		531.97	-531.97	12,445.49 (N/A)
25	Bank Charges				100.00	60.00	40.00	40.00 (40%)
50	Mobile Phone					41.00	-41.00	-41.00 (N/A)
51	Xmas Tree					550.42	-550.42	-550.42 (N/A)
52	subscriptions					80.00	-80.00	-80.00 (N/A)
55	misc costs					6.50	-6.50	-6.50 (N/A)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>			<b>12,977.46</b>	<b>12,977.46</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>1,269.89</b>	<b>-1,169.89</b>	<b>11,807.57 (11807%)</b>

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#### Outside Spaces

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
19	Grass Cutting				2,000.00	980.00	1,020.00	1,020.00 (51%)
20	Maintenance / Lengthsman				4,000.00	1,470.00	2,530.00	2,530.00 (63%)
21	Play Inspection				400.00		400.00	400.00 (100%)
22	Playground				1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00 (100%)
23	Old Church				1,000.00	3,175.48	-2,175.48	-2,175.48 (-217%)
49	Footpath Clearance							(N/A)
53	outside spaces					49.26	-49.26	-49.26 (N/A)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>8,400.00</b>	<b>5,674.74</b>	<b>2,725.26</b>	<b>2,725.26 (32%)</b>

#### Receipts

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
35	Precept	25,000.00	25,000.00		25,000.00		25,000.00	25,000.00 (50%)
36	Bank Interest	400.00	460.14	60.14				60.14 (15%)
37	Grants	1,000.00		-1,000.00				-1,000.00 (-100%)
38	VAT Repayments							(N/A)
39	Other Income		20.00	20.00				20.00 (N/A)
40	Old Church Income	200.00		-200.00				-200.00 (-100%)
41	S106/CIL	400.00	701.88	301.88				301.88 (75%)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>27,000.00</b>	<b>26,182.02</b>	<b>-817.98</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>	<b>24,182.02</b>	<b>(46%)</b>

#### Section 137

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
13	Section 137 Payments							(N/A)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>								<b>(N/A)</b>

#### Staff Costs

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
1	Clerks Salary				6,000.00	340.62	5,659.38	5,659.38 (94%)
2	Travelling Costs				100.00		100.00	100.00 (100%)
3	Training Staff				140.00		140.00	140.00 (100%)
47	RFO Salart					2,384.34	-2,384.34	-2,384.34 (N/A)
48	Tax/NI					85.00	-85.00	-85.00 (N/A)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>6,240.00</b>	<b>2,809.96</b>	<b>3,430.04</b>	<b>3,430.04 (54%)</b>

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#### Stationary & Printing

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
5	Printing Newsletters & Leaflets				250.00	75.00	175.00	175.00 (70%)
6	Stamps / Stationary				50.00		50.00	50.00 (100%)
7	Publications				50.00		50.00	50.00 (100%)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>350.00</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>275.00 (78%)</b>

#### Training Councillors

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
4	Training Councillors				240.00		240.00	240.00 (100%)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>240.00</b>		<b>240.00</b>	<b>240.00 (100%)</b>

#### Website / Email

Code	Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
		Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
9	IT / Email / Website				1,050.00	879.90	170.10	170.10 (16%)
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>					<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>879.90</b>	<b>170.10</b>	<b>170.10 (16%)</b>

#### Summary

<b>NET TOTAL</b>	<b>27,000.00</b>	<b>40,059.48</b>	<b>13,059.48</b>	<b>56,200.00</b>	<b>15,590.88</b>	<b>40,609.12</b>	<b>53,668.60</b>
V.A.T.					1,523.41		
<b>GROSS TOTAL</b>		<b>40,059.48</b>			<b>17,114.29</b>		

#### Appendix 8 : Outside Bodies

**Community Hub Update :** We are putting the final touches to the business plan which we hope to share with the Village Hall trustees in March and then more widely with stakeholders including the Parish Council and residents.

Please send any questions to [greathamhub@gmail.com](mailto:greathamhub@gmail.com)