

**Greatham Parish Council**  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
**Greatham Village Hall**  
**Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 7.30 pm**

**Present** Cllr R Lafferty (Chair), Cllr C Rudd, Cllr S Pond, Cllr A Cheesman

**Also present** : 6 Residents, Cllr Nick Drew

**26.60: Chairman's Announcement:** None

**26.61: Apologies for Absence:** Cllr SJ Bartlett (Clerk)

**26.62: Declarations of Interest:** None to note.

**26.63: Approval of Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** to approve minutes from the council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**26.64: Update on previous actions arising from council meetings:** (Appendix 1)

- Deferred until meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

**26.65 : Report from District Councillors:** Report from Cllr Mitchell/Cllr Steevens

- None Received.

**26.66 Report from County Councillor:** Report from Cllr Nick Drew (Appendix 3)

- Cllr Drew sent information to the parish council regarding road closures in the Greatham area. He also added an app that can be used to find out about road closures locally.
- There has been funding approved for more trees from Hampshire county council.
- Potholes : If a reported pot hole has not been repaired within 3 months of it being reported contact Cllr Nick Drew with the reference number and he will look into it.
- Cllr Lafferty asked a question about Kingsly Road.

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

- A question was raised regarding receiving an update on having bleed kits in the village. This will be discussed at the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> July.
- A question was asked about the safety of the bridge at Longmoor Road. Cllr Lafferty suggested an email to Cllr Drew requesting advice from HCC and a Risk Assessment. GPC will also speak to the school and ask if they have any concerns.
- It was requested that when the verges are cut the grass cuttings are swept away. Cllr Lafferty will email Cllr Drew to enquire.
- The parish council were thanked for arranging for the footpaths to be cut by a couple of residents attending the meeting.
- A question was asked about the damage to the verge just outside Theale Knapp Cottage where the new house is being built. A Utility company is believed to have damaged the area. Cllr Bartlett will check and write to the responsible party.

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- A question was asked about what progress is being made on finding a clerk for the parish council to replace Cllr Bartlett who has been covering the role.
- It was also asked if it is possible to encourage younger people to stand for election.
- A question was asked about cutting the hedges on the turning from Selbourne Road and Longmoor Road as they overhand the pavement.

Meeting reconvened

**26.68: Parish Council Finances/Administration:**

- a. **Payment Schedule:** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule. **Proposed by Cllr Rudd and seconded by Cllr Cheesman.** (Appendix 4).
- b. **Finance Report:** To note the Finance Report for May 2026. (Appendix 5) It was **RESOLVED** to approve and accept the bank reconciliation for May 2026. **Proposed by Cllr Rudd and seconded by Cllr Cheesman.**
- c. **Clerks Report** (Appendix 6)
- d. **End of Financial Year Arrangements : Appendix 7 - 11**
- e. **That Greatham Parish Council approve the audited accounts for FY2025/26**
- f. **That Greatham Parish Council note the Internal Audit Report from Lightatouch covering March 2026 and year end procedures.** Noted.
- g. **That Greatham Parish Council approve the Annual Governance Statement for the FY 2025/26, having considered the responses to the statements to ensure there is a sound system of internal control, and authorise the Chair and Clerk to sign the document accordingly.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Annual Governance Statement. **Proposed by Cllr Rudd and seconded by Cllr Cheesman.**
- h. **That Greatham Parish Council approve the Accounting Statement for the FY 2025/26 and authorise the Chair to sign the document.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Accounting Statements. **Proposed by Cllr and seconded by Cllr Cheesman.**
- i. **That Greatham Parish Council approve the dates for the exercise of public rights.** It was **RESOLVED** the Public rights will commence on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June and end on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. They will be on the website and also displayed on the noticeboard at the Church. **Proposed by Cllr and seconded by Cllr**
- j. **That Greatham Parish Council confirm that it has no conflict of interest with the external auditors BDO LLP.** There has been deemed to be no conflict of interest.
- k. **To review the effectiveness of Internal Audit 2025/26.** The parish council confirm with Sandra Humphrey (RFO) that the internal audit was carried out properly.

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**26.69: To review the need for a Village Hall new noticeboard and discuss options for support.** The village Hall have volunteered to fund the cost of the new noticeboard by 50%. A quote has been obtained to have a noticeboard in Oak. The cost is circa £3000.00. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the 50% cost from the Parish Council. **Proposed by Cllr Rudd and seconded by Cllr Cheesman.**

**26.70 : Reports from other organisations and outside bodies :**

- **PCC :**
  - A dog show will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026.
  - A model railway will be set up on the 20<sup>th</sup> June between 12 – 4 pm in the Church for people to view.
- **Community Hub Action Group :**
  - Working with the village hall committee on two possible sites for the hub building and carrying out appraisals.
  - A new member has joined the team in the role of Treasurer.
- **Greatham Village Hall :**
  - Plans have been received from the community hub and replies returned.
  - Quotes for the refurbishment of the hall have been sought, and the creation of a 10 year business plan for the hall has been instigated.
  - Quotes for lagging the nursery school loft have been obtained.
  - An Architect has been appointed to design a new storage area.

**26.71: Agenda Items for next meeting :**

- Project List update
- Appointment of a Trustee for the Amicable Charity.

**26.72: The Date of the next meeting: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026 @ 7.30 pm**

**26.73: The meeting closed at 20.37**

Signed ..... (Chairman)

Date .....

**Appendix 1 : Matters Arising**

**Appendix 2 : Report from District Councillors**

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None Received.

**Appendix 3 : Report from County Councillor**

**Hampshire County Councillor Update June 2026 – Nick Drew**

**Highways Information**

**Hampshire County Council unveils plan for 17,000 community electric vehicle charging points**

Hampshire County Council has announced plans for a major expansion of electric vehicle charging across the county.

Around 17,000 new community EV charging sockets are planned, focused particularly on areas where residents do not have access to off-street parking, such as a driveway or garage.

That matters because, for many people, the biggest barrier to switching to an electric vehicle is not the vehicle itself — it is having somewhere practical and reliable to charge it.

The scheme is being supported by £6.662 million of Government funding, which has helped unlock up to £90 million of private investment from charge point operator Believ. Importantly, this means the programme can be delivered at no cost to Hampshire County Council.

Installations are expected to begin later this year, with around 500 charge points planned in the first year.

Residents are also being asked to suggest locations where charge points would be useful, so the rollout can be targeted where demand and need are greatest.

This is a practical step towards making EV charging more accessible across Hampshire, particularly for those who cannot charge at home.

You can read more and suggest a location here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20260506EVChargingScheme>

**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>

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**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.**

**The Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority has now been formally established.**

This is an important milestone for our region and, if we get it right, devolution can bring real benefits for residents across Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight.

For too long, too many decisions about transport, skills, housing, investment, public safety, health and economic growth have been taken too far away from the communities they affect. Devolution should mean more decisions being made locally, by people who understand the needs, challenges and opportunities of our area.

The new Combined County Authority gives us the opportunity to work together across council boundaries, attract investment, improve infrastructure, support better skills and employment opportunities, and strengthen long-term economic growth.

But it must also be about fairness.

The benefits of devolution cannot simply flow to the places that are already doing well. The new Authority must have a clear focus on the most deprived communities across Hampshire and the Solent — including those areas where residents face poorer health outcomes, lower skills levels, weaker transport links, fewer opportunities and greater barriers to employment.

Growth matters, but it must be growth that reaches people and places that have too often been left behind.

That means using the new powers and funding to improve opportunity, support regeneration, tackle inequality, strengthen local transport, and help people access the skills and jobs they need to build better futures.

Hampshire has enormous strengths — strong businesses, world-class universities, major ports, rural communities, market towns, cities, coastline and countryside. Devolution gives us the chance to bring those strengths together more effectively.

Now the formal structure is in place, the real work begins: making sure this new Authority delivers practical, visible and lasting benefits for residents, businesses and communities across the whole region.

**Boost for passengers as Hampshire County Council confirms funding for 100+ bus shelter upgrades**

Good news for bus passengers across rural Hampshire.



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Hampshire County Council has confirmed more than £554,000 of funding to help parish councils improve local bus shelters, with 41 parish councils awarded grants to refurbish or replace 137 shelters across the county.

This funding comes through Hampshire's Bus Service Improvement Plan, supported by Government bus grant funding. It will help with practical improvements such as replacing ageing shelters, upgrading structures, and adding features such as better seating and lighting.

These may seem like small improvements, but they matter. Clean, safe and welcoming shelters help make buses a more realistic and attractive option for everyday journeys — particularly in rural communities where public transport links are so important.

This sits alongside wider work to improve bus services in Hampshire, including better stops and interchanges, real-time passenger information, bus priority measures, community transport support and fare initiatives.

Bus use in Hampshire is moving in the right direction, with 26.6 million journeys made in 2024/25 — up 1.7 million on the previous year. There is still much more to do, but investment like this is part of making public transport more reliable, accessible and attractive for residents.

#### **Support for Hampshire care leavers praised in latest Ofsted Report**

I'm really pleased to share some positive news about Hampshire's support for young people leaving care. Following a recent inspection, Ofsted has praised Hampshire County Council for providing "high-quality, responsive support" to care leavers, recognising the strong and trusted relationships built between young people and their Personal Advisers, and the tailored help available as they move into adulthood.

Leaving care can be one of the most challenging periods in a young person's life. Support with housing, education, employment, wellbeing and independence can make an enormous difference, and it is encouraging to see inspectors recognise the dedication of the staff working alongside some of Hampshire's most vulnerable young people. Ofsted particularly highlighted the way young people's voices and aspirations help shape the support they receive.

A huge thank you to everyone across Hampshire Children's Services and our partners who work so hard to support care leavers to build stable, independent and fulfilling lives. This is important work, often carried out quietly and away from the spotlight, but it changes lives.

You can read the full OfSTED report here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/44/80472>

#### **Hundreds of illicit vapes and cigarettes seized from premises in Ringwood and Totton**

Good work by Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards team and Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary, who have seized more than 500 illicit vapes, cigarettes and hand-rolled tobacco products from premises in Ringwood and Totton.

The products had a total street value of more than £3,000 and were found during a covert operation on 27 May — including items hidden in an armchair and an oven.

This follows a similar operation in New Milton last month, where almost £9,000 of illicit vapes, cigarettes and tobacco products were seized.

This work matters. Illegal and counterfeit products can pose serious health risks, undermine legitimate local businesses, and too often are linked to sales to underage people. Trading Standards do an important job in tackling rogue traders and keeping unsafe products off our streets.

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Residents can help too. Information about counterfeit vapes or tobacco — or shops selling these products to underage people — can be reported in confidence to the Stop Illegal Tobacco hotline on 0300 999 6 999 or via the Stop Illegal Tobacco website.

#### **General Updates from HCC:**

##### **Applications closing soon for school and post-16 transport**

Hampshire parents and carers are being advised to apply now for school and post-16 transport for September 2026, as application deadlines are approaching quickly

[Applications closing soon for school and post-16 transport | Hampshire County Council](#)

##### **County Council Election Results Declared**

Votes cast in the County Council election held on Thursday 7 May have now been counted, with no single party achieving overall control

[County Council Election Results Declared | Hampshire County Council](#)

##### **Supported internships: a step towards work for young people with SEND in Hampshire**

Hampshire County Council is highlighting supported internships as a practical way to help young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) move from education into paid employment – with the right support in place

[Supported internships: a step towards work for young people with SEND in Hampshire | Hampshire County Council](#)

##### **Support for Hampshire care leavers praised in latest Ofsted report**

Care leavers in Hampshire receive ‘consistent and responsive support from practitioners who know them well’ and are ‘supported effectively towards independence’. Those are the key findings in an Ofsted report published today, following a recent inspection focusing on Hampshire County Council’s specific support for care leavers

[Support for Hampshire care leavers praised in latest Ofsted report | Hampshire County Council](#)

##### **Hampshire County Council Announces Leader and Cabinet Team**

Hampshire County Council has confirmed its new Administration, re-elected Leader and new-look Cabinet, following the 7 May local elections which resulted in no political party gaining overall control. Since the election result was declared, political parties have been in discussion on how the Authority will be governed

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## Appendix 4 : Payment Schedule

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## Appendix 5 : Finance Report and Bank Reconciliations

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**Receipts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026**

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| <b>Total Receipts</b> | <b>£0</b> |
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**Balances as at 31st May 2026**

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| Current Account | £53,224.30 |
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| Deposit Account | £27,465.30 |
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| <b>Total at Bank</b> | <b>£80,689.60</b> |
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**Appendix 6 : Clerks Report**

- Interviewed prospective Candidates with Chair Cllr Ron Lafferty for the position of Trustee for the Greatham Amicable Charity.
- Organised attendees for the Annual General Meeting and provided refreshments. Thanks to the Community Hub for providing such lovely wine.
- Meeting with Stonemason to review works needed to be undertaken at the old church.
- Cancelled May Parish council meeting due to Councillor attendance difficulties.
- Organised the Annual Meeting for 20<sup>th</sup> May to fulfil regulatory requirements.
- Organised attendance of Clerk and RFO at HALC update meeting on the Unitary authority.

**Appendix 7 – 11 : End of Year Financial Arrangements**

**See printed sheets provided in Meeting. Updates will be added to the website.**

**Appendix 12 : Community Hub Update**

We are currently exploring specific sites for the hub with the Village Hall trustees. To this end we have had site plans drawn up of possible sites and have carried out a site option appraisal based on advice from external planners and building professionals, which has been shared with the Village Hall trustees. We have a site meeting arranged with the Hall trustees later this month to discuss the various site options.

We are very pleased to welcome our new Treasure Mel Lane who has joined the Action Group following the Parish Meeting where we invited people to offer this help. We have our next hub meeting on Tuesday evening this coming week.