



HART DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH & TOWN COUNCILS

Minutes of a Meeting of the Association held on Tuesday, 18 October 2022 at 7.30 pm Hart District Council Offices, Fleet

PRESENT

Name		Position	Parish/Town Council	
Tony Spencer	TS	Vice chairman	Yateley	YA
Anne Fillis	AF		Dogmersfield	DO
Ruth Brooker	RB		Rotherwick	RO
Alan Jones	AJ		Church Crookham	CC
Peter Collings	PC		Church Crookham	CC
Meyrick Williams	MW		Winchfield	WI
Paul Einchcomb	PE		Fleet	FL
David Jackson	DJ		Crookham Village	CV
Simon Ambler	SA		Crookham Village	CV
Marilyn Robson	MR		Elvetham Heath	EH
Diana Harvey	DH		Hartley Wintney	HW
Angela McFarlane	AM		Odiham	OD
Alastair Clark	AC	Treasurer		
David Neighbour	DN		Leader, HDC	
Martin Whittaker	MWh	Secretary	HDAPTC	

		Action
22/38	Introduction and welcome In the absence of the Chairman, all were welcomed by the Vice-chairman (TS).	
22/39	Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jane Worlock, Chairman• Patricia Hughes, HDC• Greywell• Crondall The presence of 10 councils exceeded the quorum of 7.	
22/40	Minutes of the meetings held on 12 April 2022 and 12 July The motion being proposed by AF, and seconded by DH, the minutes of the 12 April meeting were approved unanimously as an accurate record. The motion being proposed by DJ, and seconded by PE, the minutes of the 12 July meeting were approved unanimously as an accurate record.	

22/41	<p>Matters arising from the Minutes</p> <p>All actions reported as complete or on the agenda except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22/10 Look at the Community Governance Review guidance to determine why it is apparently cumbersome. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently being chased up by HALC. Chairman will report when news available 	
22/42	<p>Consideration of resolutions proposed at last meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that the NS&I account be closed and the money transferred to Lloyds 2. that the treasury management function be moved to HALC, with Dawn Hamblet (Chief Exec), Paul Mahoney (Chair) and JW as signatories, and Claire Inglis to continue as the independent examiner. <p>The motion being proposed by PC and seconded by MR, it was agreed unanimously that the Chairman should be directed to implement the above measures.</p>	
22/43	<p>Confirmation of continuation in office of officers</p> <p>None of the existing officers wished to resign.</p> <p>The motion being proposed by TS and seconded by PC, it was agreed unanimously that the officers should continue until the next AGM.</p>	
22/44	<p>Hart District Council report – DN</p> <p>Cllr Neighbour’s report is included as an Appendix to these minutes.</p>	
22/45	<p>Parish Questions for Hart District Council</p> <p>None received before the meeting.</p> <p>Questions asked at the meeting:</p> <p>MW: Hants devolution – what is the current status?</p> <p>DN replied with his personal view: HCC was not selected for first phase but is keen to engage with government to bid for devolution. However, most District and Unitary authorities are lukewarm. The Solent authorities want an area covering only south Hants. Government current requires a directly elected mayor, which most council leaders do not want but could be persuaded if suitable funding is part of the deal. Resolution seems some distance away.</p>	
22/46	<p>Integrated Care Systems (ICS) – held over to next meeting</p> <p>The secretary would liaise with Patricia Hughes to find a suitable speaker</p>	Secretary/ Hughes
22/47	<p>Parish Reports</p>	
1.	<p>HALC – TS</p> <p>There was a meeting online on 6/10/22:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles of Association: there will be minor changes due to relationship with NALC • HALC fee for 23/24: £0 uplift • Now up to proper staffing levels • EBC have not said when they will charge rent. Have opened the training rooms but canteen not reopened. Will start training in Eastleigh again next year. • Staffing changes were needed including identifying need for Op Manager. Still looking for a part-time Advice Officer. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 events carried out last year including Village of the Year visits. • South East Region County Association Forum (SERCAF) was quarterly, but without a Secretary: may meet annually. • Motions, 20mph speed limit waiting on HCC findings [MR reported at the meeting that it will be considered at a meeting in November]. • No movement on unparished districts, Fareham, Havant and Gosport. • NALC report showed that increasing bullying of Clerks by Cllrs is a worrying statistic, new video is available. • Fees up 3% with £1978 max. • NALC London offices up for sale and looking for appropriate provincial property. • AGM to be held on Thursday 20 October. 	
<p>2.</p>	<p>Hartley Wintney – DH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June gave way to the Mourning Period following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II and the Proclamation of the reign of King Charles III. Hartley Wintney villagers came together to mourn and to celebrate in an appropriate series of gatherings that followed the published guidance for such events. • Some interesting planning applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An outline proposal for a large, older living residential development with relevant SANG. ○ The Stratfield Homes development on the former Travis Perkins yard is progressing well thanks to the good weather. ○ Neighbouring parish applications include the distribution centre at Hook and the Lidl drive-through proposal at Elvetham Health. It would be mutually beneficial to share information on these. • The Hartley Wintney Conservation Area review document is now in draft form using the template format favoured by HDC. It will be lodged with HDC in the near future, followed by a period of public consultation. • The transfer of Hatten’s Pond to the Parish Council is progressing and HDC will consider the proposal at their December 2022 meeting. This has been a long running negotiation with close cooperation between the PC and HDC. • The first meeting of the ‘greening’ interest group met this month. Residents’ interest is growing with specialist areas being identified. The next meeting will be held in December. It is envisaged that this will become a community-owned initiative with a Parish Council overview. The first step will be to raise awareness through a publicity campaign. • As a joint venture between Hart DC, the Parish Council and Hastoe Housing, a Housing Needs Assessment survey has been circulated to every house in the village. This combined approach will provide both the DC, the PC and the Housing Association involved, with valuable information relating to the housing need and type that is sought for the Parish. For the PC this will feed into the forthcoming review of our Neighbourhood Plan. • The Lucy Pygott Centre - the sports facilities and the pavilion are complete and team events are now being played. Bookings for health and wellbeing classes plus children’s parties are already being received. The formal opening which had to be postponed due to the State Mourning period will now be held on 22nd October when the annual Community Awards to individuals and groups in the Parish who have played an outstanding part in village life, will also be presented. 	

3.	<p>Rotherwick – RB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Sporting contracts have seen a certain amount of renegotiation and dialogue, which at times has been challenging when balancing the various requests from different clubs. • Resignation of Vice Chair. • Much local anxiety over the likely impact of the diversions due to the closure of Griffin Way North & South in Hook from Oct-Mar, and knock on increase of traffic in the village. Will there be adequate signage to prevent 'rat running'? • Wedmans Lane Junction - Much dialogue has been had with Councillor Glen, and Hampshire Highways on ways to increase safety & visibility. Resurfacing and repainting of white lines has occurred, but the junction remains an accident concern to residents. • Memorial Oak Tree planting and new noticeboard planned following the Queen's death. 	
4.	<p>Crondall</p> <p>(Written report received from the Clerk: verbal summary given by MWh at the meeting)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queens Jubilee - As part of the successful Jubilee celebration, the Parish Council purchased a commemoration bench along with a couple of picnic benches. The benches are now in situ. • Parish Council – after a year of not having a full cohort of councillors, the Parish Council is up to strength with eight councillors. • Youth Shelter – the Parish Council recognise that there are limited facilities for teenagers and children who have aged out of the playground. Following a village wide meeting in light of a rise in antisocial behaviour, attended by both the local police and HDC and a full consultation, a number of initiatives have been identified, chief amongst these being the erection of a youth shelter in Hook Meadow. It is hoped that this will be funded by S106 money, a request for which has been made. • Conservation Area Review – there has been a small delay in this process due, in part, to councillor availability but is now back on track and ongoing. • Redfields Lane – the Cala Homes development (Haycroft) on Redlands Lane plus the closure of one end of Bowling Alley with access to the A287 has led to increased traffic on Redlands Lane. A condition report was undertaken by HCC and Cala Homes at the start of the development and it is hoped that the majority of the wear and tear to the road will be covered by the end of development condition report. It has, however, highlighted the ongoing issue of both speed and overuse of what is a small country road. The Parish Council will be working with HCC with a view to introducing a speed limit on Redlands Lane and if relevant, introducing other initiatives. 	
5.	<p>Yateley – TS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yateley Village Hall, built in 1864 as the Yateley School, was set up as a charity c1985 has been returned to YTC at the end of August as the charity was finding it difficult to find trustees to run it. After a brief clean up during September it was due to open for hire in October, although there are negotiations with organisations to run it separately from YTC. • Similarly, the British Red Cross has decided to concentrate its focus on International activities, so the Yateley Red Cross has surrendered the 20-year free lease on the building that YTC owns. It has now been repurposed 	

	<p>as a pre-school nursery. This frees up the ground floor of the YTC council Offices so that we will have a presence downstairs so easier for disabled users. As the former Red Cross building is adjacent to the Community Orchard planted in the field immediately to the north of the car park, we have renamed the building "Orchard Hall".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the HALC Village of the Year Awards in late September, Yateley received the "Community Leadership" award for work on the Ukrainian Donation Hub. • Nicky Jones and her daughter Ava are residents who were key in organising the Hub, which arose from 11-year-old Ava's scheme "Ava's Warm Hugs" and were both awarded "Inspirational Individual Awards" the only non-councillors to be recognised. The Ukrainian Donation Hub organised 3x 40-tonne trucks and trailers to take voluntary donations to Poland and the region as aid for refugees fleeing the Ukraine conflict. 	
6.	<p>Church Crookham – PC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An athletics track has been planned for some time on an area partly prepared by developer. Work started after COVID but it was discovered that the surface was unsuitable. Delays due to warm weather mean that opening is planned spring/summer of next year. • New garden being planned next to community centre but seen as a possible area for undesirables by residents. <p>AJ:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jubilee bench erected this year. • Also looked into Speedwatch signs to notify motorists. T • here have been issues with unauthorised commercial use of the Peter Driver football pitch, causing damage. 	
7.	<p>Fleet – PE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory Garden at The Views – the Council's work on the new Sensory Garden at The Views is now underway. The garden aims to provide a fully accessible space in the centre of the town and was funded by section 106 money. Part of the project is to install a cherry tree walkway and an Orchard. A plaque will be also installed in memory of Cllr Sharyn Wheale. • The Council has also successfully secured section 106 funds for a trim trail at Oakley Park and is in the process of designing a green gym at Ancells Farm park. • South East in Bloom Awards – once again, Fleet's commitment to maintaining beautiful open spaces was recognised at the South East in Bloom awards. The Council won gold awards for Fleet Cemetery and Basingbourne Park, along with the Silver Gilt awards for Oakley Park and Calthorpe Park. • Screening of The Queen's funeral at The Harlington – took place on 19th September, followed by refreshments. • FTC to host the Town's Remembrance Sunday commemoration. • Fleet's Christmas festival will be on 23rd November – for the Christmas lights switch on, to include the festive Christmas market, street food, community stall and this year live reindeer and a snow globe • Town Clerk, Janet Stanton has retired at the end of September. 	
8.	<p>Elvetham Heath – MR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Clerk – Tracy Hamer has replaced Janet Stanton. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just beginning fight against the Lidl store and coffee shop on Elvetham Heath. • New water main will be drawn through the golf course without a trench being dug. 	
9.	Winchfield - MW <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Neighbourhood Plan will go to Reg 14 at end October. • Tree planting – about 1/3 properties in village have signed up. • Village Hall is getting major refurbishment with s.106 monies. 	
10.	Odiham AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Won the Village of the Year award • In the middle of the greening campaign and happy to share info. • Taken over the Bridewell from Hants. Wanted to take over library but had to take building as well. HDC want to double the rates. <i>[post meeting clarification from Daryl Phillips (HDC): Valuation Office sets the rates, not HDC]</i> • Public initiative to take over the Bell • Pre-application for Jn 5 on M3. 14000 vehicle movements per day 	
11.	Crookham Village – DJ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently 1 councillor down. • Greening power supplies for the community centre – waiting for outcome of grant application to HCC. 	
22/48	Approval of audited accounts The motion being proposed by TS and seconded by AJ, the accounts were approved unanimously.	
22/49	Any other business MWh reported that, now financial issues have been clarified, the current temporary website at www.hdaptc.wordpress.com would be replaced with a more permanent one. DJ: reported that the water level in the Basingstoke canal is improving. Extraction licence expires next year which should improve things, but could take 5 years for the aquifer to recover. MW: Odiham common SSSI - Odiham and Winchfield reps are needed for the development of the management plan. Church Crookham has a new website at www.churchcrookham.org.uk .	
22/50	Date and venue for next meeting: Dates for the next period are on the third Tuesday, every 3 months: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17/1/23 • 18/4/23 • 20/6/23 (AGM) Please contact the Secretary or Chairman if you are able to host the meeting. The meeting was closed at 2103.	

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Corporate Plan Consultation

The Council's Corporate Plan sets out our high level strategy and articulates our goals and priorities over the medium term. We will be going out for consultation on 1 November for six weeks to gather views and feedback.

Building on the excellent work of the Council and its partners over the last couple of years, our ambition is that the new Corporate Plan will focus our work and help us realise the potential of the District.

Homes for Ukraine update

The Homes for Ukraine Team and Housing Solutions Team are working hard to support our guests and sponsors. For many, the minimum six-month sponsorship has been reached or is approaching. The Homes for Ukraine Team has been in contact with 95% of our sponsors and is pleased to report that 38% of those contacted are happy to have their guests stay beyond six months and in some cases two plus years or indefinitely.

We are actively spreading a message via email and social media posts for further potential hosts to come forward as we have had a low uptake from our previous requests. We are particularly looking for hosts in Fleet, and towns and villages with good transport links. There is also an option to become a 'foster host'. This option will be used to prevent the use of temporary accommodation where there is an urgent need and whilst the Housing Solutions Team work towards a more permanent solution.

We thank all sponsors for their generosity and support, particularly those who have committed to continuing their sponsorship longer term. The Homes for Ukraine team will continue to offer any support necessary to ensure their positive experience continues. Should there be any assistance needed, people are encouraged to contact us via the single point of contact: hdchomesforukraine@hart.gov.uk.

Thermal imaging camera - pilot councils needed

At Hart District Council, we are looking at setting up a thermal imaging camera loan scheme to help residents make their homes more heat efficient. We are looking for parish and town councils or organisations who may be interested in helping us pilot the scheme. If you are, please contact our Sustainability Officer peter.summersell@hart.gov.uk.

Sustainable Warmth Fund - open now!

The Sustainable Warmth Fund is now available to Hart residents who have a household income of less than £30,000 and live in a property with an energy efficiency rating E, F or G. The average grant provided is £10,000 for energy efficiency upgrades such as improving insulation, low carbon boiler upgrades, solar panels etc. Applications are on a first come, first served basis and work could be completed in time to start saving money before the end of this winter.

The scheme is fully funded and our partners - City Energy - will help residents from start to finish of the process, from registration, organising a home survey and the work needed at no cost.

Apply at www.hampshire-applications.co.uk or call:

02921 680951.

You can check your EPC rating at:

www.gov.uk/find-energy-certificate

Public Sector Decarbonisation (PDS) Scheme - phase 3b

Central government has recently opened applications for the Public Sector Decarbonising scheme. Up to £635m will be granted to local authorities, schools, NHS Trusts and emergency services (among others). It is designed to help upgrade heating systems in public buildings to ones often powered by cleaner, cheaper and renewable energy.

Applications will close on 31 October 2022.

For more information and how to apply visit www.salixfinance.co.uk/Phase3bPSDS.

Cost of Living Network

The LGA Cost of Living Network gives councils the opportunity to come together and hear from speakers on what is being done locally and nationally to help mitigate the impacts of the cost-of-living pressures.

They have an upcoming webinar on children's food insecurity and are finalising dates for an additional two webinars on warm hubs and immediate hardship support. To receive invitations for these events please complete their [sign-up form](#).

Hampshire Libraries Winter Warm Packs

Hampshire Libraries are inclusive, non-judgmental spaces where everyone can expect a warm welcome from staff and volunteers. With the help of local and community partners they want this message to reach everyone in need of a [warm space](#) this winter.

In addition, they are distributing Winter Warm Packs from public libraries across 11 Hampshire Districts in October. The Warm Packs, which are supported through the Household Support Grant, include:

- Thermal gloves, hat and scarf
- Warm socks
- Lidded coffee cup
- Fleece or gilet
- Hot water bottle

Each library will have a limited amount of the Winter Warm Packs – please encourage your users to attend their local collection event but remind them that the packs will be given out on a first-come basis. Those who take a pack will be asked to provide a postcode, no other information will be collected, and they will not be asking for ID.

In our region, the local collection point is **Basingstoke Discovery Centre** and the collection day is **Friday 28 October** between **10am and 2pm**.

2023 Boundary Review - publication of revised proposals

We are advised that the [Boundary Commission](#) intends to publish revised proposals for new constituency boundaries on Tuesday 8 November.

The consultation will close on Monday 5 December 2022. We are advised that this will be the last opportunity to participate in the 2023 Boundary Review.

Fleet area Over 55s Forum bulletin

The second [bulletin](#) from HVA highlights the Live Longer Better programme which is due to be launched, and provides some information and updates from the following services:

- Blue Lamp Trust (Cyber Bobby Scheme)
 - Open Sight Information Hub
 - Hartley Wintney & District Over 55s Forum regular film afternoon
 - Alzheimer Café UK
 - RHL exercise classes
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Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

Following consultation with professionals and members of the public, Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) is delighted to announce the relaunch of its new website www.hampshirescp.org.uk.

As well as a brand-new look, the website is now easier to navigate, smartphone and tablet compatible, and compliant with accessibility standards. Many of the pages have been re-written, updated and merged to ensure a smoother user experience for professionals, parents/carers and children/young people.

Please ensure to update any hyperlinks/favourites you may have saved from the old website as these may now no longer work.

Serious Violence Duty

The [serious violence duty](#), introduced through the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts (PCSC) Act 2022, seeks to place a legal obligation on specific organisations across health, justice, local authorities, policing, fire, and rescue. known as specified authorities, to work together to understand, prevent and reduce serious violence.

The Home Office is currently analysing the responses to its recent Government consultation on the draft statutory guidance and aims to finalise the statutory guidance and lay secondary legislation in the late Autumn. The Duty is expected to commence in January 2023, however, there may be a delay to this timescale due to the recent changes in Government.

LGA - Be A Councillor Campaign

We see every day how councillors can make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and communities but we also know that local councils can only be as effective, relevant and vibrant as the people elected to run them.

The LGA has launched a [new guide to help support disabled residents who may be interested in representing their local community at their next local election](#). Part of their [Be A Councillor campaign](#), and produced with the help of disabled councillors, the guide offers specific advice and support for disabled people who are considering the role. The guide is accompanied by practical support for councils which aims to improve awareness, accessibility and inclusion at every stage of becoming a councillor.