

**Goodworth Clatford Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting Minutes 5th November 2024**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 7pm
Location: held in the main hall at the Village Club

Present:

Councillors	Clerk	TVBC + County Councillors	Others
Roy Struthers (Chairman) Claire Henderson Will Walker Fiona Cross Alan Willens Robin Welland Henryk Kwiatkowski Stephen Pyle Ian Platt	Eveline Attwood	David Drew Suzanne Hasselmann	1

24093 Chairmans remarks – Cllr Struthers Welcomed everyone to the meeting

- Conveyed his thanks to Cllr Williens for producing the newsletter; the Clerk for arranging the refurbishment of the Jubilee Sign and Cllr Kwiatkowski for clearing 14 gullies.

24094 Apologies for Absence – Borough Cllr Flood

24095 Public Participation – The Architect for Green Meadows planning application introduced himself and stated he was available to answer any questions.

24096 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Williens declared an interest to 24107.7 Flood Management with SWA

24097 To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 3rd of September 2024 –. Proposed Cllr Henderson Seconded Cllr Platt. The Chair asked if all members agreed with the minutes, and all agreed they could be signed.

Resolved: That the minutes of the Council Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 3rd of September 2024 can be confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

24098 Borough Councillors report - Councillor Hasselmann’s report is in Appendix A. The following was also reported.

- A fine of £2000 has been issued for fly tipping by TVBC.

24099 County Councillor Drew report – Cllr Drews report is in Appendix B. The following was also reported:

- Meeting with HCC ground water officer Sarah Reghif. It was reported that the PDF map excludes north of village. Cllr Kwiatkowski asked how the PC can obtain the same rates and by using the same contractors as HCC to clear the gullies next year.
- Nelson Site – This is currently being investigated by HCC enforcement team. The Clerk will send an e mail to ask HCC what their plan of action is for this clear breach of conditions.

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24100 Clerks report (This was circulated prior to the meeting)

- The Clerk reminded Cllrs that any purchases should have invoices addressed to the Clerk Goodworth Clatford Parish Council, otherwise VAT cannot be reclaimed.
- Finger post sign repainted and straightened.
- Meeting arranged with HCC ground water officer.
- Meeting arranged with Southern Water representative
- One outstanding allotment payment chased and now received. All other payments now received.
- One vacant allotment to be let. This has been advertised in the newsletter and will be relet to someone outside the Parish after in January 2025
- Dog bins filled with bags and more bags ordered. Cllr Cross reported she believed one bin was now empty. The Clerk will refill, although stated it was only filled two weeks ago.
- Bark has been ordered for both the footpath off Church land and the Sheepwash, with an additional bag of bark chippings ordered for the footpath.
- Dog bin was reported as overflowing has now been emptied
- Register of interest form lodged with TVBC for Cllr Pyle.
- Zip wire repair has been completed at the play park.

24101 Planning 101.1 24/02355/FULLN Green Meadows – Alterations to granary building and the erection of a combined garage and pottery studio, extension of driveway and associated landscaping

Resolved: Parish Councillors have no objection but have requested the following two conditions: Proposed by Cllr Platt Seconded Cllr Cross 8 members agreed.1 against due to a query over the boundary settlement.

- The planting and height of the trees mask the new building so it cannot be seen from the centre of the foot bridge.
- The pottery studio should be for personal use only and not be used for business purposes.

24/02356\LBWN Green Meadows External and Internal alterations to the granary building.

Resolved: Parish Councillors have no objection. Proposed by Cllr Platt Seconded Cllr Cross 8 members agreed.1 against.

24101.2 Update on previous applications

- 23/02105/CMAN Sludge Facility Cowdown – Awaiting decision as further consultee responses are required.
- 22/03267/FULLN Anaerobic digestion facility – awaiting decision. Highways to make decision by 25th Jan 2025
- 24/01239 OUTN Land at Barrow Hill Outline Planning Application for up to 40 Dwellings Awaiting Decision. Cllr Hasselmann reported the decision is due soon.
- 24/01178/FULLN Yew Tree Farm Goodworth Clatford Retention of a private trackway Permission granted.

24101.3 Planning Infringements - None

24101.4 Neighbourhood Plan – The Parish Council are awaiting the survey results.

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24102.1 Finance To approve the Statement of Accounts 1st August 2024 – 30th September 2024. The Clerk had circulated a Financial Statements pack to all members prior to the meeting.

Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st August 2024 – 30th September be approved and signed by the Chairman.

24102. 2 Payments for approval September 2024

Guy Kitchen - Maintenance grass	£235.00
Vimal/Hexagon PO Book of Stamps allotment invoices	£5.40
GC Village Club	£4.00
Clatford Shop Assoc	£436.66
SEEND LTD - Refurbish Jubilee Sign (Stuart Harvey)	£576.00
Bank Charges	£8.00
Business Stream	£188.16
HMRC - Clerks Tax	£14.00
E Attwood - Clerk	£750.92

Payments for approval October 2024

GC Village Club	£27.00
A Evans refund Estate MG materials	£46.88
Raffle Tickets online -raffle tickets	£62.00
Bank Charges	£10.00
Finest Fuels Bark chip	£252.00
TVBC - Zip Wire repairs	£890.78
Business Stream	£22.63
HMRC - Clerks tax	£14.00
E Attwood Clerks salary	£754.52
JRB Enterprise dog bags	£252.18

Resolved: Payments for September and October 2024 were approved.

Bank Reconciliation		
Business	£	822.19
Treasurers	£	47,912.39
Closing Balance as at 30th September 2024		£48,734.58

24102.3 Speed Indicator Device – Councillors agreed more volunteers were needed to restart the speed watch group. Proposed Cllr Platt Seconded Cllr Struthers. All members in agreed. **Resolved:** Councillors approved the purchase of another SID at a cost £2200.

2412.44 Replacement batteries for current SID Resolved: Councillors approved purchasing replacement batteries. Cllr Platt will confirm the type of battery to order.

24102.5 Quarterly Statement check. The finance committee confirmed this took place at the last finance meeting on 24th October 2024.

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24102.6 Review of investments. Cllrs discussed the reduction in the capital investment value but agreed that the dividend yield was currently very good. It was agreed that the investments were for the long term as per the current investment policy.

24102.7 Nationwide The Nationwide fix term deposit was rolled over in September as the offer was for a limited period. **Resolved:** Councillors retrospectively approved the decision taken by the finance committee to roll over the fix term deposit at 4.25%

24102.8 Review of budget The Clerk reported that the Parish Council would now need to pay employer NI contributions due to the budget changes and the employer allowance was not applicable to local government employees.

Cllr Platt explained the budget which had been discussed and agreed by the Finance Committee in October. It is intended the precept will increase by 5%. This will be tweaked & formalised in January 2025.

24102.9 Financial Regulations - Proposed by Cllr Platt Seconded by Cllr Struthers. All members agreed. A new section of expenditure has been included for the Estate Management Group **Resolved:** Cllrs approved the updated Financial Regulations.

24102.10 Internal Audit Resolved: Proposed Cllrs Struthers, Seconded Cllr Platt All members agreed. Cllrs approved the quote of £435 for the internal audit April 2025 carried out by Paul Reynolds.

24103 Website Cllrs Struthers reported on the following:

- . gov.uk domain ready
- The content of the website will now be reviewed by Cllr Struthers, Cherry Milne and the Clerk.
- New planning tool on website automatically highlights planning applications within the parish.
- Cost £10.00 per month for six months then £19.99 if PC wishes to keep planning tool.
- Residents will be encouraged to sign up to receive news alerts and planning updates which will replacing the circulation list with the news alerts to become GDPR compliant.
- The Wix site will be closed once the new Hugo Fox website goes live in December.

Environment

24104.1 Footpaths & Highways. – Cllr Walker reported that he met with the HCC Community Engagement Ranger after HCC sent an e mail stating they were no longer able to pay contractors to maintain the footpaths. The Insurance company have confirmed no formal training was required. Cllr Walker has applied for a grant to purchase equipment for volunteers to maintain the footpaths.

24104.2 Sheepwash It was reported the bark chippings have been spread. Cllr Walker reported that the Tree Warden had made a 5-day application to TVBC to remove the tree that fell against the steps. The EMG plan to add more gravel by the footbridge and topsoil to fill in gaps by the metal shuttering. **Resolved:** Cllrs approved £350 for the purchase of stones to fill in the holes. It was also reported the steps by the kissing gate were broken and it is anticipated that materials will cost £300. **Resolved:** Cllrs approved £300 for the repairs.

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24104.3 The Park & Estate Management Group – Cllr Walker reported:

- 4 Elm trees have been ordered and will be available on the 9th of January.
- Proposed: Cllr Struthers. Seconded Cllr Cross. All members agreed **Resolved:** Cllrs approved £800 for materials to rebuild the banks at Riverside walk using plastic coated wood as a natural looking option.

24104.4 Allotments – The following was reported:

- The hedge will be cut back when the conservation field is cut back but September had been too wet.
- A person who rents an allotment requested a refund of this year's fees. **Resolved:** Cllrs agreed not approve returning the fee as their contract states 12 months' notice should be given and there is currently a vacant allotment. The Clerk will advise them of the decision.

24104.5 Recreation Ground & Pavilion - The following was reported.

- Cllr Walker stated there maybe a donation towards a bench forthcoming in the new year and suggested the one at the recreation ground is replaced with a sustainable plastic one.
- The Clerk will ask TVBC to replace the two baby swing seats as the rubber was breaking up.
- Cllr Welland reported the cupboard was now dry after the leak.

24104.6. Completion of monthly H&S Inspections-

- Sheepwash Paperwork completed. – no issues
- The Park – Paperwork completed – no issues
- Riverside Rest – Paperwork completed – no issues
- Play Park – Paperwork completed – no issues.
- Allotments – Paperwork completed no issues.

24107.7 Flood Action/Pan Parish Forum- The following was reported.

Cllrs Willens & Kwiatkowski & Borough Cllr Drew met with HCC ground water management officer and reported on the following:

- Cllrs were disappointed with the officers knowledge and feel HCC have evaded & continue to avoid responsibilities for groundwater management since 2010.
- HCC say it is the riparian landowners who should maintain the drains.
- Map states unknown ownership of land.
- HCC have circulated a tool kit to all Parish Councils.
- Cllr Kwiatkowski asked Cllr Drew how a Parish Council can obtain a comparative rate to clear gullies using HCC contractors.

Cllrs also met with the Southern Water representative and reported on the following:

- Cllrs are currently awaiting a map of the sewage system.
- Excessive smell within the village from SWA at Fullerton.
- Planned maintenance has taken place on the pumps.
- A portion of the pipework has been relined.
- Gullies not cleared out.
- Cllrs currently attend the Pan Parish Forums

24108 Correspondence – The following correspondence has been received.

- Survey for remote attendance circulated for Cllrs to respond.

24109 Newsletter – Cllrs Willens will make some minor changes ready for sending to the printers. The Clerk will arrange distribution.

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24092 Date of next meetings

- The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th January 2024 in Goodworth Clatford Village Club at 7pm

Staff Matters

To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for discussion re staffing matters where publicity might be prejudicial to the special nature of the business.

- Councillors approved payment of the national pay award as per the Clerks contract with effect from 1st April 2024, back payment will be made in November.
- Councillors approved the Clerk moving to SCP18 with effect from April 2025

Appendix A Borough Councillor Hasselmann and Floods Report:

Borough Council action relating to Winter Fuel Payments

Finance cabinet member, Councillor Maureen Flood, and Liberal Democrat group leader, Councillor Neil Gwynne, put forward a motion at October's council meeting to substantially extend a local scheme that was set up in 2022 to help those pensioners struggling to cover their fuel costs.

Councillors showed unanimous support for the proposal to allocate £20,000 to the Test Valley Winter Fuel Payment Scheme, and a further £20,000 if required, to continue support for those of pensionable age in the borough who need assistance with paying their bills. In doing so, they estimate that this will help over 400 of the most vulnerable pensioner households in Test Valley.

They also agreed to write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, urging a review of the decision to means-test the Winter Fuel Payment and to ask the government to ensure that vulnerable pensioners, particularly those who are just above the threshold for Pension Credit, are protected from fuel poverty.

Bury Hill Tree Planting

Andover Trees United will be doing their annual school tree planting at Bury Hill Meadows from the 11th of November to the 29th November 2024. Please note that there will be limited parking at Bury Hill Meadows during that time.

Cycling and Walking in Northern Test Valley

Hampshire County Council are consulting on the Northern Test Valley Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) until Sunday 17 November. The document sets out an approach for investing in walking and cycling in the Northern Test Valley area, identifying priorities based on engagement with stakeholders. It looks at how improvements could be delivered in those areas where specific issues have been identified.

The consultation can be accessed here [Northern Test Valley LCWIP \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com) and seeks to capture the views of users through surveys and map based data . Please share the link to the consultation with your community.

Fixed Point Photography Posts

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The council has installed Fixed Point Photography (FPP) posts at locations across the borough, encouraging people to get outside and visit Test Valley's beautiful nature reserves and to help us monitor the success of local conservation work.

The idea is to help the local authority monitor the success of conservation work by taking photos on your smartphone and sharing them. Officers will use these images to monitor the changes that take place over time.

FPP cameras have been installed at Abbotswood, Anton Lakes, Bury Hill Meadows, Harewood Common, Ladies Walk, Ox Drove, Rooksbury Mill and Mill Lane Meadows. They'll also be added at Valley Park, Tadburn and Charlton Lakes in the next few months.

The Countryside Alliance Awards

The Countryside Alliance is seeking to find the **best rural businesses in the country** who go the extra mile for their customers and communities.

They will be presenting awards in the following categories:

- Village shop / Post Office
- Rural enterprise
- Pub
- Local food and drink
- Butcher

Anyone can nominate a local rural business, by going to: [Countryside Alliance Awards | Countryside Alliance](#)

Nominees simply must explain why the business is special and deserves to be recognised, highlighting how the business champions local producers and makes a real contribution to the community. Nominations must be received by Sunday 17 November 2024.

Annual leaf clearance

The council's programmed annual leaf clearance will start at the end of October and will take around 8 weeks to complete. TVBC will be targeting areas that regularly accumulate a lot of leaves and will be responding to ad-hoc requests to clear debris, too.

If you have any areas, you feel should be cleared, please call TVBC or contact your Councillor.

Historic Buildings and Energy Efficiency

Test Valley Borough Council has arranged a workshop for Borough and Parish Councillors to illustrate potential measures to make historic buildings, and buildings in conservation areas more energy efficient and talk about ways to generate green energy.

The session will be held on the evening of Monday December 2nd, starting at 5.30pm, and will be run by Professor John Edwards, of Edwards-Hart Consulting, who is an experienced speaker in this field. More information about Prof. Edwards' background and work may be found here:

<https://edwardshart.co.uk/home/services/training/>

If you are interested in attending, please email mbennett@testvalley.gov.uk by 4pm on November 18th.

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Hawk Conservancy Christmas Market

Thursday 28, Friday 29, Saturday 30 November - 3:30-8:30PM

Why not pop into the Hawk Conservancy Trust and enjoy some festive shopping? With over sixty local businesses attending, there will be plenty to see and taste.

Free on-site parking. Some stall holders will be taking card payments only. There are no cash machines available.

Tickets will support the charitable work of the Hawk Conservancy Trust.

Tickets: £3.50 online | £4 on the door

<https://www.hawk-conservancy.org/events/christmas-market/>

In September 2024, your Anna Councilors visited the Hawk Conservancy and presented a cheque for £500 to support Dreamnight, an event that offered more than three hundred children with challenging lives in Hampshire to be treated to a special evening event at the Hawk Conservancy Trust.

Maureen managed to hold the vulture and the cheque whilst we were both battling the windy weather to get a photograph.

Appendix B Cllr Drew

Cabinet decides on County Council services for the future

With the future of some Hampshire local services in the spotlight, the County Council's Leader and Cabinet have carefully considered proposals relating to Household Waste Recycling Centres, passenger transport services, School Crossing Patrols, and homelessness support services after careful consideration of consultation feedback and examination of every possible option to help balance residents' needs against the Council's future financial pressures.

See also HCC Future Services Q&A which is attached.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241410FutureServicesfinaldecisions>

Don't miss out – sign-up for Holiday Activities and Food this Christmas

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for Christmas - bringing festive fun and support to families most in need during the school holidays

HAF providers in Hampshire are now taking bookings and families are being encouraged to secure their spot to ensure children don't miss out.

As part of the County Council's [connect4communities programme](#), this Christmas, almost 120 sites across Hampshire will be running HAF schemes, offering free enriching activities and wholesome food each day for those receiving benefits-related free school meals during term time and other vulnerable school-age children. As well as enjoying hot nutritious meals, children are encouraged to be active by participating in sports and spending time outdoors, and to try their hand at a range of activities such as arts and crafts, cooking, games and free play.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/241016HAFChristmas>

Have your say on local cycling and walking plans for the northern Test Valley area

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Anyone who lives, works, visits or commutes in the northern Test Valley area is being invited to give their views on new walking and cycling proposals

As part of a consultation by Hampshire County Council, which runs until Sunday 17 November 2024, feedback is being sought on the draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the area.

The aim of the LCWIP is to help identify areas which have the greatest potential for improving routes to make cycling and walking easier and more appealing – particularly for local journeys, encouraging people to leave the car at home.

Feedback on the routes and areas proposed in the consultation can be provided via the online survey on the County Council's website. See here:-

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/ow-northern-testvalley-lcwip>

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241021TVBCLCWIPPR>

National Care Leavers' Week – celebrating 18 months of positive change for Hampshire care leavers

With National Care Leavers' Week (28 October to 3 November) starting today, Hampshire County Council is highlighting the work of the inspiring care leavers helping to make a difference to others like them across the county

In the last 18 months, and in response to feedback from over 230 children and young people in Hampshire's care, the local authority's Care Experienced Adults (CEA) Council has been busy delivering on its key priorities to:

- Reduce the stigma in schools for children in care
- Provide better recognition of children and young people's individual achievements
- Review and improve housing options for young people aged 16 and over
- Improve how the County Council communicates with and responds to young people.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241028careleaversweek>

Help us to make it easier to walk and cycle in Hampshire

Residents are being asked to help Hampshire County Council identify locations where physical barriers make it awkward and challenging to walk, cycle, wheel or scoot

The survey, which is open until Sunday 22 December 2024, seeks feedback to help pinpoint locations where there are obstacles, such as bollards, that make getting around difficult for people who have restricted mobility and need to use a mobility scooter, or for those pushing prams or riding cargo bikes for example.

Feedback can be provided via the online survey on the County Council's website.

We want people to tell us where there are:-

- Crossing points that are difficult to use because they don't have dropped kerbs and tactile paving
- Dropped kerbs which are not level with the road
- Staggered or chicane barriers
- Bollards placed too closely together
- Pavements made narrow by items such as guard railings, lampposts and signposts
- Misleading or unnecessary cycle signs and where new or additional cycle parking may be needed

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Responses to the survey will help the County Council to secure the funding to make improvements to roads and pavements by providing evidence to support applications for Government funding, or in negotiating contributions from developers building new housing developments.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241101SurveyWalkCycleBarriers>

Grants available to local organisations to help Hampshire go Smokefree by 2030

As part of Hampshire County Council's drive to reduce the harm caused by smoking in local communities, a series of grants are to be awarded to the county's district and borough councils, as well as to voluntary, community, and social enterprise organisations, to help people quit smoking for good

Grants of up to £50,000 each are available from the Local Authority to support action to tackle smoking, from November 2024 to March 2028.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/241101smokinggrants>