

**Goodworth Clatford Parish Council
Annual Council Meeting Minutes 3rd September 2024**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 3rd September 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	Eveline Attwood	David Drew Maureen Flood	3

24076 Chairmans remarks – Cllr Struthers

- Welcomed Stephen Pyle
- Congratulated Cllr Walker on winning the Barnikal cup at the fete for his contribution to the Parish Council and community.
- Thanked Cllrs for delivering the housing survey forms for residents to complete.

24077 Apologies for Absence – Borough Cllr Hasselmann & Cllr Platt

24078 Public Participation – None

24079 Co-option of Councillor - Proposed Cllr Cross, Seconded Cllr Walker Resolved: Stephen Pyle was co-opted as Councillor.

24080 Declarations of Interest – None

24081 To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 2nd July 2024 –. Proposed Cllr Struthers Seconded Cllr Henderson. 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 2nd of July 2024 can be confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

24082 Borough Councillors report - Councillor Flood reported on the following. See appendix A for further details.

- TVBC have been given a new housing target with a 75% increase, so the local plan will need another review before publishing.
- Two Queen Elizabeth statues have been commissioned, one to be unveiled on 27th September in Andover. Once completed the second one will be located in Romsey.
- Ladies Walk and Abbots Ann have been designated areas of beauty.
- TVAPC are meeting on 21st September and will include local water issues.
- Bury Hill Meadows – Increase of dog mess.
- Neighbourhood plan may need small delay to take into account changing government legislation.

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24083 County Councillor Drew report – Cllr Drews report is in Appendix B which has been circulated.

- Cllr Drew was reminded to set up a meeting with the department at HCC who deals with ground water flooding to discuss their responsibility towards flooding within Goodworth Clatford Parish.
- Parish Cllrs asked for an update on Nelson Site – Borough Cllrs will speak with enforcement team for update to be shared at the next meeting.

24084 Clerks report (This was circulated prior to the meeting)

- Both sides of handrail & latch repaired at Sheepwash,
- NatWest letter sent account now closed.
- HSBC application Cllr Struthers added as signatory.
- Speed Indicator Devices Highways have confirmed rules have been relaxed although it is expected the devices will be relocated to keep it fresh for people using the signs. Advice regarding pole size to hold a solar panel and SID has been circulated.
- Highways reply to chicane at Barrow Hill – No fatalities/traffic accidents so not in budget to consider currently. Last five years data examined from Police.
- Highways re top surface Village Street Longstock end – no planned road surfacing at this present time.
- Southern Water – no response despite three different e mail addresses used to contact them. Awaiting e mail address of new contact.
- Website – Hugo Fox currently in process of applying to become supplier of gov.uk domain. Only suppliers can apply for domain name.
- Financial regulations have been updated with some items requiring discussion in finance meeting.
- Allotment invoices have been sent out by email, two by post.

24085 Planning

24/01714/CPLN Goodworth Clatford Club – **Resolved:** no objection previously discussed, this application was additional windows

24085.1 Update on previous applications

- 24/00021/FULLN PROPOSAL: The Clatford Arms, Longstock Road, Goodworth Clatford Awaiting Decisions. *Post meeting* Permission granted.
- 23/02105/CMAN Sludge Facility Cowdown – Awaiting decision.
- 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
- 24/01178/FULLN Yew Tree Farm Goodworth Clatford Retention of a private trackway Awaiting Decision
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24085.2 Planning Infringements - None

24085.3 Neighbourhood Plan – The housing survey has now been distributed. The deadline for answers is 30th September. The Chairman requested reminders were sent to Parishioners to ensure surveys are completed.

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24086 Annual Parish Meeting issues raised by Parishioners.

24086.1 Jubilee Sign painting & repairs – Cllrs Walker and Kwiatkowski will straighten the sign using an Alan key. Two quotes were received one for £6000 from a specialist fingerpost firm, and one from local painter. Although other quotes were requested did not materialise.

Resolved: Councillors approved Stuart Harvey Decorating repainting the sign at £480 plus VAT

24086.2 Traffic Calming – Highways have stated that unless the Police record accidents/fatalities Goodworth Clatford are NOT eligible for any traffic calming measures in the area. The responsibility of the highways lies with HCC not the PC. All traffic calming measures carried out in other parishes have recorded casualties/fatalities. The only option available to the PC is to consider purchasing more speed indicator devices.

24087.1 Finance To approve the Statement of Accounts 1st June 2024 – 31st July 2024. The Clerk had circulated a Financial Statements pack to all members prior to the meeting.
Proposed: Cllr Walker Seconded: Cllr Cross

Resolved: That the financial statements between 1st June 2024 until 31st July 2024 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

24087. 2 Payments for approval July 2024

GC Village Club	£39.00
Business Stream	£213.34
Clatford Shop Assn	£436.66
GED Rose - Bridge & Gate	£120.00
JRB Enterprise	£252.18
Bank Charges	£8.00
Post Office - Nat West Closure	£3.05
E Attwood - Salary	£750.92
HMRC- Tax	£14.00

Payments for approval August 2024

Clatford Shop Assn	£436.66
GC Village Club	£27.00
GED Rose - Bridge (other side)	£90.00
Emmerdale Agriculture - Mow Meadow	£462.00
Guy Kitchen - Maintenance	£475.00
Village Shop - Refresh Annual Parish Meet	£45.94
Bank Charges	£8.00
BDO - External audit	£252.00
E Attwood - Salary & Exp	£758.12
E Attwood	£14.00
AJ Gallagher - Insurance	£1,629.33

Proposed: Cllr Walker, Seconded: Cllr Cross

Resolved: Payments for July and August 2024 were approved as of 31st July 2024.

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Bank reconciliation		
Business	HSBC	2145.70
Treasurers	HSBC	25776.18
Business Reserve	Nat West	9145.96
Business Reserve	Nat West	£5.00
		37072.84

(Nat West account closed in August)

24087.3 Approval to purchase chippings for footpath off Church Lane

Resolved: Cllrs approved one cubic metre of chippings for footpath no 4 (access from Church Lane).

24087.4 Conclusion of Audit – The Clerk reported that the only comment referred to the public advertisement. Although the correct number of days plus two additional days were advertised the notice was dated the same date as the advertisement and the dates should have been one day apart. (human error). The audit had no other concerns, and the Parish Council had complied to legislation. The conclusion of audit has now been placed on the noticeboard and website.

24087.5 Insurance Policy – The declaration was circulated, and all Cllrs present signed the declaration. Cllr Platt (absent) has confirmed by e mail that he complies.

24088 – Website – The Clerk explained proceeses had changed and only accredited providers could apply for a .gov domain. Hugo Fox is currently awaiting approval.

Resolved: Cllr Struthers will advise them to go ahead and build the website.

Environment

24089.1 Footpaths & Highways. – The following was reported that HCC have previously agreed to cutback footpath 17 & 1 being the footpaths with the most growth. It appears that neither have been trimmed back this year.

- Footpath 17 was overgrown with vegetation and was almost impassable at the top.
- Footpath 1, also known as the bridleway passing the pumping station also requires cutting back.
- The Clerk advised that the dog bin at the Wherwell layby end was buried in overgrown vegetation.

Resolved: The Clerk will write to the Countryside Officer and remind them of this agreement.

24089.2 Sheepwash & Defibrillator- Cllr Kwiatkowski reported that.

- Bin trials at the Sheepwash are going well with a reduction of litter.
- The repairs to the bridge & latch have been carried out.
- That he would like to share the access code to the defibrillator in the forthcoming newsletter.
- He would also like to share a link to “how to use” the defibrillator videos.

24089.3 The Park & Estate Management Group – Cllr Walker reported:

- The Sheepwash will have some groundwork carried out by the spring to improve area.
- Stuart Riley has been appointed as Chair to the group. Annelise Evans has been appointed to the Estate Management Group.

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- Richard Ryder has stepped down and the Parish Council would like to record their thanks for his contribution to the village.
- Regular maintenance has been carried out at Riverside and the Sheepwash.
- A stall was run at the fete which has encouraged new members have come forward.

24089.4 Allotments – The following was reported:

- Cllr Kwiatkowski has cleared the drains.
- Cllr Welland currently trying to access water meter.
- The hedge will be cut back when the conservation field is cut back.

24089.5 Recreation Ground & Pavilion - The following was reported.

- The cost of the replacement mechanism zip wire is £742.32 plus VAT.
- No other issues on the inspection report carried out by TVBC.
- The bench adjacent to the zip wire has a broken slat.
- The Clerk will write to the football club asking them to replace the guttering which is missing on the football club storage extension.

24089.6. Completion of monthly H&S Inspections-

- Sheep wash Completed. – no issues
- The Park – Verbal report – no issues
- Riverside Rest – Verbal report – no issues
- Play Park – Paperwork completed – no issues.
- Allotments – Paperwork completed no issues.

24089.7 Flood Action/Pan Parish Forum- The following was reported.

- Cllr Willens reported that he had been given a new contacts name at SWA but no contact details. The person named as Jessica Hanman should be making contact with the PC but has not done this to date.
- Tanker Management visited several properties, said they understood the problems, but had no solutions except possibly putting in a septic tank.
- Cllr Willens stated HCC are failing to manage the ground water levels and this is causing the flooding problems along Village Street.
- Cllr Struthers will ask Cllr Drew to see if he can provide a contact with responsibility for ground water levels so the PC can liaise with them as the SWA person who officiated at the Pan Parish meeting had no technical knowledge.

24090 Correspondence – The following correspondence has been received.

- E mail from resident expressing concern about fishing at the Ford and a subsequent verbal alteration. Cllrs discussed further signage but felt that as signs were not read at the Sheepwash it was unlikely that a sign would be read at this location. The Clerk had advised the resident any concerns should be reported to the Police on 101
- E Mail from resident stating they were concerned with excessive noise from an event held at the Clatford Arms which they had reported to TVBC.
- 14th November Cyber event at Upper Clatford Village Hall. UCPC asked for half the costs to rent the Village Hall. **Resolved:** Cllrs did not approve the request.

24091 Items for next month's agenda

Cllr Willens asked Cllrs for articles for the newsletter before next month's meeting.

24092 Date of next meetings

- The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th November 2024 in Goodworth Clatford Village Club at 7pm

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Appendix A Borough Councillor Hasselmann and Floods Report:

Housing Targets in Test Valley

The Government has recently proposed reforms to the National Planning and Policy Framework which includes changes to the standard method for calculating local housing need. The new calculation would mean a 75% increase in the housing figure from 524 to 921 homes per year for the Test Valley. The Council is working hard to respond to the consultation and making representation to Government relating to the challenges this revised housing figure would represent, as well as asking for clarification in relation to the current Local Plan process.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Unveiling -The Mayor of Test Valley, Councillor Ian Jeffrey, will be unveiling a new artwork of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Town Mills Riverside Park, Andover, at 3.45pm on Friday 27 September 2024. The Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire, Mr Nigel Atkinson Esq, will also be in attendance for this special occasion. Amy Goodman, resident artist at Project Workshops in Quarley (Anna Ward), was commissioned by Test Valley Borough Council to create two statues of the late Queen, one for Romsey and one for Andover. For the Andover statue, Amy drew inspiration from locals to depict the Queen's military links as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces, reflecting Andover's close links with the Army. She ran several workshops for the community to include their memories of the late queen and her visit to the town in 1993.

New Local Nature Reserves

Ladies Walk (Andover) and Abbotswood Nature Reserve (Romsey) have recently been designated as Local Nature Reserves. This is a national recognition of the value of these special sites for both wildlife and people. Ladies Walk is located on the southeastern edge of Andover and to the northeast of Anna ward - between the entrance at Old Winton Road and Micheldever Road.

Established in 1785 and steeped in history, this path was originally part of the ancient Mark Way, with its trees planted in 1863 to commemorate the wedding of the future King Edward VII. The site features sloping grasslands and ancient fields, now managed to enhance its nature conservation value under the guidance of Natural England. With restored chalk grasslands and sweeping views across Andover, Ladies Walk offers a blend of natural beauty and historical significance.

Pick up after your Pooch

For international dog day in August Test Valley Borough Council conducted a survey at Bury Hill after several complaints about dog waste. The flags in the pictures show the number of faeces at the Bury Hill site. We would remind users of the site to use the dog bins provided.

Apart from being smelly and unattractive, and something that no one wants to have to clean off their shoes, it can also have implications for the environment and for our health. Dog poo can carry lots of different bacteria E. Coli, Salmonella, and parvovirus as well as roundworm eggs, which can cause blindness in children. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures.

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Child Benefit Extension

If your teen is staying in education or training, you'll need to extend your Child Benefit claim. Don't miss out on up to £1,331 next year – let HMRC know online or in the HMRC app today.

Go to <https://ow.ly/VPv550SwWCS>

Appendix B Cllr Drew

During Plastic Free July 2024, Hampshire County Council is encouraging residents to make the new Smart Living Pledge, changing everyday habits to reduce single-use plastics.

Smart Living Pledges include:

- Always taking a reusable water bottle with you to refill.
- Always taking a reusable bag when shopping.
- Replacing plastic bottles of soap, bodywash and shampoo with solid bars or refilling them.

Hampshire County Council's Executive Member for Climate Change, Councillor Zoe Huggins said, "If we all do our bit by planning for what we need when out and about and finding novel ways to reuse or repurpose what we already own, the impact on climate change could be huge in terms of reducing carbon emissions, both now and for the future generations in Hampshire."

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/15072024PlasticFree>

Outstanding rating continues for Hampshire County Council's Children's Services

Children in Hampshire continue to benefit from strong and effective services that make a positive difference to their lives. This is one of the key headline findings from Hampshire County Council's latest full Ofsted inspection, which has rated its Children's Services outstanding for the second consecutive time since 2019.

In a consistently positive report, Ofsted has described the timely and robust practice of social workers and other practitioners who ensure that children are kept safe and that they and their families receive appropriate and effective support to meet their individual needs. The news comes following a recent outstanding Ofsted rating for Swanwick Lodge, the County Council's secure children's home which provides safe and specialist support for the most vulnerable children and young people.

Ofsted's report follows a rigorous inspection of the County Council's Children's Services, including all aspects of children's social care, which took place between 4 and 14 June 2024. Key findings include the 'significant and continuing strength' of the County Council's inclusive and creative approach to protecting children, which sees staff work closely with parents, wider family members and friends to 'strengthen family resilience' and achieve 'positive and sustainable change'. Parents are supported to 'develop skills and strategies to better meet their children's needs' and this, together with support from wider networks, enables more children to stay safely at home.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240723outstandingofstedresult>

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<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241607GreenFlagAwards>

Hampshire County Council's latest figures show 37 per cent increase in annual road repairs.

An unprecedented number of potholes and road defects have been fixed across a 12-month period, according to the latest figures from Hampshire County Council

From April 2023 to April 2024, 180,909 repairs were delivered, marking a 37 per cent increase.

We understand that potholes remain a significant concern for Hampshire's residents, impacting daily journeys and overall satisfaction whether travelling to work, school, running a business or enjoying all our county has to offer.

One year ago, HCC allocated an additional £22.5 million to tackle this issue and make our roads stronger. This two-year investment is enabling us to deploy more resources dedicated to promptly fixing potholes, addressing the damage caused by cycles of wet and freezing winter weather. Our latest figures show that repairs have increased by 37 per cent, compared to the previous 12 months, demonstrating that this investment is paying dividends.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20241107AnnualRoadRepairFigure>

Next step for Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan

Plans to ensure Hampshire can provide its share of materials, such as sand and gravel, for building homes, schools and roads in the future have taken another step forward. Hampshire County Council's Cabinet has recommended (8 July 2024) that the full County Council (at its meeting on 18 July) approves the submission of Hampshire's Minerals and Waste Plan's Partial Update to the Government Planning Inspectorate for scrutiny.

It has been a huge undertaking, including extensive consultation with residents and other interested parties. If County Councillors agree the Plan and supporting documents can be submitted, it will be for the independent Planning Inspectorate to determine whether Hampshire's Plan is sound - that is whether it complies with national policy and legal requirements.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240708MineralsandWastePlan>

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£1.5m boost for people led climate change action.

Lower energy bills could be enjoyed by more people in the future as more communities are given the ability to lead the charge on climate change through greener, more efficient energy initiatives that will reduce carbon emissions and, in turn, lower costs. Thanks to £1.5 million National Lottery funding, Community Energy South, supported by Hampshire County Council, is set to expand its staff and volunteer numbers so that it can train and mentor a larger number of community groups, including providing expertise in human resources (HR) and marketing, so that community projects can get up and running more quickly. The funding will boost employment and skills related training opportunities. Nicola Davidson, from Community Energy South said: "Most of the groups we work with have done amazing things with a small core team of volunteers. But it's hard to grow projects and impact from volunteer time only. This funding will create 33 jobs across 11 community energy groups, bring on 100 volunteers and provide up to 50,000 people with energy saving advice. We will also see the creation of more renewable generation projects that are community owned, with the increased energy generated helping to reduce the overall demand for electricity from the carbon intensive national grid." More information: - Community energy includes a variety of initiatives including community heating schemes, domestic energy advice and group purchasing schemes – schemes which enable householders to benefit from the most competitive pricing for green energy in Hampshire.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20240807CommEnergyLotteryAward>