

**Goodworth Clatford Parish Council  
Parish Council Meeting Minutes 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Date of Meeting: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm  
Location: held at the Church in St Peters Room**

**Present:**

| <b>Councillors</b>   | <b>Clerk</b>       | <b>TVBC + County Councillors</b> | <b>Others</b> |
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| Roy Struthers (Chairman)<br>Ian Platt<br>Claire Henderson<br>Will Walker<br>Alan Willens<br>Robin Welland<br>Henryk Kwiatkowski<br>Stephen Pyle<br>Fiona Cross | Eveline<br>Attwood | Maureen Flood                    | 19            |

Tim Goodridge TVBC Neighbourhood Planning team attended the meeting.

- 12 houses had been identified from the housing needs survey.
- All rural parishes will be allocated 10 new builds by TVBC.
- Current land supply has been diminished and TVBC have been given higher build targets by the government.
- Cllrs questioned the best way forward and were advised there is no conflict with NPPF, so they were advised to carry on and update the NHP with housing allocation from the survey. Current policies remain relevant.
- Cllrs were reminded they could allocate a site for building.

**25107 Chairmans remarks – None**

**25108 Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Drew & Hasselmann**

**25109 Public Participation –** A resident expressed his concerns about the expiry of the current outdate Neighbourhood Plan, as there is currently a planning application for the development of 40 homes on land at Barrow Hill. He said he would no longer have any interest in continuing to update the plan if this planning application was approved by TVBC.

**25110 Declarations of Interest – None**

**25111 To Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2025**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2025 was confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

**25112 Borough Councillors report –** Councillors Flood & Hasselmann's report is in Appendix A. Cllr Flood reported that TVBC were financially stable.

**25113 County Councillor Drew report –** Cllr Drews report is in Appendix B.

**24114 Clerks report (This was circulated prior to the meeting)**

- FOI – asking for documentation of an original conveyance has been scanned to Weymouth Registry office. Local resident has unused ex railway land at the bottom of garden and wants to register and tidy.

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- Replacement battery ordered for SID as approved in November's minutes.
- Trading gate keys & allotment gate keys cut for Estate Management group.
- Large allotments refund complete, and both allotments relet, apparently combination lock now in use on the shared shed.
- New Speed Indicator Device ordered and delivered to Cllr Pyle
- Grass/hedge cutting equipment & safety signs/cones/hi vis vests ordered and delivered to Cllr Walker. Hedge trimmer on order and will need to be paid for before collection. HCC grant monies were used to purchase equipment.
- Dog bins refilled and more bags on order.
- Cllr Pyle has completed his Cllr training course with HALC.
- Materials ordered for Estate Management Group to use at the Sheepwash as already approved. More materials about to be ordered for further work.
- Bench ordered for recreation ground from donation and delivered to Cllr Walker alongside Post Crete and a rammer ordered from Wickes to carry out installation of bench.
- Unpaid licence fees chased; Cllr Welland cleared one entrance onto playing field to satisfy licence holder.
- No electric charged to date charged CK Andover for this Financial year as SSE have refunded all recreation electric for the year.
- Several Residents have complained about sewage smell in Village – Contacted Environment Agency on 24 helpline by telephone – They will only accept reports from people who have witnessed the smells as the reports become legal documents if a prosecution takes place. TVBC cannot deal with, it must be the Environment Agency
- SSE have refunded – Recreation Ground £659.48 Village Clock £452.53
- YU energy took £685.55 by direct debit in Jan – Clerk has contacted and started a complaint & cancelled direct debit. The invoice went into SPAM and was not seen by the clerk until after the D/D was taken. The company had the wrong phone number recorded and claimed they text me asking for a reading. Due to this incompetence by Yu the Clerk spent five hours at the Pavilion on Monday 3/3/25 waiting for an engineer, he arrived at the end of the four-hour window, resulting in another hour waiting for him to complete a change of SMART meter. The previous meter (installed last year was not commissioned by SSE/registered with the Data Communication Company.) I suspect SSE knew of their mistake and hence we have been refunded more than we spent at the Recreation Ground. Today 03/03/2025 Have sent meter reading from old meter which was confirmed by engineer. A query to his office as he thought the pavilion had a three-phase supply. 4/03/2025 second invoice rec'd £765.28 unpaid I have added to the complaint today by e mail. Have an eight-week period before a complaint can be issued to ombudsman. – In total disbelief that this can happen again with another company, but the Pavilion only has a couple of lights, and a kettle boiled occasionally.
- Two Licence fees were paid late – one complained he couldn't access the playing field from his back gate due to vegetation, this has been cleared by Cllr Welland. The other licence fee is a peppercorn rent for using the Parish Council land. Both have been chased twice since the original invoice.

**25115 Approval of Neighbourhood Plan Survey - Proposed Cllrs Struthers Seconded Cllr Cross**

**Resolved: Cllrs approved the Neighbourhood Plan survey.** The Clerk will report the approval to TVBC so it can be published. Cllrs Cross and Platt will formulate a plan for progressing the updating of the NDP and bring this back to the next meeting.

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**25116.1 Planning 25/00399/CLEN Certificate of lawful development The Water Tower St Peters Close** Cllrs discussed this planning application, and it was agreed that the applicant failed to meet two parts of the criteria for the certificate. Paragraph R of Part 3 of Schedule 2 of the 2015 Order is clear in the conditions to be met in order for the application to be lawful.

**R.3—** (1) Before changing the use of the site under Class R, and before any subsequent change of use to another use the developer must—

(a) where the cumulative floor space of the building or buildings which have changed use under Class R within an established agricultural unit does not exceed 150 square metres, provide the following information to the local planning authority—

(i) the date the site will begin to be used for any of the flexible uses.

(ii) the nature of the use or uses; and

(iii) a plan indicating the site and which buildings have changed use.

**Resolved:** Proposed: Cllr Platt Seconded: Cllr Cross. All agreed. Cllrs objected to this planning application as it does not meet the criteria for the certificate.

**Resolved:** Cllrs also agreed that TVBC should be asked to place a Building Preservation Notice on the Water tower so it can be listed as a scheduled monument. A letter will be sent to Simon Finch Head of Planning at TVBC.

**25116.2 25/00454/FULLN Removal Conservatory and erection of single storey side extension Post House Church Lane.** Cllrs discussed the application. Proposed: Cllr Platt Seconded: Cllr Cross. All agreed **Resolved:** Cllrs had no objections to this planning application which met the planning criteria.

#### **25116.3 Update on previous applications**

- **23/02105/CMAN** Sludge Facility Cowdown – Awaiting decision as further consultee responses are required. – New drainage, Soakaway, and drawings on TVBC website.
- **22/03267/FULLN** Anaerobic digestion facility – awaiting new application to date
- **24/01239 OUTN** Land at Barrow Hill Outline Planning Application for up to 40 Dwellings Awaiting Decision. Further consultation information on TVBC website. Awaiting response from Southern Water Authority.
- **24/02609/VARN** Solar Array Adjacent to Andover Sewage Works Winchester Road Goodworth Clatford Awaiting Decision Loudspeakers will only be used by security when someone is detected on site in real time Permission subject to conditions, includes a management plan for loudspeaker to be submitted before installation.
- **2500181/VARN** - Variation of condition 2 of 23/02399/FULLN (Single Storey rear extension, alterations to windows and doors and addition of oriel bay window) Trenance, 13 Burdock Close Goodworth Clatford Andover- Awaiting decision
- **25/00185/FULLN** Erection of agricultural grain store Oakcutts Stockbridge Red Rice Road - Awaiting Decision

**25116.4 Planning Infringements – Nelsons Land** Cllrs Struthers explained he had met with an officer at TVBC. He outlined the timeline of events and explained permission was granted in 2023 for rubble to enter the site. In 2024 building started on the golf course. TVBC paid for an external survey and HCC and no infringement can be found. It has been agreed with the planning officer to carry out a review and look for evidence of progress towards the end of the summer, then a completion notice can be issued if required.

**25117.1 Finance** To approve the Statement of Accounts 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The Clerk had circulated a Financial Statements pack to all members prior to the meeting.

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**Resolved:** The financial statements between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**25117. 2 Payments for approval January 2025.**

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| Screwfix - Padlock SID                               | £16.99    |
| Sainsbury Stationary, paper, poly pockets, envelopes | £15.50    |
| Goodworth Clatford Village Club                      | £12.00    |
| Post Office - Licence letters                        | £4.25     |
| Clatford Shop  | £436.66   |
| HMRC - Employers NI                                  | £1.89     |
| Go Cardless - Hugo Fox - Website                     | £23.99    |
| Bank Charges   | £24.86    |
| Andover Garden Machinery                             | £2,222.75 |
| E Attwood - Clerks pay                               | £777.08   |
| Clerks Tax & Employer NI                             | £22.49    |

**Payments for approval February 2025**

|                                    |           |
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| Refund Allotment R Buckley         | £42.75    |
| Elan City                          | £2,640.00 |
| Goodworth Clatford Club            | £28.50    |
| Goodworth Clatford Playgroup grant | £94.50    |
| YU- Pavilion Electric              | £685.55   |
| Clatford Shop                      | £436.66   |
| SP Start Safety signs & cones EMG  | £130.95   |
| Toolstation- Hi Vis vest EMG       | £23.88    |
| HALC - Cllr Training S Pyle        | £117.60   |
| Glasdon Bench                      | £766.55   |
| Hugo Fox - Website                 | £23.99    |
| CA Stevens EMG Materials           | £418.08   |
| Bank Charges                       | £8.00     |
| Wickes – Post crete & rammer       | £60.50    |
| Elan City                          | £113.95   |
| E Attwood Clerks Pay               | £782.93   |
| Clerks Tax & Employer NI           | £22.49    |

**Resolved:** Payments for January and February 2025 were approved.

| <b>Bank Reconciliation</b>                     |   |                    |
|--|---|--------------------|
| Business                                       | £ | 3,209.43           |
| Treasurers                                     | £ | 41,948.24          |
| <b>Closing Balance as at 31st January 2025</b> |   | <b>£ 45,157.67</b> |

**25117.3 Approval to increase CK Andover rent by 5%** Proposed: Cllr Struthers Seconded: Cllr Platt All agreed. **Resolved:** Councillors approved increasing the rent to £156.60 every two months (£78.30 per month)

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**25117.4 Approval for dog emptying Bins. Resolved:** Cllrs approved £242.57 plus VAT per each dog waste bin to be emptied by TVBC. The Clerk will send an e-mail to TVBC to authorise.

**25117.5 Playgroup Funding** – The Clerk reported that some concerns had been expressed about the change of management of the playgroup by residents. There is a new manager taking over responsibility for the group. The Clerk will contact the new manager and invite them to the September meeting so they can inform the council of plans to fund the group after the grant ceases. The Clerk has been tasked to confirm with the Village Club that payments have been received for the rent of the hall by the playgroup before the following month's instalment is paid.

**25117.6 Approval to move e-mail provider to Hugo Fox** Cllrs agreed to pay Zoho as the payment was now due. Hugo Fox have offered six months free e-mail address use and then this will be £19.99 per month for 10 e-mail addresses using the .gov domain. The Clerk will advise Hugo Fox.

### **Environment**

**25118.1 Footpaths & Highways.** – Cllr Walker reported that he has recruited footpath wardens and both himself and John Waring have attended HCC training. The HCC grant money has been spent on equipment which is stored in the Parish Council shed. The hedge trimmer was out of stock and has not been paid for yet. Cllr Walker requested the Clerk undergo a Land Registry search of the land by footpath no 17.

**25118.2 Sheepwash** Cllr Kwiatkowski reported the Sheepwash has been closed by the EMG for repairs and to recover from the wet weather. The Pathway has been rebuilt using scalping's, gravel, and topsoil. Materials are on order for revamping the steps. Riverside Rest has had a delivery of pea shingle. Plastic effect wood has been ordered to replace damaged wood at Riverside Walk. Cllrs discussed purchasing additional signage, but Cllrs felt there was enough signs.

**25118.3 The Park & Estate Management Group** – Cllr Walke had nothing further to report.

**25118.4 Allotments** – Cllrs discussed being a little more flexible when someone needs to give up their allotment, if a replacement tenant can be found.

**25118.5 Recreation Ground & Pavilion** - The following was reported.

- Money donated for a bench and post crete has now been purchased and is ready to be installed.

**25118.6. Completion of monthly H&S Inspections- •**

Sheepwash – Area closed for repairs no paperwork.

- The Park – No paperwork verbal reports no problems.
- Riverside Rest – Paperwork completed.
- Play Park – Paperwork completed.
- Allotments – Paperwork completed. – Hedges need trimming

All issues discussed in the relevant part of the meeting.

**25118.7 Flood Action/Pan Parish Forum-** Cllr Kwiatkowski explained that the Pan Parish Forum are requesting that all Parish Councils lobby TVBC that all new developments have

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PVC sewage pipes. **Resolved:** Cllrs approved the letter circulated by Cllr Kwiatkowski to be sent to planning services.

**25118.8 Lengthsman Scheme**

Cllr Struthers explained to Cllrs how the lengthsman scheme operates. The PC holds adequate insurance, and a schedule of work is agreed to the sum of £985. Stockbridge PC administer the scheme, and the PC have £985 pound of work. Cllr Kwiatkowski will assist the Clerk with identifying work that needs to be completed.

**Resolved:** The Clerk can sign the lengthsman's contract.

**25119 Correspondence – The following correspondence has been received.**

- Complaints about Fullerton Farm Sewage works smell. All persons who smell the odour are asked to contact the Environment Agency 24-hour helpline as all complaints are treated as legal reports.
- Updated terms and conditions for hiring of the Village Club were discussed, although a Cllr had expressed some concerns about a safeguarding policy requirement and on discussion it was agreed that Cllr Cross would review the terms and conditions.
- A resident has requested a bench at the bus stop outside St Peters Close. The Clerk will try to identify the landowner.
- VE Day celebrations- A resident had requested the Parish Council organise an event. Cllrs advised that previous events were organised by volunteers in the village and not the PC.

**25120 Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7pm** – Items on the agenda. PC Rockford will carry out a presentation about scammers, a Chairmans address, and update of the Neighbourhood Plan will be on the agenda. Cllrs are requested to bring further ideas to the next parish Council meeting.

**25121 Date of next meetings** the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in the Village Club at 7pm

**Appendix A Borough Councillor Hasselmann and Floods Report:**

**TVBC approves budget for 2025/26 At the Council meeting on Thursday 27 February 2025**, Test Valley Borough Council agreed the organisation's budget and the amount of council tax to be collected over the next year. Councillors approved a balanced budget, without having to draw on any reserves. The Council is financially stable, a major achievement in the current financial climate. The Budget has built in some anticipated capacity pressures which will arise from the Local Government reorganisation process, but the impact of that reorganisation is still unfolding. Councillors reiterated their determination to ensure that money raised through local taxes will be spent on local projects and services. Council Tax Increases by £5 for Band D property During its meeting on 27 January 2025, TVBC approved an increase of £5 a year to £168.91 for Band D Council Tax (excluding Parishes and Special Expenses). This represents an increase of 3.05%, broadly in line with current inflation. TVBC's element of the overall Council Tax bill is 8%. In 2024/25 TVBC council tax levels continued to be the 27th lowest out of 164 district councils in England and £44 (20%) lower than the average charge. Recently the Council also approved its new Council Tax Support scheme for 2025/26. This scheme helps to protect the most vulnerable households from the full effect of the Council Tax charge.

**Council raises the curtain on designs for Andover's new theatre.** Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) has unveiled the proposed designs for Andover's brand-new theatre. Since

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adopting the Andover town centre masterplan, the council has been progressing plans to deliver on the aspirations of the community and is moving ahead with creating the new venue. TVBC has been working closely with specialist architects Burrell Foley Fischer (BFF) over the past few months to develop a vision for the multi-purpose theatre, which will be located at the entrance to the Chantry Centre. The theatre is set to become a new home for The Lights, which has now outgrown capacity in its current location, and will offer modern facilities including a state-of-the-art multi-level auditorium, a separate performance and event space, a range of studios, meeting rooms and a café. The theatre will feature an entrance leading onto the High Street and another leading onto Town Mills Riverside Park, which will offer a fresh outdoor space for visitors to enjoy in the warmer months. The new location puts the theatre in the heart of the town, close to shops, café's, restaurants, and the multi-storey car park. For more information and to keep up-to-date with latest news about the new theatre development, please see <https://www.thinkandovertowncentre.co.uk/theatre>.

**Test Valley praised as “high-performing council”** following peer review “High-performing”, and “community-first” are how Test Valley Borough Council (TVBC) has been described following an external review. A corporate peer challenge team made up of senior cross-party councillors and experienced officers visited TVBC in November 2024, spending a week undertaking a comprehensive review of key finance, performance and governance information across all its services, as well as speaking to over 100 people including staff, councillors and external partners. New parent and child spaces coming to the Chantry Centre multi-storey as EV chargers set to relocate Test Valley Borough Council has created three new parent and child spaces in the Chantry Centre multi-storey due to the relocation of the car park's four electric vehicle (EV) charging points. These are available from mid-February. The decision follows an independent review of the multi-storey car park and a recommendation to remove the EV chargers, due to incidents including the London Luton Airport car park fire. In their place, the council will install the new parent and child bays, which are wider than normal parking spaces to make it easier to get young children and babies out of the car. The chargers, which are located on level 2a, have been switched off, with the replacements due to be installed in one of the council's other car parks soon. Alternative EV charging points are available at George Yard, South Street and Borden Gates. Users can also visit Zap-Map to find their nearest chargers.

**TARCA hedge laying at Bury Hill** and visitors asked to keep off meadow areas TARCA volunteers have been working at Bury Hill in February 2025, laying hedges and coppicing trees. This work is really beneficial for wildlife but may look quite stark at the beginning. Posters are now up at the site, asking visitors not to walk on and to keep dogs off the meadow areas in order to allow birds and harvest mice to start nesting and allow wildflowers to bloom.

**Appendix B Cllr Drew Cabinet decides on County Council services for the future.**

## **Hampshire County Council approves Council Tax increase to sustain essential services.**

At the meeting of the full County Council, a 4.995% increase in Hampshire's portion of the council tax was approved from April this year alongside further savings proposals needed to help move the Authority towards delivering its core purpose and help address ongoing budget pressures in the years to come. With costs and demand rising in key areas such as social care, 2% of the council tax increase will go specifically towards adults' social care and supporting the county's higher numbers of older people and adults with complex needs and disabilities - in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,609.83 for a Band D property from 1



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April 2025 – an increase of £1.47 per week.

The increase will generate an extra £50 million of vital revenue income towards the delivery of crucial services to the people of Hampshire in 2025/26 and still means that Hampshire has one of the lowest council tax precepts of any county in England.

Alongside revenue spending plans for the next financial year, the County Council also approved the capital budget for the next three years, with building and infrastructure projects totalling £1.167 billion - providing a major boost to the local economy through jobs, skills and construction, as well as ensuring necessary assets are in place to provide services to the people of Hampshire now and in the future. Under local government finance rules, the Council's capital resources cannot be used to shore up the running costs of the revenue budget.

The capital programme includes:

- £188m investment in new and extended school buildings to provide more school places for children in Hampshire
- £166m for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges
- £245m for Integrated Transport Plan schemes
- £107m to address condition-based enhancements to schools
- £50m for waste recycling infrastructure to meet legislative requirements

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250213Budgetdecision>

### **Devolution for Hampshire – have your say in the Government's consultation.**

Hampshire residents are invited to have their say on once-in-a-generation devolution proposals for Hampshire and the Solent region in the eight-week public consultation launched today by central Government.

The consultation invites residents' views on the proposal to form a Mayoral Combined County Authority for Hampshire, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, and Southampton.

The consultation runs for eight weeks from 10am, 17 February 2025 to 11:59pm on 13 April 2025.

It can be found here: [Hampshire and the Solent devolution consultation - GOV.UK](#)

Devolution will shift more powers and flexibilities from Westminster to Hampshire and the Solent region, along with additional funding and investment. This transition will empower local authorities to make vital decisions closer to where residents live and work, driving economic growth, innovation, and productivity.

Further dedicated information about devolution in Hampshire, including Q&As, can be found on the County Council's webpages, [www.hants.gov.uk/devolution](http://www.hants.gov.uk/devolution).

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250217DevoConsultation>



## **More than 90 per cent of Year 6 pupils in Hampshire offered first preference secondary school.**

More than 97 per cent of parents in Hampshire (13,903) have been offered a place for their child at one of their three preferences for a secondary school in September 2025

Of those who applied for a Year 7 place (for September 2025) by the application deadline, 90.8 per cent have been offered a place at their first preference school. The County Council received 14,230 on-time applications this year – a decrease of 357 applications compared to the number received for places in September 2024 (14,587).

Pupils who did not secure a place at one of their three preferences have been allocated a place at their catchment school or the next nearest available school. Parents have the right to appeal in these situations and their child's name will be added to the waiting list for any schools for which they receive a refusal. Places can become available via the waiting list for various reasons including parents changing their mind, or families moving home.

Parents who applied online have been notified of their offers by email. They can also view their offer by logging into the secure, online portal using the same log-in details provided when making their online application. Those parents who applied on paper, and did not provide an email address, have been notified by post and should receive their letters in two to three days.

A video and a set of Frequently Asked Questions to help with parents' queries has been published on the [Admissions webpages](#). This includes information on school transport assistance which may be available in certain circumstances, where the national eligibility criteria are met (application deadline 31 May).

The Admissions Team is now busy processing primary school applications with school place offers due to go out to parents on 16 April 2025.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/20250303nationalofferday>