

WELLOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – MINUTES

Wellow Village Hall: Wednesday 25th April 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Gaye Chesterton-Kay (Chair), Cllr Ed Chesterton-Kay, Cllrs Mike and Sue Jones, Cllr Harmeet Singh Brar, Cllr Trevor Grant, Cllr Rich Millard, Cllr John Sampson, Cllr Phil Stehr

Attending: Cllr Nick Adams-King, Cllr Gordon Bailey, Cllr Roy Perry, Sharon Whitehouse (Clerk) – Minutes.

Apologies: Cllr Alan Clark, PCSO Sam Bate

CC (for information only): Romsey Police

ITEM PUBLIC SESSION

Displays were provided by the Neighbourhood Plan Group, Wellow Lunch Club, Wellow History Society, Wellow Tennis Club, St Margaret's Church and the Hampshire and IOW Trust. Parishioners were greeted with refreshments and a copy of the annual report to peruse in advance of the start of the meeting. Attendees had the opportunity to walk around displays and speak to Parish Councillors informally about any concerns or ideas they might have.

The Chair opened the formal part of the meeting promptly at 7.00pm and greeted Parishioners, before running through some housekeeping and extending a special welcome to Councillor Rich Millard who joined the Council last June.

001 APOLOGIES

As above. In addition, special apologies were received from Councillor Perry who would be arriving later as he was attending the Romsey Extra Annual Parish Meeting beforehand.

002 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Adams-King outlined the role of the Borough Council which includes bin collection, leisure facilities, car parks and planning. He is heavily involved in planning and advised that

- The Borough Council is assisting Parishes with Neighbourhood Plans as they go through the informal part of 'testing'. He urged the audience to engage with the Neighbourhood Plan process.
- The next formal update to the adopted Revised Local Plan must be in place for 2021 and Neighbourhood Plans can help to shape this.
- In the last year the Borough Council has considered 76 planning applications within Wellow Parish.
- The Government has made changes to planning guidance, which Test Valley is in the process of interpreting. It is proposed that housing construction for older people will now be counted towards housing numbers. Over the last 12 months there has been focus on disruption caused by developers and there is now the ability to force issues on builders like parking restrictions, should such provision be included in the Local Plan.
- A successful application to Government resulted in funding of £0.25 million being awarded to carry out an impact assessment of development close to the New Forest Boundary, which of course, affects Wellow. TVBC can ensure that mitigation

measures are put in place in the consideration of planning applications and these will be developed over the next couple of years.

- The Local Government Boundary Commission has completed a review of the number of Councillors and the shape of the areas they represent. The decision to reduce the number of Councillors means that electoral wards have become bigger and the Blackwater ward, of which Wellow is a part, will take in Michelmersh and Timsbury. There are also changes being made to Parish Boundaries which will take effect in the Autumn, but these are minimal for Wellow, the loss of Melchet Pond being mentioned.

There were no questions for Cllr Adams-King.

Cllr Gordon Bailey reported that he looks after planning issues within the National Park boundary, and advised of the following:

- the Local Plan has recently been reviewed, including the Wellow Common area.
- There are proposals to create a boundary of 1.5km around the National Park where building will be restricted.
- A green halo has commenced whereby New Forest District Council Planning has joined other organisations to try and identify the potential problems with traffic, damage to flora and fauna etc. that development will cause.
- Proposals to build up to 1,500 new homes on the Fawley Power Station site (for which planning falls mostly under NFDC) is still at early stages. No definitive plan has come through yet. Traffic is a big issue for concern.
- Under the Councillor Community Grant scheme, our Test Valley Councillors had been able to make a few contributions to the Parish Council in 2017/2018. They have also donated funds for a new seat at the Village Hall and Test Valley has given a grant of £25k to Wellow School to start a pre-school, to encourage sustainability of the school and safeguard the future of the village.

003 Presentation by the NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP – Cllr Trevor Grant

Cllr Trevor Grant gave a presentation to update the audience on how the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing. The power point presentation is attached for information.

004 Minutes of the Meeting 26th April 2017

RESOLVED: It was resolved by all Members present that the Minutes of 26th April 2017 be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

005 ANNUAL REPORT

- a) A summary of the Wellow Parish Council Annual Report attached was given by Cllr Gaye Chesterton-Kay (Chair). Her verbal report focussed on the successful conclusion of two major projects which had been in the pipeline for some years. The Chair expressed thanks to all involved with the new Pavilion project, which is close to completion, with a special mention of the goodwill and support of the Cricket Club. She thanked Test Valley BC for its generous grant of around £23.5k from the Community Asset fund, along with the other companies and contractors who gave

donations of equipment or time to the project. The Community Garden has also been completed in the last year and thanks were passed onto the contributors to this project. Attention was then turned to the Parish Council's priorities for the forthcoming year, with Hatches Farm to become the focus, alongside work continuing in support of the Neighbourhood Plan and carrying on with the day-to-day jobs overseen by the Parish Council.

- b) 2017/2018 Parish Accounts attached (Appendix 1 & 2) were presented by the Clerk as a provisional set of accounts to be finally audited in May. The accounts will be available for public inspection from 11th June until 20th July 2017 in line with guidance set down by PKF Littlejohn, the new external auditors for the Parish.

In addition to the usual run through of the accounts, the Clerk also presented a slide highlighting some key financial achievements in the last couple of years. This is included at the end of the minutes.

006 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Lesley Weldon did not have a question but wished to thank the Parish Council for all its hard work over the last year. More specifically she wished to record thanks on behalf of the Lunch Club and its 21 members aged between 65-85 years old, for the Parish Council's kind grant of £500 which will be put towards providing 2 or 3 outings over the course of the year for its members.

In reply, the Chair thanked Lesley for all that she does for the Parishioners of Wellow.

Q. What is happening with the development along Woodington Lane, near to Tanners Lane on the left-hand side leaving the village? It looks like one house is being demolished and being replaced with four.

A. Cllr Adams-King responded and clarified that the application was for multiple eco-housing, to replace existing buildings on the site. It does not add to the number of buildings but does increase the number of dwellings.

Q. Are there any announcements about Oaklands?

A. Cllr Singh Brar advised that we should hopefully hear good news in the next month or so. Re-opening as a care home is looking positive.

Cllr Roy Perry arrived towards the end of the Question and Answer Session and gave his report. He put up a map of the new County Council divisions and advised that the area he now represents, Romsey Rural Division, covers some 12 Parishes. Cllr Perry's power point presentation outlining HCC services for 2017/2018 can be found on the Parish website.

THERE WERE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS

The Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Public participation at this meeting: approximately 40 Parishioners attended

Wellow Parish Council Current Year

Balance Sheet as at 1st April 2018

31st March 2017

31st March 2018

Current Assets		
375	Debtors	17,895
2,545	VAT Control	15,199
288	Prepayments	0
33,808	Current Bank A/c	14,461
58,285	Deposit Bank A/c	65,391
125,008	Fixed Deposit A/c	50,008
<u>220,309</u>		<u>162,955</u>
220,309	Total Assets	162,955
Current Liabilities		
390	Creditors	5,608
300	Accruals	0
<u>690</u>		<u>5,608</u>
219,619	Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	157,347
Represented By		
33,372	General Reserves	36,012
80,001	EMR Pavilion Upgrade	7,401
45,000	EMR New Burial Land	25,000
22,206	EMR HLS	27,794
7,000	EMR Youth Facilities	7,000
1,040	Election Costs	1,040
13,500	EMR Neighbourhood Plan	13,100
15,000	EMR Hatches Farm	40,000
2,500	EMR Community Garden	0
<u>219,619</u>		<u>157,347</u>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority as at 1st April 2018 and reflects its Income and Expenditure during the year.

Signed : _____ Date : _____
 Chairman

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Wellow Parish Council Current Year

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31st March 2018

31st March 2017		31st March 2018
	Income Summary	
65,000	Precept	65,000
1,697	Interest	855
<u>66,697</u>	Sub Total	<u>65,855</u>
	Operating Income	
407	Administration	87
1,125	Grants and Projects	8,160
2,002	Lower Common Rd Rec Ground	1,675
3,532	Hatches Farm Sports Field	2,502
17,808	West Wellow Common - HLS Agree	17,808
4,600	Burial Ground	6,895
<u>96,172</u>	Total Income	<u>102,982</u>
	Running Costs	
11,717	Administration	12,456
19,667	Employees	20,449
5,677	Grants and Projects	16,028
1,883	Capital Schemes/Asset Man	82,652
10,962	Lower Common Rd Rec Ground	6,941
4,394	Hatches Farm Sports Field	3,908
6,239	Environmental Schemes	6,147
2,110	Highways	2,363
50	War Memorial	73
26	West Wellow Common	60
11,368	West Wellow Common - HLS Agree	12,220
2,852	Burial Ground	1,957
<u>76,944</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>165,254</u>
	General Fund Analysis	
33,584	Opening Balance	33,372
96,172	Plus : Income for Year	102,982
<u>129,756</u>		<u>136,354</u>
76,944	Less : Expenditure for Year	165,254
<u>52,812</u>		<u>(28,900)</u>
19,440	Transfers TO / FROM Reserves	(64,912)
<u>33,372</u>	Closing Balance	<u>36,012</u>

Chair	Gaye Chesterton-Kay
Vice-Chair	John Saunders
Clerk/Parish Council Officer	Sharon Whitehouse
Environmental Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Common Management ➤ Buxton Land ➤ Trees ➤ Burial Ground 	Sue Jones/Mike Jones/John Sampson/Ed Chesterton-Kay Phil Stehr
Commoners Defence	Harmeet Singh Brar
Communication Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Newsletter ➤ Website/Social Media ➤ Community engagement 	Trevor Grant - Editor Harmeet Singh Brar/Clerk Harmeet Singh Brar
Finance Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Budget Management ➤ Grants 	John Saunders Phil Stehr John Sampson Ed Chesterton-Kay Harmeet Singh Brar Trevor Grant
Hatches Farm Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sports Pavilion ➤ Football Pitches & surrounding areas ➤ Trim trail 	John Saunders Alan Clark John Saunders
Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)	Harmeet Singh Brar Clerk
Highways Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Footpaths and Licensed sites ➤ Public transport ➤ Community Speedwatch ➤ Lengthsman Scheme 	John Sampson/Alan Clark/Mike & Sue Jones Harmeet Singh Brar/John Sampson/Trevor Grant Gaye Chesterton-Kay Harmeet Singh Brar/John Sampson
Lower Common Road Recreation Ground Working Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recreation Ground ➤ Existing Pavilion ➤ Play Area ➤ Community Garden 	Gaye Chesterton-Kay Mike Jones John Saunders Sue Jones Ed Chesterton-Kay/John Sampson
Planning & General Purposes Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Flooding ➤ Minerals and Waste Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roke & ii. Squabb Wood 	John Saunders (Chair) Mike Jones Harmeet Singh Brar Phil Stehr Gaye & Ed Chesterton-Kay Sue Jones Alan Clark Harmeet Singh Brar/John Sampson Mike Jones/Sue Jones
Neighbourhood Planning Working Group	Phil Stehr/Harmeet S Brar/Trevor Grant
Policy and Staffing Working Group	Gaye Chesterton-Kay (Chair) John Saunders Phil Stehr Mike Jones Harmeet Singh Brar
New Forest Association New Forest North East Quadrant New Forest Consultative Panel	Alan Clark/Harmeet Singh Brar/Trevor Grant
Test Valley Assoc of Parish Councils (TVAPC)	John Saunders/John Sampson/Harmeet Singh Brar
Village Hall PC representative	Gaye Chesterton-Kay
Wellow School PC representative	Gaye Chesterton-Kay/Harmeet Singh Brar
Wellow Parish Lower Common Road Recreation Ground Community Pavilion Construction Working Group	John Saunders Ed Chesterton-Kay Alan Clark Gaye Chesterton-Kay Sue Jones
Gypsy & Traveller Liaison	Harmeet Singh Brar/Alan Clark

Neighbourhood Plan Update

1. Why a Neighbourhood Plan is important for Wellow
2. How we are organised to deliver the plan
3. What we are currently working on
4. The role of a vision and set of objectives for the parish

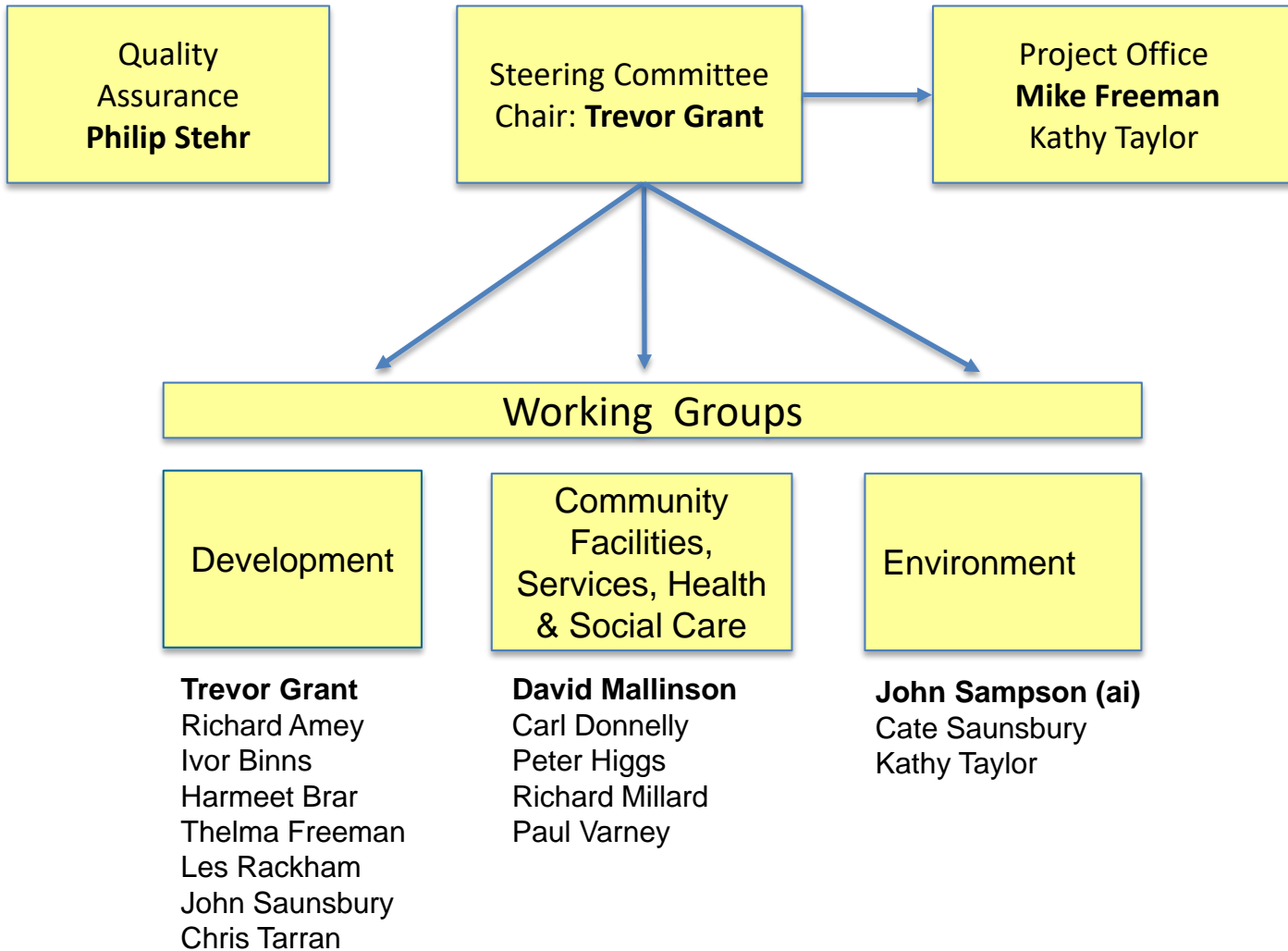
1. Why a Neighbourhood Plan is important for Wellow

Based on the experiences of others with Neighbourhood Plans and the latest Government planning guidance, it is clear that communities are being given more of a say in how they can shape their future development.

This means the future development of Wellow parish is in our hands more than just third parties such as Developers, TVBC or Hampshire County Council and in some respects Central Government.

The Neighbourhood Plan should enable us to have much greater say on community planning and to benefit from potential development funding resulting in the provision of further enhanced community services and assets.

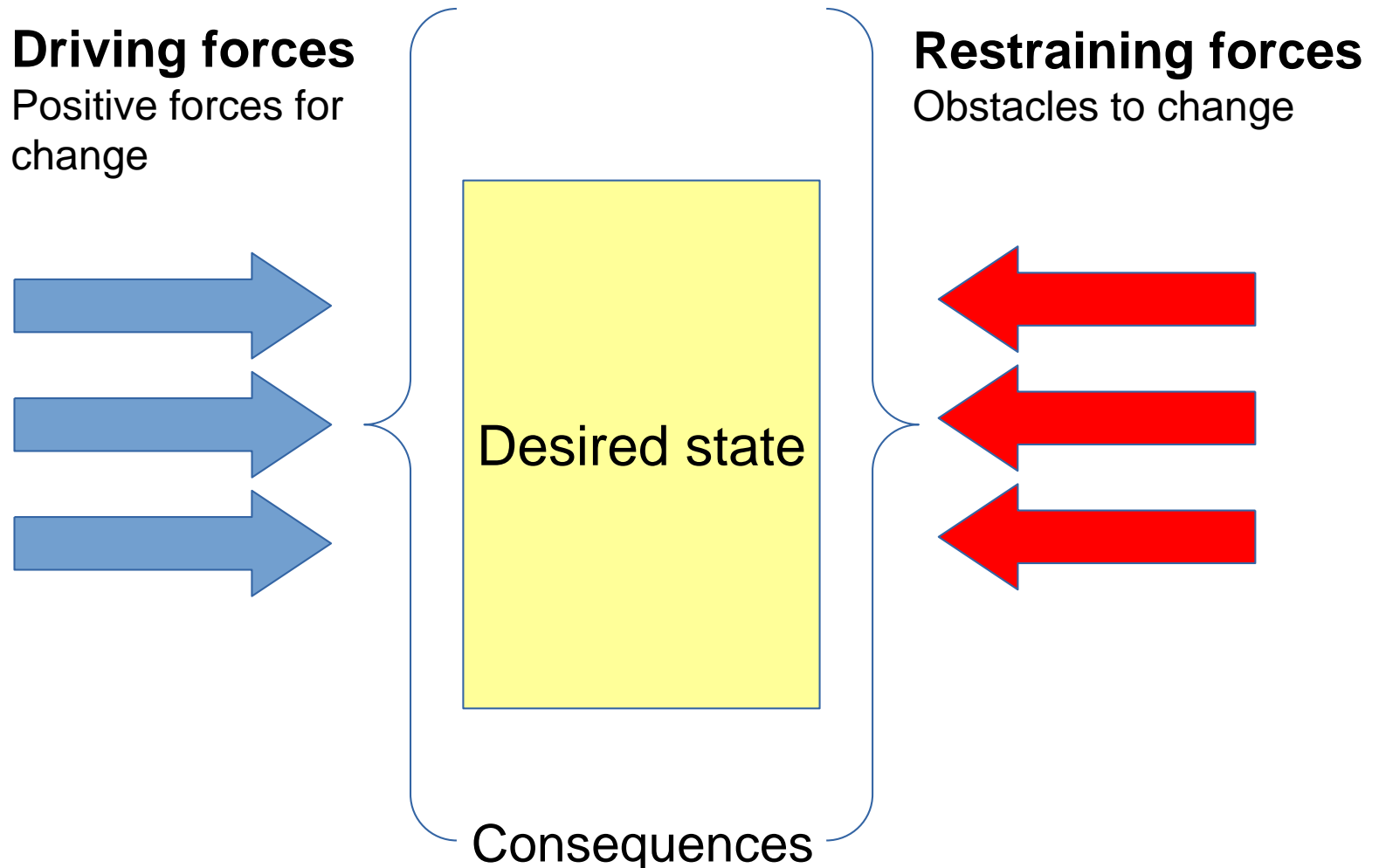
1. How we are organised to deliver the plan



What we are currently working on

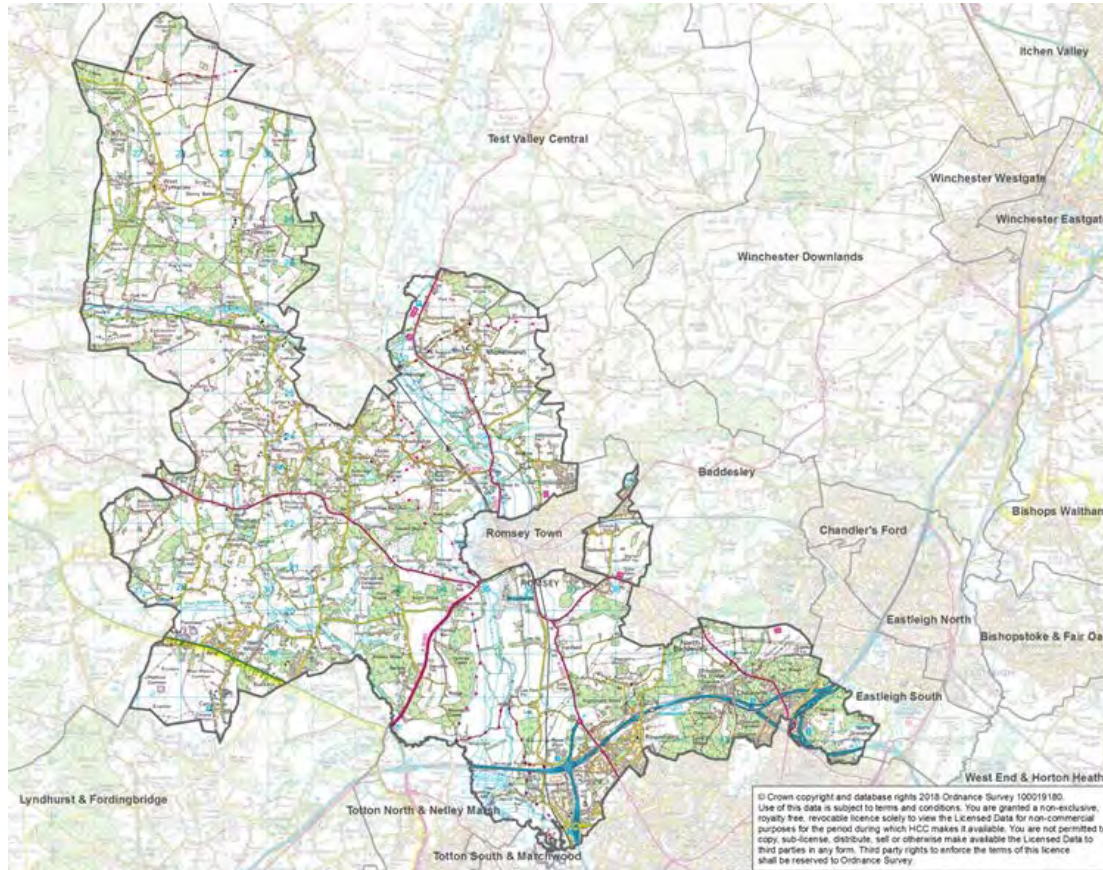
- ◆ Understanding how best to assess SHELAA sites and other areas of land
- ◆ Developing a vision and set of objectives for the parish
- ◆ Preparing a community survey
- ◆ Ensuring we have a good set of maps
- ◆ Gaining an early understanding on road and traffic issues

Role of a vision and set of objectives for the parish



Wellow Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting, Wednesday 25th April 2018

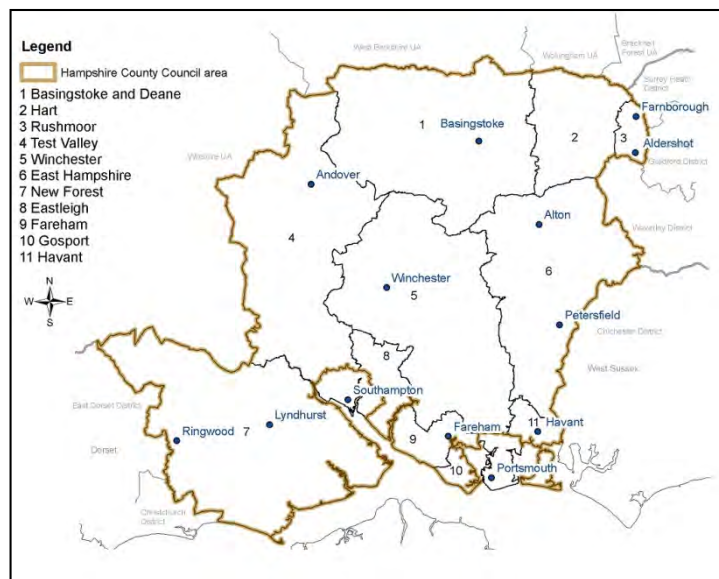


Report by Cllr. Roy Perry



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Hampshire County Council



- The population was estimated to be 1,353,350 in 2016 which makes Hampshire the third most populous county in England.
- HCC is responsible for 80% of spend on council services in Hampshire.
- 85% of the county is rural and just 15% is urban area.



Hampshire County Council Budget

Revenue Budget of £2.0bn (2018/19) including:

- £860m for Education;
- £628m for Social Care and Other Services for Children and Adults;
- £53m for Public Health;
- £143m for Highways, Transport, Economic Development and Waste disposal.

Plus a capital programme of £540m over three years (2018/19 – 2020/21) for extra care housing, additional school places and new schools etc.

HCC will spend nearly £30m in 2018/19 more on Adult Social Care than we did ten years ago in 2008/09.

Test Valley Borough Council's 2018/19 budgeted gross expenditure is £43m excl. housing benefits.

Financial Challenges

- HCC's total general grant loss since 2010/11 has been £219m.
- Reductions of a further £140 million are required by 2019/20 to meet anticipated grant reductions and additional pressures from, for example, social care and the National Living Wage.
- 2018/19 adult social care pressures are £23 million. The 3% adult social care precept from Council Tax will raise an extra £17m.



Council Tax 2018/19

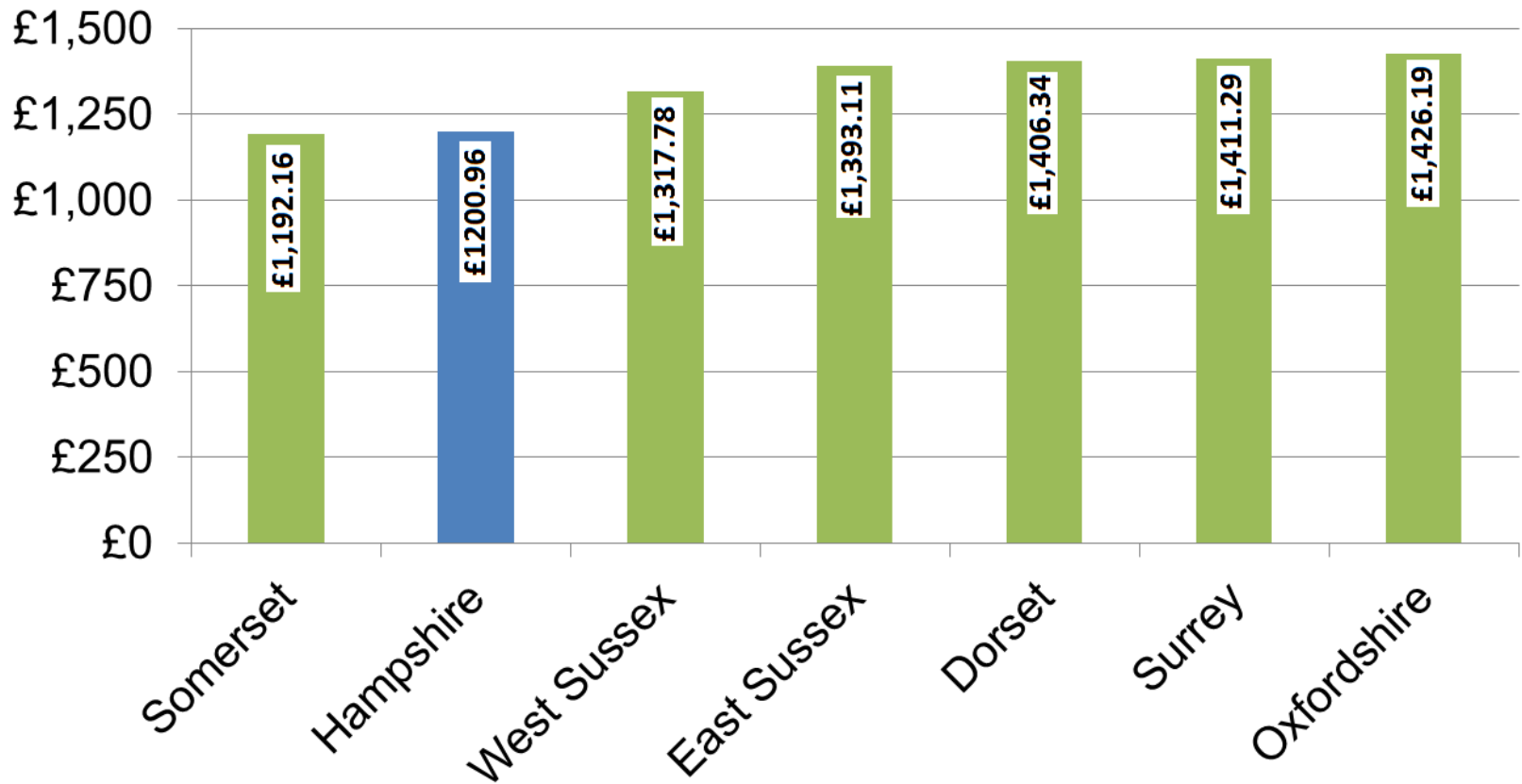
- For 2018/19 HCC increased Council Tax by 5.99% (including 3% for Adult Social Care) but we still have the second lowest council tax of any county council.
- HCC froze Council Tax for five years prior to 2016/17. Had Council Tax gone up with inflation, it would be nearly £100 more than it is for 2018/19 – even with the 5.99% increase.

Wiltshire Council - £1,414.57
Police and Crime Commissioner
for Wilshire & Swindon - £182.27
Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and
Rescue Authority - £72.70
Average Parish Council Precept -
£108.39
Total = £1,777.93 *

**Band D property*

Hampshire County Council -
£1,200.96
Test Valley Borough Council - £141.41
Hampshire Police and Crime
Commissioner - £177.46
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority -
£65.74
Lockerley Parish Council - £36.21
Total = £1,621.78 *

Council Tax 2018/19



*Chart shows Council tax Band D 2018/19.



Member Grant Awards 2017/18

Amount	Organisation
£750	Wellow School Association
£1000	Wellow Village Hall
£500	9 th Romsey (West Wellow) Scout Group
£500	Nursling and Rownhams Friendship Club
£500	The Romsey Agricultural and Horse Show

* Please note that this list does **not** include all member grants awarded in 2017/18

Primary School Performance 2017

Wellow Primary School

- Ofsted rating – Good (inspected Nov 2016)
- 70% of pupils meeting expected standard in reading, writing and maths
 - Hampshire average – 66%
 - England average – 61%



Wellow
Primary School

Secondary School Performance 2017

	Progress 8 (between KS2 and KS4)	Attainment 8 (performance in up to 8 qualifications)	Pupils achieving Grade 5 or above in English and maths GCSEs
The Mountbatten School	+0.2 (above national average)	53.3	56%
The Romsey School	-0.06 (average)	49.8	41%
Hampshire average	n/a	47	45.5%
National average	n/a	44.6	39.6%

School Admissions 2018

Primary School Admissions

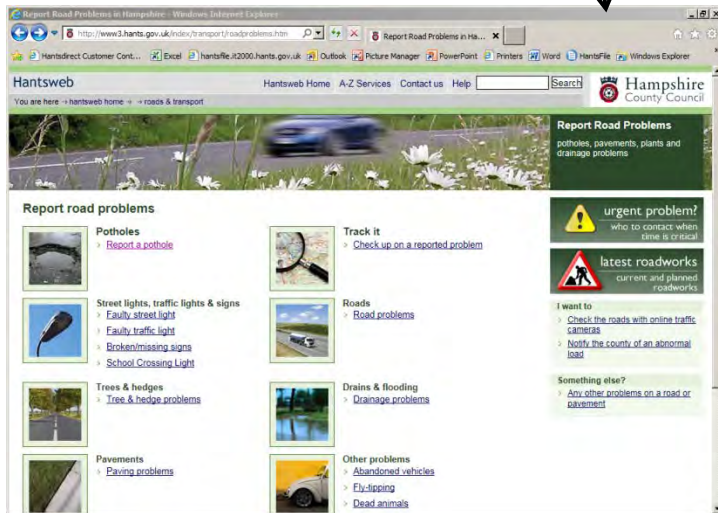
- 93.6% of children in Hampshire were offered a place at their first choice primary school.
- 98% were offered a place at one of their preferred schools.
- **England average (2017)** – 90% of children received an offer of their first choice school and 97.7% at any of their preferences.

Secondary School Admissions

- 92% of children in Hampshire applying for a Year 7 place were allocated a place at their preferred school.
- 98% were offered a school of their choice.
- **England average (2017)** – 83.5% of children received first preference and 96.1% received an offer of a school of their choice.

Roads Maintenance

- Over 5,300 miles of road are maintained by the County Council.
- Do report potholes – or other road problems on the County Council website.



Operation Resilience:

- HCC investing £10m annually on planned maintenance for roads in Hampshire e.g re-surfacing Botley Road (in progress) on top of central government funding.
- Additional £2.9m 'pothole fund' recently awarded by central government for flood resilience and pothole repairs.
- Sites of road works and road maintenance are listed on the County Council website.

Operation Resilience



The provisional programme for the first quarter of 2018/19 includes:

- C135 Botley Road, Romsey; carriageway resurfacing.
- A3057 Southampton Road, Toothill; carriageway resurfacing.
- U87 Standing Hill, West Tytherley; carriageway resurfacing.



Broadband



Hampshire
Superfast Broadband

- There is currently 93% coverage of superfast broadband in Hampshire, up from 80% when the Hampshire Superfast Broadband Programme started.
- The Hampshire Programme, which is coordinating the rollout, has plans to get to 97.4% by the end of 2019. The County Council is investing £13m in the Programme.
- The £1m **Community Match Funding Scheme** is proving popular, with 80 communities applying. Successful applicants will benefit from County Council funding for up to 50% of the cost of a superfast broadband solution, up to a cap of £1,650 per premises.
- The **Better Broadband Scheme**, offering satellite technology or fixed wireless solutions for premises with a sub-2Mbps speed, was extended until end 2018. We have already issued 900 codes for installations.
- A national **Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme** has been launched, with the aim of extending full fibre coverage specifically to small/medium-sized enterprises.



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Devolution

- Proposals for a Hampshire and Isle of Wight Combined Authority were submitted to the Government in September 2015 – **now on hold**
- A bid for a Solent Combined Authority by Southampton City Council and Portsmouth City Council – **not proceeded with** (HCC has sought to block ‘Solent City’ proposals).

