

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Church of St John the Baptist on Monday 4th December 2017 at 7.30pm

Present Chairman Cllr C Rudd, Cllrs E Packett, A Cheesman, D Rudd, T Whelan
Clerk to the Council: Mrs Jane Ives
9 members of the public were also present

- 1. Chairman's Announcements** – The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting, pointed out the fire exits, asked members of the public to turn off their mobile phones and requested that members of the public sign in. The Chairman also explained public question time and requested that when members of the public speak to please confirm their name and to address all comments to the Chairman. It was also confirmed that the meeting was being recorded.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Russell Oppenheimer, Hampshire County Councillor and District Councillor Keith Budden
- 3. Declarations of Interest** - There were no pecuniary interests declared. Cllr Packett declared that as a trustee of the Village Hall he would not take part in the discussion regarding item 18, Planning Application at Village Hall.
- 4. Public Question Time - Standing Orders were suspended for 15 minutes to allow public questions.**

A member of the public wanted to comment on item 9 regarding the Local Government Boundary Commission Draft Recommendations. He felt that the prior suggestion of Greatham being put into the Whitehill/Hogmoor was not good for the village but the latest suggestion of being in a 2 member ward with Liss was more acceptable in his view. He further felt that Greatham could benefit by working with Liss Parish Council on a future Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr C Rudd confirmed that his suggestion regarding the ward boundary was also the view of the District Councillor.

A member of the public had observed that the verge from Toll House Corner to The Manor House had degraded due to cars being parked on it. She suggested that the Council should consider putting down some rubber matting which allows the grass to go through but protects the surface. Cllr Packett agreed and additionally felt the bus stop could be moved to this area.

A member of the public asked if the Council would consider doing a Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr C Rudd agreed that this could be brought to the next council meeting to appoint a working party to carry out a feasibility study. Action Clerk

A member of the public asked why two councillors were not approved yet as bank signatories. Cllr C Rudd advised that not all councillors needed to be signatories but the Clerk would follow up.

A member of the public wished to inform the Council of a recent High Court ruling on Fern Farm. The email will be forwarded to the Clerk for onward transmission to all Councillors. Action Clerk

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 6th November 2017

The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed Cllr C Rudd. Seconded Cllr Cheesman. All in favour.
The minutes were signed and dated by the Chairman.

6. Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 6th November 2017

Cllr Whelan asked if the Council's submission regarding the South Downs National Park Authority Draft Local Plan could be added to the village website. Action Clerk

7. **Report of County Councillor** – Cllr Russell Oppenheimer was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted his report which had been distributed to Councillors. The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix 2.

8. **Report of District Councillor** – Cllr Keith Budden was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted his report which had been distributed to Councillors. The report is attached to the minutes at Appendix 3.

9. **Local Government Boundary Commission Draft Recommendations** – Councillors agreed to support the District Council's view of including Greatham in a 2 member ward to include Hill Brow, Liss and Liss Forest. Additionally, Councillors would like to request that the area around the Longmoor Road military camp is included in the ward. The Clerk to submit comments. Proposed: Cllr Whelan. Seconded: Cllr Packett. All in favour.

10. Review of Action Log

	Meeting Date / Agenda Item	Who	Action	Status	Update
1	06.06.16 Item 9	Clerk	Councillor Whelan and Packett should be added as signatories. The clerk to circulate the bank mandates for completion.	Ongoing	Clerk to chase
2	11.07.16 Item 12b.2	EP	Councillor Packett to investigate getting a new bus shelter for Longmoor Road.	Ongoing	
3	06.03.17 Item 11h	EP	To investigate the repositioning of the bus stop and the need for hardstanding in addition to the slow drainage at Toll Corner	Open	
4	05.06.17	TW/ Clerk	To draft a financial risk assessment with the help of the Parish Councillors	Open	
5	03.07.17 Item 10	KB	A further consultation to take place in November regarding 4 traveller plots at Fern Farm.	Open	
6	03.07.17 Item 11	TW	Arrange for printing of Old Church Leaflet	Open	Rewrite to be done
7	03.07.17 Item 11	SJ	Pass details of printing contact to the Clerk	Open	
8	03.07.17 Item 13	Clerk	Investigate potential grant sources for purchase of a SLR	Open	
9	03.07.17 Item 14d	KB	Ask Tree Warden to look at tree issues on Wolfmere Lane.	Open	Closed, report done
10	03.07.17 Item 14d	SJ/ Clerk	Investigate ownership of the trees on Longmoor Road. Send a follow up hand delivered letter as no response to initial letter. 20/10 landowner identified, clerk to write	Open	Trees will be cut by landowner
11	07.09.17 Item 4	EP/ Clerk	Produce maps for the footpaths in Greatham	Open	Clerk to action
12	07.09.17 Item 4	EP	Investigate what work needs to be done on the bridge on the footpath behind Todmore.	Open	

13	07.09.17 Item 8	Cllr Budden	Ongoing water leak in Liss (from the Bluebell going into Liss on the right hand side near a house called The Balconies). Cllr Budden to report.	Open	SE Water have actioned
14	07.09.17 Item 8	Cllr Budden	Find out if there is any news on 1 Hillview with regards planning.	Open	Ongoing
15	07.09.17 Item 8	Cllr Budden	Establish if anything could be done to improve the safety for pedestrians on Liss Forest Road.	Open	
16	07.09.17 Item 11	TW/ Clerk	Agree and reconcile Old Church bank account	Open	Ongoing
17	07.09.17 Item 12a	DR & AC	Complete outstanding work at playground.	Open	
18	07.09.17 Item 12b	Cllr Budden /Clerk	Investigate parking issues in Hopeswood and Bakersfield. 06/11 chase KB & write to AMK re buses being parked	Open	KB will action. Letter sent by Clerk 09/11
19	07.09.17 Item 12o	Clerk	Add a forthcoming events section to newsletter which should be produced 3 times per year.	Open	
20	02.10.17 Item 4	Clerk	Investigate blanket TPOs with EHDC and liaise with landowner concerned. 06/11 application submitted	Ongoing	Complete
21	02.10.17 Item 4	Clerk	Item 4 on 4 th September to be amended as this item should not be on the Lengthsmans List as the path is the responsibility of the landowner. Clerk to contact landowner.	Open	Complete
22	02.10.17 Item 14b	Clerk	Pavement to Ham Barn roundabout and church to Toll House Corner is overgrown. The Clerk to report to HCC.	Open	
23	02.10.17 Item 14c	Clerk	Write to David Redman re repairs to bridge on footpath at the back of Todmore. 06/11 waiting for response	Open	Ongoing
24	02.10.17 Item 14c	Clerk	Report to Countryside Services that water runs down and soil has been washed away on footpath at the back of Todmore. Ideally needs some steps/scalplings	Open	Reported 22/11. HCC in progress.
25	02.10.17 Item 14c	Clerk	Footpath 9 is overgrown and this is the landowner's responsibility) last cottage in Church Lane). The Clerk to write to the occupiers to ask them to rectify and to cut brambles around the stile. 06/11 address received, letter to be sent	Open	Letter sent 22/11. Closed
26	02.10.17 Item 14o	Clerk	Next newsletter to be produced in January 2018	Open	
27	06.11.17 Item 4	Clerk	Write to owners of 2 Laurel Cottages, Longmoor Road regarding hedges encroaching on pavement	Open	Letter sent 09/11. Closed
28	06.11.17 Item 7	All Councillors	Provide evidence to Cllr R Oppenheimer of damage to any BOATS in the locality	Open	Ongoing
29	06.11.17 Item 7	Clerk	Ask Village Magazine to publish phone number for Havant and East Hampshire Mind	Open	Complete
30	06.11.17 Item 8	Cllr Budden	Provide Clerk with report from EHDC on trees at Wolfmere Lane	Open	KB to chase
31	06.11.17 Item 8	Cllr Budden	Ask EHDC Enforcement Officers to look into AMK buses parking near Hopeswood	Open	KB to chase
32	06.11.17 Item 8	Cllr Budden	Report back to council regarding situation with 1 Hillview	Open	Enforcement action. Closed

33	06.11.17 Item 11b	Clerk	Report to Hampshire Highways Manholes on Longmoor Road near stables need sinking Pavement from lych gate to layby floods when it rains	Open	Reported 09/11 Closed
34	06.11.17 Item 11m	TW/Clerk	Look into putting up warning signs at Old Church after checking with insurance company for wording	Open	Complete
35	06.11.17 Item 11n	Clerk	Arrange meeting re outstanding tasks with lengthsman	Open	Complete
36	06.11.17 Item 11o	Clerk	Follow up Speedwatch progress	Open	Not enough volunteers currently.
37	06.11.17 Item 19	EP	Finalise submission to SDNPA re Local Plan Consultation	Open	Complete
38	06.11.17 Item 19	Clerk	Submit councillors comments to SDNPA re Local Plan Consultation	Open	Complete

11. Reports from representatives of Organisations, Outside Bodies, Working Parties and Groups.

- a) **Playground** – Cllr Cheesman requested that the Council writes to the Village Hall committee to request that that tarmac under the basketball hoop is repaired. Action Clerk
- b) **Highways, Public Transport & Traffic** – Bus stop in Longmoor Road has had lines painted. Road signs in Empshott are in a poor state of repair. Clerk to write to Empshott PC. Action Clerk
- c) **Footpaths & Bridleways** – update included in item n) Lengthsman Scheme.
- d) **Tree Warden** – nothing to report.
- e) **Greatham Village Hall** – GVH Committee’s application for funding from EHDC is being discussed at an EHDC meeting on 5th December at 5pm. Cllr D Rudd to attend. Action Cllr D Rudd
- f) **Coryton Trust** – nothing to report.
- g) **Liss Greatham & Hawkley Friendship Fund** – nothing to report.
- h) **HALC/EHAP&TC** – Cllr Jerrard attended meeting last week. New data protection rules were discussed and the Clerk has already booked to attend a HALC workshop regarding this.
- i) **Greatham Allotment Charity** – nothing to report.
- j) **Community Forum** – nothing to report.
- k) **Joint Meeting of SDNPA & HALC** – nothing to report.
- l) **CTCG** – nothing to report.
- m) **The Old Church** – Cllr Whelan reminded everyone that the Carols by Candlelight would be held this Saturday at 6pm. Donations of mince pies were requested. Anne Ballard reported that she had attended a meeting at the Old Church with Chris Wood and his colleague to look at damp issues. He was happy with the work done on the French drains and advised that the trenches should remain as they are for up to two years. He also outlined a method of monitoring damp inside the church. Tesco’s grants scheme had awarded £1,000 to the Old Church. Work on the chancel wall needs to be brought to the next Council meeting in January with a view to a contractor doing the work in January. The Clerk will write to the contractor now to make this request pending formal approval at next meeting. Action Clerk
- n) **Lengthsman Scheme** – the Clerk provided a report published with the minutes at Appendix 4. Councillors agreed that footpath 10 from Petersfield Road into Bakers Field and from Bakers Field to Bryantsfield should be cut back now with the cost coming from the budget. The Clerk to inform Lengthsman. Action Clerk
The Clerk to find out what progress is being made on Footpath 711a reported to Hampshire County Council. Action Clerk

Additionally, the Clerk has been requested to give a list of priority footpaths to Hampshire County Council Countryside Services. Councillors to give the Clerk details of which footpaths should be prioritised but already identified footpath 10. **Action All Councillors**

o) Parish Communications – Cllr Whelan had nothing to report. The Clerk asked for Councillors to provide articles for the next newsletter to be published in January. Ideas so far include Speedwatch, Carols by Candlelight report and Old Church work. **Action Clerk**

p) Speedwatch – The current Speedwatch volunteers have reported that they currently only have 4 members which is not enough to restart the scheme. The Clerk to include a plea for volunteers in the January newsletter. **Action Clerk**

12. Parish Council Finances

a) Purchase of Printer – To minute the cost of the printer at £209.99, previously authorised at the November 2017 Council meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Whelan. Seconded: Cllr Jerrard. All in favour.

b) Financial Report – the bank account balances as at 30th November were:

Current account £ 50.00

Reserve account £33,899.03

Old Church account £ 1,321.20

c) Budget – Cllr Whelan requested that £5,000 is put into earmarked reserves for a planning consultant if needed on future planning sites in Greatham. This item to be brought to January council meeting. **Action Clerk**

13. Staffing Committee

The proposed Terms of Reference were approved with minor changes and will be added to the Council's Standing Orders. Proposed: Cllr Packett. Seconded: Cllr D Rudd. All in favour. **Action Clerk**

Councillors C Rudd, S Jerrard and E Packett were elected to the Staffing Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Cheesman. Seconded: Cllr D Rudd. All in favour.

Councillor C Rudd was elected as Chair of the Staffing Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Whelan. Seconded: Cllr Jerrard. All in favour.

14. Publication of Minutes

Councillors agreed to publication of the draft minutes from Council meetings to be published on the Council website once they had been approved by the Chair of the Council or Chair of the relevant committee. Once the minutes are formally approved at the next meeting final minutes will be published.

Proposed Cllr Packett. Seconded Cllr Jerrard. All in favour.

15. Internal Auditor – Councillors agreed to appoint Eleanor Green of Do The Numbers Ltd as the internal auditor for 2018/19. Proposed: Cllr Packett. Seconded: Cllr Jerrard. All in favour.

16. Approval of Payments

The following payments were approved to be made by the Clerk.

Proposed: Cllr Cheesman. Seconded: Cllr Jerrard. All in favour.

Payee	Purpose	Amount
St John the Baptist Church	Hall hire for parish meetings	£91.00
Viking	Toner, paper, minute book, filing tray (inc. VAT of £7.38)	£44.29

Mrs J Ives	Expenses – cost of printer and stamps	£224.51
Mrs J Ives	Clerk’s salary 1 st November to 30 th November 2017	£476.67
	Total Payments	£836.47

17. Report of Planning Chairman

Cllr Packett reported that Cllr Budden had advised that EHDC enforcement officers had visited the land behind Hill View and it is now clear that despite their statements to the contrary, the current site owners have no intention of returning the site to its original condition. As a result, EHDC legal officers are now finalising the necessary paperwork to commence legal proceedings against the owners.

Cllr Packett has been made aware of a complaint made by a member of the public to EHDC regarding Fern Farm. The complaint was not withheld and the member of the public will now be taking this to the ombudsman.

Cllr D Rudd requested that the Clerk contact EHDC regarding an approximately 200 year old oak tree in the garden of 1 Hill View Cottages and ask for a TPO to be placed on it. Action Clerk

18. Planning Application SDNP/17/05612/FUL Village Hall, Greatham

Installation of new French doors and repositioning of existing fire escape doors. Cllr D Rudd suggested that no objection should be raised to this planning application and it would merely alter the appearance of the rear of the hall. The Clerk to submit comments.

Proposed Cllr D Rudd. Seconded Cllr T Whelan. All in favour other than Cllr Packett who did not vote as he is a trustee of the Village Hall.

19. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th January 2018. If there are any planning application to consider there will be a Planning Committee meeting on Monday 18th December 2017.

20. The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Appendix 1: Action List as at 4th December 2017

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25	04.12.17 Item 11b	Clerk	Write to Empshott PC re poor state of repair of road signs	Clerk
26	04.12.17 Item 11e	Cllr D Rudd	Attend EHDC meeting on 5 th December re funding application for Village Hall	Cllr D Rudd
27	04.12.17 Item 11m	Clerk	Write to contractor re Old Church wall repairs to ask for work to be done pending approval by council in January	Clerk
28	04.12.17 Item 11n	Clerk	Request work is carried out by the lengthsman on footpath 10. Find out what work is being carried out on footpath 711a from Hampshire County Council.	Clerk
29	04.12.17 Item 11n	All Councillors	Identify which footpaths are a priority (up to 6) under the Hampshire County Council Priority Cutting List scheme and advise the Clerk	All Councillors
30	04.12.17 Item 11p	Clerk	Include a plea for Speedwatch volunteers in the January newsletter and request item in Village Magazine	Clerk
31	04.12.17 Item 12c	Clerk	Seek council approval for £5k to be put into earmarked reserves for planning consultant at January council meeting	Clerk
32	04.12.17 Item 13	Clerk	Add Staffing Committee Terms of Reference to Standing Orders	Clerk
33	04.12.17 Item 17	Clerk	Contact EHDC re oak tree in garden of 1 Hill View Cottages and ask for a TPO to be placed on it	Clerk

Appendix 2: Report from County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer

1. Transformation to 2019

The County Council is facing considerable challenges to identify the £140m of savings needed within the coming two years. Regrettably, the Chancellor's Budget on 23 November did not include any substantial measures to ease the financial pressure on local government.

Around £20m is being found through corporate housekeeping including a change in accounting practice relating to minimum revenue provisions in respect of depreciation.

The other £120m of savings which need to be found means an average reduction of 19% for each department. Delivery will have to extend beyond two years, due to the difficulty of implementation, but this will be supported financially by "cost of change reserves" held by Departments, with the exception of Children's Services. Officers have been instructed by the Full Council "to continue to explore all viable options to revise or refine these proposals with particular regard to service continuity in areas such as community transport, school crossing patrols and waste and recycling centres, in consultation with partners and stakeholders as appropriate."

The programme risk apportionment exercise has resulted in £85m (61%) of the overall amount of £140m being classified as Amber or Red. This mostly relates to adults and children's services. 11 separate service specific consultations are planned to take place in 2018 with the bulk of the exercises likely to occur in the second half of the year.

We continue to lobby Government in respect of new charging powers aimed specifically at raising income that will be used to protect important universal services e.g. Household Waste Recycling Centres.

2. New fund for waste reduction initiatives

The County Council has launched a new grant fund supporting local communities and organisations to help people reduce waste. To mark European Week for Waste Reduction, the County Council is inviting applications from local organisations for up to £5,000 to support them in delivering projects, products and services which prevent household waste.

Example projects could include (but are not limited to):

- Sharing, hiring and rental services, such as for baby products or home wares and equipment.
- Educational activities on home management, such as cooking, food preparation and storage, sewing and growing your own food
- Community engagement activities to increase awareness, knowledge and understanding of preventing waste, for example events, films and social clubs
- Digital projects that make preventing waste easier or more convenient, such as the development of an app or an online hub
- Repair and upcycling of furniture and other household items
- Redistribution of surplus household food, for example via community fridges

- Introduction of local services that enable waste prevention and reuse, such as community composting and tool libraries

At HCC we know that some of the best work in waste reduction goes on at a local level with groups sharing knowledge or providing facilities and we want to encourage these initiatives and inspire more. The closing date for applications for the Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund is 31 January 2018.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss potential projects with the County Council's Smart Living team prior to submitting an application. Please contact the team via email: waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk to arrange an informal discussion.

For full eligibility criteria and more information on the Grant, including how to apply, visit: www.hants.gov.uk/grants/environment-grants.htm

3. Plans for the new assault course at Queen Elizabeth Country Park

A £2m investment program is getting underway at QECP. Up the hill at Juniper car park, the Forts and Fleets project is close to completion. We at HCC are working with the armed forces to bring military and civilian communities closer together through a shared love of nature and the great outdoors. Armed Forces Covenant Funding is helping us improve the park with a new play area, assault course, community space and dog activity trail. These will be ready early in the New Year.

Meanwhile back in the visitor centre we're showing our new plans for the centre. This includes making the restaurant larger, moving visitor reception, a flexible hall space and landscaping the front and rear of the building.

4. New winter fleet keeps Hampshire moving in icy weather

The latest technology fitted in the new winter fleet means that salting operations are as efficient as possible, that salting is accurate, and there is no salt wasted. Highways teams monitor conditions constantly, from October through to April, and send out the gritters when road surface temperatures are set to hit zero or below, and frost or ice is likely. The winter vehicles have state-of-the-art Euro VI efficient engines, are fitted with snow ploughs, and with the latest technology, which provides:

- Satnav guidance
- Programmed and automatic salting of roads so no salt is wasted
- The ability to vary the width of the road treated for more accurate and effective salting
- A record of which roads have been salted and when

Highways teams use localised weather forecasting and roadside weather sensors around the county, constantly monitoring conditions to make decisions about the best time to salt the roads, where to salt and how much salt to use. Road surface and air temperatures, wind speed and direction, rainfall, and ice formation are all important factors in putting the winter fleet to work. Roads are treated with salt before temperatures drop to freezing to try to stop frost and ice forming. Temperatures and conditions can vary significantly even within one county, so, winter teams look at three distinct weather bands: north, central and coastal. This helps decide when and where to put the winter fleet to work.

Highways crews will always salt Hampshire's main roads first. These 'Priority one' routes cover approximately one third of the county road network but carry the majority of Hampshire's traffic; covering A roads, some B roads, major bus routes, roads to hospitals and other key emergency hubs, large schools and colleges, areas of high traffic concentration and public transport interchanges. During periods of prolonged severe weather, Priority two' routes, which include remaining B roads and single access roads to villages, may also be treated.

We've a full stock of salt for the winter, with 20,000 tonnes of salt ready in barns which are strategically placed across Hampshire at Hook, Havant, Bishops Waltham, Weyhill, Totton, Micheldever, Dummer and Petersfield - and stocks are topped up when needed.

During severe weather, everyone can do their bit in their community to keep pavements and smaller roads not covered by the main salting routes clear of ice, by using the salt provided in the blue or yellow community salt bins. There are around 3,700 across Hampshire, and all are now re-stocked and full for the winter. All it takes is about one tablespoon of salt (20 grams) to treat one square metre of road or pavement surface. So, used sparingly, a full salt bin should last through the worst of a severe winter.

Find out more about priority routes and where to find your nearest salt bin on the map at this link:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/severeweather/salting>

Appendix 3: Report from District Councillor Keith Budden

The main item this month concerns the Local Government Boundary Commission review of electoral wards for councillors within East Hampshire. Following work by myself, Adam Carew and officers at East Hampshire District Council, we believe we have found a way for Greatham Parish to be included within an enlarged Liss Ward rather than being absorbed into an enlarged Whitehill Hogmoor Ward.

The new enlarged ward, which will elect 2 councillors on to EHDC will include Hill Brow, Liss, Liss Forest and Greatham. It is my intention to stand for election for this ward, so assuming I am successful and re-elected in 2019, this will provide you with continuity as I will continue to be your EHDC councillor.

While this still needs to be ratified by the Boundary Commission, East Hampshire officers have had informal discussions with their Boundary Commission contact officers, and the proposal has been warmly received, so I am optimistic that it will be adopted. We will know for certain when the Boundary Commission issue their final conclusions in the Spring of 2018.

The next issue is the refurbishment of Greatham Village Hall. The trustees of the hall have made a request to EHDC for a cabinet grant of £25,000 towards these refurbishment costs. I fully support this application and have personally lobbied all members of the cabinet to urge them to give the grant full approval. The grant is being considered **tomorrow evening (Tuesday 5th December)** by cabinet at Penns Place at **5pm**. I know that Josh Dale-Harris is attending on behalf of the trustees. Unfortunately, I won't be able to attend personally as I am on family duties taking my grandchildren to see Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs – a booking made long before the cabinet meeting date was announced, and so I'm unable to get out of it! --- It would be very beneficial for the Parish Council to be represented at the meeting, so if one of you could please go along to show your support for this project it would be very much appreciated (cabinet members like to see the Parish Council represented as it shows local support for the project).

If one of you can go, please make yourself known to the EHDC officers and let them know you are there to represent Greatham Parish Council. You will not be expected to say anything and I'm sure Josh will be able to answer any last minute questions the cabinet committee may have.

Re the land behind Hill View. EHDC enforcement officers have again visited the site and it is now clear that despite their statements to the contrary, the current site owners have no intention of returning the site to its original condition. As a result, EHDC legal officers are now finalising the necessary paperwork to commence legal proceedings against the owners in January.

Many thanks to the Parish Council and also to Anna Dale-Harris for your work on responses to the South Downs Local Plan consultation. As you know the consultation period has now closed and we have all submitted our responses so now the SDNP officers have to consider all of the responses received across the whole area of the SDNP. They will produce a report in due course, but given the volume of responses across the whole of the SDNP, I doubt that this report will be produced until late Spring 2018

I have asked HCC officers to forward you their arboriculturist's report on the trees at Wolfmere Lane so I hope you have received this, if not, please let me know and I will chase it up on your behalf.

Finally, many thanks to you all for all of your help and co-operation this year. I wish you all a lovely Christmas and look forward to continuing to work with you for the people of Greatham in 2018.

Appendix 4: Lengthsman Scheme Report by Jane Ives, Clerk to the Council

I have met with Jason Ebury from Premier Grounds & Garden Maintenance to discuss the outstanding jobs on the Lengthsman Scheme. The Parish Council have used up all their quota of spend (£1,000) on this scheme so there is nothing left in the budget until the new financial year starting 1st April.

However, there is a budget amount of £350.00 which was allocated for grass cutting this year and which has not been spent. Councillors resolved in October to allow this budget amount to be put towards the outstanding work on the Lengthsman's list

Jason has advised that grass cutting usually takes place between March and November, and he would expect there to be two cuts in March at a total cost of £120.00 (£20 per hour, 3 hours per cut). This leaves a budget amount of £230.00 for any work on footpaths/rights of way which equates to 11½ hours work.

All of the outstanding footpaths/rights of way (below) have been reported to Hampshire County Council. Two of the issues have come back as work in progress, and the other three have been rejected. Jason did advise that it was unlikely any of this work would be done but it appears some of it is.

Footpath 8 – ground clearance (HCC rejected)

Footpath 10 from Petersfield Road into Bakers Field – ground clearance & cut back (HCC rejected)

Footpath 10 from Bakers Field to the field at the back of Greatham nursery – cut back (HCC rejected)

Footpath 711a being washed away at the back of Todmore, needs steps/scalpings (HCC in progress)

Footpath 711b between Petersfield Road & Todmore – ground clearance (HCC in progress)

Councillors need to decide whether to use the remaining budget for the above 3 footpaths/rights of way bearing in mind there is no other budget allocated for the remainder of this financial year. Jason's advice is that now is a good time to clear footpaths as much of the growth has started to die back anyway meaning he can do a hard cut.