



**MEMBERS OF ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND THE
MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM
ON 17th NOVEMBER 2020 COMMENCING AT 7:30PM**

11th November 2020

Andrea Mann Parish Clerk

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- 147/20** **To receive apologies for absence**
- 148/20** **To receive declarations of interests and requests for dispensation relating to any item on the agenda.**
- 149/20** **Approval of Minutes**
To approve the minutes of the full Council meeting held on 20th October 2020 (128/20-146/20).
- 150/20** **Chair's Announcements**
- 151/20** **Public Session**
An opportunity for residents to raise questions and issues within the Parish in accordance with Standing Orders. Please view details at <http://www.odiham.org.uk/your-council/policies/> or contact the Parish Office for further advice.
- 152/20** **Previous Committee Minutes**
To receive and NOTE the following minutes previously circulated to Members:
 - Planning & Development Committee held on 6th October.
- 153/20** **To consider Matters Arising from the Minutes not elsewhere on the Agenda and to review the Full Council Action Points list (page 4)**



- 154/20 OPC's Response to the 2nd Covid Lockdown (pages 5-6)**
To note the Parish Clerk's report on OPC's services and amenity areas during the 2nd Covid lockdown.
- 155/20 Odiham Library Working Group (pages 7 to 27)**
To receive the report from the Working Group including the recommendation for a voluntary led book swap scheme.
- 156/20 The Bridewell**
To receive a verbal update from the Chair on OPC's intention to undertake feasibility research for taking over The Bridewell freehold. Full details are to be considered in an exempt session under item 166/20 due to confidential contractual exemptions.
- 157/20 RAF Christmas Gifts**
To consider the expenditure of the RAF Christmas Gifts budget (code 3045) in the value of £2,500.
- 158/20 Scheme of Delegation (pages 28 to 30)**
To consider the draft Scheme of Delegation for adoption.
- 159/20 Bus Shelters (pages 31 to 32)**
To consider the proposed designs for 2 bus shelters on the B3349, Alton Road, by The Crown development site.
- 160/20 Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee (page 33)**
To consider the proposal from Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr McFarlane, that OPC request representation on the Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee to oversee OPC's budget contribution of approximately £4,000 per annum.

Financial Matters

- 161/20 November 2020 Payments**
To approve the payments listing for November 2020 and two Councillors with cheque signatory rights to complete the approval process. (This listing will be circulated to Councillors by email before the meeting).

Councillor Reports

- 162/20 Meeting reports from Councillors**
To receive any verbal reports from Councillors on their attendance at outside meetings.



163/20 Reports from other Councillors
To receive any verbal reports from Hart District Councillors and the Hampshire County Councillor representing Odiham.

164/20 To note the date of the next meeting
15th December at 7.30pm.

Confidential Matters

165/20 To pass a resolution in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press to consider confidential contractual matters which meet the criteria of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Part 1.

166/20 The Bridewell (page 34-36)
To consider a commercially sensitive report on The Bridewell including a fee proposal for professional advice.

Full Council				
Date of meeting	Agenda ref no	Cllr to action	Details	Status
OUTSTANDING ON-GOING ITEMS				
Sep-20				
	103/20	Clerk	Change previous minutes from draft and add to website.	Completed
	104/20	Chair	Sign amendment on minutes re NW Village Hall.	Completed
	105/20	Clerk	Respond to Hants CC Climate Consultation.	Completed
		Clerk	Publish article notifying residents of Covid-19 work challenges.	Completed
	113/20	Clerk	Notify the Canal Basin Working Group of OPC's decision not to request Deed of Variation at current time.	Completed
	114/20	Clerk/Chair/CllrKB	Notify and work with InOdiham to progress Market Fixings project.	Completed
	111/20	Clerk	Notify resident of OPC's decision not to consider alternative routes from Reyteins View to King St at current time.	Completed
	112/20	Clerk/Chair	Send letter to Secretary of State asking to request HCC to expedite DMMO 1249.	Completed
	109/20	Clerk	Add revised Library Working Group ToR to website.	Completed
		Clerk/Chair	Notify members of Library Working Group the above decision.	Completed
	115/20	Clerk/AO/Councillors	Draft newsletter and arrange printers, distributors etc as required.	Completed
	116/20	Clerk/AO/Councillors	Publish and notify partners of OPC's decision to cancel 2020 Community Awards due to Covid.	Completed
	117/20	Clerk/CllrDS/CllrPV	Clerk to set up payments online and Councillors to complete the payment approval process.	Completed
	118/20	Clerk	Respond to Hart DC with OPC's questions on litter picking and bin charges.	On agenda
	119/20	Clerk	Implement NJC increase for AO's salary.	Completed
	120/20	Clerk/AO/CllrJC	Include article on Deer Park working group in Autumn newsletter.	In progress
	125/20	Clerk	Award contract for paths in Recreation Ground and notify unsuccessful quotes.	Completed
		Clerk/AO	Notify Recreation Ground users and nursery before works start.	Completed
		Clerk/AO	Include details of above in Autumn newsletter.	Completed
	126/20	Clerk/CllrPV	Issue PO to Alan Baxter Ltd.	Completed
		CllrPV/Councillors	Working with Alan Baxter to start updating Conservation Area Appaisals.	Underway
	127/20	Clerk/Staffing Com	Appoint interim Deputy Parish Clerk.	Completed
Oct-20				
	130/20	Clerk	Change previous minutes from draft and add to website.	Completed
	136/20	Clerk/InOdiham	Progress licences for market fixings in the High Street.	
		Clerk/InOdiham	Progress ordering fixings and instructing works for above.	
	137/20	Clerk	Notify InOdiham of OPC's rep.	Completed
	138/20	Clerk	Notify Hart DC of OPC's decision to accept bin emptying charges.	Completed
		Clerk	Notify Hart DC of OPC's decision to defer decision on litter picking changes at the current time.	Completed
		CllrPV	Liaise with Guides to see whether they are interested in litter picking Rec.	
		CllrDS	Liaise with RAF Cadets to see whether they are interest in litter picking Rec.	
	140/20	Clerk	Notify HCC of OPC's decision to carry out feasibility assessment of taking over Bridewell freehold.	Completed
			Present feasibility report to next full Council meeting.	
	144/20	Clerk	Prepare and issue new 12 month tenancy agreement to Chapel Cottage tenants.	Completed
	146/20	Clerk	Carry out required virements on Scribe to cover extended Interim Deputy Clerk position.	Completed
		Clerk	Secure postholder to above.	Completed
		Clerk	Implement salary increase & one off bonus in November salary.	Completed



REPORT ON: OPC's Response to the 2nd Covid Lockdown

WRITTEN BY: Parish Clerk

MEETING DATE: 17th November 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 154/20

Introduction

Following the Government's announcement of a 2nd lockdown, running from 5th November to 2nd December, we have taken the following actions in response to the Government guidance:

Facilities

- Playgrounds will remain open and will continue to be inspected weekly.
- The Recreation Ground multi-use-games-area will close for the duration of the lockdown. Permission has been given to Leapfrogs to use the area as a continuation to education for the extent of the lockdown.
- Allotments will remain open.
- King St toilets will remain open and be cleaned by a contractor Mondays to Fridays.
- The Cemetery will remain open.

Events & Meetings

- Sadly the Odiham Remembrance wreath laying ceremony was cancelled but the RAF Station Commander and OPC Chair arranged to lay wreaths. Residents were encouraged to follow the Royal British Legion's "Doorstep Remembrance" or follow a live streamed event such as:
The Cenotaph: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000pb0n> or
Hart District Council: <https://www.facebook.com/HDCLiveStreaming>

Parish Office

- All staff will continue to work throughout the lockdown and can be contacted by email: clerk@odiham.org.uk, deputyclerk@odiham.org.uk or admin.officer@odiham.org.uk.
- The Parish Office can be contacted on 01256 702716 with at least one member of staff available Mondays to Fridays.
- Alternatively you can contact your ward Councillor directly by email. Individual Councillor addresses can be found at <http://www.odiham.org.uk/your-council/councillors/>

During the first lockdown, Councillors ran a prescription and hearing aid battery delivery service. Councillors are monitoring demand and are equipped to re-start this service if necessary. Cllr McFarlane has been liaising with Hart Voluntary Action regarding access to the list of volunteers collected during the first lockdown.



A post was added to OPC's website and Facebook page and shared on the Odiham People Facebook page encouraging residents who need support to contact Hampshire County Council in the first instance on 0333 3704000. Further details are available at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/volunteer-welfare>



REPORT ON: Odiham Community Library

WRITTEN BY: Interim Deputy Parish Clerk

MEETING DATE: 17th November 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 155/20

Introduction

Following Hants CC's decision to close Odiham Library on 31st December 2020, OPC established a working group to explore options to provide local access to books for the Odiham community. The Working Group membership included OPC Councillors and representatives of active community organisations who had made deputation to HCC earlier in the year, objecting to the closure of the Library and expressing a strong interest in maintaining public access to books. Local state schools were also invited to provide representation due to the heavy usage of the library by school age children. Throughout this process HCC officers and Councillors have supported OPC to research and support the formation of an independent community library.

Organisations represented on the working group are:

Hampshire County Council

HCC Library Service

The Odiham Society

The U3A

Buryfields Infant School

Mayhill Junior School

Robert Mays School

Timeline of relevant meetings and decisions made to date:

Date	Meeting	Decision/discussion
20.07.2020	HCC	Issued recommendation to close Odiham Library.
21.07.2020	OPC Full Council	Agenda 65/20 resolved to pursue discussions with HCC and review options to make best use of the library building for the community and keep access to books for the residents.
18.08.2020	OPC Full Council	Agenda 89/20 resolved to set up a Library Working Group to research options and feasibility for a Community Library.
08.09.2020	Odiham Library Working Group	Agreed to research: community led library models; to gain further grant information from HCC; to look at Bridewell building costs; gain further information from HCC on existing library users.
15.09.2020	Full Council	Agenda 109/20 resolved to revise the working group's terms of reference to include additional representatives.
07.10.2020	Odiham Library Working Group	The members reviewed the independent library models and agreed that: OPC was considered to be the best placed organisation that could initially manage the community



		library transition; a sub group would investigate further the feasibility to run a book loan system or a book swap system; further investigation in the volunteer induction and processes; further research in the current HCC Membership Scheme and Good Neighbour Scheme. Also agreed that OPC would separately investigate options for the future ownership of the Bridewell with HCC.
15.10.2020	Odiham Library Sub-working Group	Agreed to recommend: establishing a book exchange scheme in the Bridewell; research a volunteer run system to support residents to continue to access the library reservation system; acquire PCs for the community library to support continued public access to IT and to manage access to the book exchange eg members database.
20.10.2020	OPC Full Council	Agenda 135/20 updated Cllrs on progress so far.
11.11.2020	Odiham Library Working Group	Considered an options appraisal that looked at a book exchange model and a book loan model. Decided to recommend a book exchange model to OPC.

Full reports from each Working Group meeting are available on request.

The demand for some form of library remaining in Odiham has been voiced by the organisations represented in the working group and is supported by data supplied by HCC from the initial consultation on the proposed changes to the library service. Data extracted from that survey database was accessed by HCC Library service to answer the specific questions raised by the working group. See appendix A.

Key Points

- In reaching this proposal, substantial research of other community managed library (CML) models has been carried out.
- Three potential options were assessed, including 1. Full Lending Library service. 2. Book Exchange Model. 3. Do nothing option.
- The research has considered potential budgets, including year 1 start up costs and from year 1 onwards.
- The proposed Book Exchange model assumes a transitional grant of £10k is secured from HCC and that all costs will be covered by that grant.
- OPC is best placed to manage the first year due to OPC being an existing constituted body with staff and policies already in place, being on site for the majority of the working week.
- The proposed Book Exchange model assumes that OPC will oversee the transitional phase during year 1 with the intention this will become a voluntary led model by the end of the first year eg by establishing a CIO.
- This proposal assumes use of the current Library space but not necessarily sole use.
- Potential sources of income can be considered by OPC when looking at the Bridewell as a whole which the CML would help to grow.



- Research has shown that the community benefit of having a CML is difficult to measure but anecdotal evidence is available that demonstrates how the CML enriches community life.
- All CML models vary slightly but all are run by volunteers and CMLs have not struggled to attract more volunteers.
- This model has considered the impact of COVID, for example the number of volunteers who are often in the vulnerable age group and the reduction of available public funds which is likely to get worse.
- Other services such as support for access to books reserved from the HCC library stock can be explored once the Book Exchange is established if it becomes clear that there is an unmet need for such a service.
- The success of the Book Exchange will be monitored and reviewed no later than 9 months into the first year.
- A steering group will be established to oversee the set up of the Book Exchange, advise on the detail of the operational model and the criteria for success. Membership will include OPC Councillors and community representatives.

For Decision

- i) Approves the voluntary Book Exchange model to be proposed to HCC.
- ii) Agrees to lead on the funding application for a transition grant to form a community led library based on that model.

Of the 13,110 physical book loans made at Odiham during 2019-20 how many of those books were actual Odiham book stock and how many were reservations from other libraries?

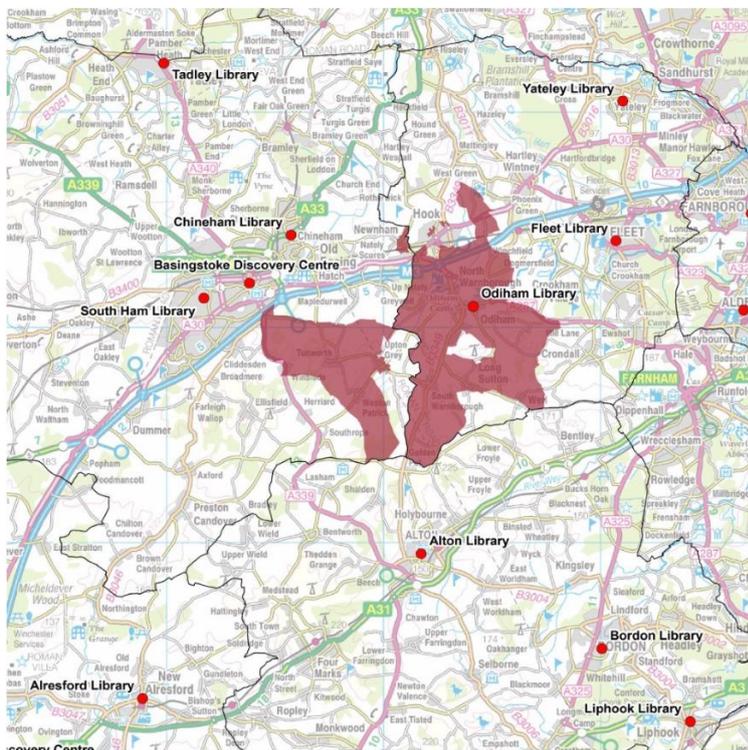
Location	Issues			Reservations	% of loans issued (excluding renewals)
	Ex Renewals	Renewals Only	Inc Renewals	Issued	
Odiham	11,594	1,516	13,110	1,266	11%

Also I wonder if it is possible if you could give me the library data for another small library so I can get a comparison. For example on the data supplied it states that there were 14 physical issues per open hour in 2019-20, it would be good to compare against another library, Chineham perhaps?

Comparisons across all branches are available in the consultation document, appendix 3, previously shared.

Please state which villages come into the Odiham library catchment area currently

The graphic below shows the customer base ('catchment') for Odiham overlaid on a map showing villages, etc.



Odiham Library Catchment

Consultation Analysis

Where the answer to Q 8 (which libraries do you use) is Odiham only, please provide the answers to questions 1, 3-7, 9,

Not all respondents answered all questions. Customers also using online library services, school library service, etc., have been included in the following figures.

121 consultation responses answered Q8 as Odiham only (not removing online library services, school library service, etc.)

Q1:

I am providing the official response of an organisation, group or business – 0

I am responding as a democratically elected representative – 0

I am responding as an individual – 120

Q3: Do you have a membership card?

Yes – 103

No – 4

Don't know – 1

Q4: In the last year, how often have you used any of the library services in Hampshire?

12 or more times: 70

6-11 times: 27

1-5 times: 16

Less often: 8

Q5: In a typical month, how frequently do you tend to use the library service?

Fortnightly: 41

Weekly: 27

Q6: When did you last use the library service in Hampshire?

1-5 years ago – 4

More than 5 years ago – 4

Q7: Which of the following aspects of the library service have you used in the last year?

Book resources (e.g. Fiction, Non-Fiction, etc) – 107
Other resources (e.g. Newspapers, Magazines, CDs, DVDs, etc) – 19
Collections (e.g. Playsets, Vocal Scores, Special collections, etc) – 4
Additional loans (e.g. Inter-library Loans, Reservation Service, etc) – 50
Learning (e.g. Educational Sessions, Go Citizen, Theory Test Pro, etc) – 2
Space (e.g. Room Hire, Café, Toilets, Study Space, Social Space, etc) – 16
Digital (e.g. Go Online, WiFi, IT Support, etc) – 17
Staff (e.g. Support with skills or finding information, Social, etc) – 34
Events and activities (e.g. Rhyme Time, Art Courses, Knit and Natter, Craft Clubs, Reading Clubs, etc) – 16

Q9: What are your preferred times for visiting the library?

Morning (8am-10am): Monday (9), Tuesday (9), Wednesday (12), Thursday (10), Friday (16), Saturday (17), Sunday (1)

Mid-morning (10am-12pm): Monday (33), Tuesday (35), Wednesday (44), Thursday (31), Friday (53), Saturday (51), Sunday (3)

Lunch (12pm-2pm): Monday (9), Tuesday (8), Wednesday (10), Thursday (10), Friday (13), Saturday (12), Sunday (3)

Afternoon (2pm-5pm): Monday (61), Tuesday (71), Wednesday (45), Thursday (66), Friday (47), Saturday (17), Sunday (2)

Evening (5pm-7pm): Monday (5), Tuesday (4), Wednesday (5), Thursday (6), Friday (4), Saturday (3), Sunday (2)

Where the answer to Q 8 (which libraries do you use) includes Odiham, please provide the answers to questions 1, 3-7, 9

Not all respondents answered all questions. Customers also using online library services, school library service, etc., have been included in the following figures.

325 consultation responses answered Q8 as including Odiham.

Q1:

I am providing the official response of an organisation, group or business – 2

I am responding as a democratically elected representative – 1

I am responding as an individual – 321

Q3: Do you have a membership card?

Yes – 313

No – 6

Don't know – 1

Q4: In the last year, how often have you used any of the library services in Hampshire?

12 or more times: 203

6-11 times: 64

1-5 times: 44

Less often: 14

Q5: In a typical month, how frequently do you tend to use the library service?

Fortnightly: 105

Weekly: 80

Daily: 8

More than once a day: 3

Q6: When did you last use the library service in Hampshire?

1-5 years ago – 10

More than 5 years ago – 4

Q7: Which of the following aspects of the library service have you used in the last year?

Book resources (e.g. Fiction, Non-Fiction, etc) – 305

Other resources (e.g. Newspapers, Magazines, CDs, DVDs, etc) – 103

Collections (e.g. Playsets, Vocal Scores, Special collections, etc) – 24

Additional loans (e.g. Inter-library Loans, Reservation Service, etc) – 159

Learning (e.g. Educational Sessions, Go Citizen, Theory Test Pro, etc) – 25

Space (e.g. Room Hire, Café, Toilets, Study Space, Social Space, etc) – 92

Digital (e.g. Go Online, WiFi, IT Support, etc) – 72

Staff (e.g. Support with skills or finding information, Social, etc) – 100

Events and activities (e.g. Rhyme Time, Art Courses, Knit and Natter, Craft Clubs, Reading Clubs, etc)
– 79

Q9: What are your preferred times for visiting the library?

Morning (8am-10am): Monday (40), Tuesday (41), Wednesday (46), Thursday (40), Friday (51), Saturday (58), Sunday (15)

Mid-morning (10am-12pm): Monday (128), Tuesday (127), Wednesday (145), Thursday (128), Friday (152), Saturday (173), Sunday (36)

Lunch (12pm-2pm): Monday (69), Tuesday (66), Wednesday (73), Thursday (72), Friday (74), Saturday (84), Sunday (30)

Afternoon (2pm-5pm): Monday (172), Tuesday (182), Wednesday (147), Thursday (178), Friday (151), Saturday (97), Sunday (30)

Evening (5pm-7pm): Monday (36), Tuesday (34), Wednesday (35), Thursday (41), Friday (30), Saturday (23), Sunday (12)

Where the answer to Q 16 (which of the libraries identified for closure do you relate to) is Odiham, please provide the answers to questions 1, 15, 17, 18

Not all respondents answered all questions.

586 consultation responses identified Odiham in Q15 (If you would like to comment on any of the libraries identified in this list please select from the list below and leave your comments in the relevant box). Comments may not be exclusive/specific to Odiham as many responses identified multiple branches here.

Q1:

I am providing the official response of an organisation, group or business – 8

I am responding as a democratically elected representative – 1

I am responding as an individual – 572

Q16: Please use the box below if you wish to provide comments ...

I am aware that these locations are semi-rural and isolated, as a result many residents would struggle to access library services as access to transport is limited within these environments. Closing these facilities would have a detrimental effect on the most vulnerable within these communities. I am unable to comment on the other locations as I am not aware of their locations

All are a valuable resource to preschool and older residents
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Should remain open as a public service.

small libraries are the lifeblood of a local area. Stop trying to make large multi faced libraries in large towns. You've already destroyed Grayshott library where I could walk to any time of the day. Stop this ridiculous short term budgetary ideas at once and think harder.
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Absolutely necessary and a distinct and unacceptable failure in local government if closed down
I am not sure how far away the nearest tier one library is situated to any of these, but sufficiently far for those with mobility problems to be challenged in trying to get to it no doubt. With a progressively ageing population, mobility is going to be a key factor for many of them.
have more than one library, only one is needed
For those of us who can't not afford books you can not deny our families the right to these resources
All of them not to be closed these communities needs them.
All of these libraries are essential..
This is a terrible and statistically biased question and is part of the atomisation I have referred to above; it assumes the answer and then splits the opposition apart. Unless there is a dramatic geological or demographic change, then any loss is a detriment and should be avoided. Tax for instance Cadbury more and the whole problem would go away. Allow the rich to opt out of society and the basics fall apart (eg health, education and now the infrastructure of the actual community) because
This comment relates to all the libraries: None should close, Maybe reduction in line with demand, but volunteer help should be sought to enable no reduction
Keep the library open and DO THE RIGHT THING!!! What is wrong with you people who make such bizarre decisions....society requires libraries and staff to man them!!!
Keep libraries in the local community Read same for all areas
Please keep all theses libraries open. They are a lifeline for some.
Applicable to all proposed closures: Reducing accessibility will lead to a reduction in the use of library services - this will become a self fulfilling prophecy, whereby the accountants will use this data to promote more closures, until Hampshire County Council is out of the library "business" altogether!
As already mentioned, have you considered if there are sufficient public transport links to the next nearest library in each area, the demographic of the areas eg elderly people can't always walk from nearest bus stops etc, also is there sufficient parking at the next nearest library for increased traffic etc etc
None of these should be closed, we need to promote literacy and further education in the county. This is a short sighted measure which will only marginalise further those whose need for assistance with literacy and learning is greatest.
It is highly likely that a closed library will NEVER be re-opened, however (after taking the option to reduce opening hours across all locations) an existing library could always have its hours extended should future funding allow.
Closure of these libraries will have a negative impact on the residents of this area who currently receive great benefit from the current service
Just try everything to keep them open, they are a valuable contact point between you and your communities
Seems a long way from the next nearest library which will impact on users
The libraries which I have chosen are areas in which they have considerable numbers of aging people who quite often rely on library facilities. Also located in rural areas.
i think closing all of these is very short sighted. its fine to say that everyone will be within 1/2 hour of a library, but what about parking charges? the elderly or immobile who want to get out but cant travel so far? get them run in part by volunteers?
I believe if only some libraries close this one definitely should be one of them due to the extremely low footfall recorded coupled with the higher than average cost of running it
This comments applies to all belie. On what criteria have they been chosen? Shameful to close any library.
All these libraries are in areas where bus services are very limited and in areas of isolation for the community

I do not know these libraries in details but the County Council are legally required to provide a library service to all: they should do so.
None of these libraries should close. They are all important for the community - sometimes speaking to the staff is the only contact someone will have with another person all day. They are important for those on low income who cannot travel to the next nearest library. Giving them over to volunteers is not viable as the staff that work there have very specific skills. Once a library is volunteer run with no support, fewer customers come as the service is poorer.
Consideration should be given to access to public transport to the alternative libraries. Bring back mobile libraries
For all libraries do not close or reduce service. Look at ways and means to increase the service
These are not options. Do not close any of these facilities.
Closing these libraries will make library services unavailable to people who cannot travel to, or can't afford to travel to, alternative libraries.
You do not close libraries! You must not cut off education! This is a no go. Be creative in finding ways to improve them into community centres, e.g. combining with book shops, bank branches etc.
soft target - short termism
This comment applies to all earmarked libraries. It is all very well saying that the nearest library is X miles away but what hasn't been taken into consideration is that if you do not have a car or on a limited budget you have two problems. 1) limited, Irregular public transport, 2) Cost I know Tadley library has not been earmarked However I walk to my local library. For me to get to the Discovery Centre in Basingstoke costs me £5.50 return. So on a pure cost basis I limit my visits.
Cutting the Library Service budget is not an option that should be taken. We need a better informed, better educated, more inclusive and interconnected society. Libraries have an important role to play in fulfilling this.
Help develop interest in innovation. Develop local knowledge. Libraries should be celebrating skills and knowledge, redeveloping themselves as knowledge centres. Run a coder dojo! Or a craft dojo! Run writing exhibitions, make awards to local youngsters that have demonstrated excellent reading / writing skills. Get local communities to contribute and share their knowledge. Do what libraries were supposed to do - expand citizens knowledge and access to information. Run local wikis
each serves a distinct local and often rural community of whom many, especially those older, younger, single parents, and those economically deprived, would not be able to travel distances to use alternative services, and who have already been hit hardest by the cuts to date.
There is no alternative
Not all people can afford a car or bus to go to a town. some are not on a bus route.
Closure will limit local population access which will disadvantage this area.
Local libraries are a hub for elderly and disabled people. They help people with mental health issues and our calming places which don't leave you feeling alone. They are all of vital importance to some people.
Why deprive villages of this facility, surely you could just cut back opening hours, or number of opening days. Always include a Saturday as some can only use the libraries on this day due to work, school etc. The original use of the library was to enable those less fortunate to learn, about local events from papers, using the reference books, or just to enjoy reading. I use service regularly and would hate to see others deprived of it. Not everyone can afford to buy books so where do they go?
This looks like a candidate for closure - the most expensive library in terms of cost per visit i.e. £6.61
Could these be left open but not every day
Blackfield library will, I agree, probably be forced to close.
NO WELL USED AND SUPPORTED LIBRARY SHOULD BE MADE TO CLOSE
Reduced opening hours instead of closure of library to a keep local access for all. If Hampshire CC decide to opt for closing this should be deferred until actual population census data can be obtained and re assess after 2021

Provide a mobile service to compensate for the closure. It is a large assumption to make that people can access other libraries need them. Many can't afford the additional public transport/petrol cost
Any of these local libraries are vital for those in the community who cannot because of cost or age or health get to the main libraries. The staff build up a relationship with local people.
KEEP ALL libraries OPEN. ALL are ESSENTIAL to the Community.
Closure must only be based on uneconomic usage over a long period, not simply based on austerity, which the government has now declared over anyway.
HCC Public transport in a poor service and to expensive . Article in Guardian newspaper last year HCC has the most expensive bus ride per mile in the UK Winchester to Twyford. Public transport for families in unaffordable and not fit for purpose in Hampshire For communities Library need to easy accessible This is for all libraies
Keep it open
having worked around several of these places I know there will always be a need for the books, etc and company engendered with mobile units or library buildings.
Instead of closing libraries or making them independent of the County Council, convert more libraries to libraries run by volunteers and supported by Hampshire Libraries for the provision of books, equipment and public Wi-Fi.
These libraries are essential to the local communities and must be saved.
Consideration must be given to all these communities an how far they will have to travel to their library, how they will get there(without having to use a car) and what support and encouragement they will be given to make the connection with their new library base.
All libraries should be kept open. They should be run by County Council, alongside education and social services. It should not be a choice to close libraries
Far too big a community
I do not think you should be closing libraries which are a precious community resource. You should be investing in them and demanding austerity cuts are reversed.
This applies to every library & all services Even if it supports a small community It's the locals human rights to have public services from the public own money they put in themselves not keep deliberate cutting funding ! When govt rakes in multi million probably billions from the people! yet keeps crimoinally. Abusing their position ! Trying to force the public to run the very services THEY are taxed for ! Demand an independent enquiry to follow the Money. Make them accountable.
You should aim to provide library services for all communities. The delivery model could be similar to the one that is used successfully at present in Kingsclere where professional expertise is provided along with an up to date rotation of books. HCC should be the hub providing the core elements to all libraries including Tier 4 so you must reconsider the delivery model you have devised so all stay open and supported.
I do not live near this library, but I feel it would be unfortunate that a library in an area of a fairly large population, where public transport is limited, should be closed. Current opening hours mean most full-time workers, and probably most secondary school pupils, cannot visit on weekdays, and Saturday opening (only till 1pm) seems very limited for a library in a residential area; this may explain the relatively poor performance - it might do better with more imaginative opening times.
The information pack clearly stated that these libraries cost large amounts but have less visitors. All larger branches are easily accessible
Mums with children use the local library as do older people. They need them near to them.
I think all libraries are important I think all libraries are important
I am sure this library is very important to local people though I don't know it personally
small but needed
All of these are rural libraries and as stated before the community relying on these may not be able to get to other libraries or afford the transport to get to the larger ones. NOT everyone has a local bus

service I would personally have to walk 2/3 miles just to get to the Winchester library as there isn't a local bus service any where were i live!!
I don't know this library but am sure it provides an important service for the area.
Not ever used
An important social hub for the community. Very important to community cohesion.
AS I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THESE LIBRARIES AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE, I DO NOT FEEL IT IS APPROPRIATE TO COMMENT ON THEIR FATE. SURELY, THE ONLY PROPER WAY TO PROCEED IS BY CONSULTATION MEETINGS WITH COMMUNITIES INVOLVED.
Again Blackfield Library you need libraries in the New Forest because transport links are poor.
My response will be the same for all libraries. Libraries are a part of our English culture and heritage. Closing them means depriving all people of access to a community place. So much goes on in a library other than reading books. They are meeting points, information points, places where you know if you are lost or confused about the local area you can go and find a friendly person to help.
All these libraries are important there are people without computers, this is not a one nation for the well off, we are all one, if you don't educate all the uneducated will hold back the progress of the whole. When will councils grasp this fact. Don't make people desperate and depressed.
Keep open
Never use them but they should all remain open we are not some 3 world country.
Don't close
I have never been there.
All should remain open
I do not have first hand knowledge about these libraries, but can see from the maps provided that some people would have difficulty reaching other libraries by public transport - if they could afford the fares. This would result in discrimination, making outlying areas more isolated. Both central and local government is asking us to use computers to respond. This questionnaire is a prime example.
Should be closed

Q17: Please use the box below if you wish to provide comments ...

These are local community based facilities ideally placed to support the people who don't drive . Challenging medical conditions and less able to buy books . Physical book loans have decreased but no mention of the investment in the assets. Do you have the right selection or has it been run down ?
Should remain open as a public service.
small libraries are the lifeblood of a local area. Stop trying to make large multi faced libraries in large towns. You've already destroyed Grayshott library where I could walk to any time of the day. Stop this ridiculous short term budgetary ideas at once and think harder.
Absolutely necessary and a distinct and unacceptable failure in local government if closed down
Very close and accessible to Basingstoke and lacking in facilities. It is more useful to travel into Basingstoke rather than be restricted and to invest more in the Basingstoke facility.
Handy to visit at lunch time for workers in Chineham. Alternative is Basingstoke in a weekend.
Bizarre choice to close - really central location and usage is very high.
have more than one library, only one is needed
For those of us who can not afford books we should nor be denied these resources
All of them not to be closed these communities needs them
Chineham is a tier 2 library which provides a variety of services for a large local area. If closed, many would cease using library services, with an impact on children's literacy.
It is ludicrous to close such a central library in a very central location. We have brought up our children going to this library regularly to choose books they might not otherwise see. It is right by

<p>a hub that is being redeveloped and it a central part of our community. As our children grow they can go there on their own - not something I would allow in town, making them lifelong learners and users of libraries</p>
<p>there is simply not the funds available. Thus the answer lies at the heart of where we as a nation wish to go. Vote Tory or for some ineffective labour hash and get the cuts due to people not paying the dues needed by society.</p>
<p>a very useful library for people who cannot necessarily get on the bus to the town center.</p>
<p>Chineham library is easily accessible for those with limited mobility or children; it is within a retail environment so users will be visiting the centre for multiple reasons (reducing travel environmental impact/cost/time); free parking available; the library itself has a good range of resources for all sections of the community. Odiham library is convenient for a large rural area and serves both adults and children who would be disadvantaged were it to close.</p>
<p>Keep the library open and DO THE RIGHT THING!!! What is wrong with you people who make such bizarre decisions....society requires libraries and staff to man them!!!</p>
<p>Please keep all these libraries open. They are a lifeline for some.</p>
<p>Chineham is needed, convenient, free parking. I use this library daily and find it very useful. I always see customers using this library.</p>
<p>As already mentioned, have you considered if there are sufficient public transport links to the next nearest library in each area, the demographic of the areas eg elderly people can't always walk from nearest bus stops etc, also is there sufficient parking at the next nearest library for increased traffic etc etc</p>
<p>Closing libraries in Chineham, Odiham and South Ham puts far too much emphasis on the library losses in the north of the county, and particularly around Basingstoke. One thing that may not have been considered is that in order to park close enough to Basingstoke Library and Discovery Centre one has to pay the significant parking charges at Festival Place or the central council car parks, or pay an equivalent bus fare, thus pricing many people out of library access.</p>
<p>Chinese is ideally located for people visiting the retail area and often seems to have some kind of activity going on with children involved. Car parking is not an issue either, too many libraries are close to council car parks so an extra cost is injured in visiting them.</p>
<p>See above</p>
<p>It is in an ideal location. People know how to get to the shopping centre. There is probably bus service. There is plenty of free parking. Many residents can walk there. There is huge possibility to increase usage because anyone that goes to the shops is a potential customer.</p>
<p>I hire choral music from this library as, because of all the recent library closures, it is my nearest library (10miles away)!</p>
<p>I feel that the library provided a safe space for Chineham. A great hub important for all including families. I would see it as a big loss to lose this service in Chineham.</p>
<p>It is highly likely that a closed library will NEVER be re-opened, however (after taking the option to reduce opening hours across all locations) an existing library could always have its hours extended should future funding allow.</p>
<p>Closure of these libraries will have a negative impact on the residents of this area who currently receive great benefit from the current service</p>
<p>See above</p>
<p>I am a resident of Hook - with this and Odiham being our closest library options - please do not close them.</p>
<p>These libraries - generally - are in small communities. Without a library with digital access as well as books, these communities will lose a valuable facility. Rural / small towns are already stretched for decent amenities, this will just be one more thing to go.</p>

I believe if only some libraries close this one definitely should be one of them due to the extremely close proximity of it to Basingstoke library coupled with the massive savings that could be made
Although there is a main library in Basingstoke town centre, it is imperative to keep this library open to ensure all elderly residents don't have to go far just to access library services.
This library is within a shopping centre therefore gives good access for many people. If this closes, it would only leave Basingstoke library, which is more difficult to get to and would incur parking costs.
Chineham- keep open as easy to access on the level (unlike Basingstoke which may have a lift but the queues to use particularly with pushchairs at Story Time is very long) Well used by families and those using the local Tesco. Free parking and on bus routes. Computers always seem well used.
Chineham library is the only Tier Two library on the list. It is well used being in a popular shopping centre.
Yes, it is definitely a good idea to close Chineham library. I live within 20 minutes of it, and I did not know it was there, plus it would save £133k. Basingstoke is an excellent alternative library.
These libraries are brilliant and I know used by many adults who have learning disabilities. Closing these libraries would cause isolation to so many.
Chineham already provides lots of events to get people into the library. Children can't borrow electronic books themselves and most parents are too busy to work out how to download the right books for 4 - 8 year olds, we need to see the book and the print to be able to quickly decide if it's right. Chineham have lots of good books and it's well organised.
Don't close just cut opening hours.
Chineham is a good library in a busy shopping area - more importantly where parking for library users and shoppers is free. This facility should surely not be closed!
I wasn't fully aware that volunteering at my local library was a possibility. I would be willing to volunteer where possible to help reduce staffing costs if it would help keep the facility open.
None of these libraries should close. They are all important for the community - sometimes speaking to the staff is the only contact someone will have with another person all day. They are important for those on low income who cannot travel to the next nearest library. Giving them over to volunteers is not viable as the staff that work there have very specific skills. Once a library is volunteer run with no support, fewer customers come as the service is poorer.
see above
This serves a wide area, parking is free, brings footfall to shopping centre. Books are heavy, saved carrying them home on the bus. Vital service for families.
Definitely this one - 1
Concerned that, in the example I know, of Odiham and Chineham, both may be closed rather than some coordination so that two nearby libraries aren't both apparently subject to closure.
These are not options. Do not close any of these facilities.
This has been a valuable resource to all my family for over 30 years and closure would prevent those without access to cars considerable difficulties in accessing a library
As above
You do not close libraries! You must not cut off education! This is a no go. Be creative in finding ways to improve them into community centres, e.g. combining with book shops, bank branches etc.
soft target - short termism
Sad, as I understand this is a well run library, but it is very close to Basingstoke. Close.
As I said in answer to my previous questions, I think it is extremely important to keep the smaller libraries open for easier access and less expense to travelling further into a town and paying expensive car park charges. This is particularly important for the elderly, the less well off and

families with younger children whose visits to the smaller libraries can be a lifeline, offering free access to books and resources they wouldn't otherwise have in an increasingly digital world.
It is extremely important these libraries are kept open for easy access to the local community, especially the elderly, less well paid and families who can walk to the libraries and not incur travel expenses or car park costs and who otherwise may not be able to afford to read which is so important, especially in today's increasing digital society causing isolation and risk of losing the basic skill and extremely enjoyable pastime of reading a book.
Cutting the Library Service budget is not an option that should be taken. We need a better informed, better educated, more inclusive and interconnected society. Libraries have an important role to play in fulfilling this.
Get local businesses from the business park involved. They could sponsor competitions and use the library for hot desks and meetings. Evolve with the local community, stop ignoring it. Update your service model. Help develop interest in innovation. Develop local knowledge. Libraries should be celebrating skills and knowledge, redeveloping themselves as knowledge centres. Run a coder dojo! Or a craft dojo!
each serves a distinct local and often rural community of whom many, especially those older, younger, single parents, and those economically deprived, would not be able to travel distances to use alternative services, and who have already been hit hardest by the cuts to date.
Libraries are an important free resource for families in school holidays. Elderly persons in the area have difficulty getting transport to visit the Study Centre.
There is no alternative
Closure will limit local population access which will disadvantage this area.
Since books are not returned to issuing library, visits are often made to surrounding libraries where they were returned. Trips to Discovery centre from these locations is not as quick or cheap as shown in survey. Many bus services are hourly, and car parking is expensive. It is cheaper to visit out of town libraries than go to the Discovery centre.
Local libraries are a hub for elderly and disabled people. They help people with mental health issues and our calming places which don't leave you feeling alone. They are all of vital importance to some people.
Chineham is a great little library with space for private study and good location for those visiting the local shops in the area
Why deprive villages of this facility, surely you could just cut back opening hours, or number of opening days. Always include a Saturday as some can only use the libraries on this day due to work, school etc. The original use of the library was to enable those less fortunate to learn, about local events from papers, using the reference books, or just to enjoy reading. I use service regularly and would hate to see others deprived of it. Not everyone can afford to buy books so where do they go?
With the Basingstoke Discovery Centre not too far away, the hours at this library could be considerably reduced.
Leave open but not every day
HCC climate emergency policy needs to be considered. It is not environmentally responsible to close a library within walking distance of a large number of its users, and then expect them to add to carbon emissions by using their cars to head for Basingstoke town centre.
Chineham library is central to a lot of small villages, more accessible for families and also the elderly than Basingstoke. Young children love to visit both, encouraging children to read books, especially for those who can't afford to buy them and also those without internet access. Going to the library on a Saturday after shopping has become part of some families activities to spend time together that perhaps would be spent watching tv or with electronics.
PILE up the books please. No fancy play areas. Tall shelves stacked with books. Stop reducing the number of books. We're going backwards and dumbing down. Keep old books, add the new ones.

NO WELL USED AND SUPPORTED LIBRARY SHOULD BE MADE TO CLOSE
Reduced opening hours instead of closure of library to a keep local access for all. If Hampshire CC decide to opt for closing this should be deferred until actual population census data can be obtained and re assess after 2021
Provide a mobile service to compensate for the closure. It is a large assumption to make that people can access other libraries need them. Many can't afford the additional public transport/petrol cost
As above
Chineham. Have occasionally used this when shopping at Chineham or on way to Reading. South Ham is our nearest, but have to walk when on my own as no direct bus service, in the rain i can change buses at Hill (Rise) Road, but these buses have reduced service now. Overton visited when passing.
KEEP ALL libraries OPEN. ALL are ESSENTIAL to the Community.
Closure must only be based on uneconomic usage over a long period, not simply based on austerity, which the government has now declared over anyway.
This is well situated in the shopping area. If this and South Ham close it will exclude those who find transport into town the most difficult. For those in these areas a trip to the library then becomes a major excursion when many might need quick access to the facilities. I cannot think of any alternative way to provide the services the Library currently offers - certainly not more cheaply. Increasingly Government services are available only online. Without computer access the poorest suffer.
From the press attention and community reaction in the aftermath of the news that Chineham could close, it is clear to see that this library is highly-valued by its community. Useage has also increased over the last four years, making the decision to close Chineham baffling to myself and others. I believe that there are others libraries that deserve to be on this list over Chineham. Note: I don't believe independent community-manged libraries will be able to function.
Keep it open
AS above
As a resident of HOOK (a growing town with a population heading to 10,000) we have never had a local library. We did have access to two mobile libraries but these were withdrawn as an early budget saving. We were then told we should access our two nearest libraries - Odiham and Chineham which we have done but now we are told both could be closed. We use Chineham Centre for our weekly shopping and use the library as part of each visit. We do not use Fleet for shopping or the library.
Instead of closing libraries or making them independent of the County Council, convert more libraries to libraries run by volunteers and supported by Hampshire Libraries for the provision of books, equipment and public Wi-Fi.
These libraries are essential to the local communities and must be saved.
For residents of Hook, since the removal of the mobile library service, Chineham has provided excellent alternative provision, with its location in the district shopping centre meaning that using the library fits well into weekly shopping visits. Hook is constantly growing, with the population nearing 10000, and its needs should be fully taken into account. In both Fleet and Basingstoke any significant provision for food shopping is at some distance from the library so discouraging library use.
All libraries should be kept open
Closing Chineham library will have a dramatic impact on children's literacy in an already deprived area of Basingstoke (Popley). .
I am very much opposed to the closure of the library at Chineham. The mobile library in Hook has already been closed ... about 4 years ago now. To now close BOTH of our nearest libraries at

Chineham and Odiham is totally unacceptable. If both closures go ahead, the only other solution would be to re-introduce the mobile library to Hook.
I do not think you should be closing libraries which are a precious community resource. You should be investing in them and demanding austerity cuts are reversed.
You should aim to provide library services for all communities. The delivery model could be similar to the one that is used successfully at present in Kingsclere where professional expertise is provided along with an up to date rotation of books. HCC should be the hub providing the core elements to all libraries including Tier 4 so you must reconsider the delivery model you have devised so all stay open and supported.
I feel it would be unfortunate to close a library in an area of rapid population growth. It is currently open almost all the time that most full-time workers, and probably most secondary school pupils, cannot visit it, and yet on only one evening; this may explain the relatively poor performance. A library in a suburban area such as this where much of the population presumably works in Basingstoke town centre - it might do better with more imaginative (even if more restricted) opening times.
As above
Mums with children use the local library as do older people. They need them near to them.
Excellent facilities In shopping centre so a good footfall Interactive group for young children
I think all libraries are important
ditto
All of these are rural libraries and as stated before the community relying on these may not be able to get to other libraries or afford the transport to get to the larger ones. NOT everyone has a local bus service I would personally have to walk 2/3 miles just to get to the Winchester library as there isn't a local bus service any where were i live!!
As a young mum, I have used Chineham Library a lot - it is in a great location, great space where I took my daughter to kids events and baby rhyme times, treasure hunts etc as well as borrowing books. The staff are helpful and the service is excellent.
I don't know this library but am sure it provides an important service for the area.
Not ever used
An important social hub for the community. Very important to community cohesion.
My response will be the same for all libraries. Libraries are a part of our English culture and heritage. Closing them means depriving all people of access to a community place. So much goes on in a library other than reading books. They are meeting points, information points, places where you know if you are lost or confused about the local area you can go and find a friendly person to help.
Brilliant little library, useful for so much. Particularly for old people to rest up and get books.
Useful as alternative to Basingstoke, as we often shop in that Centre
Keep open
Don't close
I have never been there
Close enough to Basingstoke Discovery Centre
All should remain open
I love it here. I borrow books, I do activity sheets and treasure trails. I visit every school holiday. I did baby rhyme time and toddler activities here. Most importantly, I love browsing for books here.
Should be closed

Q18: Please use the box below if you wish to provide comments ...

Should remain open as a public service.

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Absolutely necessary and a distinct and unacceptable failure in local government if closed down
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For those of us who can not afford books we should not be denied these resources
All of them not to be closed these communities needs them
Keep the library open and DO THE RIGHT THING!!! What is wrong with you people who make such bizarre decisions....society requires libraries and staff to man them!!!
Please keep all these libraries open. They are a lifeline for some.
As already mentioned, have you considered if there are sufficient public transport links to the next nearest library in each area, the demographic of the areas eg elderly people can't always walk from nearest bus stops etc, also is there sufficient parking at the next nearest library for increased traffic etc etc
See above
It is highly likely that a closed library will NEVER be re-opened, however (after taking the option to reduce opening hours across all locations) an existing library could always have its hours extended should future funding allow.
Closure of these libraries will have a negative impact on the residents of this area who currently receive great benefit from the current service
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None of these libraries should close. They are all important for the community - sometimes speaking to the staff is the only contact someone will have with another person all day. They are important for those on low income who cannot travel to the next nearest library. Giving them over to volunteers is not viable as the staff that work there have very specific skills. Once a library is volunteer run with no support, fewer customers come as the service is poorer.
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Why deprive villages of this facility, surely you could just cut back opening hours, or number of opening days. Always include a Saturday as some can only use the libraries on this day due to work, school etc. The original use of the library was to enable those less fortunate to learn, about local events from papers, using the reference books, or just to enjoy reading. I use service regularly and would hate to see others deprived of it. Not everyone can afford to buy books so where do they go?
It looks like considerable savings could be made here but the library service would need to work with local schools to help mitigate the impact. Alternatively reduce the opening hours.
Leave open but not every day
Elson library has a core of loyal customers, but as it is quite close to Gosport, certainly within cycling and walking distance for some, and with a good bus service along the A32, I agree that it may have to close.
NO WELL USED AND SUPPORTED LIBRARY SHOULD BE MADE TO CLOSE
Provide a mobile service to compensate for the closure. It is a large assumption to make that people can access other libraries need them. Many can't afford the additional public transport/petrol cost
As above. Elson offers children's workshops, health visitor space, story time, children's construction sessions, talks, a singing group space as well as books. It is greatly valued by my grandchildren.
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Keep it open
As above
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where you know if you are lost or confused about the local area you can go and find a friendly person to help.
Great all libraries are the essence of community
Keep open
Don't close
I have never been there.
All should remain open
Should be closed

Please provide a postcode analysis (to show only at village level where a respondent lives) of responses for each of these 3 questions separately:

When the answer to Q 8 was Odiham only

When the answer to Q 8 included Odiham

When the answer to Q 16 was Odiham

We do not have the technical capacity or resource within the Library Service to answer this question.

Good Neighbour scheme.

The Good Neighbour Scheme is available to customer unable to visit the library in person. This scheme will allow a nominated person to be responsible for a customer's book loans and returns. Library staff can assist the nominated person or 'good neighbour' in choosing the books for the customer. The scheme allows the customer to borrow up to 30 items from a library at one time and there are no overdue charges.

Could you let me know in practice how the scheme works:

- ***Is one library nominated to be the pick up and drop off point for all Odiham resident reservations?***
- ***Is this a weekly service?***
- ***How are volunteers currently identified?***
- ***Do the volunteers have to have the resident's library card when collecting the book?***

A response is in preparation and will be shared when available.

Alternatively in the FAQs there is mention of working with an independent library to deliver outreach services and I wondered what this could look like for Odiham.

This might be the delivery of a Learning in Libraries course at Odiham Independent Community Library, where mutually beneficial, for example.

Costs breakdown

Please provide a breakdown of costs by broad category of running Odiham library (given that savings from closure are £14,000) as accurately as you currently can.

The total net annual cost of £14,000 directly attributed to Odiham Library and referenced in the consultation report is comprised as follows (based on 2018/19 data):

	£
Staffing and stock costs	20,000
Business Rates	3,000
Utilities and other non-staff costs	8,000
Annual income	- 17,000
Total net cost	14,000

The budget for the current financial year has the following allocation in terms of non-staff running costs:

	2020/21 Budget
	£
Electricity	3,000
Gas	3,000
Uniform Business Rates	3,000
Cleaning services	2,000
General Refuse Collection and Disposal	1,000
Total	12,000



SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Reviewed and adopted on (Date)

Introduction

This Scheme of Delegation sets out the powers available to a Parish Council to delegate powers and the way in which OPC will utilise these powers in accordance with the law. This Scheme is not comprehensive as it is also subject to OPC's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

The power to delegate functions is set out in the Local Government Act 1972 s101. The Parish Clerk is defined as the Proper Officer who will carry out functions provided by the Local Government act 1972 and the Responsible Finance Officer in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The intention of the delegation scheme is to allow OPC to act with all reasonable speed and take decisions at the most suitable level.

Therefore, the Parish Clerk is given powers over the day to day administration of the Council and Committees will determine matters within their terms of reference.

Any decisions taken under this Scheme of Delegation will, where possible, be taken in consultation with the relevant Council or Committee Chair and reported to the next available Council or Committee meeting.

OPC's Committee Structure (agreed 10th March 2020)



Delegated Powers and Responsibilities to the Parish Clerk

In addition to the responsibilities set out in the Clerk's job description, the Clerk has the delegated authority to undertake the following matters on behalf of the Council:

- Day to day administration of services, together with routine inspections and control.
- Overall responsibility for staff.

- Authorisation to respond immediately to any correspondence requiring or requesting information relating to previous decisions of the Council, but not requiring an opinion to be taken by the Council or its Committees.
- Authorisation of routine budget expenditure in accordance with the Financial Regulations and to manage timely transfer of funds between the Council's bank accounts to maintain adequate cash flow.
- Handling of requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the General Data Protection Regulations, in consultation with the Chair or Vice Chair.
- Updating and managing the content of the Council's website and Facebook account.
- Co-ordinating the content and publishing the Council's newsletters and press statements, in consultation with the relevant Chairs.
- Disposal of Council records according to legal restrictions and the Council's Document Retention Policy.
- Preparation and submission of comments to consultations or correspondence where the Council's policy stance is known.
- Preparation and submission of comments to Planning Applications where a deadline falls before the next available Planning & Development Committee and in consultation with the Committee Chair.
- Authority to liaise with 3rd parties and invite representatives to Council or Committee meetings which are of interest to agreed Council policies, services or projects.
- Take appropriate actions arising from emergencies as required to respond to provide business continuity and respond to urgent H&S matters, in consultation with the Chair/Vice Chair of the Council or relevant Committee.
- Authorisation to allow community organisations use of OPC's assets or facilities for activities which support the Parish, OPC's activities and services.



REPORT ON: Bus Shelters

WRITTEN BY: Parish Clerk

MEETING DATE: 17th November 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 159/20

Introduction

OPC has been asked to agree the design of two new bus shelters which will be installed on the B3349, Alton Road, by The Crown development site.

The 2 bay HEP (half end panels) have been quoted for the stop opposite The Crown:





And the 2 bay QEP (quarter end panels) for the adjacent stop:



Both shelters will have digital battery powered displays.



REPORT ON: Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee

WRITTEN BY: Parish Clerk

MEETING DATE: 17th November 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 160/20

Introduction

OPC contributes approximately £4,000 per annum towards the costs of managing the Basingstoke Canal. A proposal to this meeting asks OPC to consider a suggestion that OPC request representation on the Basingstoke Canal Joint Management Committee to oversee OPC's budget contribution of approximately £4,000 per annum.

For information, the following organisations are members of the joint committee:

Hart District Council
Natural England
Surrey County Council
Hampshire County Council
Hart District Association of Parish & Town Councils
Runnymede Borough Council
Woking Borough council
National Trust, River Wey and Godalming Navigations
Hampshire County Council
Rushmoor Borough Council
Guildford Borough Council
Basingstoke Canal Society
Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club
Waterways Association
Fleet Town Council