



**MINUTES OF THE ODIHAM PARISH COUNCIL (OPC) MEETING HELD
AT THE VINE CHURCH, 37 LONDON ROAD, ODIHAM, HOOK, RG29 1AJ
ON TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7pm**

Present: Cllrs A McFarlane (Chair), S Bell (from item 171/23), L Cornall, C Greensides, D Sanger, C Seabrook, H Tyler (from 174/23), P Verdon and H Woods.

In attendance: A Mann (Parish Clerk), B Tate (Deputy Clerk), Hampshire County Council (HCC) Cllr Glen, Hart District Council (HDC) Cllr Dorn, 35 members of the public (present) and 5 members of the public observed the meeting on Zoom.

166/23 Apologies for absence

Cllr Bell reported he would arriving late.

167/23 To receive declarations of interests and requests for dispensation relating to any item on the agenda

None.

168/23 Approval of minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2023 (139-165/23) were agreed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Verdon, 7 in favour).

169/23 Chair's announcements

None.

170/23 Presentation from Obsidian Strategic on proposed warehouse development at junction 5 of the M3

A presentation was given as shown in Appendix 1.

The developer and representatives said they were happy to return January/February to answer further questions. They anticipated submitting a formal, outline planning application in February 2024.

Following a review of public questions submitted to OPC prior to the meeting, the following questions were raised.

Traffic:

1. What highway works including drainage works do you foresee to J5 of the M3, the A287 adjacent to the site including the Lord Derby roundabout, and the onward routes in particular the B3349?
2. Have these works been costed and if so what are the likely costs?

Supporting documentation:

3. When do you intend to submit your planning application and will it be outline or full, including provision of your Traffic Impact Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment to the HDC planning portal?
4. Are you prepared to make the Traffic Impact Assessment and Flood Risk Assessment public as soon as they are complete?



Employment:

5. Please can Obsidian provide specific details of the long term jobs that are to be created, and by whom?
Details of new roles would include; proposed employer, job title, projected salary, likely job duration, Evidence in support of the contention that long term, meaningful employment opportunities will be created would include evidence that people in them would be able to afford housing in the area, and a credible travel plan given there is no public transport currently.
6. What statistics (please provide sources) have you used for employment & unemployment levels in the area?

Flood risk:

7. Will there be a compensation scheme if the proposed development causes flooding to other properties? (NB The current list of heritage assets at risk is incomplete as it does not include the Grade II buildings at Whitewater Mill and Poland Mill which lie on the Whitewater and are at the same distance from the eastern end of the site as Lodge Farm is at the western end of the site.)

Written responses the questions would be published online after the meeting.

Meeting attendees were also signposted to <https://www.j5logistics.co.uk/>

171/23 Public Session

A resident raised concerns about new apparent use at Southern Way Rye Common. The correspondence had previously been sent to HDC and copied to OPC. It was noted that Cllr Dorn was following up the matter with HDC and a response was expected imminently.

Councillor Reports

172/23 Meeting reports from councillors

- i) Cllr Sanger reported from a Teams meeting with HDC officers which discussed a woodland planting initiative scheme. There appeared to be a cross over with another Hampshire tree planting scheme. Research were ongoing.
- ii) Cllr Verdon had led the first Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting and would report back after the next meeting, scheduled in December.
- iii) Cllr McFarlane had attended a meeting of the Odiham Book Exchange community interest company where a Licence to use The Bridewell had been signed.

173/23 Reports from other councils

- i) HCC Cllr Glen had provided a provided written report prior to the meeting (Appendix 2)

As Chair of the Basingstoke Canal Authority (BCA) meetings, Cllr Glen reported that BCA was aware of financial challenges facing the management of the Canal. This was due to budget cuts by the authorities which contributed towards joint management costs and could result in a potential £125k deficit in annual running costs. The recent BCA meeting discussed slimming down operations so that HCC would only be responsible for Canal navigation and improvements with no interest in companies around the canal (a non-statutory service). Cllr Glen reported that the matter was considered to be a high risk and consultation was in progress. The



current proposal was to retain meetings with partners twice a year and discussions were underway with the Basingstoke Canal Society.

Cllr Glen also reported HCC's work on the Hart Walking & Cycling Plan, noting that Martin Gibson was the lead HCC officer.

- ii) HDC Cllr Dorn thanked RAF Odiham for an enjoyable evening at the RAF Promise & Fulfil Awards on 16th November and praised the positive work recognised by the awards.

Cllr Dorn referred to the presentation given at the start of the meeting and reported that all Odiham District Councillors would be discussing the proposals with HDC planning officers the following day.

It was noted that HDC would be submitting a response to the Farnborough airport consultation.

Cllr Dorn reported from the recent HDC Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting:

- There was general disappointment in the HDC local walking & infrastructure program.
- The HDC Parking Standards was now a supplementary planning document.
- The viability assessment for new house build applications had been strengthened.
- Cllr Dorn felt that applications submitted to HDC's planning system were a long way behind meeting statutory timescales but the situation as slowly improving.

General

174/23 Meeting action points

None.

175/23 Councillor Co-option

Applications from Tony Costigan and Mike Tate were considered. Standing Orders were suspended to allow each applicant to speak in support of their application and following a secret ballot, it was

RESOLVED

Mike Tate received the majority vote and was co-opted as a councillor to the Odiham ward.

176/23 Appointments to committees and working groups

RESOLVED

The following additions and deletions to committees and working groups were agreed:

i) Committees:

- Cllr Greensides was added to the Community Committee and Finance Committee.
- Cllr Sanger would replace Cllr Tyler on the Staffing Committee.

ii) Working groups – no changes were agreed.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Bell, all in favour).



177/23 "Transforming The Bridewell into a thriving Community Hub"

- i) General update from the Clerk and Bridewell Working Group
 - a. Works to repair the north facing wall had started. The works would be funded by a £10,000 HCC Leader's grant.
 - b. Promotion of the toilet upgrade funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund was underway.
 - c. Research was in progress for submitting a pre-application to HDC for the concept plans, as previously agreed by OPC, and a company had been found who could support OPC through the application process.
- ii) The expression of interest previously submitted to Hart District Council for funding from the 2024/25 UK Shared Prosperity Fund was noted.
- iii) Members noted that listed building consent had been secured, with conditions, for a kitchenette on the first floor to support the co-working space.
- iv) New noticeboard –
RESOLVED
To purchase a new aluminium noticeboard for The Bridewell @ £564.
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour).
- v) Correspondence with Hampshire County Council regarding parking at the front of the building was noted. The Clerk hoped there would be further information in time for the next meeting.

178/23 Review of OPC's policies and updates

RESOLVED

- i) The updated policies schedule was noted.
- ii) The revised Staff Handbook, as proposed by the Staffing Committee, was approved for circulation to staff and councillors.
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Seabrook, all in favour).

179/23 Environment projects

- i) Cllr Bell introduced the project proposal from Hampshire Forest Partnership for a tree planting, "shoots along the routes" project. The full presentation was included with the agenda.

RESOLVED

To take the project forward. Cllrs Bell, Cornall, Greensides, McFarlane, Sanger, Verdon and Woods agreed to join a working group.
(Proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Greensides, all in favour)

- ii) Cllr McFarlane reported that two recent events run by the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust had been very successfully - over 50 had attended a talk and 26 a youth session which took place at the RAF Odiham's community building.

Cllr McFarlane's presented her proposal for distributing the hedgehog highway surrounds, previously circulated to councillors, and it was

RESOLVED

To distribute hedgehog highways through the sixteen people who had previously signed up as nature champions.
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour)



- iii) a) The following Government guidance on biodiversity was noted
https://www.slcc.co.uk/new-government-guidance-on-ZV4ITkJI5V_K0rGI#:~:text=English%20public%20authorities%20including%20town,Manage%20the%20planning%20system
- b) RESOLVED
OPC confirms it has taken action to comply with its duty under the Environment Act 2021 by adopting a Biodiversity Action Plan and Environment & Climate Change Policy.
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Cornall, all in favour).

180/23 Public consultation responses

Councillors considered the Clerk's agenda report which summarised responses to the recent online consultations listed below. Since agenda publication, information had come to light which meant it was not necessary to consider item iii).

- i) Campaign to ask for the number 13 bus to stop in the High Street
- ii) A zip car/car sharing scheme.
- iii) Support the community in taking on the hardware shop as a community interest company – this item was not considered.

RESOLVED

Members concluded that the number of responses were too low to demonstrate clear evidence that OPC should be spending resources on these matters.

In line with respondents' comments, the Clerk was asked to make enquiries about adding a bus shelter on the Alton Rd, next to the former Crown public house.

181/23 Odiham Consolidated Charities (OCC)

- i) Members considered whether to nominate a councillor for one of the four OPC nominated charity trustee positions.
RESOLVED
Cllr Verdon would be put forward as a nominee.
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Cornall, all in favour)
- ii) Members considered OCC's business plan for affordable rented houses, as presented with the agenda and
RESOLVED
The business plan was noted and welcomed. OPC would wait to hear from Cllr Verdon following her first meeting as a trustee.
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Greensides, all in favour).

182/23 Heritage trail app

Cllr Bell introduced details of a heritage app which aimed to increase footfall on the High Street by promoting local heritage. Cllr Bell, the Clerk and representatives from The Odiham Society had previously received a presentation from the app provider following direct approach to OPC. The meeting had generated question and these, along with all supporting background information, had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr Bell reported there was a charge for purchasing the app and the Clerk had submitted an expression of interest for external funding which would cover initial costs. The Clerk was asked to enquire when the software was next scheduled for an upgrade and whether this would lead to further costs?



Members were asked to consider whether there was sufficient interest in the project to continue research?

RESOLVED

OPC has sufficient interest in the TrailTale heritage app and resolved to progress research for moving the project forward. Members agreed that further research was required before meeting representatives from The Odiham Society.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Bell, all in favour).

183/23 Letters for Parish and Town Councils regarding overgrown vegetation and ditch clearance

Correspondence from HCC Lead Member for Universal Services (Highways, Transport, Environment, Countryside and communities) had been received providing two template letters for parish and town councils to use for asking residents to tend to overgrown vegetation and ditch clearance on their properties.

RESOLVED

To keep letters on file should they become necessary but always direct enquiries to HCC as the first response.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour).

184/23 Signage from The High Street to The Bury

Members considered a request from The Odiham Society to work on a joint project to achieve improved signage from the High St to community facilities in The Bury. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

To accept the request and aim to review signage in the area next financial year.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour).

185/23 The Cross Barn - Heritage Lottery grant

RESOLVED

OPC supports The Cross Barn's application for a National Lottery Heritage Grant.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Cornall, all in favour).

186/23 Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

The Deputy Clerk's agenda report was reviewed. The report included suggestions for managing the OPC owned SIDs and sought to find a practical and affordable method of rotating the two owned SIDs. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

- i) To rotate the SIDs on a monthly cycle whereby the SIDs were displayed for three weeks then taken to the office for one week to charge the battery and download data. The locations would be rotated through the list of approved sites, as published with the agenda.
- ii) A contract was awarded to Keith Dodd (quote 1) for managing the process of installing the SIDs on the lampposts and re-installing them once the data was downloaded. This expenditure would incur unbudgeted expenditure during 2023/24 and budget provision had been provided in the 2024/25 budget.
(Cllr Verdon, seconded by Cllr McFarlane, all in favour).
- iii) Members agreed the purpose of downloading data was to capture speeds in key areas and this data may be used to lobby for speed reductions. Data would be shared on a dedicated page on OPC's website.



187/23 Hart Parking Charges

HDC's consultation on proposed charges in The Bury and Deer Park public car parks was considered [notice-of-proposal-for-off-street-parking-order-2023.doc](#). No response to the consultation was minuted.

188/23 Armed Forces Employers' Recognition Scheme – bronze award

Following OPC's signing of the Armed Forces Covenant, OPC had been invited to pledge its support for a bronze award for the Employers' Recognition Scheme.

RESOLVED

That OPC pledges support for a bronze award for the Employers' Recognition Scheme.
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Seabrook, all in favour).

Financial Matters

189/23 Payments Listing

RESOLVED

The payments listing for the period 18th October-21st November (Appendix 3) was approved and Cllrs Cornall and McFarlane were appointed to complete the payment approval process for outstanding payments.

(Proposed by Cllr Tyler, seconded by Cllr Cornall, all in favour).

It was further resolved that Cllr Greensides would become a signatory on the Unity Trust account.

190/23 Interim Internal Auditor

RESOLVED

The Interim Internal Auditor's report was noted and it was agreed to refer the report to the Finance Committee to consider the matters raised.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour).

191/23 IT support contract

RESOLVED

To enter into a new contract with BV Computers Ltd to provide 3 hours IT support per month @ £135 per month, on a rolling contract.

(Proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Woods, all in favour).

192/23 Investments

RESOLVED

i) To transfer £46,860.63 held in the Lloyds Treasurer's account to the CCLA deposit account, noting that the investment would need to be made from the Unity Trust account (OPC's nominated account on the CCLA account) then funds moved from Lloyds to Unity Trust in 9 payments of £5,000 and one of £1,860.73.

ii) To award the Clerk delegated authority to transfer funds between accounts as required.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Bell, all in favour).



193/23 George Rothery Bequest

Members considered appropriate use of the bequest funds (£3,548.71 @ 31.10.23), as advised by the Internal Auditor. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

To offer the bequest fund to the RAF Odiham Air Cadets explaining the terms of the bequest.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Greensides, all in favour).

194/23 RAF Christmas Gifts

RESOLVED

- i) To email £15 Amazon vouchers to all RAF personnel who would be deployed over the Christmas season.
- iii) To make a BACS payment to Cllr Greensides in the same value prior to issuing the vouchers.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Woods, all in favour).

Planning Matters

195/23 Farnborough Airport - variation of Condition 2 (aircraft movements) and 6 (aircraft weight), replacement of conditions 7 (1:10,000 risk contour) and 8 (1:100,00 risk contour), of planning permission 20/00871/REVPP determined on the 22/02/2022

A draft response prepared by Cllrs Greensides and McFarlane was circulated to members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

To submit the following response:

Odiham Parish Council notes the planning application from Farnborough Airport Ltd that seeks to increase aircraft traffic operating from the location. The council notes that there is a proposed increase from a maximum of 50,000 to 70,000 aircraft movements per annum (40%) and, in particular, an increase in weekend and bank holiday traffic from 8,900 movements to 18,900 (112%). This also includes an increase in the permitted number of larger aircraft movements from 1500 to 2100 (40%), an increase in larger aircraft at weekends from 270 to 570 (111%) and, finally, an change in the 'larger aircraft' definition from 50,000-80,000kg to 55,000-80,000kg; thereby allowing a greater number of aircraft to sit outside of this definition.

Whilst we recognise that the area falling under the responsibility of Odiham Parish Council will see little direct impact from the additional aircraft; lying, as it does, within RAF Odiham airspace, we note the likely impact on several adjacent Parishes including, but not limited to, Hook, Hartley Wintney and Winchfield and wish to support these Parish Councils in their objections. Moreover, Odiham Parish Council has in place an Environment and Climate Change policy which responds to the national Government Declaration of a Climate Emergency. Under that policy we recognise the duty of the Parish Council to work to reduce carbon emissions. Clearly the proposed increase in aircraft movements will add to carbon emissions and make the national objective of net zero harder to achieve. Any increase in aircraft numbers will, with current technology, increase emissions and Farnborough Airport Ltd's study puts this figure at an increase of 27-44% by 2045. This is clearly at odds with the need to reduce carbon emissions and is likely to cause on-going damage to the atmosphere on which we all depend.



Odiham Parish Council also notes that RAF Odiham is submitting a formal comment on the planning application, separate and distinct from that of Odiham Parish Council; and the council looks forward to reading this in due course when available.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Bell, all in favour).

In accordance with Standing Orders 1x, an extension to the meeting was agreed.

196/23 Tree warden

Members considered a suggestion from the Planning & Development Committee to create a new tree warden position to support the Planning & Development Committee. The suggestion was for the position to be filled by a suitably experienced councillor or resident who would review tree applications in the Parish and provide their comments to the Planning & Development Committee.

RESOLVED

OPC agreed to the principle of creating a new tree warden position and would research this further before filling the position at a future meeting.

(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Bell, 8 in favour, 1 abstention).

197/23 The Bell Public House Asset of Community Value – notification of disposal

- i) Notification from Hart District Council that the owner of the above property had notified HDC of their intention to dispose of the asset was noted.
- ii) It was further noted that the Saving The Bell Public House community interest company had expressed interest in making a bid.
- iii) **RESOLVED**
OPC would not be making its own bid.

198/23 Neighbourhood Plan review

- i) The Chair reported a grant award from Locality in the value of £10,000 which would cover the cost of a consultant to support OPC in reviewing the Odiham & North Warnborough Neighbourhood Plan.
- ii) The grant enabled members to consider contract award to OPC's preferred consultant.
RESOLVED
To award contract to Troy Planning in the value of £9,935.
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Verdon, all in favour).

199/23 Date of next meeting

19th December 2023.

Confidential Matters

200/23 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 and staffing matters which meet the criteria of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Part 1
RESOLVED

201/23 Recommendations from the Staffing Committee 02.11.23

RESOLVED

Recommendations from the Staffing Committee were agreed. (Refer to exempt file note).
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Sanger, all in favour).



202/23

Chapel Cottage tenancy renewal

RESOLVED

An extension to the tenancy was agreed. (Refer to exempt file note).
(Proposed by Cllr McFarlane, seconded by Cllr Bell, all in favour).

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.17pm

Signed

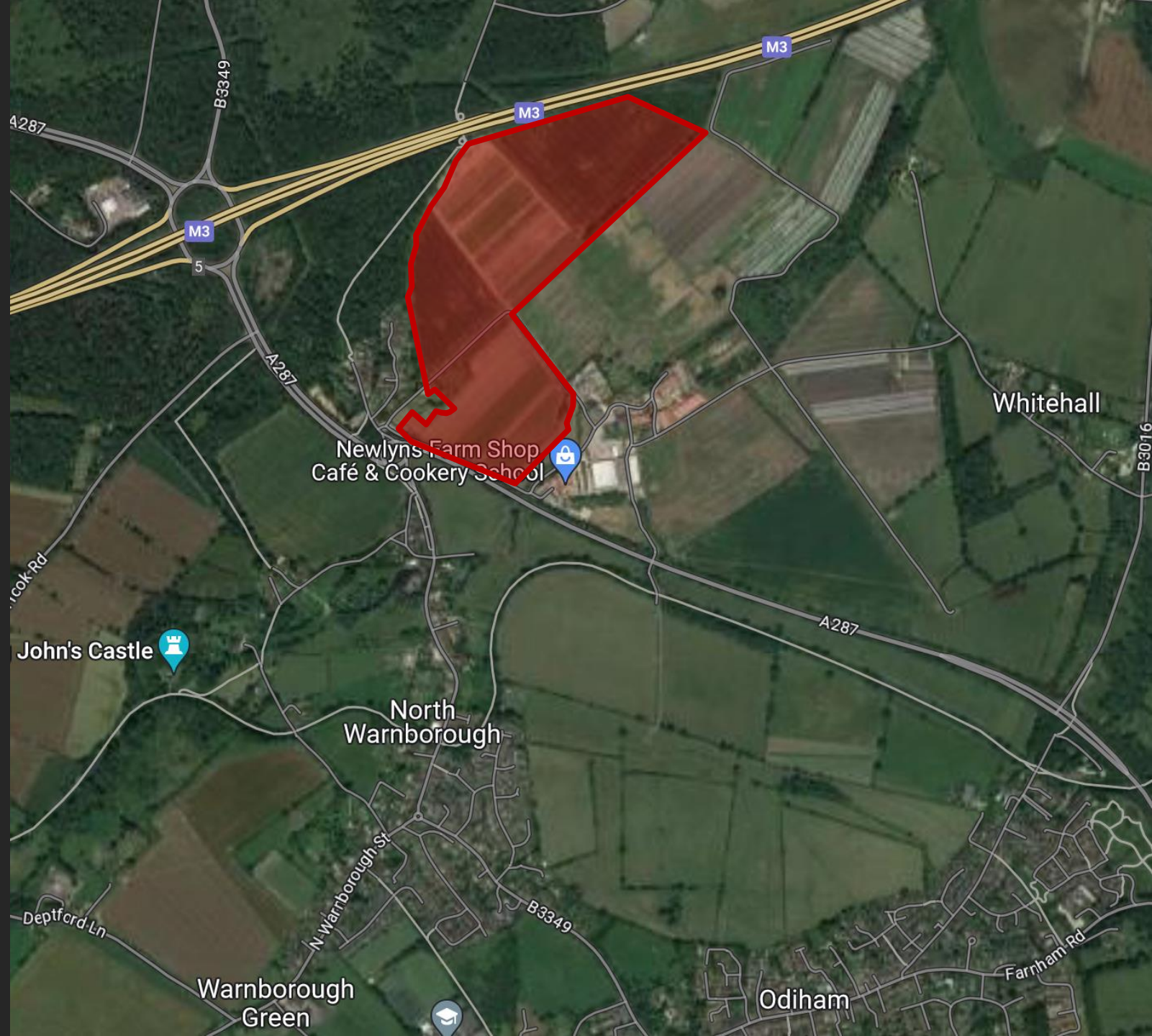
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Proposed logistics development at Junction 5 of the M3

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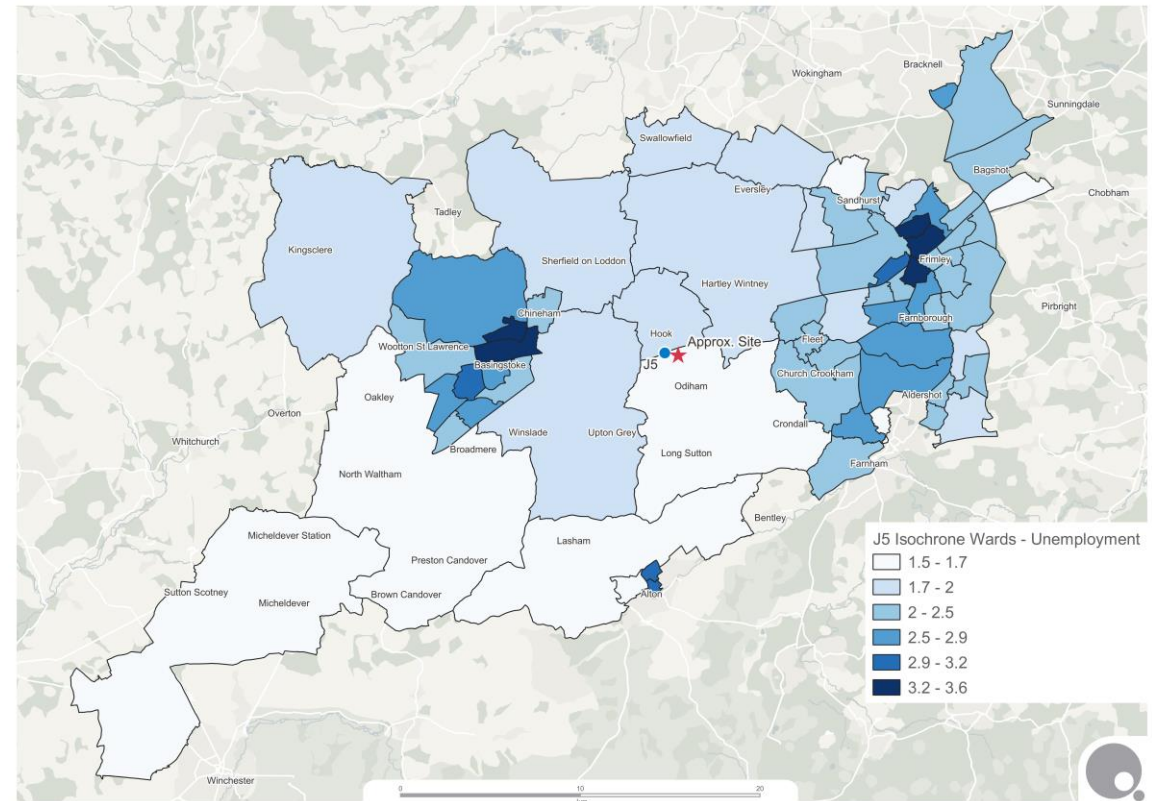


The site



Why here?

- Meeting the needs of local and regional business and to ensure that businesses, shops and the public have products in the right place and at the right time
- National need for greater self-sufficiency and more resilient supply chains
- Need for employment opportunities in communities along the M3 in Hart – Hook, Fleet, Blackwater



Our proposals

The proposed development would include:

- Up to five logistics warehouses, 18-20 metres in height
- Car parking for staff
- New landscaping and woodland planting to help screen the new buildings
- New drainage and attenuation features to deal with surface water runoff, ensure flood risk is not increased, and help deliver new habitats



Work and changes since 2022

- Electric car charging facility removed from plans
- Ongoing traffic modelling work
- Wider buffer of planting and wildlife habitats, with overall floorspace reduced slightly to provide this area
- Updated Flood Risk Assessment and drainage strategy
- Additional wildlife/drainage ponds and wetlands
- Economic analysis prepared to demonstrate need for wide variety of jobs in Hart



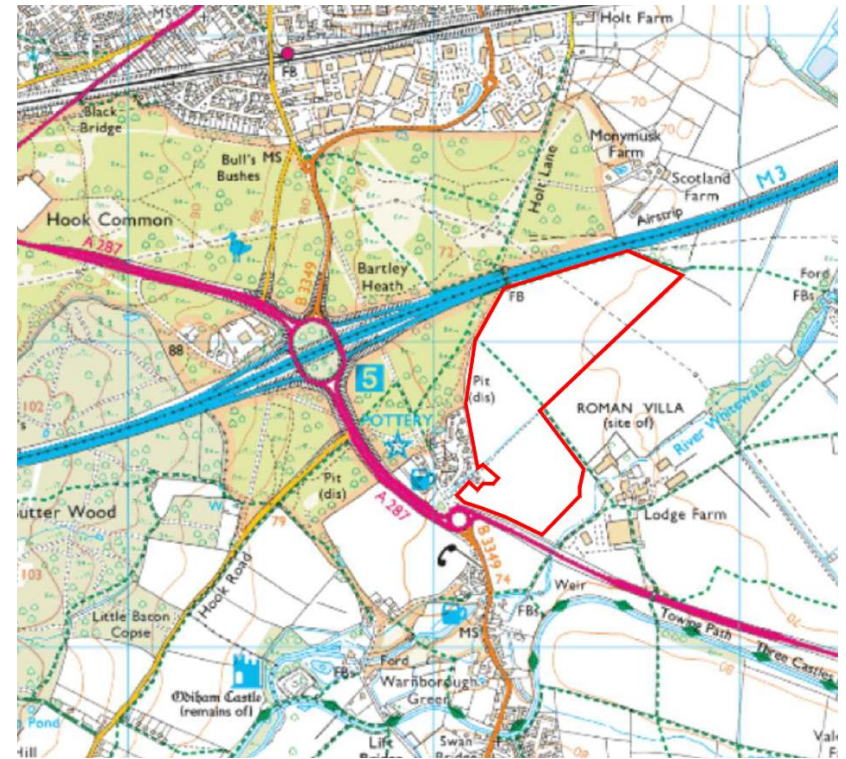
2022 scheme



2023 scheme

Transport and access

- Within 650 metres of Junction 5 of the M3, making it perfectly situated for logistics and distribution
- Road access would be via roundabout on A287 after significant improvements
- Could generate significant vehicle movements, but spread throughout the day and not concentrated during peak hours
- Improvements to cycle routes, pedestrian crossings, and footpaths
- Contribute to improved local bus services and infrastructure



Flood risk and drainage



- Legislation requires that the development does not pollute the environment
- Vast majority of the site is at low risk of flooding
- Proposals have been designed to locate built development on land at lowest risk of flooding
- Sustainable drainage features will include:
 - Swales and ditches to channel runoff
 - Ponds and basins
 - Storage crates beneath hardstanding areas
 - Green roofs on some buildings
 - Permeable paving

Benefits

The proposals would:

- Create up to 2,400 jobs on the site, from entry level to high-skill employment
- Contribute up to £125 million a year to the local economy
- Generate up to £4 million in business rates, helping the council to fund local priorities
- Provide training and employment opportunities for residents of Hart
- Improve the local business supply chain to support the regional economy
- Support the UK economy – industrial and logistics developments are critical national infrastructure

Indicative view of landscaping



Questions

COUNTY MATTERS – DECEMBER 2023
Hampshire County Council
COUNCILLOR JONATHAN GLEN
HCC Member for Odiham, Hook & The Western Parishes
Email: jonathan.glen@hants.gov.uk

Hope you all are enjoying the run up to Christmas, so please find as follows my last report of 2023.

Highways Information

Highway 'Space' Availability

I wanted to update you on some challenges that are impacting our work to repair the damage caused to our road network last winter and prepare for the coming winter.

In general, these works are progressing well and I hope you will have noticed activity ongoing around the area.

However, we are facing an unprecedented number of permit requests for works from utility companies which is impacting on the availability of road space and consequently may mean that our own highway repairs are not able to be delivered as quickly as we would like.

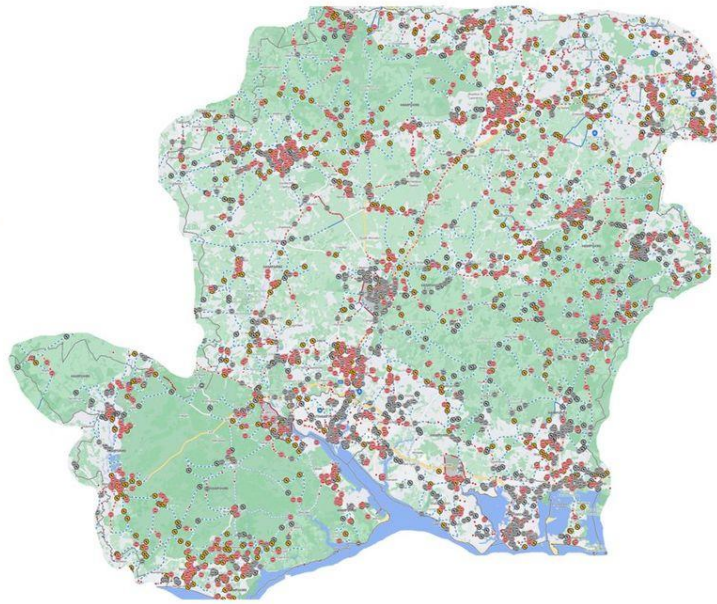
It is worth noting that, whilst the County Council is responsible for controlling road-space and coordinating roadworks as part of its statutory duty, it is not possible for us to prioritise HCC works over others as they need to demonstrate parity between all works promoters.

The attached maps illustrate the current volume of ongoing and planned works that are being coordinated by the HCC Streetworks team. These maps change on an hourly basis as new permits come in, works complete, or as contractors make changes to their dates / method of works. The maps include only works submitted under a permit and do not include planned events or incidents that also require coordination.

As you can see there are significant numbers of works planned and ongoing, finding the 'space' on the road to enable repairs is sometimes challenging, not least as that section of road might have utility works or, more likely, be used as a diversion route for works elsewhere.

The County as a Whole

Each red circle is planned / ongoing works with a firm start date
Each grey circle is planned works with a 'vague' start date
Each dashed red line is a planned / ongoing road closure
Each dashed blue line is a planned / ongoing diversion route
Grey polygons are interdiction zones set up to discourage other works as a result of high impact planned works



Reporting Highway Problems

Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>

Pavement problems:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>

Problems with rights of way:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

When reporting an issue, you'll be sent an email confirming a reference number for the report. If you would like me to follow this up for you then do please forward that message to me and I will chase for you.

County Council Budget

You will no doubt have seen the publicity about Birmingham Council 'going bust' in the last few weeks. That's an example of how difficult it is for councils to make ends meet at the moment. Earlier this Summer I included detail of the consultation HCC was running asking Hampshire's residents how they felt we should manage their money in an ever-challenging financial environment.

Hampshire County Council has a legal responsibility to carry out certain functions. We cannot say 'no' if someone asks for support and in many cases we cannot means test or ask for a contribution toward the cost of providing a service. Examples of this are social care costs for older people, support for those with disabilities, the care of vulnerable children and young people and school transport for those who meet the necessary criteria. It's entirely right that we provide these services free of charge for those who need them. The consequence though is a cost that is only limited by the number of people requiring support.

Hampshire is unusual amongst local authorities in projecting our finances up to three years ahead, consequently, we can anticipate where the financial pressures will be. Our projections show that while we will be able to balance our budget for the next two years, by 2025/26 there will be an anticipated shortfall of £120million.

HCC therefore has to consider ways by which we can balance our budget before 2025/6. We very much hope that comes in the way of additional funding from the Government. But it may not, so consequently you will see in the next few weeks publicity about further consultations around the delivery of services.

The feedback from the Summer consultation told us that Hampshire's residents were supportive of service change, but notably opposed to service reduction. We have taken that on board and have prioritised those changes as part of our proposals upon which the County Council will now consult. This will include further internal reorganisation, increased charging for services and the sale of assets.

When a Council can no longer meet its costs, the Government send in Commissioners to run the Council and oversee its return to financial stability. This is what has happened to Birmingham this week. The Commissioner will look at every non statutory obligation and want to understand why the Council might still be operating in that way. Their view will be that the Council should only do that which it is legally obliged, and any other services should be cut.

For that reason Hampshire will also be looking at all non statutory services and reviewing whether they can be carried out differently or at all.

So, when we look at ways by which we can reduce our services, we are left looking at those remaining non statutory services. These include areas which many consider to be vital, and so I am clear that no stone will be left unturned in our review to find ways by which we can keep service reductions to a minimum. Earlier this week we set out those proposals.

These include:

School Crossing Patrols - HCC do not have a legal duty to provide school crossing patrols. We do have a legal duty to ensure children can travel to school safely. We will therefore carry out a review of every crossing patrol location, reviewing if there is either the capital or developer funding to put safe crossings in place, or whether the continuation of the school crossing in that location is the most efficient way of continuing to undertake our duty to the county's school pupils.

Winter Gritting Routes - These have not been reviewed in many years, so we will be testing whether the current network is needed. The landscape of the County has changed. People now have more winter-resilient cars. There are different bus routes and also very different ways of working. A full review is needed.

Community Transport - There is no legal duty for the County Council to support community transport. However, we realise that where it exists community transport plays a vital role in combatting social isolation and enabling access to vital services. A full equalities assessment will be made of all of the support we give. We will assess whether, in cutting support for community transport, we are simply 'robbing Peter to pay Paul'. Would the reduction of support to these services cost the Council significantly more elsewhere, by way of greater social care or school transport costs for example?

No one stands for election to oversee these kind of changes. We will continue to lobby the Government for greater support, we will relentlessly seek out efficiencies that do not affect our services and we will look for every opportunity to raise money so that service reductions can be avoided.

I wish you a happy & healthy Christmas break and all the best for 2024.

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267	Staff Salaries	18/10/2023		Unity Trust	267	October Salaries	October Salaries	Z	4,293.45		4,293.45
268	Staff Salaries	18/10/2023		Unity Trust	268	Employees PAYE & NI - October	HMRC	Z	863.48		863.48
269	Staff Salaries	18/10/2023		Unity Trust	269	Employee Pension Cont - Octo	Hampshire Pension Fund	Z	349.67		349.67
270	Employers' NI	18/10/2023		Unity Trust	198	Employers NI - October 2023	HMRC	Z	446.11		446.11
271	Pension Contribution	18/10/2023		Unity Trust	271	Employers Pension Cont - Octo	Hampshire Pension Fund	Z	1,178.42		1,178.42
272	The Bridewell - maintenance	18/10/2023		Unity Trust	272	Repair MP toilet	Trust Property Services Ltd	S	132.00	26.40	158.40
273	Other amenity areas mainter	18/10/2023		Unity Trust	273	Defib pads	Defibworld	S	116.99	22.60	139.59
274	The Bridewell - general lettin	21/10/2023		Unity Trust	274	Stripe Transaction Fee	Stripe	X	3.35		3.35
275	Other amenity areas mainter	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	275	Calibrate legionella equip	Point Safety Ltd	S	49.96	9.99	59.95
276	Subscriptions	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	276	Premises License	Hart DC/Basingstoke & Dean	Z	70.00		70.00
277	Climate, biodiversity & envirc	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	277	HedgehogsRUS	HedgehogsRUS	Z	157.50		157.50
278	The Bridewell - maintenance	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	278	Accessible toilet	Trust Property Services Ltd	Z	5,539.00		5,539.00
279	Professional Costs	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	279	Support with Bridewell EOI	Cecilia the Clerk	Z	225.00		225.00
280	Chapel Building Maintenance	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	280	Monitor tell-tales N Chapel	SFK Consulting LLP	S	300.00	60.00	360.00
281	IT Support and Back up	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	281	Office 365 accounts	Microsoft Ireland	Z	47.00		47.00
282	Climate, biodiversity & envirc	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	282	Hall hire - H&IoWWT talk	NW Village Hall	Z	48.00		48.00
283	The Bridewell - gas	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	283	The Bridewell gas	Total Energies Gas & Power I	S	595.71	119.14	714.85
284	The Bridewell - gas	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	284	The Bridewell gas	Total Energies Gas & Power I	L	196.18	9.81	205.99
285	The Bridewell - gas	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	285	The Bridewell gas	Total Energies Gas & Power I	L	130.03	6.50	136.53
286	The Bridewell - gas	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	286	The Bridewell gas	Total Energies Gas & Power I	L	123.43	6.18	129.61
287	The Bridewell - gas	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	287	The Bridewell gas	Total Energies Gas & Power I	L	121.06	6.06	127.12
288	The Bridewell - gas	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	288	The Bridewell gas	Total Energies Gas & Power I	L	141.92	7.10	149.02
289	The Bridewell - cleaning & m	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	289	Equip for Bridewell toilet	Viking	S	107.41	21.48	128.89
290	The Bridewell - cleaning & m	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	290	Bridewell cleaning	YBC	S	509.63	101.93	611.56
291	Lighting - Maint and admin	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	291	Street lighting	HCC	S	2,447.96	489.60	2,937.56
291	Lighting - energy costs	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	291	Street lighting	HCC	S	1,140.62	228.13	1,368.75
292	The Bridewell - water	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	292	The Bridewell water	Business Stream	Z	76.98		76.98
293	Toilets - cleaning	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	293	King St Toilets cleaning	CJH Cleaning Services Ltd	S	433.06	86.61	519.67
294	The Bridewell - gas	31/10/2023		Unity Trust	294	The Bridewell gas	Total Energies Gas & Power I	S	328.21	65.64	393.85
296	Estate Agent Fees	26/10/2023		Unity Trust	296	Chapel cottage management f	McCarthy Holden	S	142.03	28.40	170.43
297	Subscriptions	26/10/2023		Unity Trust	297	ICO correction	ICO	Z	-5.00		-5.00
298	Bridewell works	06/11/2023		Unity Trust	298	Repairs to The Bridewell	MSF Historical Restoration Lt	S	4,162.50	832.50	4,995.00

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299	Professional Costs	06/11/2023		Unity Trust	299	Bridewell noticeboard plan	Knight Architectural Design	S	150.00	30.00	180.00
300	Spooktakula	06/11/2023		Unity Trust	300	Spooktakula donation	Hook and Odiham Lions	Z	1,000.00		1,000.00
301	Allotment Deposits	06/11/2023		Unity Trust	301	Allotment Deposit refund	P Welch	Z	60.00		60.00
302	Christmas Trees and Lights	06/11/2023		Unity Trust	302	Christmas tree	Oxford Farm Ltd	S	186.00	37.20	223.20
303	Toilets - Power and rates	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	303	Electricity - King St Toilets	nPower	L	28.47	1.42	29.89
304	The Bridewell - electricity	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	304	Bridewell electricity (Jul)	nPower	S	196.86	39.37	236.23
305	The Bridewell - electricity	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	305	Bridewell electricity (Sep)	nPower	S	130.68	26.14	156.82
306	The Bridewell - waste dispos	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	306	Bridewell bin collection	Suez	S	51.69	10.34	62.03
307	The Bridewell - general lettin	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	307	Stripe Transaction Fee - Oct	Stripe	Z	4.60		4.60
308	Telephone and internet	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	308	Phones (new system) x 2	BT	S	198.48	39.70	238.18
309	PR & Pub inc newsletter	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	309	Room hire for P&D mtg	Vine Church	Z	41.00		41.00
310	The Bridewell - maintenance	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	310	Accessible toilet - The Bridewe	Croma Locksmiths	S	405.60	81.12	486.72
311	Civic Hospitality	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	311	Drinks for Remembrance Servi	All Saints Odiham	Z	43.00		43.00
312	Christmas Trees and Lights	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	312	Food for thank you event	Foster's Catering Limited	S	283.20	56.64	339.84
313	Climate, biodiversity & envirc	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	313	Room hire - H&IoWWT talk	NW Village Hall	Z	48.00		48.00
314	Other amenity areas mainter	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	314	Event grounds maintenance	Keith Dodd	Z	230.00		230.00
315	Tree works	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	315	Chamberlain Gardens	Larkstel Ltd	S	320.00	64.00	384.00
316	Tree works	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	316	Driveway to Beacon Field	Larkstel Ltd	S	400.00	80.00	480.00
317	Chamberlain Gardens (SC Tri	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	317	Grounds maintenance - Octobr	Larkstel Ltd	S	199.16	39.83	238.99
317	Cemetery Maintenance	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	317	Grounds maintenance - Octobr	Larkstel Ltd	S	1,193.58	238.72	1,432.30
317	Other amenity areas mainter	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	317	Grounds maintenance - Octobr	Larkstel Ltd	S	424.24	84.85	509.09
317	Play Areas	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	317	Grounds maintenance - Octobr	Larkstel Ltd	S	529.16	105.83	634.99
317	Allotments - maintenance	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	317	Grounds maintenance - Octobr	Larkstel Ltd	S	60.00	12.00	72.00
317	Bin emptying	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	317	Grounds maintenance - Octobr	Larkstel Ltd	S	392.90	78.58	471.48
317	The Bridewell - waste dispos	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	317	Grounds maintenance - Octobr	Larkstel Ltd	S	15.00	3.00	18.00
317	Promotion of village	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	317	Grounds maintenance - Octobr	Larkstel Ltd	S	25.00	5.00	30.00
318	Travel	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	318	Mileage - AO site inspections	J Peek - expenses	Z	13.95		13.95
319	Cemetery Maintenance	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	319	Weed rose beds	Gregory Property & Garden M	Z	135.00		135.00
320	Office Equipment	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	320	Printer rental Qtr 3 23/24 & co	Ricoh	S	141.51	28.31	169.82
321	The Bridewell - water	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	321	King St Toilets - water	Castle water	Z	23.40		23.40
322	The Bridewell - maintenance	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	322	Replacement microwave	Viking	S	78.94	15.79	94.73
323	The Bridewell - gas	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	323	Arrears on Bridewell gas a/c	Total Energies Gas & Power I	S	1,214.48	242.89	1,457.37
324	Travel	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	324	Travel & office supplies	A Mann Expenses	Z	24.50		24.50
324	Postage and consumables	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	324	Travel & office supplies	A Mann Expenses	Z	8.88		8.88
325	Postage and consumables	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	325	Office supplies	Co-op	Z	6.80		6.80

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326	IT Support and Back up	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	326	Web domain renewal	Elite Hosting Ltd	Z	15.59		15.59
327	IT Support and Back up	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	327	Docking hub for new laptop	Amazon	S	41.66	8.33	49.99
328	IT Support and Back up	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	328	Conference mic	Amazon	S	83.32	16.67	99.99
329	The Bridewell - waste dispos	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	329	Bin locks	Amazon	Z	56.96		56.96
330	Remembrance	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	330	Lamppost poppies	The Poppy Shop	S	100.00	20.00	120.00
331	Postage and consumables	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	331	Return legionella kit	Post Office	Z	12.15		12.15
332	Promotion of village	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	332	Eventbrite fee	Eventbrite	Z	7.99		7.99
333	Professional Costs	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	333	Planning application fee	Planning Portal	S	119.33	10.67	130.00
334	Bank Charges	21/11/2023		Unity Trust	334	Multipay card fee	Lloyds/Unity Multipay	Z	3.00		3.00
Total									33,175.74	3,504.47	36,680.21