

Langrish Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Langrish Parish Council held at The Cow Shed, Ramsdean on

Monday 21 July 2025 at 7:30pm

Present: Councillors Debbie Luff (Chair), Roger Hetherington (Vice Chair), Robert Bewes, Cheryl Walder, Nigel Talbot-Ponsonby and Ian Blackwell.

Sam Marchant (Clerk).

6 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mocatta (District & County Councillor)

2. Declaration of Interests: Cllrs were asked to declare any pecuniary interests.

No declarations were made.

3. Minutes for review & approval:

a) Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2025

The Chair proposed an amendment to item 4c, to include the Cherry Plum Tree which had been planted as a replacement to mark the memorial of Roger Deadman. Cllr Blackman said that he would look to move the memorial plaque to the new tree site.

Once these changes were made Councillors would approve the minutes at the September meeting.

b) Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 May 2025

The Chair asked Councillors to consider whether the minutes were a true record of the meeting. Councillors who had attended the meeting confirmed that they were accurate, the minutes were approved as read and signed as a true and correct record.

c) Extra Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 16 June 2025

The Chair asked Councillors to consider whether the minutes were a true record of the meeting. Councillors who had attended the meeting confirmed that they were accurate, the minutes were approved as read and signed as a true and correct record.

4. Open Forum: Members of the Public were invited to comment.

Residents expressed their support for keeping the proposed new War Memorial plaque in Langrish at the Langrish Green, citing its historical significance and community use.

Concerns were raised about parking, accessibility and locality at both the Langrish Green and Stroud Village Hall sites proposed.

The Chair had sought two quotes for a War Memorial; an upright, stand alone stone suitable for Langrish Green would cost £1,500 and a wall plaque suitable for the outside of Stroud Village Hall would cost £600. Extra funds would be needed for planning permission and installation costs

Unfortunately, recent research carried out by Cllr Hetherington had discovered a rule that would not allow Parish funds to be used for a new War Memorial. Parishes are only allowed to use their funds for repair and maintenance of Memorials. Grants to pay for a new Memorial could be sought from the District Councillor of up to £1,000 and other sources for grants could be investigated.

It was agreed to delay any decision until September at the earliest to allow for further research on Planning Permission for Langrish Green by Cllr Hetherington, and The Clerk agreed to investigate the ownership of Langrish Green. In the meantime, the residents consultation should continue, and The Chair agreed to inform Stroud PC of current progress.

The Chair reminded all that the new website enabled residents to register for updates on what is going on within the Parish Council. This would also be announced in the local newsletter.

5. Planning Applications: to consider & agree comments for submission

a) SDNP/25/01930/FUL – Land North of Lower Bordean Farm, Winchester Road, Bordean, Petersfield: Change of use of land to equestrian use.

The application for change of use to equestrian was discussed. Councillors agreed to submit a comment of no objection.

b) SDNP/25/02462/TPO – Land of the North Side of Greenway, East Meon, Petersfield: Tree works to 10 no. Hazel trees and 1 no. Goat Willow. Specific branches to be pruned marked with pick tree marker spray. See attached method statement for details of work methodology and rationale.

Councillors agreed to submit a comment of no objection.

6. Financial & Admin Matters:

a) Financial summary Actuals vs Budget & list of Payments and Receipts report (7 May – 14 Jul 2025)

The RFO presented the financial report, which was unanimously approved by Councillors. (Appendix A)

b) Letter of Engagement for Lightatouch Internal Audit Service 2025-2026: to approve

The engagement letter for Lightatouch Internal Audit Services for 2025-2026, independent from the PC, was reviewed and approved.

7. Matters Arising

a) War Memorial: to review public response to consultation and agree a deadline.

As previously recorded Councillors were unable to move forward on this at this time and would be discussed further at the September meeting.

b) SDNP Partnership Management Plan 9 June – 1 August: to agree to respond and appoint Councillor.

The Chair agreed to respond to consultation.

8. Reports and Updates

a) All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) call for evidence on access to nature – an opportunity to stop off-roading: to report reply (DL)

The Chair reported submitting a response regarding off-roading and the potential to revert BOATS to RUPPS.

b) Bench refurbishment (CW)

Councillor Walder will obtain a new quote for bench refurbishment and circulate options for colour and maintenance.

c) EHAPTC AGM (DL)

The Chair reported on discussions regarding grouping options proposed and published by Hampshire County Council. Councillors were encouraged to take part in the consultation launched by HHC.

d) Langrish Meadow / Community Orchard (IB)

Cllr Blackwell report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Blackwell agreed to assess the condition of the new trees including the replacement memorial tree and proposed maintenance actions that he would look to explore.

The Chair suggested assessing the needs for protective measures around the trees.

e) Footpaths and Rights of Way (RB)

No report due to weather conditions.

f) Lengthsman: to note recent works and call for jobs (RB)

Cllr Bewes reported that Countryside services had donated a kissing gate and that he would ask the Lengthsman to install.

g) Roads/Highways (IB)

Cllr Blackwell reported that the surfacing on the C28 where it joins the A272 had received some minimal repairs.

He encouraged Councillors and Residents to report potholes on the Ourhants app or to Hampshire Highways.

9. District and County Councillor report: to receive a report from Cllr Mocatta

A report received had been received. (Appendix B)

10. Any other business

No additional matters were raised.

11. To confirm the date of the next meeting: Monday 8 September 2025

The Parish Council meeting closed at 20:55pm. No Cheryl and Nigel.

Signed:

Dated:

Appendix A

Financial Report July 2025

Below is the summary of Actual v Budget 7 May to 14 July 2025 for Payments & Receipts

Summary of Cost Centres - Payments	Actual	Budget	Variance
Room Hire	£ -	£ -	£ -
Clerk and Cllr Admin Expenses	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Clerk Salary (inc PAYE	£ 324.99	£ 1,400.00	£ 1,075.01
Audit Fee	£ 225.00	£ 250.00	£ 25.00
Insurance	£ 297.83	£ 350.00	£ 52.17
Donation	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Asset Maintenance	£ 260.00	£ 2,000.00	£ 1,740.00
Asset Purchase	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Miscellaneous	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Election Expenses	£ -	£ 100.00	£ 100.00
Subscriptions	£ 283.00	£ 350.00	£ 67.00
Training	£ -	£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Website	£ -	£ 500.00	£ 500.00
Langrish Meadow Orchard Project	£ -	£ 650.00	£ 650.00
Total	£ 1,390.82	£ 6,650.00	£ 5,259.18
VAT	£ 52.00		
Summary of Cost Centres - Receipts	Actual	Budget	Variance
Precept	£ 3,213.00	£ 6,426.00	£ 3,213.00
Grants	£ -	£ -	£ -
Bank Interest	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total	£ 3,213.00	£ 6,426.00	-£ 3,213.00
VAT Reclaim 2024-25	£ 164.05		
Payments from 7 May - 14 July 2025			
Date Paid	Payee	Description	Amount
22/05/2025	ICO	Subscription	£47.00
02/06/2025	The Reliable Gardener	Grass Cutting	£78.00
02/06/2025	Zurich	Insurance	£297.83
02/06/2025	Clerk	Salary	£86.73
02/06/2025	HMRC	PAYE	£21.60
06/06/2025	The Reliable Gardener	Grass Cutting	£78.00
30/06/2025	HMRC	PAYE	£21.60
30/06/2025	Clerk	Salary	£86.73
07/07/2025	The Reliable Gardener	Grass Cutting	£78.00
		Total	£795.49
Receipts from 7 May - 14 July 2025			
Date Received	Company	Description	Total
		Total	£ -
Opening Bank Balance 31 March 2025			£6,542.30
Bank Balance 14 July 2025			£8,476.53

July 2025 Update

1) Hampshire County Council plans over 100 transport improvements for 2025/26

Hampshire County Council is planning over 100 transport improvement projects across the county in the coming year to make everyday journeys safer, greener, and easier for everyone.

[Hampshire County Council plans over 100 transport improvements for 2025/26 | Hampshire County Council](#)

The full list is here:

[The Transport Strategy and Scheme Development Programme-2025-06-27-EMH2050 Decision Day](#)

The top scheme in East Hants is the Clanfield Accessibility scheme: *“Scheme to mitigate impact of development traffic. Includes improvements to Drift Road”*.

2) Go-ahead given for introduction of Hampshire-wide food waste recycling

Plans to enable Hampshire residents to recycle household food waste from April 2026 have been confirmed. Hampshire County Council has agreed to progress with arrangements that will see an estimated 30,000 to 50,000 tonnes of food waste from Hampshire households recycled through anaerobic digestion – a process where bacteria breaks down organic matter producing valuable by-products such as renewable gas and organic fertilizer.

[Go-ahead given for introduction of Hampshire-wide food waste recycling | Hampshire County Council](#)

3) Hampshire County Council to consider ‘lane rental’ proposals to minimise roadworks disruption

Proposals that could lead to the introduction of a new lane rental scheme aimed at reducing roadworks delays on over 550 miles of Hampshire’s busiest roads during peak times, are set to be considered by Hampshire County Council later this month

[Hampshire County Council to consider ‘lane rental’ proposals to minimise roadworks disruption | Hampshire County Council](#)

4) HCC is appointing a new CEO.

Over 100 people applied, and after longlisting 11 candidates, and short listing 4, the new CEO is the current deputy CEO Gary Westbrook.

[Hampshire County Council to confirm appointment of new Chief Executive | Hampshire County Council](#)

5) Decisions due this summer on future services

From older adults’ day services to school transport and planned road maintenance, this summer will see key decisions made on the future of some important County Council services delivered to Hampshire residents after April 2026

[Decisions due this summer on future services | Hampshire County Council](#)

6) Bookings open for Hampshire’s Holiday Activities and Food summer programme

Hampshire County Council’s popular Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for the 2025 summer holidays – and eligible families can now browse and book free places for their children at local schemes across the county

[Bookings open for Hampshire’s Holiday Activities and Food summer programme | Hampshire County Council](#)

7) Upgrades completed on popular Hayling Billy Trail to create 'all weather' surface

People using the Hayling Billy Trail, on Hayling Island in Havant, can now benefit from a brand-new 'all-weather' surface, making it easier for walkers, cyclists, mobility scooter users, and horse riders to use in all seasons throughout the year

[Upgrades completed on popular Hayling Billy Trail to create 'all weather' surface | Hampshire County Council](#)

8) Hampshire County Council reviews early options for simpler, stronger, secure councils of the future

Hampshire County Council is assessing four potential options for local government across Hampshire and the Solent as it closes in on identifying the best way of delivering simpler, stronger and secure councils in the future under Government plans to shake up councils across the country

[Hampshire County Council reviews early options for simpler, stronger, secure councils of the future | Hampshire County Council](#)

9) Hampshire County Council announces £12.5 million support package for vulnerable households

Vulnerable Hampshire households struggling with rising costs can access a range of support thanks to a comprehensive £12.5 million package unveiled by Hampshire County Council

[Hampshire County Council announces £12.5 million support package for vulnerable households | Hampshire County Council](#)

10) More special needs school places for children in Gosport and the New Forest

More children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Gosport and the New Forest will access the right support closer to home, thanks to the addition of new special needs places in two local schools.

[More special needs school places for children in Gosport and the New Forest | Hampshire County Council](#)

11) Festival at The Fort: a vibrant celebration of music and culture comes to Gosport next week

An exciting creative arts festival is coming to Gosport next week, celebrating local heritage and culture and involving more than 700 schoolchildren from the town.

[Festival at The Fort: a vibrant celebration of music and culture comes to Gosport next week | Hampshire County Council](#)

12) Hamble Airfield – Planning Inquiry re-commences

The planning appeal in relation to plans by CEMEX to develop a new quarry at the former Hamble Airfield in Hampshire, re-commences on Tuesday 24 June, lasting for three days.

[Hamble Airfield – Planning Inquiry re-commences | Hampshire County Council](#)

13) New Parent? You're not alone.

If you're adjusting to life with a little one and craving some connection, Hampshire's Libraries are here for you.

Hampshire County Council's free 'New Parents Meet and Connect' events offer a relaxed space to share the highs and lows of parenthood—no pressure, just friendly faces, gentle chat, and maybe a few laughs too.

Harry, a new dad who attends his local session, shared: “It’s an informative group for a new Dad. I enjoyed quality time with my baby – we especially enjoyed the sensory play.”



No need to book—just drop in when it suits you. ¹⁴ Find your nearest session:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../lib.../services/support-parents>

Simpler. Stronger. Secure (more details)

Last week a consultation was launched by some councils in Hampshire and the Solent about the future shape of local government in our area. Each council is being asked to submit a proposal for how new council areas should be created. The consultation asks respondents to draw on a map their “local” area and to define what localism means to them. There is no back up material to explain the different options available. Neither HCC not EHDC is part of this group of councils.

Hampshire County Council is also reviewing early options for the future shape of local councils across Hampshire and the Solent and will be consulting on our proposal later this summer.

Under Government plans, all two-tier areas must transition to single-tier unitary councils by 2028—meaning changes to how local services are delivered. The aim? To create simpler, more efficient councils that are financially resilient and responsive to residents’ needs. I absolutely recognise there is a huge risk this will not be the outcome, which is why HCC are undertaking a rigorous assessment of options before suggesting a solution.

It’s vital that any new councils created protect the high-quality services upon which residents rely—and ensure long-term financial strength.

Four possible options are now being assessed, each grouping local authority areas differently. Here’s a quick look:



Option 1: Three-unitary model

North: Basingstoke & Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, New Forest, Rushmoor, Test Valley, Winchester

South: Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth, Southampton

Isle of Wight: Remains as a stand-alone unitary

(Let me be very clear, I do not believe this model should be promoted, the areas are too large, and the risks created by merging the services of so many councils together are too great. This model though should be explored to provide a base line for our deliberation.)



Option 2: Four-unitary model (South split in two)

North: Basingstoke & Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, Rushmoor, Test Valley, Winchester

South-West: Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton

South-East: Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth

Isle of Wight: Stand-alone unitary



Option 3: Variant four-unitary model (Test Valley shifted)

North: Basingstoke & Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, Rushmoor, Winchester

South-West: Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton, Test Valley

South-East: Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth

Isle of Wight: Stand-alone unitary



Option 4: Five-unitary model (more localised focus)

North-East: Basingstoke & Deane, Hart, Rushmoor

Central: Test Valley, Winchester, East Hampshire

South-West: Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton

South-East: Fareham, Gosport, Havant, Portsmouth

Isle of Wight: Stand-alone unitary

What's next? A preferred option will be selected this summer for public feedback. Final proposals will be submitted to Government this autumn, before a further Government led consultation in 2026.