

**CHINEHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting of the Council**



**Date:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
**Time:** 7:45pm  
**Place:** Community Rooms, Chineham Village Hall  
**Present:** Cllr. Paul Miller (Chair)                      Cllr. Marian Adams (Vice Chair)                      Cllr. Nigel Rose  
                   Cllr. Sue Fuller                                      Cllr. Tom Brine  
**Apologies:** Cllr. Neha Sompura & Cllr. Ruth Kellaway.  
**Absent:** Cllr. Olumide Oratokhai  
**Also present:** Amanda Owen (Clerk), Phil Walker (Rapid Response Warden) & one member of the public.

Councillor Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

<b>1.</b>	<b>To receive and accept apologies for absence.</b> Apologies were <b>RECEIVED</b> and <b>ACCEPTED</b> from Councillor Sompura & Councillor Kellaway.
<b>2.</b>	<b>To receive declarations of interest relevant to items on the agenda.</b> No declarations of interest were received.
<b>3.</b>	<b>To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 &amp; Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026.</b> The minutes of the meetings held on Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December and Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 were signed as a correct record of the meeting.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Public Participation.</b> None.
<b>5.</b>	<b>To receive reports from:</b> <b>Borough &amp; County Councillors   CVHMC Liaison   RRW</b> <b>Borough &amp; County Councillors</b> County Councillor Still's report can be found at <b>APPENDIX A</b> . Borough Councillor Vaux provided the following report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Food waste. Started slowly but increasing gradually. Those who have run out of the biodegradable bags can use normal carrier bags. Bins will not be collected if they contain loose food waste.</li> <li>- Elections are taking place for County and a third of the Borough on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Pre-election begins on 25<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>- A33 Litter. A contractor will be conducting a litter pick, dependent upon weather.</li> <li>- Meadow Land play area refurbishment scheduled for next financial year.</li> </ul> <b>CVHMC Liaison</b> No report was received. <b>RRW</b> The Rapid Response Warden report can be found at <b>APPENDIX A</b> .
<b>6.</b>	<b>To consider a response to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste plan.</b> The Parish Council had no comments to submit.
<b>7.</b>	<b>To agree an application to the 'Yellow Fixed Speed Camera' funding scheme.</b> It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would not submit an application for a yellow fixed speed camera due to financial constraints.
<b>FINANCE</b>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>To agree a storage solution for asset list photograph storage.</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> to purchase Google One Basic at a cost of 0.39 pence for the first three months, increasing to £1.59 thereafter. Proposed by Councillor Fuller, seconded by Councillor Brine. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.
<b>9.</b>	<b>To agree the quote from RC Saunders for replacement noticeboard glass at a cost of £276.00.</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> to accept the quote from RC Saunders to replace the Four Lanes noticeboard Perspex to glass at a cost of £276.00. Proposed by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Adams. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

<b>10.</b>	<b>To note the current financial situation.</b> The current financial situation and the bank reconciliation were noted with the bank balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2026 being £105,001.59. The bank reconciliation can be found at <b>APPENDIX B</b> .																																																
<b>11.</b>	<b>To authorise any requests for payment.</b> It was <b>AGREED</b> to authorise the payment requests as listed below. Proposed by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Fuller. All members voted unanimously to accept this resolution.																																																
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<b>12.</b>	<b>To receive an update from the Chair of the Recreation working group.</b> Councillor Fuller addressed the meeting and provided the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation meeting taking place in a couple of weeks.</li> <li>- The Community Orchard has been pruned.</li> <li>- The Assistant Clerk is to enquire with regards to the purchase of stakes to support the trees and bark for the base of the trees.</li> </ul>																																																
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<b>13.</b>	<b>To consider the need for additional members on the Planning Committee and to invite interest from councillors.</b> The Chair advised the meeting that he will discuss this further with the Clerk.																																																
<b>14.</b>	<b>To receive an update from the Chair of the Planning Committee.</b> Councillor Rose advised that the planning meetings had been quiet.																																																
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<b>16.</b>	<b>To agree the date for the Parish Assembly.</b> The date of the Parish Assembly was agreed as Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May. Councillors were asked to consider suggestions for speakers.																																																
<b>17.</b>	<b>To agree the date of the next meeting as Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026.</b> The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March.																																																

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:44.

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## Report from County Councillor Still.

### Winter Weather and our Roads

Since Christmas, the combination of freezing temperatures and relentless rain has taken a real toll on Hampshire's roads. The constant freeze–thaw cycle is exactly the kind of weather that accelerates potholes and surface deterioration, and we've seen a sharp rise in reports as a result.

Despite this, Hampshire's Highways Team has already repaired more than **62,000 defects** since the start of the financial year — an enormous effort given the conditions.

To keep pace with the extra demand, Highways have secured additional crews and machinery, even as councils across the country compete for the same resources. You'll now see more Jet/Dragon Patchers out on the network, extra patching gangs already working since early January, and further teams joining in the coming weeks.

Alongside pothole repairs, winter weather is also putting pressure on drainage systems. Extra jetting machines are now available to help manage localised flooding, and a dedicated team is responding to drainage issues as they arise. We've also added an extra whitelining crew to tackle worn markings at smaller sites.

Given the sheer volume of defects, some potholes will need temporary infill repairs to keep roads safe while permanent repairs are scheduled. It's not ideal, but it's the quickest way to manage safety risks during peak demand.

### How you can help

The best and most effective way to report potholes or any highway issue is through the Hampshire County Council website or the *Our Hants* app. Clear locations and photos are helpful, but not essential. Reporting via email or social media can actually slow things down, as it bypasses the system our teams use to prioritise safety defects. Please see links below.

Reporting Highway Links to report road issues are here:

Potholes: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/potholes>

Tree/hedge problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/treehedge>

Flooding/drainage issues: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/flooding>

Pavement problems: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/paving>

Broken or missing signs: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/brokensigns>

Faulty street lights: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/streetlight>

Faded or missing road markings: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/highways/report-a-problem/road-markings>

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.**

### Tackling Problem Pavement Parking in Hampshire

Pavement parking is one of the issues I hear about regularly — and for good reason. When cars block pavements, it can be dangerous and deeply unfair to people who rely on clear, safe routes: wheelchair users, those with sight loss, older residents, and parents with buggies and prams. It also damages our verges!

The Government has now confirmed that new legislation is on the way to give councils like Hampshire County Council far greater control over pavement parking.

Under the new proposals: Local transport authorities will be able to prohibit pavement parking across their areas, rather than dealing with it street by street.

- A new regulatory framework will allow councils to tailor solutions to local needs, including accessibility and disabled parking.

From 2026, councils will also be able to enforce against unnecessary obstruction of pavements as an interim step, giving us more ability to act where parking is clearly causing problems.



Most drivers are considerate, but the small minority who park without thinking create real barriers for others. These new powers will help us protect vulnerable residents, keep pavements clear, and prevent the sort of verge damage that blights too many neighbourhoods.

### **More Specialist SEND Places Agreed for Hampshire Schools**

Hampshire County Council has approved a major package of new investment to expand specialist support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) across the county.

The number of children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) continues to rise sharply, and around 40% need a specialist place. These decisions move us another step closer to our ambition of creating 1,000 new specialist places by 2030.

Here's what's been agreed:

-  157 new specialist school places across Hampshire
-  A mix of new resourced provisions and refurbishments to support pupils with autism, SEMH needs, and other complex requirements

This is a significant step in making sure children get the right support, in the right place, as close to home as possible — reducing travel times, strengthening inclusion in mainstream schools where appropriate, and ensuring families can access the help they need.






### **A £633m Boost for Hampshire's Schools**

At a time when councils up and down the country are teetering on the brink, Hampshire is investing hundreds of millions of pounds in the future of our children.

This week, Hampshire County Council approved a £633 million capital programme for new schools, better facilities, and vital improvements to children's services. Ten new schools — including two special schools — and hundreds of additional specialist SEND places will be delivered across the county.

This is only possible because of the careful, responsible financial management we've maintained for years. While others have stumbled, Hampshire has kept its books balanced, protected taxpayers' money, and ensured we can still invest where it truly matters.

This programme will deliver:

-  New mainstream and special schools in growing communities
-  Over 390 new specialist SEND places
-  Major upgrades to school buildings and early years settings
-  Investment in Best Start Family Hubs
-  Support for foster carers and adaptations for children with disabilities

This is longterm, serious investment — the kind that shapes a county for generations. And it's being delivered because this council has refused to take the easy way out, choosing instead to plan ahead, spend wisely, and protect Hampshire's future.

### **Can you help a vulnerable Hampshire child this winter?**

This winter, we're asking Hampshire residents to consider something truly lifechanging: opening your home — and your heart — to a vulnerable child.

Hampshire County Council has launched a new fostering campaign that shines a light on the difference fostering makes, not just for children in care but for the families who welcome them. One of the most powerful parts of the campaign is a new video told through the eyes of a foster carer's own child, showing the warmth, friendship and lasting bonds that fostering can bring.

Every child deserves a safe and loving home. And right now in Hampshire, the number of children who need that stability is growing faster than the number of foster carers available. For every child we find a home for, others are still waiting.

We're looking for carers from all walks of life. You don't need to own your home or have previous childcare experience. What matters is compassion, stability, and the willingness to make a difference. In return, you'll receive excellent training, competitive allowances, and ongoing support from a dedicated social worker and our Hampshire Hive network — a brilliant "extended family" of local foster carers supporting one another.

If you've ever wondered whether fostering could fit into your family life, now is the moment to explore it. You can find out more and take the first step here: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/fostering>

New friendships. New futures. Happier hearts all round.

[https://youtu.be/5\\_1Socpqt1c](https://youtu.be/5_1Socpqt1c)

### **CPC RRW Report - January 2026**

- 17(7) Abandoned shopping trolleys reported.  
Locations include:
  - Reading Road
  - Binfields Close
  - Binfields Woods
  - Simons Road
  - St Josephs Crescent
- Printed and posted multiple noticeboard updates.
- Checked CVH defib status panel.
- Attended CPC monthly meeting.
- Liaised with HCC and assistant clerk and removed dilapidated As-One banner from CVH car park.
- Reported damaged K/L bollard outside CVH to HCC.
- Reported missing temporary K/L sign from outside CVH to HCC.
- Reported tree cuttings dumped near brook on Hanmore Rd to B&DBC.
- Reported tree cuttings dumped near brook near Renown Way to B&DBC.
- Reported banners and dislodged fence rail o/s CVH to HCC.
- Reported dilapidated As-One banner on Thornhill Way near skatepark to HCC.
- Liaised with clerk wrt bus shelter condition.
- Reported damaged parking restriction sign at Chineham Centre to HCC.
- Reported damaged fence on Lillymill Chine to HCC.
- Reported damaged bollard at Coppice Pale to HCC.
- Reported abandoned worksite fences near Binfields R/A to HCC.
- Observed tree reduction underway in Minden Close.
- Reported damaged grass verge near Four Lanes School to clerk.
- Verified Enerveo aware of multiple streetlights out on A33.
- Liaised with HCC and removed dilapidated As-One banner from Hanmore Road.
- Reported litter bin missing from BWP to B&DBC.
- Reported broken boardwalk near Lillymill Chine to B&DBC (again).
- Observed both remaining steel & timber benches in BWP have only 3 functional legs.
- Reported missing fence rail on Lillymill Chine via FixMyStreet (following update from HCC).

## APPENDIX B

Date: 02/02/2026

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Time: 16:39

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/01/2026  
for Cashbook 3 - Lloyds Treasurer Account**

User: AMANDA

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Lloyds Treasurer Account	31/01/2026		44,605.61
			<u>44,605.61</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			44,605.61
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			44,605.61
		<b>Balance per Cash Book is :-</b>	<b>44,605.61</b>
		<b>Difference is :-</b>	<b>0.00</b>

Date: 08/02/2026

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Time: 17:08

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/01/2026  
for Cashbook 4 - Public Sector Deposit Fund**

User: AMANDA

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Public Sector Deposit Fund	31/01/2026		60,395.98
			<u>60,395.98</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			60,395.98
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			60,395.98
		<b>Balance per Cash Book is :-</b>	<b>60,395.98</b>
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