

MUCH HADHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Much Hadham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 4th November 2025, in Much Hadham Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.

Cllr B Bird	*Cllr B O’Neill
*Cllr T Bond	*Cllr S Smith
*Cllr I Hunt (Vice Chair)	Cllr P Taylor (Chair)
*Cllr J Liversage	*Cllr J Westlake
Cllr D McDonald	

* Denotes present

In attendance: V Mazza Clerk, Cllr Mark Pope, Cllr Ian Devonshire and 3 members of the public.

25/151. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr P Taylor (Chair), Cllr B Bird and Cllr D McDonald. Cllr I Hunt (Vice-Chair) chaired the meeting.

As a consequence of these absences, however, there were insufficient councillors to form a quorum for the meeting of the Burial Authority planned for earlier in the evening, so it would be rearranged asap.

25/152. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr I Hunt declared an interest in a payment to be approved agenda item 25/162 (i) and would therefore not be participating in or voting on the related motion. Cllr J Liversage will chair this item.

25/153. NOTIFICATIONS OF URGENT BUSINESS

None.

25/154. CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembrance Sunday –a wreath will be laid on behalf of the Parish Council at the War Memorial during the Remembrance Sunday service, this Sunday 9th November at 10:50am. Cllr B Bird is thanked for supplying the wreath.

December’s PC meeting – will be held in the Green Tye Mission Hall with refreshments beforehand so, as is now customary, residents are invited for a Christmas drink, chat and good cheer.

25/155. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 7th October 2025 be accepted as a correct record of the proceedings and were signed by the Vice-Chair.

25/156. REPORTS ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS

As was noted at our last meeting, this “to do” list requires updating, so nothing further to add for now.

25/157. MEMBERS' REPORTS

(i) COMMUNITY

Recreation Ground

Cllr T Bond reported on behalf of Cllr D McDonald that a meeting had been held with representatives of the Sports Association on 21st October 2025 to discuss committee composition, community representation, and procedural matters, following the resignation of the acting Secretary.

Cllr D McDonald noted that it was a productive discussion, the principal conclusions of which were as follows:

- The Recreation Trust was identified as the most appropriate body to represent wider community interests. The Sports Association will approach the Recreation Trust to nominate one Trustee as a liaison.
- Discussion was held on generating revenue through commercial use of the Recreation Ground and pavilions. They will approach a local businessman to review facilities and advise on potential commercial opportunities.
- The Sports Association acknowledged it had not been following procedural rules (e.g. AGMs not held) and more active participation from both clubs is needed.

ACTION: Cllr D McDonald and Cllr T Bond will ensure momentum is maintained and report as matters progress

Cllr I Hunt reported that the funding arrangements for the SA had worked satisfactorily for the past 12 months.

RESOLVED: To approve in principle the continuation of funding agreements for the Sports Association agreed under 24/166 for a further 12 months, with the amounts to be determined as part of the budget setting process.

Pavilion

A long-term arrangement for a Monday-Friday weekly hire of the Pavilion has been agreed, with the formal contract currently being finalised. A further update will be provided at the next meeting.

Village Hall

Cllr I Hunt reported that there had been a meeting of the management committee on 14th October at which it was reported that:

- The financial situation was described as satisfactory
- Repairs and maintenance work planned for the coming months included roof repairs above the main entrance and the main hall breakout area, and the ladies' toilets. The possibility of obtaining grants was being explored
- the website has been updated.

Cllr T Bond observed that there are in fact two different Village Hall websites, each with different domains and he will liaise with a committee member to resolve this anomaly.

(ii) ENVIRONMENT (INCLUDING PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY)

Cllr S Smith presented a commentary on the seasonal challenges of leaves, wind and rainfall. Each landowner has a responsibility to contribute to maintaining the village, and generally, this responsibility is being met collectively.

Footpaths and Bridleways:

- 1. Footpath 4 (New Barns Lane to Bromley Lane)** – A resident has raised concerns about the poor surface and lack of maintenance. HCC PRoW colleagues will investigate and implement corrective measures where necessary.
- 2. Bridleway 17 (Winding Hill to GHGC Golf Course)** – The owner of the adjoining field has temporarily closed the path while rebuilding sections of its surface. An alternative route has been provided during this work.

Cllr J Westlake asked if HCC have to approve the diversion. Cllr S Smith replied that, as it is a temporary measure, they are happy with what is in place.

(iii) HIGHWAYS (INCLUDING “20’S PLENTY”)

Cllr S Smith commented that the dangerous situation along Danebridge Road had not been addressed. HCC Cllr M Pope asked if this had been reported. Cllr S Smith replied that it had been reported by residents on many occasions with Highways and at various meetings with Highways personnel, and then provided more details as previously reported to the PC.

Cllr M Pope remarked that there was some geo-technical work to be carried out. Cllr S Smith replied that the embankment needed shoring up with metal or wooden supports in the worst places in a similar way to that undertaken a few years back further downstream by Danebridge Lane.

“20’S PLENTY”

Nothing to report in the absence of Cllr D McDonald

(iv) MEDIA

Cllr T Bond reported a full review of all village notice boards has been initiated to assess their condition, identify necessary repairs or improvements, and estimate associated costs and timescales. A detailed report with findings and recommendations will be presented in early November.

Social Media:

Posts across Parish Council and Much Hadham Community pages covering:

- October Parish Council meeting reminder
- Planning committee update covering objections to Hill House and Dolan’s Field developments
- Advice on missed Food Waste Collections
- Notice of planning application for Solar Array in Gt Notley Field
- Email scam warning and advice

MHPC Website:

The usual range of news articles and banners were added to the website to match our social media posts.

(v) SECURITY

Important Notice: Join 'Herts Connected': The 'Neighbourhood Alert' replaced OWL. Visit www.herts.police.uk and sign up under 'Campaigns'. Once signed up you can follow neighbourhood alerts, as before.

Members were advised to be aware of conveyancing fraud, where criminals impersonate solicitors or estate agents to intercept large financial transfers during property transactions.

- 143 cases reported between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.
- Average loss per case: £78,393.

Street Crime

It was noted that 78,000 people had phones snatched on UK streets last year.

Reported Crime in Much Hadham

None reported

Remember to report all incidents and crime so that resources can be appropriately allocated. For all non-emergency matters please call 101 OR online reporting via <https://www.herts.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Cllr O'Neill mentioned that he saw Police out on patrol in the Village today.

(vi) STANSTED AIRPORT

No report from Cllr D McDonald as absent from meeting. Cllr O'Neill remarked that the number of flights operating outside the agreed no-flight time zone is increasing and appears to be going unaddressed. Members expressed concern that this issue may worsen with any future expansion plans.

(vii) OTHER

The War Memorial is now fully illuminated in the evenings after Cllr B Bird had replaced the bulbs. Cllr T Bond will investigate whether an isolation switch can be installed.

25/158 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

HCC Cllr M Pope reported that he will have a Highways Locality Budget of £90,000 for the 26/2027 financial year. Work will be taking place at Joyce's Corner in 2026, costing £60,000. It has been noticed that road markings need to be repainted at junction of Watery Lane and Danebridge Road, the school crossing needs to be made more visible along with fixing the pavements outside the Almshouses.

Cllr M Pope also plans to reinstate a regular meeting with officers. Cllr S Smith raised an issue with the street lights and pavement in reference to a resident's complaint. EHDC Cllr I Devonshire commented that there is no money to fix it but will speak with the resident in question. Cllr S Smith also raised the unresolved issues along Danebridge Road that required co-ordination between the Environment Agency and Highways.

EHC Cllr I Devonshire reported:

- that the bin collection issues should have now been resolved. If residents still have bins not being collected on allocated days then please let him know.
- Parking Consultation – EHC is inviting residents, businesses and visitors to share their views on proposed changes to car park operational hours, tariffs and maximum stay periods across the district. Please visit: <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/latest->

[news/2025/consultation-opens-proposed-parking-changes-east-herts](#) where further details can be found.

- Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) - The options being appraised are two, three or four Unitary Authorities. The decision on which option Hertfordshire will follow is expected to be made by the Secretary of State in June or July 2026. Cllr I Devonshire remarked that the EHC preferred option is for four Unitary authorities.

25/159. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr I Hunt presented an annual progress report for the Neighbourhood Plan – see Appendix A Based on progress to date, for the remaining 7.5 years of the Plan, on average two more houses were required to be built each year to meet the minimum target required, in addition to the completion of the developments at Hopleys and The Bull.

He had also circulated to councillors an update on the funding of spending priorities included in the Plan – See Appendix B. However, with the demise of the New Homes Bonus scheme and no s106 monies due to be allocated to the parish, these priorities would remain unfunded.

25/160. RESIDENTS' COMMENTS

A resident reported that the land near Bridleway 17 has been re-seeded and includes a newly renovated nuclear bunker, which has impressed local residents.

A resident stated that their company owned the land adjoining Footpath 4 and were not aware of any issues relating to it. They expressed the view that it seemed unnecessary to involve Highways, as the land is privately owned (see agenda item 25/147(ii) above).

The resident also reported incidents of fly-tipping on their land near Kettle Green Lane and noted that both EHC and the Police had shown little interest in assisting.

A resident questioned why Much Hadham Parish Council holds approximately £70,000 in its savings account, suggesting that this appeared to be a high level of public funds remaining unused. Cllr I Hunt replied that in the period between Clerks, there had been a loss of momentum in some areas and funds had accumulated. Normally, the Council aims to maintain a minimum reserve of around £30,000. Upcoming tree works will require a substantial amount of the “surplus” funding.

Another resident reported finding a plastic bag containing flesh and bones at the entrance to their private driveway on Footpath 20. The resident believed the remains were from a badger and had been dumped there. Another resident confirmed this was not an isolated incident, with several instances on local farmland.

25/161. BURIAL AUTHORITY

It was discovered earlier in the year that the Burial Authority had been operating for decades with the implied authority of the parish council but this had never been formalised within a Terms of Reference. Draft terms were prepared and circulated, and members of the BA made several improvements. A final draft was now presented for approval.

RESOLVED to review and approve the Burial Authority Terms of Reference.

(These will be uploaded to the website after the meeting.)

As demonstrated this evening, with only 4 nominated cllrs it is too easy for the BA to become inquorate, so a 5th member is required and Cllr J Westlake has kindly agreed to step forward.

RESOLVED to approve Cllr J Westlake as a member of the Burial Authority.

25/162. FINANCIAL

(i) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts, as shown below, be duly authorised for payment. Cllr I Hunt did not participate in this item or vote due to his declared interest (agenda item 25/152). Cllr J Liversage took the chair for this item.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS - NOVEMBER 2025

Ref	Payable to	For	Amount £
DD	PWLB	Loan repayment (Street Lighting) - debited 15/10/25	1367.32
DD	Npower:	Lighting for war memorial Jul-Sep - debited 24/10/25	60.61
OP423	Home & Office Fire Extinguishers Ltd:	Annual Service	318.96
OP424	BA: R.B. Contractors:	Post renewal at Perry Green Burial Ground	200.00
OP425	Broadmead Leisure Ltd:	Quarterly playground inspection (Sep)	60.00
OP426	SLCC Enterprises Ltd:	Advert for Clerk recruitment	428.40
DD	PWLB	Loan repayment (Pavilion)	2693.73
OP427	Victoria Mazza:	Clerk's mileage expense Sep-Oct	44.10
OP428	Victoria Mazza:	Clerk's salary (Oct)	777.40
OP429	Cllr I Hunt:	Reimburse for Planning Resource subscription	625.00
OP430	MH Sports Association:	Pavilion water	74.38
OP431	Cllr P Taylor:	Reimbursement of Microsoft sub for Clerk's laptop	84.99
SO	M Windmill	Litter Picking (Oct)	106.17
SC	Unity Trust Bank	Service Charge	6.00
Total payments			<u><u>£6,847.06</u></u>

DD = Direct Debit | SO = Standing Order | OP = Online Payment

Payments to be authorised online following the meeting by Cllr B O'Neill and Cllr S Smith.

(ii) Financial Statement

The financial statement for 2025/26 to date was received from Cllr I Hunt. The summary financial position was as below and comparison to the annual budget is attached at Appendix C. The cash book and bank account had been reconciled and all agreed.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 28 OCTOBER 2025

	Parish Council £	Burial Authority £	Total £
Opening balance - 1 April 2025	55,308.40	23,948.58	79,256.98
Income	52,619.46 [▼]	2,855.00	55,474.46 [▼]
Expenditure	- 31,451.28 [▼]	- 1,652.48	- 33,103.76
Closing balance	<u>76,476.58</u>	<u>25,151.10</u>	<u>101,627.68</u>

FUND BALANCES

Unity Trust Instant Saver			91,182.33
Unity Trust Current Account		15,864.48	
Add: Outstanding deposits		-	
Less: Unpresented items		<u>-5,419.13</u>	10,445.35
Total Fund Balances			<u><u>101,627.68</u></u>

Earmarked Reserves are excluded from the Parish Council balance to identify the general balance available for the Parish Council:

Parish Council closing balance			76,476.58
<u>Earmarked Reserves:</u>			
Section 106 receipts for sport or recreation		1,570.00	1,570.00
General balance available for Parish Council			<u><u>74,906.58</u></u>

Note: general balance not to fall below £30,000 unless due to cash flow, or in the case of unexpected events or emergencies.

(iii) Initial 2026/27 Budget

Cllr I Hunt reported that Cllrs had been circulated with an initial draft of the budget for the next financial year. Discussions were taking place on projects to be included. For the December meeting it was expected that an updated budget would be presented, together with a 5-year forecast, a plan for earmarking reserves and proposals for the level of precept for 2026/27.

(iv) Earmarked Reserves

There is currently an unused reserve of £1,570 from historic s106 funds. There are no projects currently planned to use these funds but several items of playground equipment had recently been refurbished. It would be a reasonable use of the reserve to contribute to the £1,970 cost of that work.

RESOLVED To approve the release of s106 receipts for sport or recreation £1,570.

25/163. PLANNING

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7th October 2025 were received and the decisions taken were noted.

25/164. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

25/165. CLERK'S INFORMATION

The Clerk mentioned that the Village Hall is now officially the Parish Council's postal address. The mailbox will be checked on a regular basis so please send any correspondence necessary by post to: Clerk to Much Hadham Parish Council, c/o Much Hadham Village Hall, Oudle Lane, Much Hadham, SG10 6DQ.

25/166. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2nd December, at Green Tye Mission Hall, 7.00pm start with refreshments before the main meeting at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.39pm.

25/159 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

It is a requirement of the Neighbourhood Plan (p95 para 13.2) that the Chair of the Planning Committee reports to the PC on progress against the Plan at least annually. As the last report was in November 2024, a report is now due.

The purpose of the Plan is to preserve, protect and develop the parish in the way it intended, and this continues to be achieved.

Indeed, it would be quite possible to simply take last year's report and re-date it to this year. The fact is that in almost all aspects of preserving, protecting and developing the parish, the status quo of 12 months ago remains undisturbed, with no deterioration evident in the natural landscape and no new completed housing developments.

Housing

The minimum requirement is for 54 new homes in the village in the Plan period covering the 16 years, April 2017 - March 2033. After 8.5 years, just over halfway through the plan period, 25 have been built, just under half the requirement.

This leaves a further 29 homes to be built over the next 7.5 years. Full planning applications have been approved for a total of 14 dwellings at Hopleys and The Bull. Both sites are now owned by developers and, although progress is slowly being made in discharging the pre-commencement conditions, we can be confident they will be built out. Assuming so, we now need only to average 2 new houses built in each remaining year of the plan, 15 in total, to achieve the minimum requirement.

Although not contributing to the achievement of the village housing target, we continue to see a number of housing approvals in the rural area, many of which are broadly supportable:

- The conversion of a barn on Bromley Lane to 5 houses
- The redevelopment of brownfield land at the front of St Elizabeth's for 7 houses
- The conversion of a barn at South End for 5 houses

These are examples of reasonably sensible development proposals. However, we have also seen housing proposals at the opposite end of the scale e.g. for up to 46 houses at Little Dolan's Field and the submission of significant areas of agricultural land in response to the Call for Sites as part of the work to prepare a new district plan. It remains necessary to be vigilant against these threats.

Heritage and Landscape

Turning to the natural environment and protection of the landscape, the Plan's primary policies were the creation of local green spaces (LGS) and priority views. Once again, there has been no detriment to any of these in the past 12 months and these policies appear to be holding up well against development pressures.

With regard to other greenfield areas not given special protection, the wilful destruction of the pastureland at Dane Bridge remains the subject of unresolved enforcement action. We

continue to hope for a favourable verdict by the planning inspectors on the landowner's appeal and that remedial and restorative action will be undertaken.

Permission to build a contentious road across farmland at Green Tye was refused. Forthcoming challenges to the preservation of the landscape are likely to include applications for solar arrays, with one already under consideration to the north of the parish.

The state of the site at the Jolly Waggoners continues to be a frustration with no obvious viable route for its development nor its restoration nor, indeed, its demolition since its classification as a non-designated heritage asset.

Proof that heritage can be preserved whilst being re-positioned to meet current and future demands comes from renewal of The Hoops public house, the alterations to Little Maltings on Malting Lane, the investment in Bucklers Hall and the use of modern materials in the re-roofing of parts of St. Andrews church, amongst many other examples.

Looking Forward

Whether the Plan continues to be the primary framework for assessing development proposals in the village will be tested by the planning application for the land to the rear of Hill House. This application assumes the Plan's significance has been diminished by the lack of a 5-year housing supply and that the interpretation of the relevant policy for that site includes permitting a market-led development. Should this be upheld either by the planning officers or a planning inspector on appeal, then the housing supply policies in the Plan will no longer carry weight and development in the village could far exceed the minimum requirement.

Prepared by Cllr Ian Hunt, Chair, Planning Committee for 4th November 2025 Parish Council meeting.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS INCLUDED IN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN POLICY MH SP1: FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Parish Council will maintain a schedule of priorities to receive the benefit of funding from the New Homes Bonus (NHB), s106 agreements and/or any future funding streams such as Community Infrastructure Levy.

Since this policy was approved, EHC has stopped the NHB payments. s106 agreements generally require developments to be for 10+ dwellings but none of that size are in the NP. If s106 funding were available from a large development it can only be spent on necessary facilities/projects demonstrated to be required as a consequence of the new development or to meet a need in the locality of the development. It follows that some of the original priorities will not qualify for s106 funding and consequently have been ~~struck through~~ for the 2025 report below.

[Much Hadham Neighbourhood Plan.pdf \(onwebcurl.com\)](#) [pages 95-96]

Action / Initiative listed in NP as a PC priority	Responsibility – who owns the assets / who would lead / who has authority	Feasible Actions Green – no hindrances to PC / others’ action Amber – do-able if there is the will / funding from those responsible No colour – no longer considered a priority or no identified route to success	Cost to PC £ up to £1,000 (one off or recurring) ££ up to £5,000 (one off) £££ up to £5,000 recurring or one off up to £10,000 ££££ multi year commitment >£5,000 pa or one off >£10,000	Include in 2026/27 budget?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic calming measures, particularly on the B1004 and in the hamlets; 	Herts County Council (HCC) Highways	20’s Plenty for B1004 campaign –survey results confirm resident support. For 2025, following local elections HCC appear to be expanding coverage of 20mph zones but mostly in urban areas. Much Hadham has not been included in the top 500 potential sites.	£	No

Action / Initiative	Responsibility	Feasible Actions	Cost to PC	Include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of off-road parking; 	<p>PC where it is landowner; landowners/developers</p> <p>VH management committee</p>	<p>Expand Recreation Ground car park – requires planning approval, likely to hinge on whether compensating open space available, possibly to the rear of Hill House if development approved.</p> <p>Intensify use of Village Hall car park by greater regulation/charging. No proposals to hand yet</p>	<p>££££ - realistically would only happen with benefit of developer contributions as part of Hill Group development?</p> <p>££</p>	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement and maintenance of public rights of way e.g. footpaths and bridleways throughout the parish; 	HCC / landowners	<p>This is already reasonably well managed with regular improvements seen and maintenance conducted to a seasonal programme.</p> <p>Hill House? FPs either side impacted so should be included in any planning conditions (see also Appendix H action 1) on page 4)</p>	<p>Nil?</p> <p>[Kiv PC paid for new path from Rec car park but not a PROW]</p>	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of no-parking areas in sections of the village where road visibility is poor or where parking detracts from the beauty of the surroundings; 	HCC Highways	<p>Little demand for restrictions (except opposite junction with Kettle Green Lane) as the current unregulated parking provision reduces traffic speed</p>	<p>If new junction is proposed at Hill House, parking consequences for that area will be considered as part of it.</p>	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of support for residents who are elderly or disabled by improving local facilities and increasing the number of local events; 	<p>Community Groups; PC wherever it is owner of suitable facilities</p>	<p>Little Hadham Community Hub is now the centre for local initiatives and is a better facility (e.g. car parking).</p> <p>PC should keep in view opportunities arising from the potential to make more community use of the Bowls Club pavilion and the VH</p>	<p>Unknown at this stage until more concrete proposals emerge</p>	No

Action / Initiative	Responsibility	Feasible Actions	Cost to PC	Include
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting up extra age group appropriate activities; 	Community Groups	Needs inspiring community leaders to make it happen – PC and church facilities are available	£ seed funding e.g. as granted for community football for children on Recreation Ground	Already have a £1k grant budget – no extra required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for the River Ash “restoration”; [<i>“management” is a more appropriate term</i>] 	River Lea Catchment Partnership / Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust; Environment Agency; Thames Water?	Requires multi-agency co-ordination and “whole of river” perspective. PC could have a role in providing a share of funding for small scale projects. Also, could PC become a corporate member of one or more of these organisations, to obtain guidance and advice, to share with local riparian owners and the community?	£ as grant funding for local volunteers but this is unlikely to be restoration work? (PC unlikely to be approached to help fund larger projects)	Already have a £1k grant budget – no extra required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in assets under the custodian trusteeship of the Parish Council such as the Recreation Ground and Village Hall, including carbon reduction initiatives. 	Parish Council as custodian trustees; Sports Association; Village Hall Management Committee; Recreation Trust	Entirely within local control	£££ if facilities investment required e.g. playground equipment	Already have a £5k non-specific revenue/capital expenditure budget item – no extra required

APPENDIX H. PARISH COUNCIL ACTION PLANS

This appendix captures issues for consideration by the Parish Council. Not all are planning matters but they emerged as a by-product of the consultation exercises and are reported here to encourage action on them, funded by the precept, grants etc.

[Much Hadham Neighbourhood Plan.pdf \(onwebcurl.com\)](#) [pages 115-117]

Action / Initiative listed in NP as a consideration for the PC. <u>There are detailed suggested actions for each of these in Appendix H of the NP</u>	Responsibility – who owns the assets / who would lead / who has authority	Feasible Actions Green – no hindrances to PC / others’ action Amber – do-able if there is the will / funding from those responsible No colour – no longer considered a priority or no identified route to success	Cost to PC £ up to £1,000 (one off or recurring) ££ up to £5,000 (one off) £££ up to £5,000 recurring or one off up to £10,000 ££££ multi year commitment >£5,000 pa or one off >£10,000	Include in 2026/27 budget?
1. Footpaths and bridleways: identify ways to improve the network of footpaths and bridleways	HCC / landowners	Several actions relate to working with landowners to improve connectivity between “dead end” paths. However, no opportunities identified currently.	Nil	No
2. Water levels in River Ash - identify ways to improve water flows	This appears to overlap with the PC priority above. Some voluntary effort made to clear Himalayan Balasam			

Action / Initiative	Responsibility	Feasible Actions	Cost to PC	Include
3. Parish Council to develop and publicise a “code of best practice” for local homeowners. <i>[Probably the wrong terminology as intended to be more community-oriented, a social initiative rather than a set of rules]</i>	PC	Entirely within local control. The aim would be to improve the sense of community, people taking the initiative to e.g. keep frontages tidy, pick up litter etc and e.g. hold an annual “welcome party” / reception for newcomers. Another approach is to find common cause against something (as happened with Moor Place Gate, The Bull etc) to bring people together. Needs someone to take the initiative, devise a plan so that funding can be considered	£ for publicising	No
4. Establish and publicise a Parish Endowment fund to invest in improving the natural environment	PC	Entirely within local control but requires a substantial “kickstarter” donation?	£ legal costs and publicising	No

Drafted by Cllr I Hunt 13th November 2023

Updated 17th December 2023

Updated 30th October 2024

Updated 30th October 2025

BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON AS AT 28 OCTOBER 2025

(Parish Council only)	FULL YEAR	YEAR TO DATE	COMMENT
	2025/26 BUDGET	2025/26 ACTUAL	
	£	£	
INCOME			
Precept	45,000.00	45,000.00	
Pavilion income	300.00	399.00	
Grant	-	-	
Other	605.00	695.50	Bank interest
VAT reclaimed	7,705.00	6,524.96	
TOTAL INCOME	53,610.00	52,619.46	
EXPENDITURE			
Staff costs	10,607.00	5,088.34	
PWLB loan repayment - Pavilion	5,387.46	5,387.46	
PWLB loan repayment - Street lights	2,734.64	2,734.64	
Administration costs	3,830.00	3,346.17	
Legal costs	-	-	
Insurance	3,545.00	1,249.72	
Audit fees	820.00	815.00	
Election expenses	-	-	
Maintenance of open spaces	13,390.00	9,683.44	
War memorial (lighting and maintenance)	1,055.00	193.02	
Pavilion	3,840.00	596.44	
Grants and donations (Section 137 expenditure)	1,000.00	500.00	
Sport and recreation grants (Section 106 funded)	-	-	
Replacement bench	-	530.00	For Ash Meadow
Revenue/Capital Projects (to be allocated)	5,000.00	-	
VAT	5,000.00	1,327.05	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	56,209.10	31,451.28	