

West Tytherley, Frenchmoor and Buckholt Parish Council

Meeting of the West Tytherley, Frenchmoor and Buckholt Parish Council held in King Edward's Hall, West Tytherley, on Monday 13th April 2026, 7pm.

Present: Cllr N Carpenter (Chairman), Cllr M Down (Vice-Chairman), Cllr F Collier, Cllr F Collyer, Cllr N Macpherson, and Cllr R Gribble.

Also present: 8 Parishioners, Cllr Nick Adams-King (HCC), Cllr S MacDonald (TVBC), and S Bailey (Clerk)

2604-1	To receive and accept apologies for absence
None received.	
2604-2	Chairman's remarks
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone was recording the meeting to declare it.	
2604-3	To consider a Parishioner's application to join the Parish Council.
Cllr Macpherson arrived at 7:06pm.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Parishioner has applied to join the Parish Council but was unable to attend this meeting. • The Parish Council unanimously decided that they would like to interview this prospective Councillor before deciding if they should be appointed to the Parish Council. • The Clerk will set up this interview. 	
2604-4	To receive declarations of pecuniary and personal interests relating to items on this agenda
No pecuniary or personal interests to declare.	
2604-5	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th March 2026
The minutes from the Parish Council meeting on the 9 th March 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
2604-6	To receive report from Test Valley Borough Council
Cllr MacDonald arrived at 7:07pm	
Cllr MacDonald discussed his key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning is still very busy, speculative developments are still being approved in unsuitable locations, which will continue to happen until the Local Plan comes into effect later in the year. • Grants are available, particularly the Climate Change Grant and the Rural Business and Community Enterprise Fund, both of which are up to £10,000. There is also a Community Delivery Fund now available to support bigger, high-impact projects in rural areas. 	
2604-7	To receive report from Hampshire County Council
Cllr Adams-King discussed his key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government has now chosen the proposed map for the Government reorganisation. They have chosen to create 4 new Council areas, which isn't ideal as this involves splitting up districts. The Secretary of State has said that this plan was chosen as it is the most financially sustainable, however from HCC's perspective this is not the case. This plan involves combining Eastleigh and Southampton, both of which have huge debt, whilst also creating a huge mid Hampshire Council which has had 50% of its business rates removed, has very limited development prospects, an older population, small schools, rural roads and no main centre, so will have financial problems from day one. Additionally, the MHCLG have asked HCC how they plan to elect the new Councillors by the 28th May 2026, but 	

the HCC elections are on the 7th May 2026 and the County Council annual meeting is not due to take place until 21st May, so there is no way HCC will have time to put a plan in place to elect the new Councillors by the 28th May 2026. Subsequently, Cllr Adams-King has written to the Secretary of State and asked for justification on how the four Council plan is the most financially sustainable and that the deadline on choosing how the new Councillors are elected needs to be pushed back.

- Potholes are slowly getting filled.
- Dean Road has now been resurfaced, but they are coming back to fix some lingering issues.
- He is arranging to speak to an adjacent landowner of Dean Road to discuss the flooding issues.
- Aster have been trying to retrospectively charge people for sewerage, but he has spoken to them, and they have agreed to not charge anyone more for their 24/25 sewerage.
- He hopes to return, but acknowledges that this may be his last meeting, so wanted to say what a joy coming to these meetings has been.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr Adams-King for all his help over the last few years and dearly hope that he can return.

2604-8	To discuss the closure of the bottle bank
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- TVBC have said that they are removing the bottle banks from King Edward's Hall's land as they can no longer empty them due to BT having installed a low wire above both the bottle banks.
- BT will only speak to the landowner who is connected to the new wire.
- The landowners have spoken to BT, and they have essentially said that there is no problem and won't do anything.
- The landowners have filled out a form with Open Reach that will hopefully make them come and do an inspection.
- Cllr MacDonald explained that TVBC will try and find a new location for the bottle bank, but he is not hopeful.
- He recommended that the landowners write to Caroline Nokes MP to make her aware of the situation as she has a contact at BT.

Cllr Adams-King and Cllr MacDonald both left the meeting at 7:28pm.

2604-9	To receive an update on the Resilience Project
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- The Resilience volunteers are having a meeting in 2 weeks' time to make sure everyone is up to date and to make sure everyone knows how to use the radios.
- A new radio would cost £142.50, plus £19.50 delivery. The Parish Council unanimously decided that this was too expensive, and Cllr Gribble will see if he can find a cheaper option.

2604-10	To discuss hiring out the Recreation Ground and Pavilion
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- Broughton Junior Football Club would like to use the recreation ground occasionally throughout the summer for training sessions.
- The Parish Council unanimously agreed that this is fine.
- Broughton Junior Football Club would also like to hire the recreation ground again for the 26/27 football season.
- The Parish Council unanimously agreed to this and will charge £200, the same as 25/26.
- A Parishioner would like to hire the recreation ground and pavilion on Saturday 9th June for a child's birthday party.
- The Parish Council unanimously agreed to this hire and agreed it would be free of charge as they are a Parishioner but noted that they can make a donation towards utilities if they would like.
- Cllr Collier will liaise with the Parishioner to unlock the pavilion and make sure it is in good working order.

2604-11	To note the Letter of Support for Lockerley Scout Group
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The Clerk has sent Lockerley Scout Group a letter of support to help their bid for a Community Asset Fund Grant from TVBC to improve their Scout HQ.

2604-12	To receive an update on moving the bin at the junction of Dean Road and Coopers Track
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Collier has managed to agree a new location for the bin on the other side of Coopers Track, away from the bench. • She is just waiting for Hampshire Highways to give the final go ahead. • A contractor is putting together a quote to move the pole and place a paving slab for the bin to sit on and be tied to.
2604-13	To review what maintenance the village needs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The dragon's teeth need new reflectors. • The Parish Council unanimously agreed to purchase 12 reflectors, 6 red, 6 white, costing up to £50. • A contractor putting in a new driveway for the Black Horse pub had spare scalping's so has filled the ruts in the scalping's put down by the Lengthsman on the corner of Beale's Court and the Village. • A Parishioner has reported that the recreation ground gate is not closing. • The Parish Council explained that this is because the latch is not self-closing and needs to be properly closed. • The Parish Council unanimously decided that if this becomes a bigger issue, they will look into fixing it. • The Parish Council has £1479 in their Lengthsman account that they need to spend, or HCC will not continue to fund their Lengthsman, thus the Parish Council needs to decide on a big project. • Cllr Down will enquire with the contractor whether the Pavilion needs painting. • The bus shelter and fence could be painted. • The Lengthsman often doesn't have the necessary tools he needs, so the Parish Council will enquire if they can use their funds to purchase some more tools for the Lengthsman.
2604-14	To receive an update on the roads and footpaths
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The potholes on North Lane have not been filled very well. • HCC will be speaking to a landowner on Dean Road to try and sort out the flooding issues. • The Parish Council unanimously decided to ask Hampshire Highways if they could put up more 20mph advisory speed limit signs further out into the village. • A Parishioner noted that they do not think the speed indicator device is very encouraging as there is no green light or smiley face. • Landowners backing on to footpath 3 were given yellow footpath waymarkers to put on their new fence to clearly indicate where the footpath is. • Footpath Warden's Report: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Footpath 5 by School – Steps cleared and foliage cut back. New fingerpost installed, thank you to the Romsey Ramblers for their help. The gatepost further along had collapsed, and the Landowners agreed to remove it as there was no livestock to contain. ii. Footpath 4 at the junction of Coach Road – Fingerpost replaced and stile repaired with Landowners permission, thank you again to the Romsey Ramblers. iii. Bridleway 2 at the junction of Stoney Batter Barn/Lane – Missing Bridleway sign reported to Hampshire Rights of Way. iv. Footpath 3 – Totally clear of overgrown brambles. Thank you to the Landowner and the Parishioner who helped. v. Footpath 6 – Landowners have been asked to clear a path through crops. vi. Bridleway 15/Footpath 14 – No obstructions visible.
2604-15	To review new planning applications and decisions
	<p>a) 26/00573/TREES 4 And 5 North Lane, West Tytherley - Beech Tree, reduce crown by up to 5m and cut back lower branches up to 100mm. The Parish Council unanimously supports this application.</p>

a) To consider contributing to King Edward’s Hall’s insurance

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to contribute 75% of King Edward’s Hall’s insurance, £1063.96. The Chairman abstained from this decision as he is on the Hall Committee.

b) To agree upcoming invoices

- HALC/NALC subscription, £328.00 – Agreed.
- Village Hall Insurance Contribution, £1063.96 – Agreed.

c) To note the 25/26 VAT reclaim

The Parish Council unanimously agreed that the Clerk should reclaim £597.30 from HMRC for the 25/26 financial year.

d) To note March’s receipts/payments and expected receipts/payments

Ins (Current Account)

Date	Receipts	Total	Balance
30/03/2026	HCC	£86.00	£1,598.98

Outs (Current Account)

Date	Payment	Total	VAT	Net	Balance
11/03/2026	SSE	£59.75	£2.85	£56.90	£1,710.26
23/03/2026	Hugo Fox (Emails)	£20.99	£3.50	£17.49	£1,689.27
23/03/2026	SSE	£164.30	£7.82	£156.48	£1,524.97
25/03/2026	Hugo Fox	£11.99	£2.00	£9.99	£1,512.98
31/03/2026	S Bailey Payroll	£715.58	£0.00	£715.58	£833.40
31/03/2026	S Bailey Office Allowance February	£26.00	£0.00	£26.00	£857.40

Ins (Deposit Account)

Date	Receipts	Total	Balance
09/03/2026	Interest	£7.29	£18,076.15

Expected Receipts/Payments

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Receipt	Expected Total	Date
Precept	£20,000.00	April/September
VAT Reclaim	£597.30	May
Pavilion Hire	£200.00	September
Interest	£175.00	Monthly (approx. £14)
HCC	£350.00	Quarterly (£86)
Total	£21,322.30	

Outs

Payments	Expected Total	Date
HALC/NALC Subscription	£328.00	April
Hall Contribution	£1,063.96	April
Resilience Project	£194.40	April
Finance	£200.00	May
Insurance	£1,050.00	May
ICO	£47.00	December
S137	£500.00	March
Electricity	£300.00	Monthly (approx. £25)
Website/Email	£350.00	Monthly (approx. £30)
Payroll	£9,000.00	Monthly (£745)
Bank Service Charge	£90.00	Monthly (from July £10)
Water	£300.00	Quarterly (approx. £75)
HMRC	£700.00	Quarterly (approx. £150)
Clerk Expenses	£50.00	Unknown

Contractors	£1,500.00	Unknown
Playparks	£500.00	Unknown
Training	£200.00	Unknown
Defib	£500.00	Unknown
Asset Purchase	£150.00	Unknown
Total	£16,923.36	
2604-17	Matters for future meetings	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RoSPA are booked for May to inspect the play park. • HCC has decided that there is not enough evidence to justify continuing to look into the culvert broken by the gate/fence posts. If anyone has any evidence that they are being affected by this broken culvert, then they should send it to the Clerk so she can forward it to HCC. 	
2604-18	Public Session: To receive questions from members of the public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parishioner statement – Please be aware that vermin are particularly fond of the plastic covering Virgin fibre optic cables. • Parishioner question – Is there going to be a village clear up this year? <p>The Parish Council will investigate this over the next month and discuss it at their next meeting.</p>	
2604-19	To decide on the date for the next meeting	
	<p>Annual Meeting of the Parish - Monday 11th May, 7pm. Annual Parish Council Meeting - Monday 11th May, 7:15pm.</p>	
	Meeting Closed at 8:09pm	

S Bailey

Clerk of the Parish Council

Chairman of the Parish Council