

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL AGM

MONDAY 22 MAY 2023, Rooksdown Community Centre, 7.30pm

| Parish Councillors | In Attendance | Apologies |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Paul Mahoney (PM) (Chairman) | | ✓ |
| Douglas How (DH) (Vice Chairman) | ✓ | |
| Michael Angibo (MA) | ✓ | |
| David Knights (DK) | | ✓ |
| Jessica Lewis-Dalgarno (JLD) | ✓ | |
| Scott Mason (SM) | ✓ | |
| Ebenezer Nortey (EN) | ✓ | |
| Nsima Udoh (NU) | ✓ | |

Also attending: Clerk Susan Turner; Guest: County Cllr Arun Mummalaneni.
Members of the public: 3

2023.

61 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Vice-Chairman Doug How opened the meeting and welcomed all.
Apologies accepted from Paul Mahoney, David Knights, Simon Minas-Bound.

62 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2023/24

Paul Mahoney nominated by JLD (email confirmation from PM of his willingness to continue as Chairman if so elected); seconded DH, agreed unanimously.

Declaration of office to be made, signed and witnessed at earliest opportunity.

63 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN 2023/24

Doug How, proposed JLD. DH expressed his willingness to continue as Vice-Chairman, seconded SM, agreed unanimously.

Declaration of office made, signed and witnessed by the Clerk.

The Vice Chairman continued as Chairman for the Meeting

64 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda, none.

65 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of 24 April 2023, agreed and signed as true record.

66 PUBLIC SESSION

- .1 Phone box** Two members of the public made complaints about the K6 phone box state of disrepair. It is collecting litter including bottles so potential for broken glass, and likely to attract vandalism **APPENDIX I**.

The Parish Council noted this is a heritage phone box owned by the Land Trust; Simon Minas-Bound in his report (see 67.3 below) to this and the previous meeting indicated the Land Trust have a plan but not yet a date for renovation. Cllr Mummalaneni commented that, supposing this to be a health and safety risk, the phone box should be secured.

ACTION Clerk to advise SMB / Land Trust of the public concern and the state of the phone box.
Members of the public will forward photos.

- .2 Building facade 27 Greenlands Road** Complaint about lack of upkeep of the building and the hazard it poses with external (rendering / cladding ?) falling. Again members of the public to forward details and photos to Clerk and to Cllr Mummalaneni. Noted management company is First Port Property Services. **APPENDIX II**. To note issues have been raised to and logged by First Port regarding 'structural damage' and that the back and front doors don't lock due to broken latch. According to the First Port 'Defect Communication log' the doors will be fixed and a building surveyor will make a site visit but no dates given.

Members of the public left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council

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REPORTS TO THE MEETING (15 minute session)

Parish Councillor resignation Gaynor Woods has submitted her resignation via email to the Chairman; she has moved house and: 'Thanking all for making my first experience as a parish councillor an enjoyable one. Sending my best wishes to all my fellow councillors.'

Vacancy to be advertised and Clerk to forward a Notice of Casual Vacancy to BDBC.

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County Cllr Arun Mummаланeni

Councillor written report at **APPENDIX III**

Avenue Adoption Taylor Wimpy have sent their signed paperwork to HCC Legal and – as per Cllr Mummаланeni's latest update – HCC have also signed and 'we appear to be over the line with the legal'. But HCC Engineer (Highways Engineering and Transport) noted that 'street lighting works and civil works (remedials) still to be done' before Adoption.

Question on road closure (JLD) Re road closure sign with dates, nothing has happened, but the sign still there with date unchanged? Cllr Mummаланeni noted that the usual reasons for road closures are either on behalf of Hampshire Highways, or on behalf of Utility companies. A road closure order gives permission for a six-month period with a start date for that permission. Hants usually give notice of expected dates and change the notice if the work doesn't happen; this instance is more likely to be Utilities.

Re potholes (MA, JLD) It's appreciated that the Parish Council is kept well informed of the issues regarding potholes, and HCC efforts and strategy to address them. But people in general are not aware; unless you're kept informed it's not obvious what is happening. In the digital draw survey the second highest feed back was about potholes. In the next *Reporter*, a good thing to have an overview. To acknowledge the feedback, to explain the issues, and the decisions and measures HCC are taking to deal with. And when it is likely to improve. Thus can write a more positive article in the Autumn on what has been achieved. (DH noted the additional funding from central Government.)

Litter (SM) Re litter thrown down the bank by the school by the Spinney. Now vegetation growing the litter is hidden, come winter it won't be. Note for Clerk to chase this up.

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Written report from Ward Councillors

Borough Council New Administration – Following the local elections the borough council now has a Lib Dem / BDI coalition administration supported by the Labour group. We await clarity on their plans, priorities and objectives. As your borough councillors we will continue to fight for focus not to be taken off the improvements needed for Rooksdown.

Rooksdown specific – Conservation volunteer equipment has now been purchased and delivered to Rooksdown Community Centre.

A community litter pick was run in Rooksdown on Saturday 20th May around the Squirrel Wood / Spinney Path area. With problems identified with waste from the construction site being dumped in, around and under the banks of grass.

K6 Phone box The Land Trust have stated that their contractor is due to start the renovations to the telephone box soon but we are still awaiting a specific date.

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LETTER TO RCA AND SUGGESTED MEETING – Update and response

Suggested dates for a PC / RCA meeting forwarded from RCA via Simon Minas-Bound. Noted that though no acknowledgement letter, the offer of meeting dates is positive and can plan a way forward. Unable to commit to a date now as PM and DK not present.

ACTION Clerk to circulate email requesting Parish Councillors wishing to attend respond with their availability.

Noting that the Parish Council letter proposed agenda items to include: 'Events; Infrastructure projects including s106-funded projects; Other projects that are on your list which we might assist with.' Agreed to arrange a prior meeting to discuss.

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CORONATION DIGITAL DRAW AND RESIDENTS' FEEDBACK

Digital draw winners

TO RECORD The Clerk used Google Random Number Generator to generate three winning numbers from 303 entries. The winners were contacted via their prize draw email addresses and, by return to their response, vouchers as agreed emailed to the values of £50, £30, £20 respectively. All draw emails then deleted as agreed.
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.2 Digital draw response data Compiled by MA and circulated in Excel and Powerpoint files. The Powerpoint files (printed copy) presented to the meeting.

TO RECORD the Parish Council thanks to Mike Angibo for a substantial piece of work in compiling and presenting the data, noting this free version of the software limits how the data can be accessed. Unable to download onto spreadsheet, has to be manually pulled together.

Data presentation / discussion

Value of data is in future planning for events and activities

A lot of responses from families. But is this because a lot of families in the area, mostly families show up to this type of event, mostly the families stop by the stall?

Re how people heard about the event, FB received the highest score (noting DK was promoting on FB almost every day running up to the Coronation); if count people, friends family and *News/letter* together, they have high overall rating. Also mentioned posters – in windows and at the front of the park – posters do work.

TO RECORD As evidenced from the survey – the importance to residents of Green Space.

Responses to questions about the event **APPENDIX IV.**

Individual comments of note

- one person, single adult, 'nothing for adults to do'
- 'Used to live here – value history and heritage of the area'.

'Spotlight' responses

- People in charge are very friendly and approachable.
- The councillors have been very supportive and visible.
- Lovely event with lots to do. Really impressed with the parish councillors for pulling it all together!
- Because it's suitable for everyone, especially the residents. It's great that these events bring the community together. I've been here for four years now and love this community. Thanks for putting on a great day. It's been brilliant.
- Rooksdown Parish events are always good fun and well organised.
- I used to live here and love the community events
- Great opportunity to mix with other locals. Love how friendly Rooksdown is, events like this is why!
- It's amazing and wonderful for the community!! We love being a part of it.
- Wonderful opportunity to team up with you neighbours

To also revisit feedback from the Jubilee event, to compare, use all to feed into future actions, and into information put out through the *Rooksdown Reporter* and other media.

70 ROOKSDOWN REPORTER

The Meeting Chairman agreed to an Agenda change to discuss the Reporter at this point.

.1 Summer issue – articles

Main article – Coronation event report – with photos and a selection of feedback: 'This is what you told us about, this is what you said you wanted'... and if we can 'Here are some follow-ups from last year'. The Parish Council is listening and looking for opportunities to assist. 'If you come and talk to us, can't do everything for you but can help you to start journey.' Helps us to build bridges with other stakeholders and RCA.

Potholes Digital draw feedback on potholes (and re County Cllr discussion 67.2).

Squirrel Wood To make clear not part of our Parish but part of our Community. The drone photo on the community Facebook page (early May) shows clearly how part of the physical development but also separate. The photo taken by a drone photography company; given permission to use it in the *Reporter* so long as credited (name and website).

Photo competition Noted that Rooksdown doesn't have an extensive photo library.

Proposal to promote an annual photo competition. Feeds into engaging community; pride in Rooksdown; opportunity to discuss on social media, and ongoing conversation. Aims – to build a photo library and build community interest in photography.

Categories RD through the seasons – wildlife – green space – young photographer.

Community events The photographs can promote events and vice versa. Potential for events stand / gazebo displaying printed copies.

Submission and judging Potentially have rolling submission dates and judging dates, so that not too long out of mind and more manageable. And to limit the number of submissions per person. Some thoughts needed around how make fair and inclusive. Winners to be voted for by the community.

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Promotion and feedback To follow up the *Reporter* article on social media. MA noted the opportunity to learn through FB feedback.

Suggestion for photographer of the year, where say five put forward from each judging session, again judging by the community, prize (suggestion hamper) for winner.

AGREED To the concept of the photo competition, and to *Reporter* article promoting the competition. Events committee to suggest future events; MA will provide guidance from feedback received via Digital Draw (Parish Assembly feedback). Dog show suggested. SM noted the Nursery do a sports day, this a great draw for parents, grandparents.

Police A short article on police presence in Rooksdown and the surgeries, request PCSO Emma Page to submit a comment.

Note to include thanks for County Councillor Coronation grant.

.2 Schedule Unless rush the Summer issue, it won't be in time to promote the Summer Fair (Sun 02 July) but RCA haven't requested this or supplied information. So agreed not to be restricted by this date. Noted the RCA hang banners on the fences to advertise.

AGREED To look towards late July publication.
For next Parish Council meeting, to have page plan and names against suggested articles.

71 CORONATION BIG LUNCH – DE-BRIEF

TO RECORD Appreciation to all Parish Councillors for their contribution and hard work on the day; thanks to Mayor Cllr Paul Miller, and Mrs Sandra Miller, Mayoress, for attending. And to note the good fortune with the sunny weather.

.1 Notes supplied re the event and the craft stall (crown making) from Gaynor Woods.

'I had a few people saying how good it was and that it was better than the Jubilee Event - there was more going on! I didn't really understand that as then we had the face painting and refreshments, but it may be that what we had was more visible as it was all outside.'

'If a craft event is run again I think it needs to be covered by two people all the time. With the amount of children we had decorating the crowns it was hard to keep an eye on all of them and make sure the crowns/stickers etc were out. As a consequence, some of the crowns were part used and then wasted which was annoying as we had children towards the end of the day who didn't get a chance to do one. Also I was very disappointed when we cleared up to discover that there were colouring pens missing. One or two I could understand but there were a few of each colour gone which makes me believe they were deliberately taken.'

.2 General review of the event

- Balloon man inundated, SMB flagged up problem here. Requires two people.
- DH assisted with queue management – but adults in queue choosing not to listen. Queue management a lesson from the event, suggestion to issue numbered tickets.
- To keep an 'Event kit' to ensure have all needed for Parish Council stalls on the day.
- Also table covers are useful, or small storage tent, some means of keeping out of way empty boxes and things not using.
- Assembling everything in the morning was really helpful.
- DK drafted a rota but this not work as Parish Council stall incredibly busy and everyone needed to be there all the time. Noting SM on the goal all day. More than one person needed on goal – thanks to family help provided. Gaynor was brilliant on the craft stall and so also there most of time by herself.
- Decision to take the tables some distance away from the building was a good one. Tables need to be bigger and more spread out. Created something of a bottleneck and the craft area cluttered with people parking buggies. But an effect of the bottleneck to make the area look interesting and so draw more people.
- Need provision for drinking water, and for tea and coffee. SMB sending people into the Community Centre kitchen but better solution needed for future.
- Also more supervision needed of Community Centre building.
- Prior to the event – SMB indicated he was to liaise with BDBC re grass cutting and with the Parish handyman re checking and clearing the field (though was mentioned

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handyman normally works Monday to Wednesday). Understanding BDBC will have their own mowing schedule. But the field seemed not checked for litter, dog poo, at least not recently enough. For next time Parish Council to organise extra handyman shift, some extra provision for checking the field immediately prior to the event.

TO RECORD Thanks to Simon Minas-Bound who helped on the day, and was generally supportive throughout the event, contributing to making it a positive experience.

.3 Events Working Group

- AGREED
- To ensure bulk of organisation not on all one person.
 - Split areas of responsibly / activities from the beginning
 - Project team and team leader needed, need to meet outside of PC meetings.
 - All councillors present confirmed interest in being part of the working group.

72 PARISH COUNCILLOR LEAD ROLES AND COMMITTEES

.1 Review of Parish Council Committees

AGREED Existing committees to remain as last year with the addition of SM to the Planning Committee. (Also noting Committees can be reviewed at any point.)

Allotments – DK (Chair), DH, PM, SM

HR – JLD (Chair), DH, PM, SM

Planning – DH (Chair), DK, PM, SM.

AGREED Email groups should be set up for the Committees so all included in correspondence. MA and NU indicated their interest in being part of the Events working group (71.3 above). EN explained he sadly could not step forward for a Committee role as he also will be very shortly moving house and moving away from the area.

.2 Parish Councillor resignation As such Ebenezer Nortey submitted his resignation to the Parish Council which will be with immediate effect and has been made in writing to the Chairman. All Councillors expressed their sadness to lose Ebenezer from the Parish Council and that he will be much missed. EN shook hands with all.

Vacancy to be advertised and Clerk to forward a Notice of Casual Vacancy to BDBC.

.3 HR committee meeting JLD requested a HR committee meeting be organised, which is usually during the working day.

73 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

.1 Publication date for Notice of Electors' Rights is 02 June for 05 June start date.

.2 AGAR 2022/23 to be published on the Parish Council website.

.3 Insurance renewal Current sums insured: Street furniture @ £17,177 checked and agreed adequate, sufficient also to cover the Silent Soldiers. The Speed Indicator Device needs to be included under 'Fixed Outside Equipment'. Also noted £40,121 worth of allotment fencing previously agreed to be insured.

AGREED to renew via Gallagher (Hiscock policy) with a three-year tie in.

.3 Current payments for approval

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| 24 | HALC LCPD Bronze 2023/24 | £198.00 |
| 25 | PGGM Grass cut allotment (April) (2022/23 price) | £119.70 |
| 26 | RCA (All Aspects) Handyman - Apr/May | £780.00 |
| 27 | ST for Amazon Vouchers - prize draw | £100.00 |
| 28 | Clerk Salary May | £720.00 |
| 29 | HMRC PAYE May | £180.00 |
| 30 | Gallagher Insurance | £894.79 |
| 31 | DM Payroll Payroll admin 2023/24 | £180.00 |
| 32 | BDBC for contribution to guardrail (S106 funded) | £11,040.00 |

Payments for discussion

HALC – LCPD Bronze 2023/24

AGREED to continue with this provision (price same as last year).

Premier Grounds and Garden Maintenance – Allotment grass cutting.

AGREED 5% increase for 2023/24 on last year's agreed rate = average £99.95 per visit (£119.70 inc VAT). See Allotments at 75.2.

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- AGREED Gallagher Insurance – as .2 above. Awaiting requote.
DM Payroll – Payroll admin 2023/24. Question of Payroll. Clerk noted more cost effective to run payroll in house. HMRC Basics (free) software is adequate. Also noting increase in rate (by 50%, £120 last year to £180 this year). However, the financial year now started, ideally needs to be agreed towards end financial year for start of next. Clerk to discuss with DM Payroll re agreed terms of contract.
- AGREED BDBC (ref Rocon) for Guardrail – Subject to works completion – See 74.1 below. This invoice agreed to be paid once snagging issues rectified. Noting the funding is held in the Parish Council account from developer S106 contribution (£9,200 ex VAT).
- .4 Accounts to date** as circulated **APPENDIX V**
 Reconciliation to date = £158,074.02.
- .5 Budget update**
- i Review of Coronation spend.
- Thanks again to BDBC and County Councillor for their grant funding contribution.
 - Total Coronation event expenditure almost exactly met the budget.
 - To consider at next meeting the budget allocation for further events.
 - Additional expenditure up to £500 allocated for the polo shirts and noticeboard stands; these will be available for future events.
- ii Main hall funds for legal fees held by Lamb Brooks (£1K) for lease agreement returned until required.
- .6 Grant funding**
- i County Councillor devolved budget will be opening again in June. Received £500 last year towards Silent Soldier installation. Potential to request further contribution this year? (Bearing in mind £1K Coronation grant came from this funding stream.)
- ii BDBC Strengthening Communities Grant scheme – www.basingstoke.gov.uk/funding. Open to 18 June. Applications up to £15,000 for projects to be delivered over 12 months. CRITERIA 'This scheme does not fund capital costs. It is a revenue-only scheme. Expenditure such as physical improvements or changes to premises and facilities is not eligible under this scheme.
 'Funding can however be applied for to retain an existing staff member, recruit a new member of staff or increase working hours of existing staff where their activities are directed towards building the organisation's sustainability and/or enhancing services. Likewise, should an organisation decide to start the delivery of new services aimed at increasing income generation while addressing community needs, funding can be applied for to kick start delivery.'
- NOTED On consideration, no apparent funding opportunity for Rooksdown at present. [Also as advised by Cllr Minas Bound.]
- 74 UPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS**
- .1 Replacement guard rail** Installation incomplete, missing top of Peggs Way and by School. Also many instances of poor workmanship, poor finish – particularly the rails most recently installed. Protruding sections of rail, sharp edges on joins, and end caps missing. Site visit Wed 17 May with Gordon Wade, PM and Clerk. Agreed work quality not acceptable, checks needed on all sections. Gordon Wade will discuss with Rocon manger to rectify. (Noted that subcontractors completed the last two weeks' work.)
- .2 Queen's Green Canopy tree planting – SUDs** Site visit Wed 17 May with Gordon Wade, PM and Clerk. Discussed HCC SUDs drawings as provided by PM. Gordon Wade to share this spec with BDBC internal engineers to confirm approval subject to careful species selection. Hawthorn suggested for consideration.
- .3 Silent Soldier installation** Site visit Wed 17 May with Gordon Wade. His position to go ahead with installation, BDBC manage the land and will take responsibility. Confirmation emails from Gordon Wade 18th May 'We (BDBC) will be happy to except liability for these structures once properly installed *in situ*. This agreement will be on the

proviso that the council [BDBC] will not be responsible for any repair or future replacement of them.... Effectively as the land is transferring to us and we already have adopted the maintenance, we are giving approval.'

S171 licence Clerk has sought confirmation (map extract) from HCC re extent of Highway.

- .4 Main hall** Clerk seeking to re-establish contact with owners, Galamast Construction. Most recent email correspondence between Parish Council (former clerk) and Galamast Director Kieran Masterson, dates from November 2020. No response to date.

ACTION Clerk to provide most recent documents including draft Heads of Terms.

75 ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

- .1 Park Prewett** Invoices paid and tenancy agreements signed for plots 5,6,8 and 9. Re trailer-load of Veolia compost – to advise Gordon Wade (BDBC) when required.

.2 Sherborne Fields

- i. Grass cutting and strimming Price as agreed with PGGM last year was for: 'Fortnightly visits (15) at @ £95 per visit. To include grass cutting each visit (x 15) and monthly to six-weekly strims (x 6). Total for the season = £1,425.00.'

AGREED 5% increase on last year as requested by PGGM (see 73.3) at @ £99.95per visit = £1,499.25 for the year (all ex-VAT).

- ii. Question of annual maintenance contract Allotment Committee to review requirements.

Discussion:

- Question as to whether the grass cuttings can remain on site?
- Question as to whether possible to make more of cutting less frequently in some areas – biodiversity/environmental benefits bringing increased number of pollinators to the allotments; using less fuel. [Recommendations from Plantlife – 'No Mow May' etc.]
- Proviso to be mindful not to allow weed seedlings to spread.

AGREED Site visit proposed and a proposal requested from the Allotment Committee.

76 PLANNING

.1 New applications for consideration

23/01203/ROC (Validated 11 May) The Ark Conference Centre, Dinwoodie Drive. Variation of condition 2 of 19/02115/ROC to allow retention of a temporary marquee for a further four years from 26 September 2023 (date of expiry of current permission). Parish Council agreed comment in support of the Ark and this application.

23/01101/RET (Validated 28 April) 6 Keble Road. Retrospective application for retention of three windows to the side elevation of the property. Parish Council agreed no comment.

.2 Land at Kiln Farm (Sherborne St John)

23/00205/OUT Land At Kiln Farm. Outline application for up to 350 dwellings. No recent change to information published on the website.

77 FURTHER UPDATES / REPORTS

- .1 Re Community Centre** Concern raised re apparent need to replace the floor and alternative provision for Nursery School if this is needed. Might it be possible for the Nursery to use the School during the summer holidays?

- .2 Outdoor multi-gym proposals** Attention drawn to the Digital Draw (Parish Assembly) feedback which evidenced the value local residents place on Green Space. A multi-gym would take a large area and potentially diminish the Green perception.

.3 Items for inclusion on the next meeting Agenda

Rooksdown Reporter; Events and Christmas Fair; Parish Councillor vacancies.

78 NEXT MEETINGS

AGREED Meeting schedule for second half year. Fourth Mondays in month at 7.30pm
26 June, 24 July, ~~Aug~~, 25 Sept, 23 Oct, 27 Nov, ~~Dec~~.

Meeting closed 9.50pm with thanks to all


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APPENDIX I



APPENDIX II 27 GREENLANDS ROAD





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Property
Services

Defect Communication Log

Have you noticed any basic defects?

During our inspections we try our best to pick up all maintenance defects and take action to resolve them.

Sometimes basic defects are difficult to notice (such as lights which only operate at night). To help us maintain your home please feel free to add any basic defects you notice onto the form and we will try and resolve them as quickly as possible.

| Date Noted | Details of Basic defect | Property Manager or Subcontractor Comments | Date Resolved |
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| 31/12/22 | backdoor frontdoors dont lock due to broken latch | 30/1/23 with request a repair. Being fixed. | |
| 12/2/22 | What the Solage for external structural damage? | I will talk to the major works team for update. Meeting surgeon on site | ?? Bliss |
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APPENDIX III – HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR UPDATE – MAY 2023

Report from Cllr Arun Mummalaneni

1. Footbridge lighting works Works are going as per plan and schedule. Manufacturing of hand rail supposed to finish this month end. Handrail installation is scheduled in this summer.

2. Squirrel Wood

Runoff into the Footpath/tunnel under Ringway North Unfortunately, I haven't received any response from Places for People for my April email, and I have sent another reminder today.

Regarding new bin provision I have contacted BDBC street cleansing team. I have not received any commitment on this. I will keep following up on this.

3. Avenue Adoption update Taylor Wimpy have sent their signed paperwork to HCC solicitors. HCC lawyers to sign these papers. I'm following up HCC solicitors for a quick decision.

UPDATE – Follow-up email 22 May.

Note from Taylor Wimpey Bond & Adoptions Manager: 'Now we appear to be over the line with the legal important that we keep the traction going on getting these bit bits over the line to allow final adoption.'

Note from HCC Engineer, Highways Engineering and Transport: 'I think the bottom line is that we still have to get Civils works remedials carried out; Street lighting works done.'

'I'll have a look though the file to make sure there's nothing else outstanding – H&S file / RSA / CCTV for example. My view would be that after all this time, we need to get the adoption completed as quickly as we can, and as long as we aren't compromising the councils position, we need to take a pragmatic view of the outstanding procedural items.'

'Meanwhile I have started discussion with officers on rest of the roads and facilities adoption.'

4. Pot holes Potholes and other road defects are one of our biggest issues locally. As I've said before, the weather this winter had the worst possible combination of prolonged heavy rain and sub-zero temperatures.

The number of reported potholes for the financial year 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 was 4980 for the Basingstoke area. For the same time period the County Council undertook 8996 carriageway safety defect repairs including potholes. The majority of the repairs were a permanent fix, the exact split between permanent and temporary repairs is not available due to the various treatment techniques used which depending on the network and weather conditions can be either a temporary or permanent fix.

The duration to return the whole highway network back to its pre winter condition is likely to take the majority of this calendar year and this has been helped with the recent allocation of £6million for pothole repairs from the government.

Basingstoke area is similar to the other more rural districts in terms of its highway condition. Average cost of fixing a pothole is approximately £136 GBP.

Given the high number of potholes that have formed this winter, particularly after each of the spells of freezing weather, HCC's Highways team took the decision to carry out more emergency temporary infill repairs to keep roads safe and serviceable - in the time taken to undertake a permanent fix between 4 and 7 temporary infills can be completed. As a result, over 40,000 of these potholes were filled in the three months from December to February.

The Government has allocated just under £6million to Hampshire for additional pothole repairs. We anticipate this money being used to fill approximately 39,000 additional potholes over the summer.

As ever, please do report potholes at

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

4. Schools Parents in Hampshire who applied on time for a school place for children starting school in September 2023 – either in Reception Year or in Year 3 in a junior school – have been sent the outcome of their application by Hampshire County Council.

Over 98 per cent (98.77 per cent) of parents have been offered a reception year place for their child in one of their three preferred choice schools, with more than 93 per cent (93.02 per cent) allocated a place at their first choice of school. Of pupils transferring from infant school to junior school (Year 3), more than 99 per cent (99.29 per cent) received a place at one of their three choices, and over 97 per cent (97.88 per cent) obtained a place at their first choice of school.

Parents are being encouraged at this time to consider how their child will travel to and from school, and whether they may need transport assistance. School transport is available for children who meet specific eligibility criteria, after they reach compulsory school age (five years old). The deadline to submit transport applications is 31 July 2023. For more information about school transport assistance, please visit the County Council's website

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5. Hampshire Highways update:

Local roadworks by the county council and utility companies both current and planned can be viewed using the interactive website one.network.

6. The Big Fix With 'The Big Fix' campaign running throughout May, Hampshire residents are being encouraged to give old items, gathering dust or potentially destined for the bin, a new lease of life by visiting their local Repair Café, helping themselves to save money and reduce waste. The Big Fix is a national campaign to promote the growing number of Repair Cafés across the UK, run by volunteers who teach residents how to fix items at home so that fewer items end up as waste.

There are 17 members of the County Council's Hampshire Repair Café network which offers training and general advice. Since May last year, the network has collectively run over 90 events restoring over 1,000 items to usable order. These include broken items such as electronics, garden equipment, clothing, jewellery, and much more. The initiative is supported through HCC's waste prevention community grant programme.

To find a local event, search for 'Hampshire Repair Café Network, or visit:

<https://therestartproject.org/networks/hampshire/>

7. Beware ticks HCC's Countryside Service has advised residents to be 'tick aware' when spending time outdoors as the summer approaches. Ticks are small spider-like animals, almost invisible to the eye. They can cause serious illnesses, such as Lyme Disease.

Prevention tips include avoiding tall grassy areas, reduce the amount of exposed skin, check yourself, your children and your pets for ticks and use insect repellent.

They advise that you should remove any found ticks as quickly as possible with fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool, clean the area, and for several weeks monitor the bitten area for any rashes that may appear. Contact your doctor immediately if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms or develop a spreading circular red rash.

8. Health Focus Event Taking place on Tuesday 23 May, we will be looking into what exactly virtual health means for patients, delving into virtual wards and how specialist staff can use technology to care for patients in the place they call home.

On the night, attendees will hear from HHFT's Becky Housley, consultant nurse, about how we can care for patients outside of hospital through virtual wards, and how HHFT and local ambulance services work together to get patients the care they need without going into hospital, or reducing wait times.

Becky will be joined by other expert speakers, including Sam Jackson, clinical service manager for telemedicine, and trust chief executive Alex Whitfield.

Come along to discover the benefits of virtual health, its influence on the future of healthcare and more! The event is free and open to everyone.

Click here to register: <https://bit.ly/HealthFocusMay23>

9. Cost of Living Help Hampshire County Council has announced plans for how £14.2million of additional funding will be used to help local households struggling with the cost of food and energy prices. The funding is an extension of Government's Household Support Fund until the end of March 2024.

Vital support will be targeted at those most in need providing much needed help for low-income households and people facing financial hardship – including working households struggling with food and energy price rises but who may not meet the criteria for other Government help.

As well as district and borough councils, organisations receiving money from Hampshire's allocation include Citizens Advice, the community pantry network, organisations supporting unpaid carers and vulnerable older people, schools, colleges, and early years providers.

There's lots of help available for households struggling with the cost of living – visit our [connect4communities](https://connect4communities.org.uk) website, which includes information about our School Holiday Activity and Food programme, how to get food vouchers, as well as support with fuel and utility bills and housing costs.

An extra £14 million to help support Hampshire households with the cost of living | Hampshire County Council (hants.gov.uk)

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>

APPENDIX IV – Kings Coronation Event Feedback

Large variety of activities

Really **nice atmosphere**, lots to do, kept the kids entertained.

It was so lovely that so many people had given up there time to deliver a lovely community event. Because all of the children's activities were free of charge, all children could take part had no one was left out.

Free entertainment, great way to get community together

Wonderful bouncy castle!

It's well organised, it's free, **people in charge are very friendly and approachable**, lovely space for the event to be held - all round **positive review** and very happy little ones.

Good free entertainment especially for the grandchildren.

Lovely atmosphere

It was good

Loved it

Kids are having fun

Very nice to see.

5-star. My son enjoyed it

Satisfactory

Fun for all the family, friendly

Not sure yet just got here

Great

Kids loved it

Well organised and plenty for children. **Band great.**

It has decent activities

Kids loved it

It's great to be part of the celebration. Beats being in the house on tv

Kids loved it

Very good organisation

It was well organised and our daughter enjoyed herself

Seeing the community together. Lots for children to do.

It's been lots of fun for my children

It's nice to see local people enjoying themselves

My family had a great day

Good community spirit shown.

5 stars

My family had a great day

Nice family and children get together

Kids enjoyed the event

It was a day out and family friendly. Good for the children

Fun for kids

Great to bring the community

together

My granddaughter loves it

Nice to see the community centre and field put to use for an event, should do things like this more often for a sense of community.

Brilliant community celebration

Great for residents

Lots of free activities for the kids

Think it's brilliant for the kids!

Nice to have a community event for a celebration and very good for children

Common community spirit

Nice to see the community space used for a community gathering, celebration

Lots of free things to do for the children

Good range of things for children to do

Lovely to see the local community together

Good community

Good activities

Food and activities and music. Sense of community

To get to meet other people

Fun with kids, friends and sunshine

Think it's lovely to see neighbours get together

It's good for the children

Really enjoyed this event. I felt part of the community

Lots to do

Great to see so many fun activities on offer - and free!

Really good

Very good

Fantastic options for kids

My daughter had so much fun in the bouncy castle and other activities.

The councillors have been very supportive and visible

It's fun

It is a lot of fun for kids, a lot of activities

Excellent choice of activities

Nice to see the community out enjoying the facilities

Nice for children

Well organised

Fab to have community events.

Lots of different things. **It's lovely that this has been organised**

Really good place

Love seeing community led activities

There is a lot of activities to keep all busy and engaged. Really well organised.

Nice event for people to go to , fun for the children.

It's good entertainment for kids.

Rooksdown Parish events are always good fun and well organised

I used to live here and love the community events

Amazing

Lot of activities to do such as crown making bouncy castles

Free and great for the community

It is very nice and organised.

Good for the community

Really good fun

Its good for the community xx

Free family entertainment. Love events which bring the community together.

There are things for everyone

Good place

It's a nice event

Albeit small with not many attractions, it brought the community together.

Lots of fun activities and free

Seems like a fun event with a good turnout

It's good

Good free inclusive event especially for the kids

Good for the children. And good for the community

Really good

Good for the kids

Nice to have a community event

Fun and free

Entertainment for my children

Lots for kids to do and also a community get together

It's a great community event with stuff for the kids to enjoy for free during these difficult times

Great for the community and getting people together

It's nice rating??

Really good I love our community

Nice activities very family friendly

Nice activity for little children

Because its a fab idea for families to all come together

As it is good

Lovely activities for kids.

Community feel

Kids enjoyed themselves. Great food. **Band very good too**

Good community spirit

Very friendly Great things for kids

continued – Kings Coronation Event Feedback

Great food

Lots of fun activities for the local people and children

Could do with a few more things to do. Very lovely that the bouncy castles are free, **thank you**

Kids enjoyed

Good community spirit, fun for the kids

It's nice to get the community back together.

Because it's suitable for everyone, especially the residents. It's great that these events bring the community together. I've been here for 4 years now and love this community. Thanks for putting on a great day. It's been brilliant.

Because it's such a great idea for the children, and for everyone else to get together and spend time. To socialise is a great opportunity

Fab family

All really good for being free

Lovely to see community coming together and seeing new faces

It's good for the community to get together

It's one of the highly social one and they do many activities which all families happy with

Lots to do

Because everyone is happy

Lots to do

Lovely for the community to get together

Fantastic way of getting together

Plenty to do for kids

Cool event

Brilliant idea

It fun and interactive

Good atmosphere

Very good.

Fun

Family fun

Friendly

Good fun and opportunity to celebrate with friends and community

Very interactive and family friendly

Lovely family event

N/a

Very friendly

Lots of things to do for all ages and ice cream

Fun for all the family

Great opportunity to mix with

other locals. Love how friendly Rookdown is and events like this is why!

Wonderful opportunity to team up with your neighbours

Nice

Great fun for the kids

It's amazing and wonderful for the community!! We love being a part of it

4 star

Community spirit

Fun activities for the children

Good fun

Lots of fun

It's nice

Nice community spirit

Brilliant for the community and children

My kid enjoyed a lot

It's a great team and facility

8 out of 10

Love that it brings the community together Love to see everyone having lots of fun

It's nice to have the event in our park. Good for children

It's great to have events like these where everyone can engage.. **Well done**

Very well planned

Fab community spirit

Nice community activity.

Great opportunity to meet the local community and spend time outside.

Not cramped in the community hall

Plenty of people, **nice music**, good **community atmosphere**

It's nice to see people together

Good atmosphere

Because it is a good opportunity to spend time with friends and our kids offering lots of entertainment options for free. **I really appreciate it nowadays.**

Cool.

Great to have community events.

Free activities for the children!

Because I thought it would be gd

Bouncy castles

Good things for the kids

Excellent way of bringing community together

Different activities for the children

There is lots to do

Great

Love community events like this

Good entertainment

Lots of different fun activities.

It's a great community event

It is very lively and fun

Bringing people together for the coronation for our new King

Community spirit, time together

There are lots of fun activities.

Lots for children to do

Great free community event

It has a lot of fun things to do

Really nice for the kids to take part in for the coronation

Community engagement activities promotes cohesion

Because I feel it bring the community together

Because it is entertaining for my children and it is a fun day out

It's really fun for the kids and **everyone's lovely**

It is an good entertainer for children

It's great for the community

It was fun

Well organised and nice it's free to attend

Family

Only just turned up, but hopeful

Great family fun

Family friendly

It marks the occasion and my children enjoyed playing the bouncing castles

Great fun for the children a **lovely way to commemorate a special weekend.** **Thank you**

Good community fun

Always fun for kids to have things to take part in

It was amazing and **really good to the family together**

It's good setup

Awesome

Great community event

Lovely event with lots to do.

Really impressed with the parish councillors for pulling it all together!

Its fun

Community spirit

Lots for the kids to do

I thought this was an amazing event, such a wonderful time highly recommend

Lovely family morning full of lovely activities for all ages !

Love a local family event

It's friendly and fun

Nice to see local people joining in.

APPENDIX V ACCOUNTS TO DATE

ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL INCOME 2023/24 - 21 MAY

Balance brought forward 1st April 2023

£143,030.33

| Date | Item | Precept | Grants | Allotment SF | Allotment PP | Returned funds | Vat 2022-23 | Bank Interest | Total Receipts |
|----------|---------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 20/04/23 | CountyCllrGrant-Coronation | | £1,000.00 | | | | | | £1,000.00 |
| 24/04/23 | BDBC - Parish Precept | £19,815.00 | | | | | | | £19,815.00 |
| | BDBC – Litter Grant | | £2,925.00 | | | | | | £2,925.00 |
| 25/04/23 | Zoe Winkworth - Plot 9 | | | | £75.00 | | | | £75.00 |
| 26/04/23 | Lisa Gatherer - Plot 5 | | | | £75.00 | | | | £75.00 |
| 28/04/23 | Chris G Plot 6 | | | | £75.00 | | | | £75.00 |
| 02/05/23 | Victoria Kudlicka | | | | £75.00 | | | | £75.00 |
| 02/05/23 | BDBC-Coronation Grant | | £500.00 | | | | | | £500.00 |
| 18/05/23 | LambBrooks-returned re MainHall | | | | | £1,000.00 | | | £1,000.00 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| 2023-24 | Bank Interest | | | | | | | £149.72 | £149.72 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total | £19,815.00 | £4,425.00 | £0.00 | £300.00 | £1,000.00 | £0.00 | £149.72 | £25,689.72 |

£25,689.72

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS SUMMARY

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bal brought forward 1st April 2022 | £143,030.33 |
| Plus income to date | £25,689.72 |
| Minus expenditure to date | £10,646.03 |
| Balance | £158,074.02 |

BANK RECONCILIATION

| | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Bus instant | £155,073.73 |
| Treasurers | £3,000.29 |
| Balance | £158,074.02 |

Interest

| | |
|------|--------|
| Apr | £66.40 |
| May | £83.32 |
| June | |
| July | |
| Aug | |
| Sept | |

| | |
|-------|---------|
| TOTAL | £149.72 |
|-------|---------|

ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL - EXPENDITURE 2023/24 - 21 MAY

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APPENDIX V.II

ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

2023/24 BANK RECONCILIATION – 21 MAY

Receipts and payments summary

| | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Balance Brought Forward from 2022/23 | £143,030.33 |
| 2 | Plus Income to date | £25,689.72 |
| 3 | Less Expenditure to date | £10,646.03 |
| 4 | Balance | £158,074.02 |

Reconciliation

| | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 5 | Bus Inst Access @ 21 MAY | £155,073.73 |
| 6 | Treasurers Account @ 21 MAY | £3,000.29 |
| 7 | TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS | £158,074.02 |
| 8 | Balance | £158,074.02 |

Chairman Date 22 May 2023

Susan Turner, Clerk / RFO..... Date 22 May 2023

APPENDIX V.III

Lloyds Bank - Account Overview X


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ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

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BUS BANK INSTANT

ROOKSDOWN PARISH COUNCIL

£ 155,073.73 Balance