



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th MAY 2026

Present

Councillors Mr S Hoskins (Chair), Mr S Dunn (Vice Chair), Mr G Allwright, Mr J Gallagher, Mr J Woodford and the Clerk, Mr S Marshall.

County Councillor Mark Wilson -Thomas, Cllr Mike Bound and Cllr Kerry Morrow were also present.

1. Declaration of interest

None.

2. Minutes of previous meeting for approval

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 were approved by the Chair and signed by the Chair as a true record.

3. Matters arising & Outstanding Action Points

It had been agreed that the Ashford Hill Village Hall management committee would have a look at the planted-out planter which would be installed under the noticeboard in Headley to determine if one would be suitable for the noticeboard location at Ashford Hill.

Cllr Allwright was awaiting a response from the management of Headley Tyres as far as purchasing and installing a defibrillator at the location. *

Cllr Parker had previously confirmed that a 'rota' of volunteers was required to undertake the surveillance on a regular basis at the approved sites in both villages and would be working on that initiative in the near future. *

The letter to residents of the Retreat in Ashford Hill was pending as it seemed that work to repair and replace fencing panels was underway. *

4. Highways issues

B3051

The Chair had received a reply to his correspondence with Tim Lawton, Assistant Director (Highways, Engineering and Transport), Universal Services Directorate, Hampshire County Council. The correspondence concluded that a number of sections of the B3051 had been identified for repair and orders had been raised. While it is not currently possible to confirm specific delivery dates, these repairs will be carried out when operational resources permit. The locations scheduled for repair are as follows:

- At the junction with Ashford Hill Road – a full-lane-width patch across the B3051 junction
- Near Holt Cottages – two safety defect repairs
- Between the two junctions with Chapel Lane – one safety defect repair
- Opposite Chapel Lane – one safety defect repair
- Near Hollycroft – three safety defect repairs
- Near Hockford Lane – one safety defect repair

The County Council allocates highways maintenance funding through an evidence-based prioritisation process. Each year the Highways team develops a planned maintenance programme, which includes all surface treatments, using data from a range of road condition surveys that are undertaken throughout the year. This survey data is combined with other information that we hold relating to reactive repairs, lifecycle assessments and road classification to produce a countywide list of priorities.

The priority list is regularly reviewed and validated by engineers, who select the highest-ranking sites for inclusion in the annual programme, subject to available funding. Locations that cannot be accommodated within the current budget may be prioritised for consideration in a future programme.

Highway lights

The Chair had reported 8 no. highway lights along the A339 between Thornford Road and Ashford Hill Road where the amount of foliage from residents' properties is preventing the light reaching the pavement.

5. Planning Applications

26/00760/FUL – Land adjacent to A339 Headley, Newbury Road

- Erection of 4 no. detached dwellings and associated works - *No objection*

25/02791/FUL - Cherry Cottage, Holdrop Hill, Headley

- Erection of 3 no. dwelling - *Objection reiterated*
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6. **Reports**

County Councillor

Cllr Wilson – Thomas who is also a Councillor for Tadley Town Council was pleased to have been recently elected as a County Councillor and was ready to engage in local issues and to serve the community.

Borough Councillors

Cllr Morrow confirmed that he was arranging pavement cleaning on the A339.

Cllr Morrow explained the outline plans for the Pineapple playing field to establish a football facility for both sexes centred around a social facility called a ‘huddle’ which would provide refreshments and eventually changing facilities. Surrounding Parish Councils would be asked to engage with the project for the benefit of their young residents by financially contributing to the cost. Cllr Allwright raised the issue of a lack of provision for young residents to have ‘casual’ football games in the area when only football clubs were available. Cllr Morrow agreed to consider the important point raised by Cllr Allwright.

Chair of the Parish Council

Mr Ken Rhatighan

The Chair announced the official resignation of Mr Ken Rhatighan and on behalf of the Parish Council thanked Ken for his commitment and hard work as a Parish Councillor in recent years.

AWE Local Liaison Committee

The Chair had attended a meeting last month. The Chair felt that such meetings have a greater relevance for those parishes within the DEPZ (Detailed Emergency Planning Zone) which ours is not though people visiting Tadley at the time of any incident would be affected.

The Chair continued to say “AWE profess to have no influence outside their perimeter which I think some found hard to fully accept. There was much talk about the Travellers’ camp alongside Reading Road and isn’t AWE able to do anything about it, particularly as it represents an additional burden on the offsite protection team. There are injunction proceedings on the 8-10 June but couldn’t divulge any details ahead of this. Apparently, people in Tadley are concerned over the Organisation Design that affects 1700 people. They fear that a reduction in staff could affect AWE’s ability to respond to any incident. It was stressed that not all are being made redundant but as they were about to go into ‘Collective Consultation’, they couldn’t divulge details or any new organisation change.

The meeting provided some information on a Future Materials Campus Update involving a lot of civil works to buildings etc. and a not insignificant number of logistical movements both outside and inside the premises. They said they were liaising with relevant authorities over the ability on the local infrastructure and roads to cope with this. I asked if there was any dialogue on the ability of the road surfaces to cope with the increased traffic and wear and tear, but the presenter couldn't give an answer, and the chairman reiterated their lack of influence outside the perimeter.”

2027 Community Summer Fete hosted by Cheam School

Following a successful meeting, there is a need to revert with details of past events. *

Mr John Kirkby – Ashford Hill Litter Warden

After 31 years of loyal and dedicated service John had decided to take retirement from the position. John had been invited to the 8th June meeting in Headley when we would have the opportunity to properly thank John. Mr Phil Kemp from Headley is temporarily covering the role but a permanent replacement is required, The paid position had been widely advertised.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Woodford asked the Parish Council to consider an effective means of communication with local residents following the demise of the Parish Magazine. Whilst the Parish Council's website provided up to date news items, it was agreed by the Chair that this issue should be reviewed. *

Cllr Woodford raised the issue of replacement metal covers for the football goal posts to be provided by the original supply company or manufactured by Mr Ady Miles. The issue was deemed a necessity by Councillors and therefore needed actioning. *

Cllr Woodford would report bridleway signage that needed attention via HCC's 'Our Hants' website.

Cllr Allwright briefed the meeting regarding developments on the proposed MUGA project in Headley and that a Councillor vote for the project to proceed would be taking place at the June meeting of the Parish Council. The Chair stressed the importance of communicating effectively with residents if and when the project was to proceed.

Cllr Dunn updated the meeting regarding the ongoing planning application for additional car parking in Thornford Road and stressed the importance of installing the additional car parking spaces to a high level of specification in order to ensure the longevity of the road surfaces of the spaces and this would be undertaken by the consultant who had been engaged to undertake the pre-planning and planning application processes, through a competitive tendering process.

Cllr Dunn proposed that there was no need this year to re-seed the goal mouth areas on the Headley recreation ground.

Cllr Dunn had presented to Councillors a clear definition handout of what tasks were included in the Lengthman's Scheme which would hopefully assist Councillors with their suggestions of tasks to be undertaken in both villages.

7. **Recess**

There were no matters raised in the absence of members of the public.

8. **Financial statement**

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £81.98

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £70,526.03 inclusive of CIL (£14k) Precept (£19K) & Grants (£12k).

9. **Payments for approval and payment**

Citizens Advice – Tadley & District – S137 grant - £150.00 – PAID

Gordon Ellis & Co. – Legacy noticeboard planter - £983.40 – PAID

Scofell Landscaping – Grounds maintenance - £1464.83

Austin Lebbon Architecture Ltd – Planning application for additional car parking, Thornford Road, Headley - £360.00

ADL Traffic & Highways Engineering Ltd – Drawings for planning application for additional parking, Thornford Road, Headley - £780.00

Bramley Business Services Ltd – Internal audit of Parish Council accounts - £450.00

EDF – Electricity supply to Pavilion - £78.48

Gallagher Insurance Ltd – Insurance premium for Parish Council insurance - £1761.21

The Chair declared the meeting closed 8.40pm.