



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2026

Present

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

County Councillor Mark Wilson-Thomas, Cllr David Conquest, Cllr Kerry Morrow were also present together with a member of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Woodford.

2. Declaration of interest

None.

3. Minutes of previous meeting for approval

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8th June 2026 were approved by the Chair and signed by the Chair as a true record.

4. Matters arising & Outstanding Action Points

Cllr Parker agreed that there was still a need to undertake the training of volunteers to operate the ANPR equipment who would then be a part of a rota system to operate the equipment at the approved sites. Cllr Allwright confirmed that the ANPR equipment would be used again soon. *

The Chair wished it to be known that the RoW Volunteers group was not a body associated with the Parish Council insofar as the work that the group choose to undertake. The Parish Council only facilitates the group by ensuring their work is covered by the Council's public liability insurance and acts as the custodian of funds that are available to the group, which is held in a separate bank account.

5. Highways issues

Cllr Gallagher commented on his impression that since the road repairs to the B3051 in Ashford Hill there is now a problem with excessive speeding by some motorists. The Chair responded by suggesting that the ANPR equipment should be used more regularly to act as a deterrent.

Cllr Dunn commented on new SID equipment available that displayed the registration number of the speeding vehicle which could be considered when there was a need to replace any of the existing SID units.

6. Planning Applications

26/01325/PIP – Land at Springfield, Newbury Road, Headley
Permission in principle for minimum 3 no. and a maximum of 4 no. dwellings
No objection

26/01339/RES – Oakwood, Ashford Hill Road, Headley
Approval for 'Reserved Matters' application pursuant to outline planning permission
Re-iteration of original objection

26/01310/FUL - Fair Oak Farm, Little Knowl Hill, Ashford Hill
Erection of a two-storey self-build dwelling with associated garage/office building
Objection

26/00792/HSE – 2 Evergreen, Headley
Conversion of attached garage to create additional living space
No objection

26/01283/OHL – Land south of Ashford Hill Road, Headley
Upgrade of existing 11kv overhead line
No objection

26/01119/HSE – Little Meadows, Ashford Hill Road, Headley
Construction of a garden plant room after demolition of existing plant room
No objection

26/01333/RET – White Cottage, Ram Alley, Ashford Hill
Erection of a garden room and boundary fence – Retrospective
No objection

26/01289/AGRM – Land at Dairy House, Little Knowle, Ashford Hill
Engineering works to control surface water erosion on agricultural land
Objection

26/01471/FUL – Land north of Knightsbridge Lodge, Newbury Road, Headley
Change of use of the land for the stationing of 4 no. static homes / 4 no. touring caravans
Objection

26/01390/FUL – Thornford Road, Headley
Enlargement of parking areas to serve the recreation ground
No objection

26/01582/RET – Harrow Garage, Newbury Road, Headley
Siting of parcel delivery locker – Retrospective
No objection

26/01517/HSE – Woodlands Park Farm, Ram Alley, Ashford Hill
Partial demolition and erection of a two-storey rear extension
No objection

26/01587/RET – Silverdale View, Catts Farm, Newbury Road, Headley
Installation of 2 no. first floor side windows in the south elevation - Retrospective
No objection

26/01236/FUL – Wheathold Cottage, Wolverton
Change of use of land to residential garden, construction of tennis court
No objection

26/01667/LBC – The White House, Galley Lane, Headley
Revision of approved extension design to application 25/01614/LBC
No objection

26/01702/RET – 3 The Courtyard, Catts Farm, Newbury Road, Headley
Erection of front porch canopy – Retrospective
No Objection

26/01771/PIP – Land southwest of Galley Lane, Headley
Permission in principle for a residential development of 4 no. maximum dwellings
Objection

7. Reports

County Councillor

Cllr Wilson-Thomas' verbatim report:

“July & August 2026 Report from Cllr Mark Wilson-Thomas, Hampshire County Councillor for Tadley & Baughurst

This is my report as your Hampshire County Councillor on county-level matters affecting the division, together with information about local issues that residents and councillors have raised, and work I am undertaking on their behalf. As always, if there are any issues that Parish and Town Councils would like me to investigate or pursue with HCC, please let me know - my contact details at the foot of this report.

Potholes!

We're all aware of the scourge of potholes in our roads. Many residents complain of the problem of repeated temporary repairs that do not do much apparent good and have to be re-done not long afterward. At the 16th July meeting of Hampshire County Council, I proposed with the support of my group to specifically track and reduce pothole re-repairs and move toward a more preventative approach to maintenance. The motion passed, and a report on next steps will be discussed at HCC Cabinet this month – I'll be keeping a close eye on progress and will keep you informed. For more details, see the debate on YouTube here:

<https://tinyurl.com/MWTPotholeMotion>"

Cllr Wilson-Thomas further reported that he would be meeting Cllr Steve Forster, Executive Member for Highways and Passenger Transport, in Ashford Hill in October, to review the condition of the B3051 and confirmed that it was essential for a cost analysis to be carried out regarding the "fill in repair" option versus the "resurfacing repair" option.

"County Councillor Grant Scheme: Several Grants Made, More to come!"

The Hampshire County Councillor Grant Scheme remains open. I've allocated nearly £3k of my annual 2026 budget of £5k to several great schemes for the benefit of our community. A couple of further proposals are in the pipeline which are likely to take much of the remainder. I have used my budget to support diverse causes such as a fire-safe serving hatch for Tadley Scouts, a scheme to promote wellbeing of local children suffering from mental health issues via positive experiences, and a scheme to support local cancer sufferers and their carers, and more is to come. It's still not too late to apply - the scheme is still open for applications for grants of £100 - £1,000. Local projects, initiatives, or organisations across the division may apply. If you have a project in mind, get in touch with me to discuss whether it can be funded, as the scheme has some constraints. Details are available at: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor/application-notes>

Making Road Safety Improvements Easier

Town and Parish Councils can already fund and promote road safety schemes and 20mph limits (<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/20mph-speed-limit>) but the processes involved are onerous, and few councils have used them. I supported a motion by my group to make it much easier to implement 20mph speed limits where there is local support. I'm hopeful this will result in more empowerment of Town and Parish Councillors to respond to residents' concerns on this topic, and again will keep you posted as things progress. mark.wilson-thomas@hants.gov.uk FB: <https://tinyurl.com/mwilsonthomasFB> 0747 22543142

Health and Adult Social Care (HASC)

As a member of the HCC HASC select committee, I've been appointed to a working group to look at issues of equity and access for residents to local GP practices. The working group's initial focus is Basingstoke but I expect its findings to have relevance elsewhere in the county as well. I'm also promoting connections with Hampshire public health for local organisations focused on wellbeing and want to hear about any organisation you know of that might benefit.

Highways

I care about residents issues with the local road system (see below on Local Issues Raised). Please use OurHants to report issues – you can get the app at <https://tinyurl.com/OurHants>.

Once you have it, set up your account and you'll be ready to report issues whenever you see them, and I can help follow up via the report IDs it creates as needed.

Local issues raised

This month, I have been following up on multiple issues – a selection of these is shown below:

• Highways

o Temporary “repair” blocking drain at crossing on A340 and related collapsed drain at bus stop meant to be addressed in late August. As it turned out the relevant drains were jet-cleaned ahead of works due to commence this week (Sept 2). Tracking Ashford Hill repairs quality and phasing concerns: Following up on resident and PC concerns about the recent works in Ashford Hill, a “patchwork quilt” and completed in multiple phases, find out why multiple road closures were needed, and 50+ potholes did not merit a full resurface A340 Fence at the Green: Working with the Highways Department to see what can be done to prevent future collisions with the railings. So far, no good options have been agreed; discussions continuing Road safety concerns at New Road/Yelland Court road crossing: discussions with residents and TTC about this have resulted in a promise of new signage in the area Street Lighting wildlife concerns: following up regarding Tadley Conservation Area residents concerns about the brightness and colour temperature of the new LED lights on the A340 impacting local protected bat populations. I'm hoping that adjustments can be made to satisfy both road lighting and wildlife concerns.

• Overgrown Vegetation

- Heath End Road fallen tree and broken fence: partially fixed, following up together with Baughurst PC's Martin Slatford to get the job completed.
- Clearance of vegetation on an unmetalled adopted road near Wolverton is nearly complete with a large tree having been removed in July. Once the final vegetation is trimmed this will allow Bridleway 44 to fully open for use again.

Community Engagement

I welcome all enquiries from residents and councils in my division (email contact details below). I'm also available to residents on Facebook and other social media channels where I post periodic updates and items of interest. mark.wilson-thomas@hants.gov.uk
FB: <https://tinyurl.com/mwilsonthomas> FB 0747 2254314 “

Cllr Wilson-Thomas responded to two further questions and concerns from the Chair regarding the recycling facility in Newbury not accepting certain items because of the equipment it lacked and the continuing uncertainty regarding local government re-organisation, but the County Councillor had no further information regarding the matter.

Borough Councillors

Following a question from Cllr Morrow regarding the 'allotment project' for Ashford Hill, the Chair confirmed that the project had been abandoned due to a lack of interest from residents and the absence of a Parish Councillor to take the lead on the project.

Cllr Morrow would be sending details to Parish Councils about the 'Huddle' project on the Pineapple field designed for young people of the area and would be asking Councils to financially support such an initiative.

Chair of the Parish Council

The Chair raised with Cllr Wilson-Thomas the prospect of some form of assistance being provided to help resolve the ongoing condition of the road surface in Chapel Lane, an unadopted road in Ashford Hill which leads to the recreation ground and the Cricket Club pavilion.

The Parish Council had received a letter from residents of the road concerned about the condition of the road for all users. Cllr Wilson-Thomas agreed to consult with colleagues at Hampshire County Council and revert to the Parish Council in due course. *

The Chair raised the planning application which related to the installation of a travellers' site on the A339 in Headley. The Parish Council as an original complainant had invoked an open enforcement case by the Borough Council's Planning Enforcement Team.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Dunn reported on the progress of the planning application for additional car parking spaces in Thornford Road, which had received a revision and had been presented for further public consultation.

A pest control contractor had been appointed to regularly review and manage the rodent population on the recreation ground in Headley.

Cllr Dunn confirmed that work to re-grass seed the goal mouths on the football pitch on Headley recreation ground had been completed to provide a suitable playing pitch for the clubs using the facility. A springtime application of fertiliser would be required for the goalmouths. *

The Clerk asked for club playing fees to be reviewed for 2027 usage in order to ensure that the Parish Council was not financially subsidising the football clubs who were using the facility. *

Cllr Allwright confirmed the progress being made on the programme of installation for the MUGA on Headley recreation ground. Cllr Allwright suggested that KFC be informed as to the pending installation.

As a planning condition for the MUGA, 9 no. tree saplings would have to be planted, and the Clerk confirmed that he had requested an indicative cost for such a planting scheme from Scofell Landscapes.

A separate meeting would take place to discuss the operational detail of the MUGA booking system application and an 'opening event' for the new facility. *

Post Meeting Note:

The date of the installation of the MUGA had been delayed until October/November 2026.

Clerk to the Parish Council

The Clerk expressed his appreciation to Cllr Wilson-Thomas on behalf of the Parish Council about the transparency and clarity that the County Councillor was bringing to the issue of road repairs, particularly in Ashford Hill, which the Parish Council could then in turn convey to its residents. A situation, the Clerk confirmed, that had not been established over the course of a significant number of years when the condition of the B3051 in Ashford Hill had been extensively discussed with very little effective remedial works being carried out.

8. Recess

There were no matters raised under Recess.

9. **Financial statement**

The Lloyds TSB current account of the Parish Council stood at £129.39

The Lloyds TSB deposit account of the Parish Council stood at £20,465.80

10. **Payments paid & for approval and payment**

Scofell – Grounds maintenance & Planter planting & tree sapling/planter watering - £2952.23 **Paid**

Scofell – Weed clearance & chemical treatment for playgrounds - £253.20 – **Paid**

Mail & Print – Mail out of Chair's letter ref. MUGA – £984.97 – **Paid**

BDBC Planning Portal – Planning application for car parking project - £245.50 – **Paid**

Austin Lebbon Architecture Ltd – Planning for car parking project - £660.00 – **Paid**

Jomas Associates Ltd – Drainage surveys ref. car parking project - £2220 – **Paid**

Mark Welby – Arboricultural impact assessment ref. car parking project - £630.00 – **Paid**

AEWC – Ecological assessments ref. car parking project - £1923.60 – **Paid**

IJLA Landscape Architect – Landscape planning ref. car parking project - £1080.00 – **Paid**

Headley Community Shop Association – S137 grant - £1000 – **Paid**

Test Valley Pest Control Ltd – Treatment of rat infestation Headley recreation ground - £288 – **Paid**

EDF – Electricity supply for the Headley Pavilion June 2026 - £35.82 & £34.03 – **Paid**

Thames Water – Water supply for Headley Pavilion - £91.71 – **Paid**

Headley Village Hall – Hall hire for PC meetings - £120.00 – **Paid**

Ady Miles Services – Fabrication of 4 no. goal post sockets - £145.00 – **Paid**

KT Design – Website management fee - £365.00 – **Paid**

RAW Tree Services – Cut back of undergrowth Headley recreation ground - £1440 – **Paid**

Mr S Marshall – Clerk's salary October - December 2026 & Expenses - £7057.69

Mrs S Kemp – Litter Warden's salary October - December 2026 - £999.78

Mr P Kemp – Litter Warden cover for July - December 2026 - £973.13

BDO LLP – External Auditor - £504.00

Bramley Business Services – PAYE administration - £120.00

HMRC – Employee income tax contributions - £1554.80

Scofell Landscapes – Tree and planter watering - £1479.00

The Chair declared the meeting closed 8.48pm.