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MINUTES of the Full Council Meeting held at the Memorial Hall 7.30 pm on Wednesday 5th November 2025

PRESENT:

Parish Councillors, Rebecca Aquilina presiding, Carolyne Trew, Daryll Pynigar, Peter Needham and Geoff Holloway

District Councillors: 2

Members of the Public: 4

Clerk/RFO Erin Taylor

25/121 - Apologies –Eddie Schofield, Chris Chamberlain and Angela Clear

25/122 – Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 – None declared

25/123 - Declarations of Disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on the agenda – Eddie Schofield, agenda item 25/127a (advised prior to the meeting)

25/124 – Public Session & Responses

Resident – Commented favourably on the new zip line platform and asked if the ramps were going to be replaced. Councillor Aquilina confirmed the ramps would be replaced.

Resident – Asked if there were plans to add chicanes to any Boarhunt roads similar to the ones in Denmead. Councillor Aquilina confirmed the Parish Council are not aware of any plans, Councillor Stallard explained the Denmead chicane (build outs) was installed at the request of the Parish Council and that they are working and have slowed down traffic.

Resident – Asked if there was any progress on finding a bus solution for the village. Councillor Stallard confirmed no major bus company would consider a route through Boarhunt as it was not financially viable, there are other options such as community transport such as the Meon Valley Community Transport option. Councillor Stallard suggested if all the local Parish Councils got together, they may be able to create a viable solution.

25/125 - Reports from District Council, County Council and Parish

County Councillor Patricia Stallard – Highlighted Hampshire County Council (HCC) have opened an online consultation on services and were asking the public to comment [Consultation on Hampshire County Council's Budget for 2026/27 | About the Council | Hampshire County Council](#) The consultation is part of budget planning for 2026/27. Since 2008 HCC have saved £734m per annum on the budget but pressure from social care needs were rising. Just 30 new young adults needing care would raise the budget by £18m, the total budget for young adults is now £600m. School transport costs are increasing and now stand at £94m per annum. HCC's budget is constantly under pressure.

District Councillor Neil Cutler – Food waste collections have started in South Boarhunt with only a few minor issues across the District. North Boarhunt starts in February 2026.

The Current Local Plan work is continuing with the inspectorate with only minor changes being made. Work has already started on the next Local Plan which will require an increased allocation of 60% for the building of new houses.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Councillor Cutler does not expect to hear back from Central Government until January 2026.

Winchester City Council (WCC) budget is currently £35m per annum but they have made efficiency savings of £1.4m. LGR will require a budget of £2.3m and the creation of a Winchester Town Council will require £400k.

25/126 - Minutes of the Full Council Meeting on 5th September 2025

Circulated and all Councillors agreed as a true and accurate record.

Councillor Aquilina signed the previous months minutes.

25/127 – Planning Applications

- a) **25/01980/FUL**– Land to the South of Willow Way – New storage barn
 - Parish Council response – Support
- b) **25/02158/HOU** – 11 Birch Hill Cottages, Trampers Lane – Front extension
 - Parish Council response - Support

25/128 – Permitted Development

- a) None received this month.

25/129 - Boarhunt Facilities

- a) **Playground equipment inspection** – October weekly checks confirmed.
- b) **Allotments** – The Parish Council are reviewing the existing allotment agreement
- c) **Recreation Ground:**
 - I. **Pavilion Update**, the Parish Council have received three quotes to refurbish the Pavilion. Next step is to review the quotations and consult with the village in January 2026.
 - II. **Playground maintenance** – a list of all maintenance required has been collated, the Parish Council will now take advice on the priorities for completing the maintenance.
 - III. **Skate Park update** – The new safety rails have been installed, and the concrete edging has been fixed.

25/130 - Boarhunt Community

- a) **Scarecrow Competition** – 10 scarecrows were judged by District Councillors Chamberlain and Clear. The winners were:
 - a. 1st place- scarecrow with dog outside Borland House, Bere farm lane
 - b. 2nd place - Scarecrow outside Russet house, Trampers Lane
 - c. 3rd place - Blackbird scarecrow outside Five Bells, Trampers Lane
 - d. Special mention - Halloween decorations at The House, Southwick Road
- b) **Christmas Event 2025** – Posters are up around the village, A frame notices will go up after Remembrance Sunday. A resident has kindly donated time and effort to create an artistic garland display for the entrance to the social club.

25/131 – Parish Council

- a) Social Club PAT Testing – Parish Council will check with the social club
- b) Parish Councillor Vacancy – one application was received from Geoff Holloway
 - a. Proposed by Councillor Trew, Seconded by Councillor Aquilina
 - i. All Councillors approved the application
- c) Internal Auditor Vote – Mulberry Associates have been put forward as the new Internal Auditor
 - a. Proposed by Councillor Trew, Seconded by Councillor Aquilina
 - i. All Councillors approved the new Internal Auditor
- d) Grant Applications - A discussion took place on applying for grants to support the Pavilion redevelopment and other village improvements, Councillor Cutler stated he would assist and support a grant application for the required work. Councillors Aquilina and Trew to complete the WCC grant application. Councillor Stallard advised HCC grants were also available but not for the same project as any previous grant applications.
- e) IT Systems Update – The Clerk is working with an IT company to facilitate the IT systems upgrade before the December renewal of the current system. With all Councillors requesting desktop application access this will increase the budget to approx. £790.00 ex vat per annum.
- f) Parish Magazine – Councillor Aquilina is the new editor for the magazine, the next edition will be in colour. Advertising costs will increase marginally to help partially cover the increased costs of the colour magazine.
- g) Speed camera grant – Councillor Trew has written to Donna Jones requesting assistance for speed indicator signs for the village.
- h) Parish Councillor Surgeries – a surgery at Wickham Court is to be booked for February 2026.

25/132 – Correspondence

- a) Resident – Potholes in un-named road (near Wickham Common)
 - a. Councillor Stallard advised a case should be raised to Hampshire Countryside, but it was likely the residents of the road would need to contribute. The Clerk advised a case had been raised to Hampshire Countryside.

25/133 - Parish Council Finance

- a) To endorse payments made for October 2025 (Chair approved and signed)
- b) To receive current financial statement of accounts to end September (chair approved and signed)
- c) To acknowledge receipt of October CIL payments of the 2025/26 precept £1038.76

25/134 – Enforcements

- a) One new enforcement had been received by the Parish Council

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Next meeting of the Full Council – 3rd December 2025 at Parish Hall