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WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

UPPER MEON VALLEY WARD – PARISH UPDATE – JUNE 2026

Small Grants Window Opens

The window for applications to the Winchester Small Grants Scheme has now reopened and will remain open until January next year or until all the available funds have been allocated – so there is clear advantage to getting your applications in earlier rather than later. The maximum sum available is £700 and local voluntary and not-for-profit groups and organisations are eligible to apply. Recent successful applications have come from “greening” groups, sport clubs and village halls. As funds become ever scarcer, this is one of the few sources that remains, and has been very benevolent to this Ward in the past.

Meon Valley Bus

The team behind the Meon Valley Bus is trying hard to promote and improve both their scheduled bus services and the vehicle’s availability for hire for group outings. Their website has been recently refreshed and is here: <https://meonvalleybus.co.uk/>

They are also pleased to announce that, for a trial period, they will be adding a stop at the Kilmeston bus shelter on the Friday morning run to Winchester for six-weeks starting Friday 17th July. We will ensure this is advertised in the July edition of the Upper Itchen ‘Church and Village’ magazine, but all encouragement to use the bus on any of its three weekly runs would be welcomed.

We have also been asked about the possibility of adding a stop on the Winchester run at the Millbury crossroads at Beauworth - we’ll follow this up with the MVB team.

Hampshire Bus Action Group (HamBAG)

HamBAG has been formed by several action groups across the county, all of which represent communities who have recently lost their last surviving bus service. They have come together in the hope that their collective voice may be more effective in raising awareness of the effect on communities, and particularly their elder residents, of the practical and social cost of losing ‘their’ bus. The group, which has no political party alignment, has agreed a ‘vision’ statement (attached to this update) that it hopes to use to lobby all the Hampshire/Solent Mayoral candidates over the next two years and shape their approach to rural transport, acutely conscious that development of public transport strategy is one of the Mayor’s devolved powers.

Your Parish Council may wish to consider whether to commit formally to support their vision, so lending their weight to the group’s work.

David Ablitt

Jerry Pett

Winchester City Council Ward Members for Upper Meon Valley

10/2/26

VISION STATEMENT FROM HAMPSHIRE BUS ACTION GROUP

OUR VISION OF THE FUTURE

Our vision is of a bus service where:

Every community has access to public transport that's sufficiently frequent and affordable to meet people's needs.

Buses are so attractive, reliable and rapid that people choose to leave cars at home.

Public transport is run as a network, with convenient rail, bus, and ferry connections for journeys to work, shops, hospitals, education, leisure facilities and airports.

Public transport increases in line with development so new homes, workplaces and destinations are not car dependent.

WHY THIS VISION IS NEEDED

Nearly half of Hampshire's emissions come from transport, overwhelmingly from private cars¹. A fully loaded double-decker bus removes up to 75 cars' worth of pollution and congestion from our roads.

Many parts of Hampshire are "bus deserts", either with no buses or a service too infrequent to be useful.

About a fifth of homes have no access to a car. The poorest fifth of households are twice as likely as the average to have no car.

Hampshire County Council's strategy on buses is fundamentally flawed because it focuses on supporting buses on a small number of routes which are already commercially viable and ignores the needs of scores of communities across the county.

Buses in Hampshire need to serve more people. Last year, HCC came 64th out of 89 authorities in a league table of bus trips per person, with only 18.4 trips per person, down from 24.1 a decade ago². Many other authorities with similar population densities have significantly higher levels of bus usage.

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-local-authority-and-regional-greenhouse-gas-emissions-statistics>

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/bus-statistics-data-tables>

HOW TO DELIVER OUR VISION

We will be asking candidates for local elections this May, and for the election of the new mayor of Hampshire and the Solent in 2028, to make improving public transport a top priority, taking full advantage of new powers to plan and franchise bus services as part of a wholly integrated transport system

The Mayoral Combined Authority should conduct comprehensive surveys to understand people's travel needs and ensure bus services are designed to meet them.

Public funding for buses will need to be sufficient to meet our vision.

Bus priority schemes should be established in many more places to make buses the most reliable and fastest travel option.

PRINCIPLES OF A GOOD BUS SERVICE

Buses need to be:

- Frequent enough to serve people's needs in every parish and neighbourhood to
 - Commute to work,
 - Get to public services like hospitals, schools, libraries, GP and social care facilities,
 - Get to shopping and leisure facilities
 - Reach other transport links (trains, ferries, trams, airports...)
- Easy walking distance from people's homes
- Fast enough to compete with car travel
 - Express buses covering longer distances with limited stops need to link with
 - Local services that get as close as possible to people's homes
 - Integrated with other services, timetables, stations and interchanges
- Reliable: delays and cancellations must be kept to a minimum and bus companies must be held accountable for them and keep passengers fully informed.
- Affordable: including free travel or heavily discounted travel for young people under 25 and 24/7 validity for disabled bus pass holders.
- A recognition that buses play a vital role in the lives of many elderly people, reducing isolation.
- Safe and secure so everyone can travel without fear.
- Tickets valid for a whole journey: pay only once even if changing buses. Integrated ticketing similar to London's Oyster system, with tap on/off payments and fare caps applying to all modes of public transport
- Tickets need to be flexible and affordable to attract families to use public transport
- Accessible for all (independent of age and levels of mobility)
- Bus punctuality and reliability data must be published regularly and consistently
- Bus stops must have decent shelters and real time information
- Buses must be zero emission, accessible, clean, and comfortable
- Passengers and local communities must be properly consulted about services and involved in key decisions, i.e. by actively involving parish councils and future unitary councils, user groups and doing user surveys.
- Demand-responsive minibuses can help smaller communities but frequent, scheduled bus services should be the norm for the vast majority of residents

MEETING REPORT: Traffic Management

DATE: 15 June 26

WRITTEN BY: The Clerk

AGENDA ITEM: 25 (b)

Proposal for a Parish Traffic Management Plan

As GrOws, the School and the Parish Council all share concerns regarding traffic management and road safety within the village, it is proposed that a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan is developed for the parish.

The plan could include consideration of:

- Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)
- Potential road markings and pedestrian safety improvements, including designated walking routes where appropriate
- New zig-zag road markings outside the school
- Expansion of Community SpeedWatch activity
- Additional or improved traffic signage across the village

By working collaboratively, the three key stakeholders — GrOws, the School and the Parish Council — could help educate children, parents and residents about road safety and responsible driving within the village.

Alongside educational initiatives, regular Community SpeedWatch activity, the use of Speed Indicator Devices, and engagement with Hampshire County Council Highways to review road layouts and pedestrian provision could contribute significantly to improving safety and making the village a safer place for all residents.

The Parish Council would also like to explore opportunities to reduce the speed limit on Longwood Road, recognising that it serves a built-up area where lower vehicle speeds would improve safety.

In addition, the Council would seek to work with Hampshire Highways and Marwell Zoo & Activity Centre to improve signage on Portsmouth Road, where the current deer warning signage is considered insufficient.

I have contacted Beech Parish Council as they have recently introduced a number of pedestrian safety and traffic calming measures around the village, such as using lines on the road for pedestrians to use as pavements, focusing on improving safety for children walking to school and reducing vehicle speeds through the village. They are happy for us to visit them to share their experiences.

Recommendation

That the Parish Council agrees to support the development of a Parish Traffic Management Plan and works collaboratively with key stakeholders and relevant authorities to identify and implement measures to improve road safety across the village.



OWSLEBURY ACTION PLAN 2026 / 2027

AIM & OBJECTIVES	ACTION	Date to complete
Comment on all planning applications that fall within or impact on the Parish	To ask for extensions from SDNP or Winchester if need to. For all Councillors to have completed the planning course from HALC	Ongoing
Promote Training and on-going support for the Clerk and Councillors	The Clerk to send out all HALC Training sessions to the Councillors monthly	Ongoing
Keep residents up to date with Parish Council news via the noticeboard, website, instagram and OIS	Update the notice boards with Parish Council & Councillor details a list of all planned meetings. Update the website with relevant information Use OIS and FB and instagram to update the residents and place a copy on the notice board as necessary.	Ongoing
Improve communications with residents	Half Yearly Newsletter To be sent out with Owslebury Newsletter on full run so is delivered to every resident Those addresses that are not delivered to by the Newsletter team to be delivered by the ACSO	Ongoing
Report SLR data quarterly in the Parish Council meetings	Download the data and report this information quarterly at the Parish Council meetings.	Ongoing
SpeedWatch	SpeedWatch team to go out once a month Advertise for more volunteers ACSO to coordinate Speedwatch Team	Ongoing
Deliver the Beech Grove pathway improvements	To buy the piece of land from the landowner and once land transfer has been completed complete the pathway (Put on hold as landowner not well)	Ongoing
Emergency Plan	Update Emergency Plan using the new Hampshire template	Ongoing 2025

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	Working group has been set up and plan is being updated	
Playarea	To decide on playarea equipment to buy and install. Get quotes for half MUGA – to install in 2027 Continue with 2 play area inspection a year	Complete by end of 2025 2027
To carryout maintenance on the benches in the Glebe field	This was is in the budget for 2023/24 Finish painting remaining benches	Complete by end of 2025 Complete by end of 2026
To continue towards providing a new Pavilion for the residents	Apply for grants Communicate progress to residents To apply for pre-planning application To apply for planning permission To remove trees to accommodate new pavilion	Ongoing
To continue to use the Sports Field	To set up after school football in summer term Football Session in Spring & Summer To continue after school cricket summer 202 6 5 (very successful this year) and beyond Support Sports Club Hire out pitch as necessary To build relationship with cricket team	Ongoing
To register small plots of land that the Council own or take care of	To make sure all the plots of land are registered in the next year.	Ongoing
Traffic Calming	To start to look at traffic calming and how this can be achieved. Purchase 2 x SIDs for village To put together a comprehensive traffic plan for village Work with School, GrOws and local businesses on this project Look at signage on Portsmouth Road	Start initial review by end of 2025 Started to look at in 2026
Local Shop	To set up meeting with volunteers To start the process of setting up the community shop	Ongoing

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	<u>On hold as nowhere to set shop up</u>	
Better Public Transport	To liaise with Hampshire County Council on current bus route	Contact Hampshire County Council by Dec 2025 <u>Ongoing</u>
Entrance Gates to Village	To cost this project out and potentially carry out the project in 2026/2027 2027/28 when funds become available <u>Costings completed in 2026 and Council decided that this was too expensive and the purchase of 2 x SID's would be a better use of money.</u>	Ongoing <u>Completed</u>
<u>Rights of Way</u>	<u>To work with Colden Common, Twyford and Forestry England to join up bridleways so there is an off-road walkway from Winchester to Owslebury</u> <u>To re-surface Water Lane</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>
<u>Community Awards</u>	<u>To continue with Community Awards</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>

Next Review: June ~~27~~⁶

Owslebury – HALC Village of the Year 2026 Nomination

Owslebury – or, in the days of King Edward the Peaceful, *OSELBYRIG*.

Our village name may be a tongue-twister for visitors, but locals know exactly how it should be said. Today many pronounce it “Osselbury”, but if you are fortunate enough to speak to one of the increasingly rare village natives, they will quickly correct you: “*It ain’t Osselbury – it’s Uzzlebury.*” Pure Hampshire.

The origins of Owslebury’s name remain something of a mystery. It may derive from Shakespeare’s ouzel cock – the ring ouzel, a blackbird with a distinctive white crescent breast – or from an Anglo-Saxon gentleman named Osla. A 1961 letter from the English Place Name Society suggests the name comes from the Old English *OSLE* and *OUZEL*, meaning blackbird.

Perched high on the hills, surrounded by ancient woodland and close to an ancient barrow burial site, Owslebury provides the perfect habitat for wildlife and a beautiful setting for village life.

The ecclesiastical parishes of Owslebury and Morestead combined many years ago to form the civil Parish of Owslebury, encompassing the hamlets of Baybridge and Marwell and part of Hensting. Covering approximately 12 square miles, with more than sixty bridleways and footpaths, much of our parish lies within the South Downs National Park.

At the heart of the village sits The Ship Inn, while St Andrew’s Church has stood sentinel for over 700 years. The Glebe Field provides the setting for many community events, and the village green supports local cricket, football training sessions and junior cricket programmes.

Owslebury thrives because of its people.

Each Christmas the village is transformed by spectacular festive lights, visible to visitors approaching from Winchester along Morestead Road. Last year saw the first Christmas Lights Switch-On event and tree decoration outside The Ship Inn, drawing residents together and creating what promises to become a cherished annual tradition.

The village Community Association continues to strengthen community connections. Last year it established a community garden on land generously donated by The Ship Inn. Fruit and vegetables grown by volunteers were shared across the village, ensuring everyone benefited.

The Association also organises regular village litter picks, helping keep Owslebury clean and welcoming, and hosts an annual “Bring and Share” lunch where new residents can meet long-standing villagers, helping maintain the close-knit spirit that defines Owslebury.

The Glebe Field sits at the centre of village life.

One of the most popular annual events is the Scarecrow Trail, held during May half-term. Visitors travel from far and wide to admire the creativity of residents, with each year featuring a new theme. This year’s theme is “*Iconic People – Past and Present.*”

This year’s celebrations will culminate in the very first Owslebury Festival, featuring music, games, a dog show and choir performances.

Throughout the year the Glebe hosts exercise classes, community gatherings, fêtes and celebrations. The annual village fête continues to bring residents together with traditional stalls, live entertainment, crazy golf, raffles and family activities.

The field has also provided a setting for weddings, parties and community celebrations, making it a true village hub.

For over fifty years Owslebury has produced an excellent village newsletter, created by local volunteers whose dedication keeps residents informed and connected.

A bi-weekly newsletter reaches subscribers through an army of volunteer distributors, while twice each year every household receives a printed edition.

The Parish Hall is another cornerstone of village life. Home to the Post Office twice a week, it also hosts the toddler groups, yoga classes, art groups, Parish Council meetings and social events.

The village telephone box library remains a much-loved local feature.

The village playground has recently seen significant improvements, including a mud kitchen and Wendy house for toddlers, alongside a table tennis table, rebound net and picnic benches for older children.

Plans are also progressing for a half-MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), ensuring facilities continue to evolve to meet community needs.

Owslebury Climate Action Group – affectionately known as *GrOWs* – has gone from strength to strength since forming in 2023.

Working closely with St Andrew's Church, which has achieved a Silver Eco Church Award, the group has become a driving force for sustainability within the parish.

Since 2024 *GrOWs* has hosted Repair Cafés three times a year. At the February 2026's event alone, 75kg of items were diverted from landfill and an estimated 753kg of CO₂ emissions prevented.

The group runs regular Climate Cafés, encourages participation in No Mow May and Let It Bloom June, supports pollinator initiatives and has partnered with Hampshire Countryside and Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust on educational events.

They have received a letter from the local MP Danny Chambers on the great work they are doing, and he came to one of the Repair Cafes.

They have launched OWLS at Owslebury Primary School (Owslebury Wild Learners), where they had organised an OWL display from the reptile centre.

The team went to visit the Veolia recycling centre in November, which was a fantastic and insightful day out.

GrOWs were also instrumental in collecting and distributing 41 Elm trees which have been planted in the gardens of four homes in the village as part of the Hampshire Forest partnership's mission to re-elm Hampshire.

They also went to Marwell Zoo to visit the Bio-mass boiler in April.

The Friday Club provides social opportunities and trips for senior residents, while Winchester Villages Trust continues its longstanding work supporting rural residents experiencing hardship through practical help and grants.

The charity traces its roots back to historic village charities, some dating to 1648, and remains an important source of support today.

Following the devastating pavilion fire in 2020, the village sports ground is being brought back to life.

Cricket has been played in Owslebury since the early 1900s, with even a women's cricket team active during the 1940s.

Today cricket remains central to village life, alongside expanding opportunities for young people through All Stars Cricket, Dynamos Cricket and boys' and girls' football sessions.

The Parish Council and Sports Club are working together to deliver a new pavilion and future padel courts.

Recent investment has included ground improvements and four new picnic benches, creating a welcoming space where residents can watch sport or simply enjoy a picnic.

The annual sports day and residents versus cricket club match continue to bring generations together.

The Parish Council works tirelessly to improve village life.

They have recently been granted £4,500.00 for a new speed indicator sign for the village, from the police and crime commissioners emerging needs fund and £270.00 from the County Councillors Grant Scheme for four new trail cams to combat Fly Tipping in the village. They have applied for £300,000.00 from South Downs National Parks CIL fund towards the cost of the new pavilion. The Parish Council have used the grant from Boomtown to hire a portable toilet for the Sports Ground so that the children can use the ground.

Back in November the Council brought 2 remembrance silhouettes, a male and female, which have been permanently installed at the Glebe field. The residents' crocheted poppies that were installed around the war memorial were amazing - what talented people we have in the village. The council, school and church worked together to put on a beautiful remembrance day service on the Glebe field. It was lovely to see all the school children take part, along with our ACSO and residents of the village.

This year saw the first Community Awards that the Parish Council organised and were presented at the Annual Parish Assembly in May, the awards were created to give residents the opportunity to recognise individuals who make an outstanding contribution to village. It was wonderful to see so many residents attend and support this new initiative. We were also incredibly fortunate that Marwell Zoo kindly donated five pairs of tickets for the award winners. The Parish Council hope that this will become an annual event.

The Parish Council have also had the residents at the heart of anything that they do and so communication is key, the Council have always used Mail Chimp and the local notice boards to communicate, but in the past two years the Parish Council has started to write a bi-annual Newsletter that gets delivered to every single household in the village - by using the Owslebury Newsletters army of volunteers and a new Instagram account. Both have been well received.

Volunteers also contribute enormously through Community Speedwatch and Path Warden schemes.

A special mention must go to our Accredited Community Safety Officer, Gary.

His dedication to Owslebury has been exceptional. From tackling persistent fly-tipping issues and supporting prosecutions, to helping residents with everyday concerns, he has become a visible, trusted and valued presence within village life.

What makes Owslebury special is not only its beautiful countryside, history or facilities.

It is its people.

People who volunteer. People who support neighbours. People who create opportunities, strengthen connections and work together to ensure Owslebury remains a thriving, welcoming and vibrant village.

There are far too many remarkable people to mention individually, but their stories, dedication and community spirit are what make Owslebury truly deserving of HALC Village of the Year 2026.

MEETING REPORT: Footpath 21

DATE: 14/06/26

WRITTEN BY: The Clerk

AGENDA ITEM: 30

I received the following email from a resident:

Please could the council consider having a new finger post erected for footpath 21?

This is at the Baybridge Lane end, opposite Elm Farm. The finger on the old one is rotten.

I should like to ask if the Parish Council would also kindly consider supporting the idea of reinstating what used to be the continuation of FP 21 on the opposite side of the C9, accessible at that spot via a stile:

As it once was, it provided a practical connection to FP14 and thus Longwood and beyond without the diversion imposed on walkers which forces them to run the gauntlet of the traffic on the main road, down past Whiteflood Farm ,to only then cross over and come back on themselves in order to get into Longwood and beyond.

Thank you in anticipation,

**Owslebury Parish Council
2026/27**

PAYMENTS	Amount (£)	Payee	Payment Type
19	440.00	S Comley - Grass Cutting	PS/ CN
20	350.00	Sweetbriar Flowers	PS/ CN
21	8.53	3 -Phone	DD
22	5.78	Amazon - Stationary	CC
23	33.24	Amazon - Ink Cartridges	CC
24	10.69	Amazon - Lever Arch Files	CC
25	9.28	Amazon - Certificate Paper	CC
26	10.08	Amazon - Envelopes	CC
27	2,308.50	NBB Recycled Furniture - Picnic Benches	PS/ CN
28	15.98	Amazon - Picture Frames	CC
29	13.70	Waitrose - APA Food/ Drink	CC
30	23.50	Aldi - APA Food/ Drink	CC
31	3.60	IONOS - Web Hosting	DD
32	704.94	Clear Councils	PS/ CN
33	871.32	Signs Express - Sign for Sports Field	PS/ CN
34	90.00	Sentry Storage	
35	4.25	Bank Charges	DD
36	6.00	IONOS - WordPress Hosting	DD
37	135.78	Phil Space - Toilet	
38	737.88	Handy Kirley - Playground	
39	1,132.74	Swanmore PC	
40	30.47	OPHMC - Meetings May	
41	284.00	EM Arts	
42	577.60	Clerks Salary	
43	190.15	HMRC	
44	540.00	S Comley - Grass Cutting	

Voucher	Amount (£)	Payee	
RECEIPTS			
7	139.05	CCLA - Deposit Interest	
8	4,500.00	Police and Crime Commissioner	
9	20.00	Invoice No 24 - Glebe Field	

Chairman:

Date:

RFO:

Date:

Bank and short term deposit balances/bank reconciliaton

1. BANK BALANCES

31/05/2026

CASH BOOK BALANCE		£	£
Balances 1st April 2025			45,943.42
income			34,641.00
expenses			-16,536.20
CASH BOOK BALANCE			64,048.22
add o/s payment			3,855.40
less o/s receipts			-2,520.00
Control total			65,383.62
BANK STATEMENTS			
Treasurers account	65,383.62		
Business 30 Day notice	0.00		
Business Instant access	0.00		
Per bank statements			65,383.62
Difference			0.00

2. SHORT TERM DEPOSIT

CCLA	45,000.00
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3. TOTAL OF BANK AND SHORT TERM DEPOSITS	109,048.22
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STAFF APPRAISAL PROCESS

Approved by the Council in April 2019

Re-approved 13 March 2023

Re-approved 11 March 2024

Re-approved 9 June 2025

Re-approved 15 June 2026



There should be an Annual Performance Appraisal for the Clerk with the following goals –

1. Agreed assessment of previous year's performance by both OPC representatives ~~and the~~ and the clerk
2. Any personal performance improvements and education needs agreed and targets set
3. Task objectives agreed and documented
4. Job description reviewed and amended if required

The Assessment form attached to this document will be used for the process. The process will be conducted by the Chairman of the Staffing Committee, assisted by a member of the Staffing Committee, and will normally be timed to coincide with the end of the Council's financial Year, which is the end of March.

All Personal Data generated will not be published, it will be stored by the Clerk, and will only be available to the Current Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk of the Council.

A report should be given to the Full Council stating that the appraisals have been carried out, along with any recommendations.

All objectives (task and personal) should be SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time bounded)

Pro- Forma for the Appraisal Form and agreed new Objective Form are attached.



Staff Appraisal Form

Name:

Date:

Current Agreed Objectives	Date Achieved/ Comment on ongoing activity

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OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Telephone: 07869 814452

Email: clerk@owslebury-pc.gov.uk

Owslebury Glebe Field: Terms of Use

Owslebury Glebe Field is jointly owned by the Owslebury Parish Council (the Council) and the St Andrew's, Owslebury Parochial Church Council (the Church).

I would like to use the field on _____ for the purpose of _____

The Council and the Church are prepared to authorise your request subject to the following Terms and Conditions:

1. The Hirer must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Neither the Church nor the Council gives any warranty as to the condition of the field and whether it is suitable for the parking of cars. We've had no problems in the past but as you will know, the field was not designed to be a car park and hence we do not warrant it is suitable for such a purpose.
3. Neither the Church nor the Council gives any warranty as to the condition of the field and whether it is suitable for the pitching of Tents or Gazebos or for the use of exercise classes.
4. Neither the Church nor the Council accepts any liability whatsoever for damage to, or theft from, cars parked, or tents/ Gazebos pitched on the field;
5. Neither the Church nor the Council accepts any responsibility for any equipment brought to or left at the glebe Field.
6. Neither the Church nor the Council accept responsibility for any injury that is sustained whilst the event/activity is taking place.
7. The hirer is responsible for paying for any damage caused during use.
8. The Hirer must leave the Glebe Field in a clean and tidy state. All rubbish must be removed.
9. The Hirer will be responsible for keeping good order and decent behaviour.
10. No music should be played after 11pm.
11. The Hirer will be responsible for ensuring that adequate safeguards are in place to protect the well-being of the disabled, children and vulnerable adults.
12. The use of the far (South) end of the field for parking is allowed but must not in any way impede access to the Rights of Way across the field or to the entrance to the burial ground;
13. Cars must be parked in an orderly fashion, respectful of the rights of other users of the field, notably those the burial ground;
14. No more than 30 cars are to be parked on the field;
15. The Church and the Council reserve the right to withdraw permission at any time, most notably in the event the field becomes waterlogged.
- 15-16. If the field is used for any commercial event the company/ person must send the Clerk of the council a copy of their public liability insurance
- 16-17. Please read our Data Protection available from the Clerk or on the Website

Please note the public will continue to have access to the field throughout the day.

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Adopted by the Parish Council on 13th May 2019 Reconfirmed 12 June 2023, 10 June 2024 & 9 June 2025 &
June 26

Full Name (Block Capitals).....

I agree to the terms and conditions of Owslebury Parish Council and St Andrews Church when using the Glebe Field.

Signature.....

Address.....

Telephone..... E-mail.....

If you would like to give a donation for the upkeep of the Glebe field, please pay it to
Owslebury Parish Council Sort Code: 30-99-71 Account No. 00388062

Please return the above form to:

Juanita Madgwick

PO Box 783

Winchester

Hampshire

SO23 7RD

Or email: clerk@owslebury-pc.gov.uk

Have your say on vital placemaking plan for National Park

People are being encouraged to have their say as the South Downs National Park's Local Plan goes out for public consultation.

The National Park Authority is preparing a new Local Plan to guide how and where development takes place in the National Park over the next two decades, replacing the current Local Plan adopted in 2019.

The goal of the Local Plan is to address vital issues such as the need for affordable housing, quality development, restoring nature, climate action, a flourishing rural economy and helping local communities thrive.



The proposed Local Plan has been shaped by a consultation last year that involved almost 2,000 people and organisations, who submitted more than 3,700 comments on proposed policies, sites and evidence.

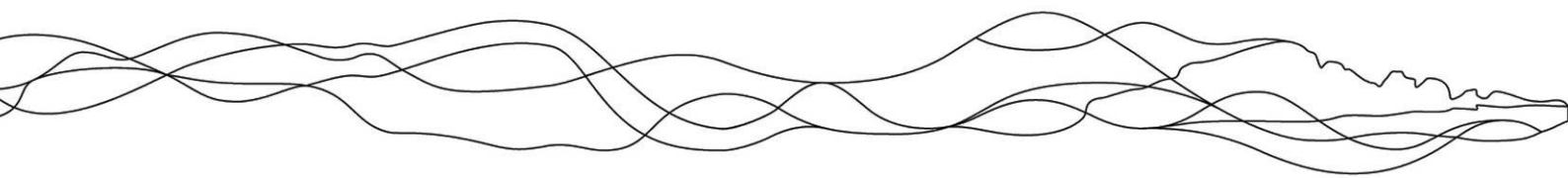
The new consultation launches today (12 May) and runs until **23 June**. The National Park Authority is asking for people to share their final comments before the proposed Local Plan is submitted for examination by an independent Planning Inspector.

Vanessa Rowlands, Chair of the National Park Authority, said: “This is a hugely important time for the South Downs as we plan for the future of this vibrant and much-loved National Park.

“We recognise places need to evolve and respond to local needs, as well as wider issues the nation faces amid changing, and potentially uncertain, times.

“This is an opportunity to protect and enhance the things we all love most – our landscapes, communities, cultural heritage, dark skies, wildlife, water courses and much more.

“I’d like to thank each and every person who has helped shape the Local Plan and we’re really keen for even more participation in this current consultation. Please do have your say and help ensure we can make the National Park an even better place in the coming years and for future generations.”



Tim Slaney, Director of Placemaking for the National Park Authority, said: “We want to create special places inspired by this nationally-important landscape, with well-designed homes, buildings and spaces for local communities and visitors, and a thriving rural economy that supports climate action.

“The goal is to grow sustainably within the context and capacity of the landscape – so that both people and nature can flourish together.”

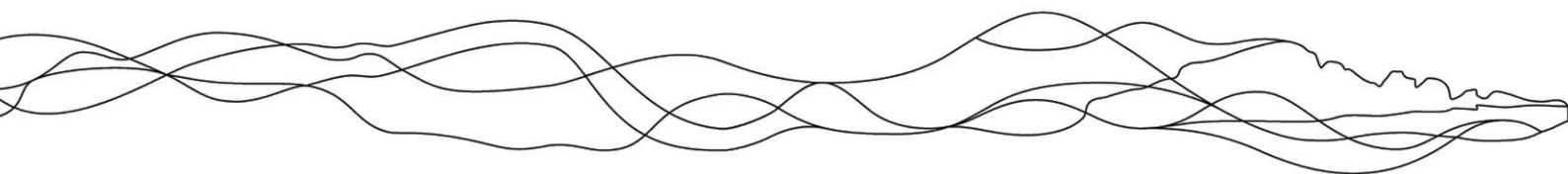
Among some of the key proposed policies in the new Local Plan are:

- Landscape-led – so conserving and enhancing the South Downs landscape is considered strongly with any planning application that comes forward.
- A total of 58 policies on core issues, including landscape, design and heritage, nature recovery, water and pollution, housing, the economy, green, blue and community spaces and transport and infrastructure.
- A total of 77 site allocations spread across the National Park, delivering 3,559 new homes, including affordable homes, as well as employment and gypsy and traveller pitches. Sites chosen include brownfield sites and those in and around existing settlements.
- An overall housing provision of 6,735 homes between 2024 and 2042. This includes existing planning permissions and allocations from neighbourhood plans that have been developed with local communities. This would meet the National Park’s housing need of 323 homes per year and would support more than 2,000 new jobs.
- Key strategic sites for development such as North Street Quarter, in Lewes, and Shoreham Cement Works. Shoreham is earmarked as a potential mixed-use development of residential, commercial and community spaces with the capacity to support up to 400 homes and significant employment opportunities.

The Local Plan will be submitted for examination by a Planning Inspector in the autumn, along with a list of proposed modifications to address any issues raised by the consultation.

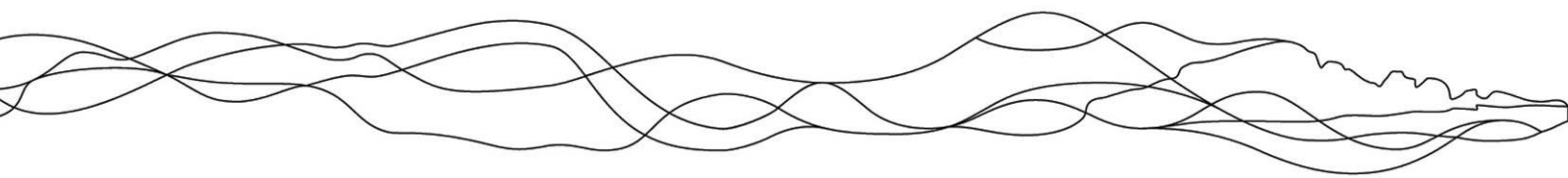
The Inspector will consider these and make recommendations about any changes to the Local Plan that are needed to make it ‘sound’.

There will then be a further public consultation on any major modifications to the Local Plan before the Inspector’s final report is made.



After completing all the required stages, it's hoped that the new Local Plan will be adopted in 2027. From then on, all planning applications will be considered against policies in the new Local Plan.

To see the proposed Local Plan and make a comment visit www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/new-south-downs-local-plan/. The documents will be live from midday on Tuesday, 12 May.





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5 May 2026

Dear Juanita,

**Owslebury & Morestead Parish Council -
Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 "Internal Audit".**

I have now completed the "Internal Audit" of your Parish Council Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026. I have carried out the Internal Audit following the guidelines as documented in the SAPPP Book "Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England - A Practitioners' Guide" issued in March 2025 and updated in March 2026

I am pleased to say that there were no issues that I need to bring before the Council. We did discuss insurance. With the increase in the world around hacking and cyber crime I thought it would be prudent to look seriously at this area of activity

1. You need strong anti virus software on your computer not just the freebie that comes already downloaded
2. You must back up your computer at least weekly
3. The Council needs to look at Cyber Insurance and weigh if the extra premiums are cost effective when weighed against the risks.

I have noted that the AGAR Pro-forma (with details of the Variations and Bank Reconciliation you will be sending off with this) have not yet been fully adopted by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk Will you please provide me with a copy of the Pro-forma - Schedules 1, 2 and 4 before they are sent off and Schedule 3 when returned signed by the External Auditors.

Will you also provide me with copies of the Bank Reconciliation and the Explanation of Variances.? Please ensure that the adoption of the Accounts and the Audit Commission Pro-forma are minuted at the appropriate times - in particular Section 1 and Section 2 of the Pro-forma need to be specifically mentioned within the Minutes and this approval must be by **Full Council** and not by Committee. The receipt of this letter and any action taken on it should also be recorded within the Minutes.

If the Council wishes to discuss any of these points - or any other matter - now or in the future I would be more than happy so to do. Obviously, if the query can be cleared quickly by a 'phone call, then there would be no further charge. If, however, the matter requires some research on my part and/or would take time to resolve then I would have to charge and I would agree this with you beforehand so that there was no misunderstanding

I enclose my Invoice for the work done so far

Yours sincerely,

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