

HARTLEY WESPALL PARISH COUNCIL (PC)

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 18th May 2026 in the Church

Councillors present: Philip van Grutten – Chair – (PvG) Ian Brown (IB), Chris Taylor (CT), Rupert Fisher (RF), Alex Robins (AR), James Wilkins (JW)

- 1 The Chair welcomed five attendees to the meeting. **No apologies** for absence were received.
- 2 **Approval of Minutes of AGM 2025:** Approved without amendment
- 3 **Chairman's Report Including finance**
 - 4 **Parish clerk:** The outgoing clerk Paul Newberry was thanked for his many years of service and the new clerk JW welcomed.
 - 5 **Potholes:** PVG reported that it appears that Hampshire County Council has just 10% of the funds it requires to mend all the potholes. It is therefore the unwelcome fact that Hartley Wespall is not a priority and specifically the communication from HCC as to the damaged culvert near Elliots Corner is that there is no imminent prospect of it being repaired. The Chairman reported that County Councillor Rhydian Vaughan attended the last PC Meeting and he will be doing his best through his contacts to bring the issue of Elliots Corner specifically to the attention of HCC.
 - 6 **Flooding:** It was noted that the flooding issue at the bottom of Rotherwick Lane has vastly improved.
 - 7 **Bramley Meadows development:** It was further observed that HWPC as well as Sherfield on Loddon, Bramley and Stratfield Saye are all against the further development currently being considered in "Bramley Meadows"
 - 8 **HWPC Finances:** It was reported that income exceeded expenditure and a further £400 was to be put into the reserves. The most significant expenditure in the last year was the purchase of a new laptop.
 - 9 **Speeding** – As a result of "Speedwatch" and the involvement of the police setting up a speed trap – 21 drivers are to be prosecuted for excessive speed through the village.

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- It was noted that the gate by the river opposite AR's house was in a poor state of repair and had been removed and temporarily replaced by metal hurdles . IB offered to speak to Henry about this.

- A further expression of thanks was given to Paul Newberry for his many years of service as clerk.