



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 22nd January 2020, 7pm, Mapledurwell & Up Nately Village Hall
Present: Councillors June James (Chairman), Paul Gaskell, Gareth Wilson, John Ashworth, Pauline Hedges, Chris Alliston; Clerk Susan Turner;
Guests Nick Walker (Nately Scures advisor), Nigel Bell (Friends of Church Path), PC Reid.

1 WELCOME

2 PC REID UPDATE

- i Fosters Business Park – Noted that the paint shop recently moved (contaminate of watercourse in November originated from there).
Regarding cars left in lay-bys, Police don't have authority to move, notices put on the cars by District Council Environmental Health.
- ii For 2019, PC Reid reported an increase of non-dwelling burglaries across 16 of his 22 parishes, many being repeat burglaries. Often associated with criminal damage, of which a large percentage is damage to crops. Only five dwelling burglaries across the whole Area. The increase in crime rates experienced in Hook – particularly over Christmas and also affecting Rotherwick – seem not to have extended to Newnham.
Q. Regarding reports of people flying into the country, being met with a list of targets, committing crimes, then flying back out.
A: PC Reid noted that this 'spot marking' is experienced in London, not extended to us.
Q. With the main access routes into Newnham being the A30 and the M3, could criminals not be detected coming into the area?
A: Criminals are generally very well informed. They know where the detection cameras are.
- iii PC Reid reported that his Area is to be changed again. The patch presently covers 250 miles – for which there are four Police Officers and four PCSOs. Will lose Whitchurch (?) with which very familiar – to now include Bramley. This overall increase in size will necessarily mean even less time for rural parishes. Local parishes led by Herriard PC are looking to object to further extending the Area (though the present change is imminent). Also noted that hustings imminent for May election of new Police and Crime Commissioner.

AGREED Clerk wil contact Herriard re adding Newnham's support for PC Reid.

PC Reid left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council

3 PUBLIC SESSION

3.1 Nigel Downes

TO RECORD the sorrow felt by everyone at the death of Nigel Downes, and the Parish Council's condolences to Angela. Nigel will be greatly missed in the Parish by many, and for the many ways in which he was always ready to help and contribute. This included his 'formal' roles but also being ready to lend a hand with any village task, be it a litter pick or clearing the pond. Nigel Bell has written an obituary which Angela will review and add to.
For the Clubroom Committe Nigel will be irreplaceable considering the amount of time and work he contributed, including taking on maintenance; equally as Footpaths Warden from scheduling the priority cutting list, liaising with HCC Countryside Services (HCCCS) over problems or obstructions, to righting a footpath sign.

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3.2 Church Path

Nigel Bell attended the meeting to present his newly published *Church Path – Hook to Newnham* report on behalf of the 'Friends of Church Path'. Church Path today comprises Newnham FP 3, Hood FPs 25a&b and the feeder path Hook FP26 from St John's Cottages. The route of the Footpath remains through open countryside and still has the feel of its historical associations.

The route has been used since 1130 or before as there are 1129 tithes for 'servicing'. (Newnham at the time was serviced from Pamber Priory which in turn was serviced from Selici in Normandy, the mother of a lot of these rural Norman churches.) It is likely the church was there way before that. It is known there were Romans in Newnham, axeheads are still being found dating from Roman times. In Medieval times the Church and Church Path would be very well-used. People spent their lives surrounded by death and keen to make their pact with God. (Life expectancy the 12th and 13th centuries was 32.) All church goers, including families, children – and pallbearers – would have walked the path.

Church Path is therefore an historical and cultural asset. There are 'church paths' in six counties but most are built up and overtaken by development. Newnham's Church Path is the only one to retain its historical rural landscape connections. It also has value for wildlife, not rare but retaining considerable biodiversity. Importantly it remains well-used by local people. Mr Bell reported that – during the time of his being there on 18th December a total of 71 people came by – on another instance he encountered a group of 20 walkers.

Church Path is a Heritage Asset due to its historical significance, unique status and the level of continued cultural importance. In seeking such status from Historic England, the 'Friends of Church Path' are first seeking support for the document from other organisations. First Newnham Parish Council, then Hook Parish Council, then BDBC and Hart... then to English Heritage, the Open Spaces Society, CPRE, Ancient Monuments etc. The Friends can then go back to Historic England with a strong level of support.

Mr Bell noted all sections of his document have been effectively peer reviewed and supported by knowledgeable third parties, an Oxford College expert having reviewed the religious aspects. He requested the Parish Council's formal endorsement – see 7.1.i: Footpaths and Rights of Way.

3.3 Newnham FP-3 Boardwalk over the Strings

HCC Countryside Services has confirmed they have a date scheduled for mid-March to build a new boardwalk with help if necessary from Ramblers Association volunteers. HCCC are responsible for all 'structures' on public rights of way. Should the Parish Council and local volunteers choose to rebuild the boardwalk, it would need to be signed off by HCC engineers and if it failed to meet requirements it would be taken down.

Angela Downes had very kindly suggested contributing to the Boardwalk as a project in memory of Nigel. It was discussed that an alternative project be considered. Chris Alliston noted the Clubroom at their last meeting has agreed to contribute and this contribution could be transferred to a new project. (See 7.1.ii.)

Nigel Bell left the meeting with the thanks of the Parish Council

4 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING of Wednesday 6th November agreed and signed.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the Agenda

All Councillors deemed to have an interest in setting the Precept request.

Dispensation granted from BDBC via the Clerk as per s33(2) Localism Act 2011.

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6 FINANCE**6.1 Regular Standing Orders**

30/11/2019	SO	Clerk salary Nov 2019	£309.25
30/11/2019	SO	PGGM LM Nov 2019	£1300.00
28/12/2019	SO	Clerk salary Dec 2019	£309.25
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6.2 Payments approved

765	Dale Valley Training	Tree inspection course	£192.00
766	PGGM	Digger hire for Green ditches	£168.00

6.3 Accounts to date APPENDIX I**6.4 Precept request 2020/21**

Considerations as minuted from the November meeting

- i** The BDBC General Grant of £1,100 phased out from 2017.
- ii** The Parish Council has low reserves which it needs to build.
- iii** Projects are ongoing in Newnham and Nately Scures / Water End which require funding and which residents should derive benefits from. For example traffic calming on A30 (eg Village Gateways / Water End crossing signage) and the Newnham Road Footway.

iv Revised budget **APPENDIX II**

AGEED Precept request of £10,845.00 **APPENDIX III**

v Cost per household (for 2020 tax base of 256.1)

$£10,845 / 256.1 = £42.35$ per annum per band D household.

Bearing in mind for a band H it will be double this and for a band A will be halved.

7 HIGHWAYS**7.1 Footpaths and rights of way****i Church Path** - see Public Session

TO RECORD the Parish Council's thanks to Nigel Bell, for attending the meeting, and for his time, expertise and dedication in compiling the Church Path report.

AGREED Unanimously that: 'The Friends of Church Path have the Parish Council's full support in their request to Historic England that this historic, cultural, heritage asset should receive graded status throughout its length.'

ii Newnham FP 3 Strings boardwalk - also see Public Session.

Nigel Downes had last year been in discussion with HCCCS regarding the boardwalk, its rebuild was scheduled for this coming summer. With part of it collapsing, Countryside Services have removed the whole structure – this section of the FP is now officially closed.

AGREED While appreciating volunteer offers to rebuild immediately, given this is HCC responsibility and they have rescheduled construction for March, this should be left to Countryside Services. The Parish Council will monitor progress and will consider other footpath or village projects to complete in Nigel's memory.

iii Surface water

The oily film recently reported across the fields from Hook FP 26 and Newnham FP3 has been inspected by BDBC Environment Health Officer. It is due to local soil conditions – hydrocarbons / methane being brought to the surface in the recent waterlogged conditions. This film will break up on being disturbed whereas petroleum pollutants will reform and create a 'rainbow'.

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7.2 A30 speed limit reductions and consultation

Hampshire County Council (HCC) has agreed to some speed limit reduction on the A30 Nately Scures as part of a wider review of *Traffic Management and Road Safety issues along the A30 between Basingstoke and Blackwater*. The full report is on the HCC website at: <http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=706&MIId=6032>

The Report recommends reducing the speed limit to 60mph both ways through Water End from west of the Y-Knot to east of Crown Lane, and to 50 both ways from the bottom of the hill to the existing 50mph limit at the top.

The recommendations were agreed at a HCC 'decision day' in November, attended by Jo Wright representing residents, and the Clerk representing the Parish Council. Despite best efforts it was evident that there will be no move for any further speed reductions now, though the situation will be monitored and ongoing review possible. Traffic police - not local police, but specialist traffic officers - will not agree to a speed limit much below current speeds. Measures must be taken - via traffic calming - to reduce the 'natural speed' of the road.

HCC now has a final 'consultation' to confirm the proposals. Given that Councillors and Officers have confirmed no possibility of lowering the limit further at this stage, the Parish Council will respond by welcoming and appreciating any speed limit reduction, but to stress that a maximum 'safe' speed limit on the A30 through all of Nately Scures and Water End is 40mph. Also to express concern that the varying speed limits and changes between numbers of lanes encourages inconsiderate driver behaviour, and that ongoing monitoring and review is needed. See **APPENDIX IV**

This is looking towards hopefully some future speed reduction and to this end the Parish Council would urge everyone to respond.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/publicnotices/publicnoticedetails?id=10472>

The consultation ends on Friday 7th February.

ACTIONS A notice regarding the consultation will go in the *Villager* and Pauline Hedges has drafted a notice to take around Waterend Park.

7.3 A30 Traffic calming measures

AGREED PARISH INITIATIVES

- i** Village gateways - to consider locations.
- ii** To seek support for a Water End crossing as a safety priority not a speed-related issue.

NOTED These to be achieved via the 'Community-funded Initiative' – ie funded by the Parish Council – and some form of grant funding must be sought.

7.4 Newnham Road flooding Heavy rain before Christmas again caused flooding by Newnham Road ponds – and adjacent driveways. (Thanks recorded to HCC for attending.)

NOTED [Flooding response and responsibility](#) - Hampshire County Council (HCC) is our Lead Local Flood Authority. Flooding or drainage problems can be reported at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>. HCC will respond to instances of Highways flooding or of trees blocking the Highway, call emergency number 0300 555 1388.

All land and property owners are responsible for preventing surface water flowing from their land onto the Highways and responsible for maintaining their own ditches and culverts.

When storm weather warnings are issued, 'partner agencies' including the Environment Agency, HCC Emergency Planning and the Borough Council (BDBC) work together 'to ensure the public is warned and informed and that all necessary precautions are in place'.

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During named storm periods, BDBC will have operational staff on standby - 'to provide emergency sand bag distribution and chainsaw clearance of fallen trees on the council's land - plus additional tree surgeons on standby to deal with any TPO trees that are damaged or pose a risk'. HCC and BDBC hold a limited emergency supply of sandbags which they say are for 'rapid deployment' - 'directing and diverting surface flows into existing channels or ditches'. Councils do not generally supply sandbags to residents.

With regards to flooding on or into private land, residents are responsible for protecting their property.

7.5 Priority cutting schedule – Noted that this would normally be agreed in discussion with Nigel Downes. Clerk to submit cutting list to HCCCS as 2019/20.

7.6 Crown Lane South East Water have effected a 'hard' road closure at the top of Crown Lane and have required Network Rail to allow access from A30 despite the works site at the bridge. Osborne Construction's works associated with driving in vertical pylons to stabilise the railway banking were expected to be finished by December.

South East Water are now expected to complete work at the top of Crown Lane in February. The top of Newnham Lane beyond Tylney Lane will be the last section to complete.

8 PLANNING

8.1 Old Basing Solar Farm proposal The decision that an environment impact assessment is not needed will stand. Paul Gaskell's comments have been logged with the case officer. A housing development is now to be linked to the solar application.

8.2 BDBC housing land supply

NOTED Shortfall in available and deliverable new housing needed to maintain five-year land supply – due to delay with Manydown – in turn due to HCC and the access road.

8.3 Parish Planning Applications for consideration

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See **APPENDIX V** for planning applications relating to the Parish.

8.4 Hart

- i Local Plan Update** – Inspector’s Report expected November, to be considered by Hart at January meeting (delayed due to election).
- ii Hook Neighbourhood Plan** – The Judicial Review of Hook’s Neighbourhood Plan initiated by Wilbur Developments – and questioning for the most part the soundness of the ‘Gap’ policy – was held at the Royal Courts of Justice on 21st January 2020 (yesterday at time of meeting). See **APPENDIX VI** for report from Hook Action Against Overdevelopment.

9 NEWNHAM GREEN

9.1 Pond

TO RECORD The Parish Council’s thanks to local volunteers for two weekends’ work at the pond. Thanks to all who helped in clearing the fallen Willow and then starting to clear the invasive *Crassula*. Any further work will need to be done by 31st January.

9.2 Ditch clearing by PGGM on 15th December. Work was scheduled for Tylney Lane towards the pub, the church side of Newnham Lane, and was then on request continued to Crown Lane. This proved to be timely as as during the subsequent wet weather and widespread flooding, the Green ditches held the water with none on the roads. A further day’s work scheduled for later this month will continue along Ridge Lane, and then if possible down the back of the Green along Tylney Lane.

9.3 Maintenance Plan Information on the Green’s SINC status – and details of Marion Stainton’s (*and the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre’s*) 2005 maintenance plan will be published in the *Villager*.

TO RECORD The Parish Council’s thanks to Manor Farm for their offer of help with mowing the Green.

10 BARRACKS

Paul Gaskell reported that Barracks residents had arranged for the the track to be half resurfaced with stone, but – with very wet weather following -- potholes already reforming.

ACTION Clerk to request site visit from the Lengthsman with a view to clearing the ditch adjacent to the Highways-adopted section opposite (formerly) Hook Tyres.

11 FURTHER REPORTS

11.1 Newnham Clubroom Chris Alliston reported the extension almost complete and this week will be breaking through into the existing building. See Public session for discussion re additional help needed on the Committee. Notice to be included in the *Villager*.

11.2 Villager Without Nigel Downes, additional distributors will be needed for the *Villager*, or present distributors will be taking on more deliveries. Question raised whether should be delivered electronically.

11.3 Old House at Home Chris and Donna have arranged a new Lease and will be Free-of-Tie. Also Red Oak Taverns are rebuilding and extending the ladies’ toilets, following which the gents’ will be re-tiled.

12 NEXT MEETINGS Provisional dates - Wednesdays 7pm
4 Mar, 1 April (Parish Assembly), 13 May (AGM), 1 July, 2 Sept, 4 Nov

Meeting closed 9.15pm with thanks to all present.

For signature Date

APPENDIX II – ANTICIPATED YEAR END FIGURES AND REVISED BUDGET 2020

NEWNHAM YEAR END FIGURES AND BUDGET						Expected 19/20 Year End	20/21 budget Jan2020
Item	14/15 Year End	15/16 Year End	16/17 Year End	17/18 Year End	18/19 Year End		
INCOME							
Precept	£6,122.00	£6,735.00	£7,409.00	£8,150.00	£8,965.00	£9,862.00	£10,845.00
General Grant	£1,100.00	£1,100.00	£1,100.00	£550.00	£0.00		
Other Grants	£1,841.00	£376.00	£1,385.00	£970.00	£1,855.00	£839.00	£1,342.00
S106		£447.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
						£3,500.00	
NGPA Contribution	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Interest	£5.24	£5.86	£5.82	£5.31	£3.23	£2.36	£2.00
Returned funds	£16.50				£20.00	£331.00	
				£100.00	£100.04	£200.04	£200.00
VAT reclaim	£147.40	£44.77	£664.31	£1,543.50	£1,923.69	£925.41	£1,000.00
LM vat recalim				£874.00	£750.00		
Total Income	£9,232.14	£8,708.63	£10,564.13	£12,192.81	£13,616.96	£15,659.81	£13,389.00
EXPENDITURE							
Expenses	£378.00	£364.50	£457.00	£216.00	£460.25	£216.00	£400.00
Finance / Admin	£775.72	£1,131.21	£1,089.82	£1,044.55	£1,223.60	£1,269.18	£1,100.00
Training					£110.00	£160.00	£200.00
Salary	£3,158.69	£3,284.40	£3,756.47	£3,526.20	£3,711.00	£3,711.00	£4,320.00
Capital			£1,100.00				
Maintenance	£250.00	£40.45	£861.00	£385.00	£70.00	£242.04	£500.00
Clubroom	£300.00	£300.00	£300.00	£944.70			
PROJECTS'							£3,000.00
Community/donations	£550.00	£470.00	£420.00	£420.00	£477.43		
Project- Barracks		£2,770.00	£0.00				
Project - Pub			£2,739.15	£2,701.50	£4,979.00		
Project - bridge/bench				£1,160.00	£569.00		
Project - bus shelter					£2,650.00	£3,000.00	
Project - planters						£904.00	
Project - noticeboard					£127.00		
Green	£960.00	£600.00	£1,691.01	£1,193.75	£1,433.95	£874.99	£1,300.00
Villager	£767.25	£564.75	£833.00		£749.54	£626.78	£659.50
VAT	£44.77	£664.31	£702.52	£840.98	£1,923.69	£954.41	£1,000.00
LM hours over 16/17				£1,630.00			
Total Expenditure	£7,184.43	£10,189.62	£13,949.97	£14,062.68	£18,484.46	£11,958.40	£12,479.50
LENGTHSMAN INCOME							
LM hours over 16/17				£1,630.00			
Lengthsman hours			£6,000.00	£12,000.00	£13,000.00		
Lengthsman admin			£600.00	£1,200.00	£1,300.00		
L/M vat refund				£2,725.98	£2,600.04		
Total Income	£0.00	£0.00	£6,600.00	£17,555.98	£16,900.04	£16,900.00	£19,800.00
LENGTHSMAN EXPENDITURE							
Lengthsman hours			£4,370.00	£13,630.00	£12,999.96		
Lengthsman admin			£600.00	£1,100.00	£1,200.00		
LM contrib to audit				£100.00	£100.04		
Lengthsman VAT			£874.00	£2,725.98	£2,600.04		
Total Expenditure	£0.00	£0.00	£5,844.00	£17,555.98	£16,900.04	£16,900.00	£19,800.00
SURPLUS/DEFECIT							
	£2,047.71	£1,480.99	£2,629.84	£1,869.87	£4,867.50	£3,701.41	£909.50
BALANCE TO T/O	£12,926.16	£11,445.17	£8,815.33	£6,945.46	£2,077.96	£5,779.37	£6,688.87

APPENDIX III – PRECEPT REQUEST 2020/21

2020/21 PRECEPT REQUEST

PARISH OF **NEWNHAM**
 To Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council

You are hereby directed to pay the sum of: (in whole pounds only)

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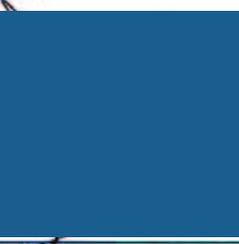
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TEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE (amount in words)

In two equal instalments by 30th April 2020 (50%) and 30th September 2020 (50%) to meet expenses of the Parish.
 This being the precept amount determined in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

Authorised at a meeting of the Parish Council held on **22ND JANUARY 2020**

Signatures:



Presiding Chairman
 Member of the Council
 Member of the Council
 Clerk

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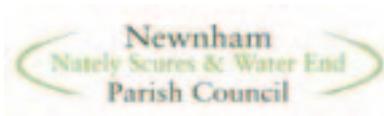
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APPENDIX IV.I – A30 DECISION DAY MEETING PARISH SUPPORT TO DEPUTATION



Councillor Rob Humby

Deputy Leader of Hampshire County Council
and Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment

12th November 2019'

Re A30 Traffic Management Review – Deputation re A30 Nately Scures / Water End

Dear Councillor Humby

1. Newnham Parish Council wishes to express its appreciation for the effort and commitment of residents, and the work of the County Council, towards improving the safety of the A30 through Water End and Nately Scures.

The A30 Traffic Management Review has been received with great interest and its recommendations for speed limit reductions are strongly supported.

'4. That approval is given for the reduction of the speed limit from 70mph to 60mph along the A30, London Road, at Water End, and from 70mph to 50mph along the same road through Nately Scures in the vicinity of the Baredown residential development.'

2. However the Parish Council strongly believes that the reduction to 50mph should continue through Water End, bearing in mind there is also a residential development of 69 homes at Water End Park – and will continue to lobby for this by whatever means available to us.

On visiting Water End on 9th August 2018, you commented on the complexity of the road layout, which includes junctions with Andwell Lane and Water End Lane, plus the entrance and exit from Hackwood Business Park, Water End Mobile Home Park and the Y-Knot Inn.

The Parish Council's foremost concern is that in the midst of this complexity, elderly people from the Water End Park are required to cross the A30 to reach the bus into Basingstoke – or to return from Hook which is the frequent destination for a doctor's surgery.

3. According to the Traffic Management Review

37. Speed checks measuring the mean speed of traffic have helped determine the level at which to set the proposed speed limits along the route. The speed checks support a 60mph limit to cover the Water End junction, which is where recent accidents have occurred with most frequency, and a 50mph limit through Baredown/Nately Scures adjoining the existing 50mph limit at the western end of Hook

The mean 24-hour speeds along the proposed 60mph stretch are shown as (westbound) 54.9mph approaching the Blackstocks Lane / Crown Lane Crossroads and 50.6 approaching Water End. These current speeds would not seem so high as to make a 50mph request impossible to achieve? (Eastbound speed are unfortunately not visible on the map.)

Reference para 47 that '**Typically, the dualled sections have a speed limit of 50mph.**'

- 4 The Parish Council is committed to pursue – and is already pursuing measures – via the Community-funded initiative as necessary – to change the character of the Water End stretch of the A30 – by installing Village Gateways including a planting programme. Raised bed planters have already been installed by Water End Park new bus shelter and the Hackwood Park owner opposite has pledged to install same. Also signage to warn of elderly people crossing, and whatever other means to make the pedestrian crossing point more obvious.

The Parish Council seeks HCC's support in providing measures to reduce the 'natural speed' of the road at Water End sufficiently to support at 50mph limit here.

5. In addition to the above, the Parish Council requests residents' concerns be considered regarding the increased potential for accidents where short stretches of dual carriageway invite last-minute attempts to overtake in the vicinity of residential properties and driveways. To remove this hazard, the Parish Council supports the introduction of a continuous single lane from Baredown to Water End Eastbound and Westbound.

Yours sincerely

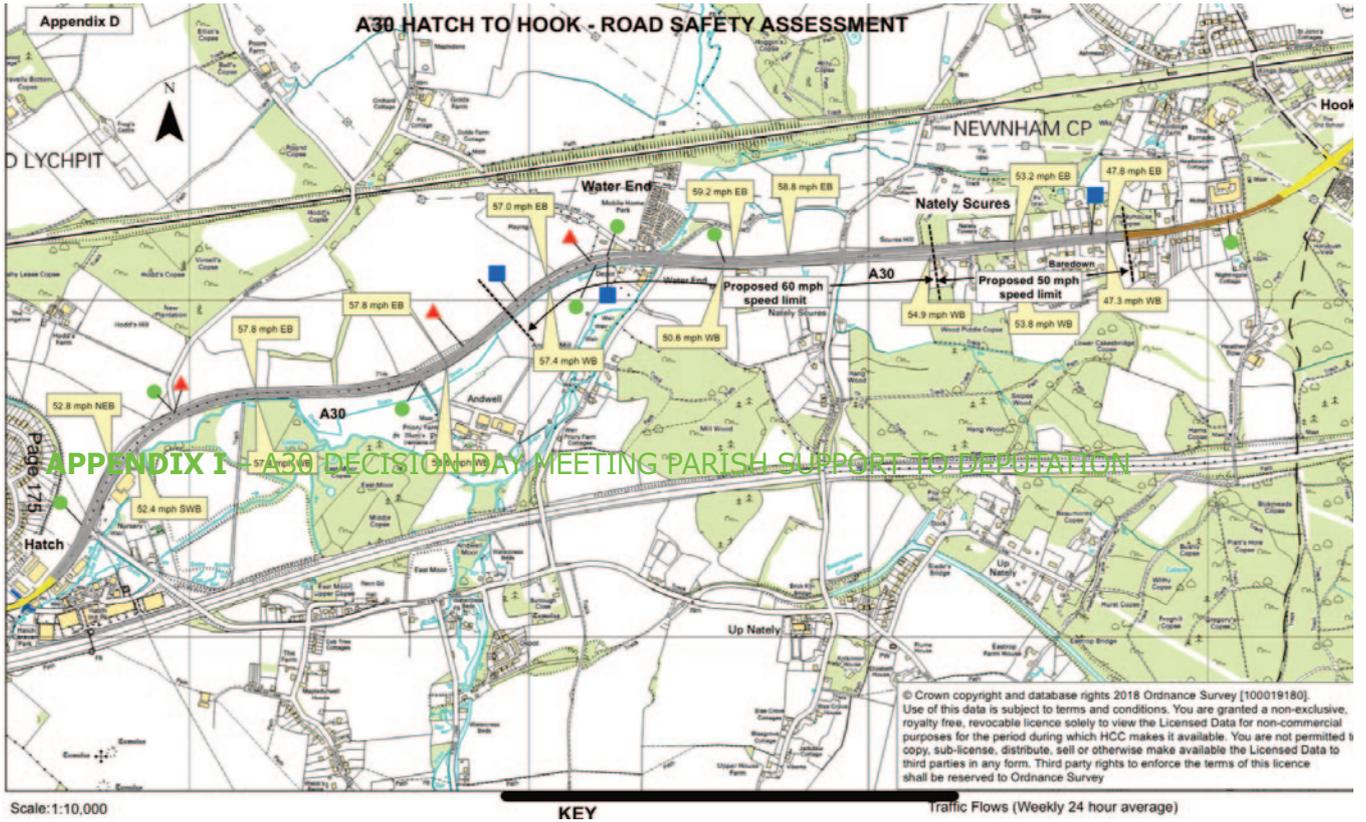
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APPENDIX IV.II – A30 SPEED AND ACCIDENT DATA



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Parish Council to respond with concerns: 'The Parish Council considers that the development in its present form fails to respect its location and setting. Of greatest concern is light pollution. As an agricultural site this was an area of dark skies; the development should not adversely and unnecessarily impact on the site's character and sense of place. The house and much of the surrounding area is now illuminated by floodlighting and security lighting.

'Also bearing in mind BDBC's recently declared Climate Emergency, the Parish Council requests the case office consider the impact of all lighting from the development. Also that, should the application be partially or fully approved, conditions should permit only essential security lighting, and that to be sensor activated, low voltage and shielded to minimise impact beyond the immediate vicinity. Also to strongly request further areas of native tree planting in mitigation for the larger dwelling (and the considerable number of mature trees originally felled prior to development).'

19/03224/LDEU (Validated: Fri 29 Nov 2019) Manor Farm, Crown Lane, Newnham RG27 9AN. Certificate of lawfulness for the continued siting of a caravan used as a farm workers dwelling.

T/00484/19/TCA (Granted 9th December, Validated: Tue 05 Nov 2019) Newnham Edge, Tylney Lane, Newnham. T1 Cedar: prune back from house to give a 2m clearance, remove snapped hanging branches and deadwood.

19/02992/HSE (**Granted** 23rd Dec, Validated 29 Oct) 1 Kingsbridge End, Old School Road. Erection of single storey side and front extensions. *Parish Council response: 'No objection'*

19/02070/ROC (**Pending** Validated 12 August) Land To The Rear Of Nateley Place, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Variation of condition 1 of 17/00619/FUL to amend the plans.

Condition 1. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority:

19/01977/FUL (**Pending** Validated 22 July) Land Adjacent To Nately Towers, Scures Hill, Nately Scures. Erection of one 5-bed dwelling with double garage and creation of a new access.

APPENDIX VI – HOOK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN JUDICIAL REVIEW – REPORT FROM HAOO

As you will recall, Wilbur Developments (wanting to build 700 houses at Owens Farm/West of Hook) initiated a Judicial Review challenging the validity of some of the content of the Hook Neighbourhood Plan. This Judicial Review was held at the Royal Courts of Justice on 21st January 2020.

The case presented by Wilbur Developments essentially challenged the need for the gap between Hook and Newnham which the Hook Neighbourhood Plan states should be preserved. Wilbur argue the Neighbourhood Plan Examiner and Hart DC failed to challenge the evidence provided to establish the need for the gap and placed emphasis on the fact that the Gap Policy had been withdrawn by Hart District Council from the draft Local Plan.

Hart District Council's barrister argued consistency with the emerging Local Plan which recognised the Neighbourhood Plan could designate a Gap in order to prevent coalescence. He also stressed the boundaries of the Gap were established by practical planning work on the ground with consultations with the local community – providing fact-based site visits/observations.

Interestingly, as part of their case, Wilbur's Barrister argued that "opinion of residents is not material in regard to the making of Planning Policy"! We feel this is completely contradictory to the concept of the making of Neighbourhood Plans where "Neighbourhood Planning gives communities the power to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood Plans can shape, direct and help to deliver sustainable development" (para 29, NPPF).

Hart DC and Hook PC have fully adhered to the Neighbourhood Plan process which went through Independent Examination, Hart DC scrutiny and a very successful Referendum. However, we now await the judgement following the challenge and subsequent Judicial Review.

The Judge informed that she will defer formal Judgement for about two weeks due to the complexity of the arguments. So, we now await further news and of course will share this with you as soon as we can.