

FULL COUNCIL

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 7.30pm

In the Gilbert Room, Twyford Parish Hall

Present:

Cllr. Lawton (in the Chair), Cllr. Forder-Stent, Cllr. Pain, Cllr. Corcoran, Cllr. Cook, Cllr. Pullen, Cllr. Hill, Cllr. Hoad, Cllr. Percival

In attendance:

Clerk
Cllr. Greenberg (WCC)
2 members of the public

Minute

Business Transacted

- 122/23 Election of meeting Chairman & Comments**
In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Clerk invited members to elect a chair for the meeting.
It was Resolved to elect Cllr. Lawton to chair the meeting.
Cllr. Lawton welcomed everyone to the meeting and conveyed his thoughts and best wishes to the Chairman and his family.
- 123/23 Apologies for Absence**
There were apologies from Cllr. Mitchell and Cllr. Sellars.
- 124/23 Requests for Dispensation under Section 33 Localism Act**
No requests were received.
- 125/23 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations made.
- 126/23 Approval of Minutes**
It was **Resolved** that the minutes of the Meeting of Twyford Parish Council held on 26th October 2023 be approved.
- 127/23 Public Representation**
There were no representations.
- 128/23 County Councillor's report**
Cllr. Humby had submitted a report for November which was **received and noted** and is attached in the appendices.
Cllr. Cook advised that she had a meeting scheduled with Cllr. Humby next week and if anyone had any issues to raise, please let her know.
- 129/23 District Councillors' report**
A report was **received and noted** and is attached in the appendices.
Some members raised questions on the Winchester City Centre Regeneration consultation. Cllr. Cook encouraged everyone to provide feedback and would be happy to receive any comments directly. Cllr. Greenberg drew attention to the Bushfields Camp planning application and highlighted information she felt was missing. There is a drop in session at Badger Farm Community Centre this weekend.

130/23 Clerk's report

The report was **received and noted** and is attached in the appendices.

In reply to a question about the Clerk's report at the October 2023 meeting of the Council, The Clerk confirmed that a meeting with the Hunter Park Tennis Court Association had not yet been arranged, but when it had the Clerk would provide a report back to the Recreation Committee.

131/23 Co-option

No applications had been received, there are currently two vacancies.

132/23 Committee Appointments

It was Resolved to appoint:

- Cllr. Percival to the Climate Advisory Committee, Traffic Solutions Advisory Committee and as a Reserve Member of the Recreation Committee.
- Cllr. Sellars to the Parish Farm Advisory Committee

133/23 Planning Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 2nd November 2023 **were received.**

Cllr. Lawton highlighted that there had still been no further progress on some long outstanding applications.

134/23 Planning Applications

It was **Resolved** to submit the following comments to the SDNPA on planning Applications received:

SDNP/23/04599/HOUS
Highcroft Love Lane Twyford Hampshire SO21 1FB

No objection. The Council supports the proposed plans and welcomes the quality of the documentation submitted with the application. A sensitive approach must be taken towards deliveries and other construction related traffic due to the location of the site.

SDNP/23/04799/LDE
Woodland Drove, Park Farm Main Road Twyford Moors Hampshire SO21 1EX

Council does not dispute the evidence submitted in support of the application. However, it would like the permission to be granted for a specific use, which is that of occupation only by a gamekeeper employed by the estate on which the site is located.

The Council queries whether the application for CIL exemption is correct since the permission is to regularise use of the caravan and in doing so formally creates permanent permission for a dwelling.

135/23 Recreation Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on 15th November 2023 **were received.**

There were no recommendations. Cllr. Pullen highlighted the work that was being planned for the 60th anniversary of Hunter Park next year.

136/23 Finance Committee

The draft minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 2nd November 2023 **were received.**

It was Resolved to note the Local Government Pay Settlement 2023/24 and **approve** a virement of £3,000 to the Employment Costs budget code to cover the additional costs of the settlement.

140/23 Schedule of Payments

It was **Resolved to receive and approve** the Schedule of Payments for November 2023.

The schedule is attached in the appendices.

141/23 Balance of the bank accounts

The bank balances as of 31st October 2023 were **noted**.

Ordinary Accounts		Interest rate
Unity Trust C/A	£3,808.84	0.0%
Nationwide	£14,400.63	2.20%
Redwood (35 day notice)	£88,063.93	3.20%
Unity Trust (Instant Access)	£17,209.40	2.75%
Short Term Investment Accounts		Interest rate
Cambridge & Counties Bank	£50,000.00	4.2%
Total	£173,482.80	

142/23 Tree Planting at Berry Meadow

Cllr. Corcoran introduced a report, which is attached in the appendices, regarding the planting of trees in Berry Meadow. Members asked for clarification on several matters regarding distance from the boundary and potential effect on views and impact on streetlights. Professional advice on the planting had been sought from a consultant and a report provided.

It was Resolved to approve the planting of 30 trees in Berry Meadow, of which 15 would be in an avenue and 15 in a cluster. The species will be a mixture of Beech, Lime, Elm and Alder. The avenue of trees will be planted between 3.5 and 4.5 metres from the boundary fence and spaced 12 metres apart.

The Clerk will sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the South Downs National Park Trust and also apply for small grant from Winchester City Council to cover the remaining costs of the work.

143/23 Hazeley Road Development Area Advisory Committee

Cllr. Corcoran gave a verbal update and advised that he had written to Cllr. Jerry Pett at WCC, who is WCC's appointee to the SDNPA, regarding the coordination of the multiple projects and planning applications. A positive response had been received a meeting was to take place very soon.

Cllr. Lawton advised that the housing site applicant has confirmed that they are now in dialogue with the SDNPA regarding the layout of the site and this may result in changes being made to the application.

144/23 Traffic Solutions Advisory Committee

Cllr. Hoad advised a meeting of the committee was due to take place in January. He had previously reported progress on Finches Lane informal crossing and Hazeley Road gateways and these were still on schedule.

Cllr. Cook reported that both Cllr. Greenberg and herself had made representation to the M3 Junction 3 hearing and also highlighted that a recent closure of J11 has caused some issues for diverted traffic which she had reported to HCC highways.

145/23 Climate Advisory Committee

Cllr. Forder-Stent advised that climate training was taking place next Thursday, and the group was always looking for new members. She also highlighted steps that were being taken to monitor groundwater levels which high for this time of year. Cllr. Corcoran indicated that the ditch in the field adjacent to Finches Lane will need clearing to assist in preventing flooding.

The Clerk advised that he will add an agenda item on Flooding to the next meeting of the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROB HUMBY'S REPORT

NOVEMBER 2023

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New County Council Cabinet Portfolios

Adult's Health and Care:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Liz Fairhurst; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Jan Warwick

Children's Services:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Edward Heron; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Steve Forster

Universal Services:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Nick Adams-King; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Russell Oppenheimer

Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services

- Leader, Cllr Rob Humby; and
- Deputy Leader, Cllr Roz Chadd

HR, Performance, Communications and Inclusion and Diversity

- Executive Member, Cllr Kirsty North

COUNTY COUNCIL SETS OUT NEXT STEPS FOR TITCHFIELD HAVEN NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE INVESTMENT PLANS

Investment plans for Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve will progress as Hampshire County Council places Haven House for sale on the open market. The sale of the building is essential to raise vital funds for the National Nature reserve, a site of international importance for wildlife

[County Council sets out next steps for Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve investment plans | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

THOUSANDS RISE TO 2023 READING CHALLENGE

More than 19,000 Hampshire children signed-up for this year's Summer Reading Challenge – up 11% compared to 2022 – and read over 73,000 books

[Thousands rise to 2023 reading challenge! | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

'REDISCOVER' WAYS TO BE GREEN

Hampshire County Council is challenging people to hunt around their homes for items no longer needed and rediscover 'missed opportunities' to recycle items that cannot be reused or repurposed – either in their kerbside collection, at their local Recycling Centre or community recycling point

['Rediscover' ways to be green during Recycle Week 2023 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

MORE THAN 800,000 REASONS WHY HAMPSHIRE'S HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND MAKES A DIFFERENCE

New figures released by Hampshire County Council show that support has been provided to residents on 825,000 separate occasions* since the fund was created two years ago

[More than 800,000 reasons why Hampshire's Household Support Fund makes a difference | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORT TO MAKE GENERATION OF NON-SMOKERS A REALITY

Hampshire County Council has welcomed the Government's recent announcement to create a 'smokefree generation' by 2040

[County Council support to make generation of non-smokers a reality | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

COUNTY COUNCIL MARKS ANTI-SLAVERY DAY WITH BEHIND-THE-SCENES LOOK AT WORK ON CHILD EXPLOITATION

Hampshire County Council is marking Anti-Slavery Day by shining a light on the vital work carried out by its award-winning Willow Team, recognised nationally for its role in protecting children and young people from modern day slavery, trafficking and exploitation.

[County Council marks Anti-Slavery Day with behind-the-scenes look at work on child exploitation | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

AVOID A NASTY TRICK THIS HALLOWEEN AND BONFIRE – FOLLOW SAFETY TIPS FROM HAMPSHIRE TRADING STANDARDS

With Halloween and Bonfire celebrations approaching, people are being reminded to play it safe by following safety advice from Hampshire County Council's Trading Standards

[Avoid a nasty trick this Halloween & Bonfire – follow safety tips from Hampshire Trading Standards | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

COUNTY COUNCIL TO CONSULT ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO SCHOOL AND POST-16 TRANSPORT

Proposed changes to Hampshire County Council's School and Post-16 Transport Policies will be the subject of two public consultations set to run from Monday 30 October until Wednesday 6 December

[County Council to consult on proposed changes to School and Post-16 Transport | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

COUNTY COUNCIL RENEWS COMMITMENT TO HAMPSHIRE'S ARMED FORCES

Hampshire County Council has underlined its commitment to the Armed Forces, by renewing its pledge that serving and veteran members of the Forces, and their families, are treated fairly and are not disadvantaged when accessing public services such as education and healthcare

[County Council renews commitment to Hampshire's Armed Forces | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SHINES A LIGHT ON DEVELOPMENTAL LANGUAGE DISORDER DAY

Hampshire County Council is marking International Development Language Disorder Day to raise awareness of this hidden but common condition

[Hampshire County Council shines a light on Developmental Language Disorder Day | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CELEBRATES FOSTER FOCUS WEEK 2023

Hampshire County Council is celebrating its annual Foster Focus Week by recognising the work and support provided by the Hampshire Hives – a network of community groups for foster carers

[Hampshire County Council celebrates Foster Focus Week 2023 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

VOICE OF HAMPSHIRE'S YOUTH TAKE TO NATIONAL POLITICAL STAGE

Members of the Hampshire Youth Parliament are set to be the voice of Hampshire's young people on the national stage, after being appointed Chair of the Government's Youth Select Committee and the South-East Youth Parliament Debate Lead

[Voice of Hampshire's youth take to national political stage | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

GET COST OF LIVING HELP FROM HAMPSHIRE LIBRARIES

Hampshire County Council is encouraging residents who are struggling with the cost of living to take advantage of expert advice at drop-in sessions being held in local libraries over the next few weeks

[Get cost of living help from Hampshire Libraries | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

FOSTER CARERS AMONGST THOSE CELEBRATED AT COUNTY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AWARDS

Three local foster carers were honoured at an annual awards ceremony celebrating the outstanding work of staff and carers in Hampshire County Council's Children and Families service

[Foster carers amongst those celebrated at County Council's annual Children and Families awards | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MARKS NATIONAL CARE LEAVERS' WEEK

Young people who are leaving care are being celebrated and invited to attend a series of events across Hampshire as part of National Care Leavers' Week, while the County Council prepares to host a regional care leavers conference

[Hampshire County Council marks National Care Leavers' Week | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

MEALS ON WHEELS – HELPING YOU TO STAY WELL DURING THE COLDER MONTHS

To coincide with national Meals on Wheels Week, Hampshire County Council is reminding local residents that Meals on Wheels are available to anyone with a long-term health condition who may struggle to shop for or prepare food for themselves

[Meals on Wheels – helping you to stay well during the colder months | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

HAMPSHIRE BROWNIES ENJOY 'THE BEST SLEEPOVER IN THE WORLD' AMONG THE BOOKSHELVES

More than 250 Hampshire Brownies took part in a big sleepover event at four Hampshire libraries over the weekend in celebration of the recent publication of Jacqueline Wilson's new children's book 'The Best Sleepover in the World'

[Hampshire Brownies enjoy 'The Best Sleepover in the World' among the bookshelves | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Services provided by Hampshire County Council include:

- [Education and Learning](#) including supporting Hampshire schools. (excluding privately run Academy Schools)
- [Services for children and families](#) including adoption and fostering, safeguarding, and support for young people.
- [Maintenance of Hampshire's roads](#) (except motorways and trunk roads which are the responsibility of National Highways), [licensing](#) for providers who need to work on the highway, and support for operators of [public transport](#).
- [Planning](#) applications for mineral extraction, waste management and public buildings.
- Provision of [social care and health](#) in Hampshire.
- The [Hampshire Library Service](#).
- The [Countryside Service](#), looking after [rights of way](#), and many of the county's [important green spaces](#)
- [Household Waste Recycling Centres](#) where residents can dispose of unwanted items. (District, borough or city councils manage kerbside household waste collections)
- [Trading Standards](#), ensuring fair trading in Hampshire, by supporting the county's businesses and protecting Hampshire consumers.

District, borough and city councils

District, borough and city councils provide services such as:

- Household waste collection
- Domestic planning applications
- Council Tax collection
- Housing

[Find your local district or borough council](#)

Parish, community and town councils

These councils operate at a level below district and borough councils and in some cases, unitary authorities.

They are elected and can help on a number of local issues, like providing:

- allotments
- public clocks
- bus shelters
- community centres
- play areas and play equipment
- grants to help local organisations
- consultation on neighbourhood planning

Twyford Parish Council

District Councillors' Report November 2023

Bushfield Camp Planning Application

DROP-IN SESSION THIS SATURDAY

Badger Farm Community Centre

Saturday 25th Nov 2023

11.00-14.00

Deadline for Comments on the Planning Portal is **7th Dec 2023**

Come Along and Speak with Councillors and Ask Questions about the Planning Application.
We Don't Bite!

City Centre meet and Greets

WCC's [Central Winchester Regeneration](#) development partner, Jigsaw (Partnerships and Places), has two more meet and greet sessions this year to listen to your hopes and ideas about the future regeneration of the city.

The dates and locations are (please note the change in time to these events:)

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Wednesday 29 November 2pm - 5pm The Arc, Winchester

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Wednesday 13 December 4pm-7pm Winchester Sport and Leisure Par

You don't need to book, simply drop in. You can attend any drop-in, regardless of where you live.

Rural Communities Funding

Businesses and community organisations in rural areas of the district can [now apply for a share of Rural England Prosperity Fund award](#).

Organisations can apply for between £15,000 and £40,000 with businesses required to match fund their projects by 50%. The grants form part of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda, and are subject to the release of funding by central government in April 2024.

If you think your project might be eligible, get in touch for a friendly chat to discuss your ideas by emailing prosperity@winchester.gov.uk

Community Solar Support Scheme

WCC has partnered with [WinACC](#) on a new scheme to help community organisations make the switch to solar energy!

The scheme, funded by the government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund, will help upgrade community buildings with solar panels, reducing both their carbon footprint and running costs. Organisations can book a short consultation with WinACC by emailing solar@winacc.org.uk

Christmas in Winchester

The ever-popular [Winchester Cathedral Christmas Market](#) is in full swing and runs until 21 December. The market's opening times are 10am to 6pm on Sunday to Thursday, and 10am to 8pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

There's lots happening across the district too, so make sure you visit our [Christmas in Winchester](#) page to plan your festivities over the coming month.

Park and Ride times extended

The festive Park & Ride timetable has now started. Park & Ride is one of the easiest ways to visit our city and helps reduce congestion in the city centre during this busy time.

- Extra Park & Ride services from 17 November to 21 December
- A free shuttle bus from our East Park & Rides (St Catherine's & Barfield) on **Sundays** (26 November & 3, 10, 17 December) to Broadway only
- Buses running every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday until 6pm, with a later last bus from town (approx. 8.30pm)

Important numbers: Please make a note of these Numbers.

National Highways Reporting

0300 123 5000

Southern Water
0330 303 0368

M3 Junction 9 Road Improvements
National Infrastructure Planning
Helpline 0303 444 5000

Hampshire Highways
0300 555 1388
Mon-Fri 08.30-17.00

OUT OF HOURS Call 101

To report a flooding or drainage problem

Hants.gov.uk

Winchester City Council Offices
01962 840222

Customer service@winchester.gov.uk

Mon-Thurs 08.30-17.00
Friday. 08.30-16.30

Ward Councillors

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Twyford Parish Council

Clerk's Report

Councillors are reminded that the items within this report are provided for information only and not available for debate. If it is considered that an item listed within the report should be debated fully by members, then it will be placed on the next appropriate committee or council agenda. Any member wanting clarification or further information on any aspect of items within the report please contact me in advance of the meeting.

General reading and information.

The following publications have been received and available for members to read:

- Rural Service Network – Rural Bulletin 14th November
- WCC Parish Connect - September
- WCC Your Council News – November
- HCC – Your Hampshire newsletter
- South Downs News – November
- The Clerk magazine
- Clerks & Councils Direct

Other information

- 1) All members need to be aware of the disclosable pecuniary interest forms and consider whether there have been any changes since it was last written. If there was a need for any change to be made, please contact me and I will supply fresh document for completion.
- 2) Information on training sessions available to Councillors has been circulated. These sessions are run by Hampshire Association of Local Councils with additional events being run at Whiteley Town Council's office.
- 3) A letter of thanks has been received from Winchester Citizens Advice in response to the grant recently made by the Council.
- 4) A Climate Change training session for Councillors will take place on 30th November in the Gilbert Room.
- 5) WCC have sent formal confirmation of the CIL award for £10k for Real Time Information Bus Stop displays and I have had an exploratory conversation with HCC.
- 6) I am reviewing the arrangements in place to clean bus shelters. The current contract with Wettons is not working well.

Jamie Matthews
Parish Clerk
16th November 2023

Item 140/23

Schedule of Payments – November 2023

Tx No.	Gross	Vat	Net	Details
213	47.94	7.99	39.95	Mid Hants Fire Protection - Fire extinguisher annual inspection/service
215	24.47	4.08	20.39	Start Traffic Ltd - Parking sign - Hunter Park
216	82.63	7.17	75.46	Sue Nias - Reimbursements - October mileages and protective clothing.
217	50.00	0.00	50.00	Twyford St Mary's PTA - Deposit return
221	87.20	0.00	87.20	J.P. Matthews - October Mileage
51	66.00	0.00	66.00	Winchester City Council - Business rates - November
223	143.22	23.87	119.35	Philspace Ltd - Toilet Hire - October
224	2,073.44	345.58	1,727.86	Green Smile Ltd - Monthly grounds maintenance
225	43.14	7.19	35.95	Plus Net - Phone & Broadband
218	2,849.89	0.00	2,849.89	Employee Salaries - November Salaries
219	983.89	0.00	983.89	HCC Pensions - November Pension Contributions
220	1,049.96	0.00	1,049.96	HMRC - PAYE and NI
226	229.16	0.00	229.16	Colden Common Parish Council - Part contribution towards replacement cycle bus camera
227	175.94	29.32	146.62	Viking - Stationery
228	1,792.78	298.80	1,493.98	Hampshire County Council - Streetlighting - Apr to Sep
229	710.25	0.00	710.25	Public Work Loan Board - Loan Repayment
231	36.00	6.00	30.00	Vodafone - Mobile Telephones - November
230	780.00	130.00	650.00	Hyland Edgar Driver Ltd - Tree Planting Advice
	£11,225.91	£860.00	£10,365.91	

Twyford Parish Council 23rd November 2023

**Proposed Tree planting of Avenue and Clump on Berry Meadow
Report by Cllr. Chris Corcoran**

At the October meeting of Council I was asked to bring together the

1. Landscape architect's report
2. My conclusions
3. Any comments from Councillors or from the Farm Committee members
4. Updated costs
5. Update on the planting programme

1. The landscape architects report

You will see that the report covers both the clump and the Avenue; it advises on the location, species and spacings for both, with advice on the pruning of the self-sown trees on the fence line. It endorses TPC's "gateway" concept with the Avenue complementing the parkland edge of Shawford Park but maintaining clear views to the North across Berry Meadow. The location of the avenue trees is a key issue. The advice is that ideally, they should be as close as possible to the Shawford road i.e., to the fence but following the line of the fence.

However, the report notes that TPC should be aware of the possible impact of tree roots on the SW pipes in the Highway verge and that SW require a 6 m setback for large trees. This is where they have wayleaves or where consents are required.

In terms of number of trees in the Avenue the spacing recommended of 12 m. This would mean 15 trees; with 14 trees in the clump this total 29 trees, - an increase of 4 on the number to be donated by the South Downs.

As for species, you will see that HED recommends the introduction of disease resistant elm and for a mix of native species.

2. My conclusions

Location of Avenue: I suggest a set back from the fence of 3m; the SW pipe does not have a wholly even curve and does not follow either the line of Shawford Road or of the fence. A 3m setback from the fence is generous overall and tight at the point where the eastern of the two Walnut tree is already established much closer to the SW pipe.

Species and spacing : accept the Advice given with the addition of four extra trees to be disease resistant elm. The mix will be more resistant to disease and reflects the varied species mix in Shawford Park. The spacing recommended for the Avenue allows for the views through to be maintained.

Pruning of Walnuts: accept and refer to the farm Cttee.

3. Comments

Jonathan McGill is the only one to comment. He notes that a strict interpretation of the 6m distance from the SW pipe and the following the line of the fence means a 6m setback from the fence. Also, that a single species for the avenue (beech) is to be preferred. My Response on the 3m vs 6m setback is that in visual terms the Landscape architect clearly recommends a minimum set back. TPC has no obligation to follow SW guidance which for wayleaves and where consents are needed. As I have pointed out, the vigorous well grown walnuts will be 3m closer to DSW pipe than the Avenue trees. However, I would recommend that the distance be increased to 4.0 m so as to give space for a tractor with flail to get between the tree guards (1.6 m) and the fence. As to the mix of species, this is a joint approach of SDNPA and the landscape architect; as noted above, it reflects the varied species in Shawford park. Beech and lime will be predominant in the mix.

4. Updated costs

Timber.. Rails and posts as first estimated for 25 trees	£1700
Increase for 2.2 m posts	£ E 300
Timber for 5 extra tree guards @ £80 per tree	£400
Flailing of grass in preparation for planting	£ 100
Post bashing 120 posts for 1 m	£500 - £600
	Total £3,100

Note: I have asked Mole Valley for a quote for the timber to give a more accurate figure.

Provision for meeting these costs is at present as follows :

SDNPA	£1,500
Climate Change Budget	£850
Reserves	£ 500
	Total £2,850

There is a £250 shortfall which needs to be covered. This would be done if WCC agree to a grant. Otherwise, it would be an additional sum from the reserves or an application to Twyford Charity.

Note: All trees, with rabbit guards and stakes, are to be supplied by SDNPA at no cost to TPC. SDNPA have increased the number of trees by 5. These are disease resistant elm to be delivered in the New Year

5. Planting Program

The original 25 SDNPA trees are now available and can be delivered on weeks' notice anytime between now and the end of February. SDNPA have a separate scheme for planting elms and 5 have been allotted to us which neatly makes up the total recommended by the Landscape Architect; these will be available in the New Year.

The strimming can be done at any time and with a tractor as proposed is less than an hour's work. The marking out of the tree positions follows and then the

bashing in of the posts. All this can be done immediately and does not have to wait for the trees.

Recommendations:

1. Proceed as outlined above.
2. Approve a virement of £250 from general reserves to the Parish Farm budget

Jonathan's Comments:

An observation and a view:

The report says the row of trees should be at least 6m from the line of the sewer, and a constant distance from the fence line. As the sewer line 'kisses' the fence line in a couple of places, my understanding is that report proposes that the row of trees should be in a line following the fence line, and at least 6m from the fence.

I note that a mixed row of trees is proposed to offer greater diversity and therefore climate resistance. If the row, or avenue, is to create a gateway to the SDNP and to the village. Personally, I would plant single species to create an aesthetic avenue rather than an irregular avenue of mixed species. I am pretty confident that Capability Brown would have gone single species! I think the beech would be spectacular!

Clerk's Comments

In order to receive the trees and associated funding, Council needs to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the South Downs National Park Trust. The MoU sets out the expectations of both parties and is a simple and straightforward agreement. On the Council's part it is expected that it do its best to ensure the trees are well cared for, will report from time to time back to the SDNPT on progress, and agrees to inclusion in publicity for the park wide planting initiative.