

HULLAVINGTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday April 27 April 2022 held in St Mary Magdalene Church

Present: Twenty-eight members of the public attended the meeting including the Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Graeme Slaymaker who chaired the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Rachel Cripps, Maggie Dyson, Frances Edwards, Pat Harper, Jon Jeeves, Sally Jeeves, Rosemary Mace, Elizabeth Parry-Williams, Peter Parry-Williams, Don Queen and Buckley Barracks.

2. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 April 2021

The Minutes of the previous APM had been agreed and signed as a correct record at the following Parish Council meeting on 19 May 2019. It was noted that the minutes can be viewed on the Parish Council website or ask the Clerk for a copy.

3. Book Group and Film of the Book Group

Elizabeth Parry Williams submitted a report and gave her apologies as the Film Club is on tonight as well. Alison Reed offered to read the report, copied below.

Our book group has survived the covid restrictions of 2020 and 2021. When the village hall was open, we were there.

We source our books through the local library, previously using the mobile service. An early victim of covid lockdowns, the mobile was taken off the road for most of 2020. During this time, group members emailed their thoughts on books they were reading, so we managed to keep the momentum going. A super, supportive group of people.

In September 2020 Malmesbury library opened its doors for a few hours to enable book collection. I was able to order book titles and arrange a collection time. The staff at Malmesbury library have been very helpful and we have built up a good relationship. The mobile has continued to be on and off the road, but I support the service with personal book choices.

In February 2021, our group read 'The Giver of Stars' by Jojo Moyes. The novel is based on true events: in 30s Depression America, girls delivered library books to outlying farmsteads in Kentucky via pony back.

Our daughter Abi, who lives in the village, re-homed a 'Blue Cross' rescue gypsy cob in the autumn of 2020. We decided to use Micky to deliver library books just as the Kentucky girls did. Abi made a book bag for the saddle, and in March and April 2021 we took our library books round the village to book group members.

We sent photographs to Malmesbury library and the staff were thrilled with this. The story went onto Facebook, 'Blue Cross' picked up on it, and it was then taken up by 'Points West' and 'Channel Five'. For one week we were on the radio, on television and in many national and local newspapers.

Micky has a feature in the current copy of the 'Blue Cross' magazine. Abi was particularly pleased because Micky, a young and inexperienced pony, behaved beautifully. He is our own 'giver of stars'.

The book group meets on the second Tuesday in the month, 2 pm in the side room at the village hall.

Reviews of our books can be found in 'Hullavington News'.

In addition to the book group meetings, we also hold a 'Film of the Book' evening in the village hall on the first Wednesday in the month. The film is shown in the side room, and we can accommodate up to fourteen people.

Some of the books we have read during 2021 and 2022: 'The Bees', 'A Thousand Splendid Suns', 'The Dry', 'Miss Benson's Beetle', 'Slow Horses' and 'Where the Crawdads Sing' and of course 'The Giver of Stars'.

4. Buckley Barracks

The Chairman read a report submitted by Buckley Barracks and apologies given, copied below.

Greetings and salutations from Buckley Barracks!

It would have been wonderful if I were to attend the meeting in-person, but regrettably, I shall be on an annual military training next week, hence, I won't be able to attend it. Please pass on my apologies to the Hullavington Parish council members yet again. The following are the Buckley Barracks report:

Workforces - Some officers and soldiers have been deployed on operation around the globe and a few soldiers and officers are at the Buckley Barracks.

Current situation and future events – All service personnel will be back to work from Mon 25 Apr 22 and barrack's routine work shall be resumed. Buckley Barracks soldiers will not directly be involved in the current Russia and Ukraine crisis.

New information – No new information at the moment.

Relations with Hullavington village – Excellent.

5. Community Group

Tessa Clarke gave a speech on behalf of the community group, stating that the group would like to make the village a better place to work and live. The Group came together to go faster and better. The areas the group is looking at are broadband, securing outdoor recreational spaces, biodiversity, improving footpaths and rights of way and energy transition. She informed that the phasing out of oil heating is being brought forward to 2026 and that she doesn't want anybody left behind. She would like to arrange for a pre-feasibility study to be carried out which would cost £10,000, this would come up with an assessment of options to enable people to stop using oil.

Jon Atkey gave a report on a new 'footpath group he has set up, his notes are copied below.

Hullavington Footpath Group

...is for anyone in the parish with an interest in our amazing network of Footpaths and Rights of Way

Twofold aim:

- to care for, maintain and enhance our amazing network of footpaths and ROW

- to enjoy our amazing network of footpaths and ROW

Unfortunately, our ROW network has not always been as well cared for as it should be:

- Bridges, where handrails have rotted away and surfaces have eroded over the years, making them difficult and dangerous
- Styles, rotten and rickety, making them really tricky to use
- Paths are overgrown
- Paths have been ploughed up and not restored
- Tracks have become heavily rutted, so they are almost unusable,
- Other tracks so prone to flooding, so also very hard to use
- Signs are missing

Since 23 of us formally got together in February this year...

- Phill Wheeler and I - been in discussion with Countryside Access Office – Stephen Leonard and his team – provided advice and support – see us as helping them in their aim to make the countryside more accessible
 - Concentrating on Route 9
 - Parklands towards Priors Corner
 - Pig Lane where the track gets rutted near Surrendell
- Can't announce any improvements just yet but things are looking hopeful
- Catriona Cook – an amazing lady with huge experience fighting to preserve and establish rights of way throughout the country. Found time to advise and encourage our efforts – even while in the middle of giving evidence in a public enquiry
 - Also, Tessa's mum
- Alan Roberts – together with John Greenwood – Walks Around Hullavington – illustrated by Elizabeth Parry-Williams
 - Grateful to PC for publishing these on the PC website
 - In process of updating the walks – to take account of changes on the ground
- Sally Jeeves – Hullavington News
- Organised walks – Clare Smith

To come:

- working parties to clear and maintain
- More walks, including a jubilee walk

If you want to join us, you'll be most welcome

Gemma Lovering explained that the 690 site isn't going to deliver the outside space that was expected, so the group is looking elsewhere. The following report was received post meeting.

Providing Public Open Space for our community

P.O.S.H.

Report to the Annual Parish Meeting

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Introduction

Providing Excellent Leisure Facilities is part of the Neighbourhood Plan Vision, and therefore the plans and expectations for the design of our public open space(s) (P.O.S) should be as ambitious

as possible whilst remaining achievable. The community will not be passive and will not settle for merely mediocre.

It's now clear that the public open space at 690 - the development by the school - will not fulfil the Neighbourhood Plan aspirations for outdoor recreation and so an alternative must be found. It will have the potential, now that the drainage pond had been reduced in size by ~ 50%, if designed carefully and sensitively to become a positive space for the community. This alteration in plans was brought about entirely by you the community. We put the facts out to you and those of you who thought it important acted. People power at work – 200 objections to the public open space design was a huge statement that although we may be quiet and mild mannered, not liking to make a fuss. When it is important to the community you are interested, will get involved and are willing to act.

So although we are disappointed that the end of the rainbow with its pot of gold wasn't to be found at 690, we will not be discouraged. Providing this space is too important to give up, so we have re focused and are now starting the next phase of the search Our end goal is still to successfully deliver the public open spaces the community needs. At 690 an amazing wildlife space.

And at a different location, recreation facilities for young and old alike - a social community space, playing fields with room for informal sport and a fit for purpose play area. Developed using a mixture of existing and future funding- parish owned but run by a community charity

The process needs to: -

- Take a whole community holistic approach.
LOOK AT THE WHOLE AND BE ASPIRATIONAL
- Start high -as if there were no impediments / constraints
AGREE THE END GOAL
- Plan how to achieve that
IDENTIFY THE STUMBLING BLOCKS AND PLAN TO OVERCOME
- Consult the whole community regarding the final plan and design, including the community's young people consulted about the type of play area they would ideally like
COMMUNITY BUY IN
- Provide excellent facilities
EXECUTE PLAN

The aspirations as set out in the Neighbourhood Plan, are to

Provide a Public Open Space suitable for all the community to use, to incorporate a large playground and village playing field with sports facilities

Proper facilities: - a social community space, including a fit for purpose play area, playing fields and informal sport – for young and old alike - must be delivered.

The two major stumbling blocks have always been the lack of community owned land, and funding. Land is and has always been the largest issue, but now funding via CIL and S106 money will be available it can no longer be an option to simply say there is nowhere to site these facilities. This will be a whole village strategy which could involve several areas being developed in different ways, **for**

example but by no means set in stone: -

1. 690 → this will be a wildlife area.
2. Paddock by the pub — being pursued but not certain as yet, envisaged that this would be more an outdoor social hub.
3. Land yet to be secured to provide the main recreation facilities in the community.
4. Talking to Dyson regarding more formal sports facilities All of the above will have the following four values guiding their design. Any plans / designs whilst aspirational, must also be realistic. Four areas against which any plans must be measured.

1. Accessibility and Inclusivity

These themes were at the heart of the Neighbourhood Plan and must be carried through to any P.O.S. within the parish. It is not just about providing access for people with disabilities, it is about making everyone welcome and considering the community's needs at every stage.

Accessibility – is about the physical.

- The pathways on and RoW linking all P.O.S. are well maintained and fully accessible

- Other RoW are well maintained and are accessible to the widest audience possible
- There is sufficient seating in the P.O.S.
- The play area contains some fully inclusive fixed play equipment

Inclusivity - is subtly different and speaks to how the community feel about their new facilities. The money being spent is community money and it is vital that the whole community benefits from any P.O.S. developed, this in turn will increase social cohesion maintaining and increasing our sense of community

- everyone is welcome regardless of age, ability, or income
- our older residents feel comfortable sitting and chatting with young parents whilst their children play
- teenagers feel welcome to comfortably hang out

Design Characteristics

- Children's play is not relegated to the smallest fenced off area possible,
- There are opportunities to contact with nature and environmental features
- There are areas for quiet, reading or chatting with friends - whatever age you are
- Different parts of the community are not separated / segregated but are encouraged to come together

2. Designed for our community by our community

The most important thing is to provide facilities tailored to meet the needs of their target audience, our community. This will be very different for each area depending on the facilities that they are designed to provide.

Community social spaces. These are equally as important as and can't be replaced or substituted for or by the play area at Wellington Place. There are 903 adults (census 2011) in the parish who are also entitled to recreational facilities.

We can see several areas being developed

Village Field Large enough to host fetes and village celebrations, with tennis and a play area **The paddock by the pub** table tennis, boules, a community garden **And** a more natural wildlife space at 690 Pleasant places to spend some time and meet with friends, not simply an empty field.

Ensure the community is at the heart of the design. A possible home for the village hall in the future and the Energy Project- this may also need to be considered

Play facilities on the village fields

General recreation, space for informal sport and play area. Are the plans designed around and for our young people?

It is likely that the community will have only one play area and it must be accessible to all age groups, it would be completely unfair and arbitrary to favour one age group over another and there is no reason for that choice to have to be made. It is also a Play England recommendation that all children can play together.

It is likely that any play area will have between 10 to 13 pieces of fixed equipment: -restricted by the space available, budget, but also because it will be a play area designed for our children - NOT a destination play area such as you would find at say John Coles / Lydiard Park. Clever and creative choices will be required; pieces chosen to engage, excite and challenge all age groups; acknowledging and welcoming that each piece may be used differently at different times by different age groups.

Careful, clever and creative placement of equipment and with the overall design of the space will be key. So, looking at different pieces in as many ways as possible so they are grouped in the most optimal fashion regardless of the age group using them. This process has started with research into various companies, their products and how our budget matches up.

Research informs us that: -

equipment should be grouped by type rather than age group, e.g., climbing and balancing, dynamic movement etc.

- this allows children to develop at their own rate and naturally graduate to more advanced pieces of equipment in their own time makes a play area more popular and better used
- children of different ages playing together or alongside each other increases social cohesion, not only between the children but also their parents
- environmental elements should be used positively e.g., trees for climbing etc.
- there should be room (empty space) for imaginative play and simply running and jumping

3. Protect the environment and help minimise any loss in biodiversity

As part of the landscaping schemes,

- use native species
- develop wildflower areas
- the use of semi mature trees (20 -30 yrs.)- these although much more expensive they have an immediate impact not only ecologically but also aesthetically, rooting the new P.O.S. in the wider landscape
- supplement the hedging boundary using native species to include Barberry Bushes.

Once delivered ensuring the Public Open Space at 690 is developed into the best wildlife area becoming an asset to the community and a superb addition for biodiversity

The contribution that the developer is required to make towards a play area can, in certain circumstances - at the discretion of the assigned Planning Officer at Wiltshire Council, be spent off-site.

The planning officer would need to be convinced that there is clear evidence that spending the money on a single off-site project would be more beneficial for the community and that this option has clear community support

This would leave the POS at 690 to be a natural linear wildlife area, with mature trees, wheelchair and pushchair accessible pathways, picnic tables, open space for informal play and environmental opportunities for play as focal points such as boulders, tree climbing. The Brook would be restored and maintained to become a feature. The area nearest the cottages would be a meadow making up part of the 30by30 Wildlife Trust project

(<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30by30>).

The detailed plan for this area will be produced by the developer. Representatives from the parish will review the detailed plans, which are required to be in line with the community wishes as stated in the Neighbourhood Plan and best practice. Progress against this plan will be monitored by the parish representatives (names to be provided).

Latest drawing from the developers is available from the link below:

Ctrl and click [File: Ecology Parameters Plan \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](#)

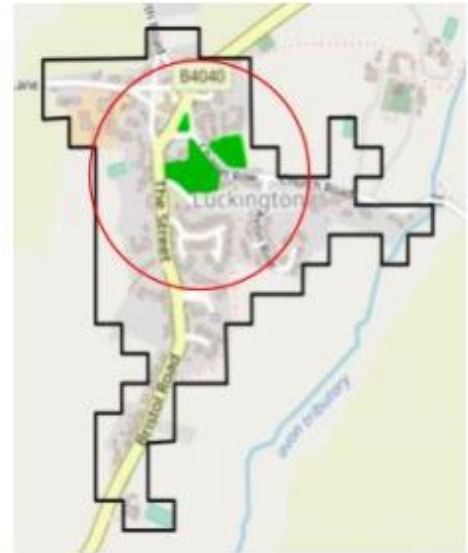
4. Benchmark plans against the provision in local parishes

It is important that the plans are as ambitious as possible, but that they are not out of kilter with provision at other local parishes or trying to provide facilities more suited to a town or country. At the end of the day, providing the best P.O.S. for OUR community is the goal.

The plans have bench-marked against 4 local villages, Sherston, Luckington, Yatton Keynell and Kington St Michael.

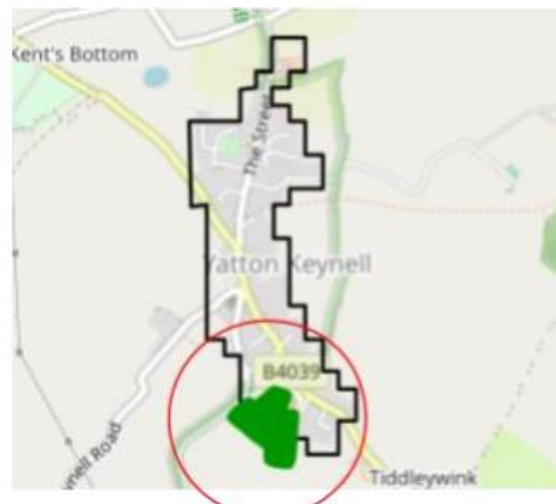
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Population and housing statistics are taken from NOMIS 2011 census result

LUCKINGTON:		
POPULATION 630		
NUMBER OF HOMES 257		
PROVISION PER HEAD POPULATION 0.001		
TYPE OF OUTDOOR FACILITY	AREA	% TOTAL
PLAY AREA	0.23 h	23 %
VILLAGE GREEN/FIELD	0.55 h	70 %
MEADOW	-	
SPORTS FIELD	-	
WOODS	-	
VILLAGE GREEN	0.08	7%
TENNIS COURTS	-	-
TOTAL	0.86 h	100%



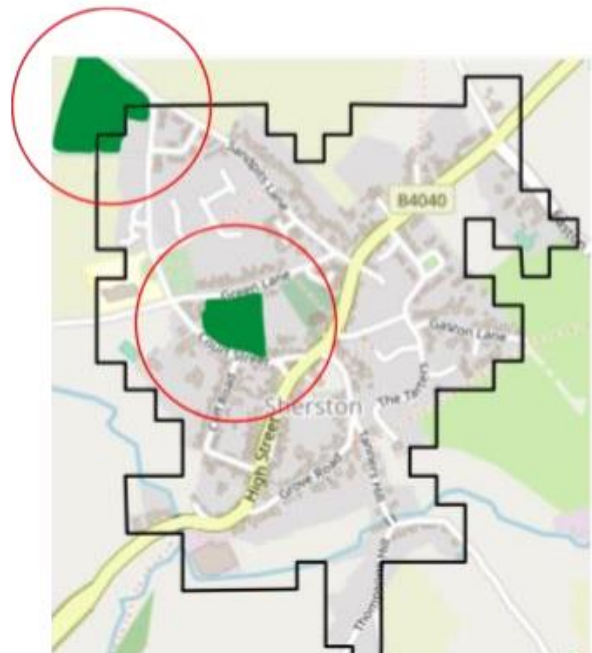
FACILITIES SMALL VILLAGE GREEN LARGE WOODLAND PLAY AREA LARGE VILLAGE GREEN SOCIAL - BOULES – FETES CASUAL SPORT - CRICKET - FOOTBALL GENERAL PLAY

YATTON KEYNELL		
POPULATION 825		
NUMBER OF HOMES 333		
PROVISION PER HEAD POPULATION 0,002		
TYPE OF OUTDOOR FACILITY	AREA	% TOTAL
PLAY AREA	0.14 h	7%
VILLAGE FIELD	1.74 h	93%
MEADOW	-	
SPORTS FIELD	-	
VILLAGE GREEN	-	
WOODS	-	
TENNIS COURTS	YES	
TOTAL	1.88 h	



FACILITIES JUBILEE FIELD TENNIS COURTS – PLAY AREA – FETES – SOCIAL SPORT

SHERSTON		
POPULATION 1639		
NUMBER OF HOMES 624		
PROVISION PER HEAD POPULATION 0.002		
TYPE OF OUTDOOR FACILITY	AREA	% TOTAL
PLAY AREA	0.16 h	6%
VILLAGE FIELD	0.77 h	30%
MEADOW	-	
SPORTS FIELD	1.71 h	64%
VILLAGE GREEN	-	
Tennis Courts	YES	
TOTAL	2.64 h	



PLAY AREA – VILLAGE FIELD – TENNIS – SOCIAL SPORTS - FETES - SPORTS FIELD – ORGANISED SPORT – FESTIVALS

KINGTON ST MICHAEL		
POPULATION 704		
NUMBER OF HOMES 307		
PROVISION PER HEAD POPULATION 0.02		
TYPE OF OUTDOOR FACILITY	AREA	% TOTAL
PLAY AREA	0.1 H	2%
VILLAGE FIELD	0.82 H	98%
MEADOW	-	
SPORTS FIELD	-	
VILLAGE GREEN	-	
WOODS	5.83 H	
TENNIS COURTS	YES	
TOTAL	6.75 h	



FACILITIES PLAY AREA – TENNIS COURTS – VILLAGE FIELD – SOCIAL AND INFORMAL SPORT – VILLAGE FIELD - FETES WOODLAND

	PROVISION PER HEAD IN THE MEASURED PARISHES				AVERAGE
	SHERSTON	LUCKINGTON	K S M	YATTON	
POPULATION	1639	630	704	825	3798
PLAY AREA	0.0001	0.0004	0.0001	0.0002	0.0002
VILLAGE FIELD	0.0005	0.0009	0,001	0.002	0.0011
TENNIS COURTS	YES	0	YES	YES	0
NATURAL MEADOW	0	0	0	0	0
SPORTS FIELD	0.001	0	0	0	0.001
VILLAGE GREEN	0	0.0001	0	0	0.0001
WOOD	0	0	0,008	0	0.008
AVERAGE TOTAL PROVISION					0.0103
AVERAGE TOTAL PROVISION WITHOUT KSM WOODS					0.0024

HULLAVINGTON CURRENT PARISH PROVISION	
POPULATION	1247
PLAY AREA	-
VILLAGE FIELD	-
TENNIS COURTS	-
NATURAL MEADOW	-
SPORTS FIELD	-
WOODS	-
VILLAGE GREEN	0.12

HULLAVINGTONS CURRENT TOTAL PROVISION PER PERSON ~ 0.000096h OR 0.96m²

CONCLUSION

The benchmarking was carried out to test our belief that there was a severe lack of recreational space in Hullavington, and to ensure our plans reflect the correct amount of public open space needed.

Average provision in the four parishes ex KCM woods 0.0024 h P.O.S. per person

Average provision in the four parishes 0.0103 h P.O.S. per person

Hullavington's current provision 0.0001 h P.O.S. per person

Hullavington should have between 3 and 12 hectares of public open space; therefore, an additional 2.88 - 11.88 hectares is required to bring us in line with the benched marked neighbouring parishes. The community currently has access to the Family Services play area for up to 7 yr olds that provision has not been counted as it is not parish owned. And even if counted at 255m², it represents a ~ 0.7% reduction in requirement.

The development at 690 will provide some public open space giving the community more than it currently has, however it is problematic in 2 regards:

1. The public open space that it will give the community will be a fraction of the space required to make up the current deficit. It is ~ 0.6 h bringing the public open space deficit to 2.28 – 10.82 h there is still a huge deficit.
2. Additionally, it's now clear from the newly updated drainage plans, that 690 isn't going to be able to provide for the community's needs or fulfil the aspirations in the NP for the type of open space both needed and wanted by the community. However at least with the attenuation feature being reduced in size, it now has the potential to provide a fabulous wildlife area, although there are still major concerns regarding the amenity of the cottages.

However, what the community clearly wanted and asked for from the beginning; and still desperately want and need is a recreation facility, of a suitable size for a community with over 1200 residents, a community that currently has as close to zero facilities as it is possible to have. And providing this public open space must be our primary principal goal.

Sarah Tompkins had news today that the broadband survey has been carried out. She provided the report, post meeting, copied below.

HULLAVINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Report to Annual Parish Meeting Bringing Fibre Optic Cable to the community

This community project started in July 2021 because many (most?!!) of us in Hullavington have appalling internet access, and desperately wanted to improve this. However, once we began researching, we realised that was a much more important issue than just wanting faster and more consistent internet speeds. We quickly realised that the whole telephone network in the country is being slowly upgraded and it is an issue which will affect everyone in the very near future.

How we currently access the internet

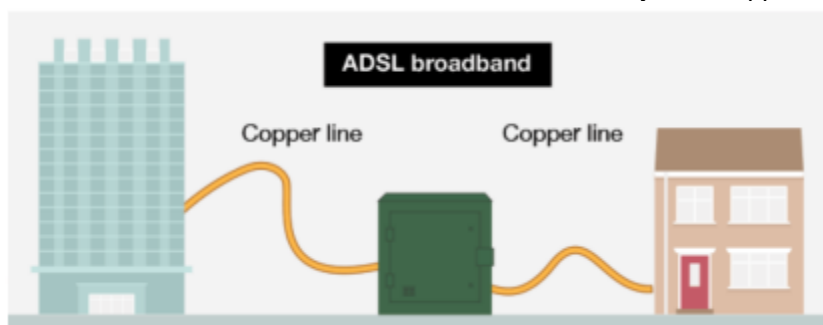
All our telephone and internet services run on copper wires, either completely or in part. These copper wires have been in service since Victorian times and have been the backbone of our telephone system for the last century. But they have reached the end of their life and are being retired, a process which OpenReach plans to have completed by the end of 2025.

The delivery of the internet into our homes has two separate elements: -

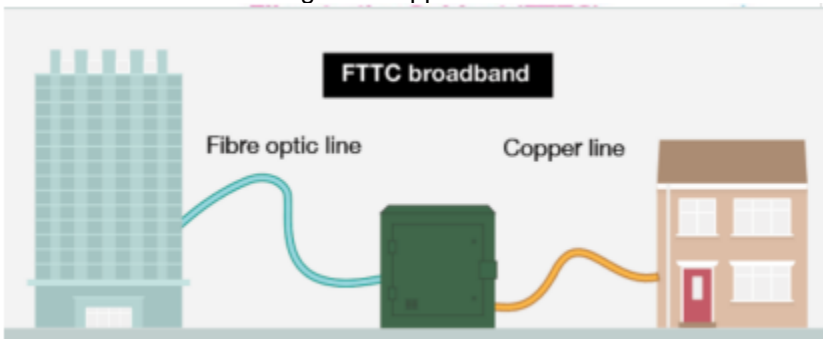
- 1 - how it gets into our home
- 2 - how we connect to it once its installed

There are two main types of domestic telephone lines.

The 1st is the one most of us have, and it is run entirely over copper wires.



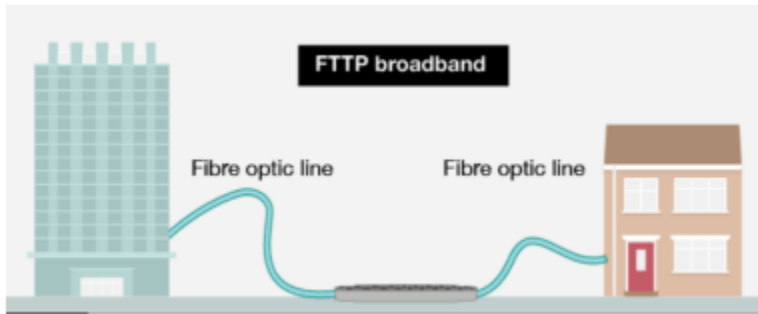
Some in the community have the next step up (FTTC) is often described as high-speed fibre. This has an element of fibre optic cable from the exchange to the cabinet, but from the cabinet to our homes it reverts to running over copper wires.



The moment we pick up the phone or plug our router into the wall-socket, it connects to the copper network. WIFI, emergency pendants, alarm systems, telephone calls etc are conducted over copper wires.

Fibre Optic Cable

After 2025 the copper wire which is the mechanism that brings the internet into our homes will be withdrawn from service, the mechanism will no longer exist, it will be kaput. We are as a country changing to Fibre optic cable.



Why change, 2 reasons: -

- The existing network is being decommissioned
- the new circuit(s) will be built with the correct capacity for us this means it will give consistency of speed and ensure no “drop off” (contention)

So, you would really never experience the fluctuations we do now because of the way the circuit is constructed.

Each circuit is built in a series of trunks consisting of 32 lines. With each trunk has a 2 - 10 GB capacity. Each line is capable (has the capacity) to simultaneously deliver up to 1000mbps. The speed delivered will be mainly constrained (contended) by the hardware receiving the transmission and the speed of service subscribed to

But if your home was one of these 32 lines and all 32 chose to buy the fastest broadband with the capability for speeds of 900mbps (ie 32 x 900 mbps), and all 32 including yourself had the latest technology. The speed therefore being uncontended (unconstrained) by either broadband product or hardware.

There does come a point at which an effect on the speed experienced would occur, and this point could theoretically be reached if every one of the 31 other households were each live streaming 3 x 4K HD films (or equivalent) simultaneously ie in the 32 households there would be simultaneous streaming of 93 x 4K HD films.

At that point a very slight drop-off of speed could potentially be noticed, which may cause almost imperceptible increase in buffering time, there would be no actual drop in speed.

National Rollout

The National roll out of this new technology is already underway, unfortunately it's not an even playing field. “The National Rollout” is patchy and could easily be called “*The - private companies decide where its profitable to install fibre optics and hopefully eventually most of the country will benefit, but not everywhere will, if it's not profitable*”. Rural areas by their very geography are at the back of an extremely long queue, and various government committees have expressed the worry that they could be left behind for an extremely long period.

This upgrade where it is happening is being done exchange by exchange. Once an exchange has had fibre optic cable installed, the copper wires initially remain in use - BUT only until individual broadband providers choose not to renew their copper products, and in September 2023 (current anticipated date) a National "Stop Sell Order" will be issued by OpenReach, this will prevent any changes to existing copper lines no matter what those changes might be.

Whether you use the internet a lot or not very much, you will need to upgrade to the fibre optic cable, it is just a case of when you connect and consequently how much it will cost you to do so.

Why a Community Partnership

If we simply did nothing, then maybe in 5 or probably nearer 10 years we could be at the front of the queue. Our lives and businesses are becoming ever more reliant on the internet. The dreadful internet is already an issue, it will only get worse. Doing nothing, leaving the community mouldering wasn't an option. And given that changing is not a choice, but an inevitability we wanted to ensure this upgrade could be achieved free to the end user i.e., each of us!

Hullavington is a complex system with 4 cabinets and some properties bypassing the cabinets all together and that means is it is expensive to upgrade.

Gigaclear (Wiltshire's partner for broadband) had already passed us over despite having sites circling us (this was confirmed to Nick Botterill our local Councillor by Gigaclear). The probability

of fast broadband in the foreseeable future for Hullavington was remote; and it could have been that we'd have been disadvantaged for many years.

In addition, we strongly felt that it was imperative that we found an "open market" partner, the vast majority of the commercial companies providing exchange upgrades are 'closed market'. To be able use the upgrade technology you have to use their limited broadband offerings, - there is no free market. If you in the future want to move provider you would also lose access to the fibre optic cable.

In a community partnership each side pays 50% of the cost. The community's 50% is being paid for using government vouchers known as Gigabit / DCMS Vouchers which come from The Department of Culture, Media, and Sport

The Community Fibre Partnership for Hullavington will future proof the villages internet requirements for upwards of 20 years

Hullavington has been lucky to secure a Community Partnership with Open Reach. By undertaking this programme, we are bringing forward Hullavington's upgrade by possibly +10 years.

But it is not all plain sailing, and has already required a lot of community effort and even with this scheme there may well be barriers, DCMS funding may run out, the terms of the offer could change. Until the vouchers have been validated and the contract signed nothing is guaranteed.

Why Open Reach

Due diligence showed that compared to other commercial players Open Reach had several distinct advantages of which Open Market is probably key in this context.

There is no tie to BT or any other operator. Each household is therefore free to customise its provision as and when it sees fit, being able to choose the best provider from the whole marketplace.

Minimal Disruption –

If we had any other provider delivering the overhaul in infra structure this is what the village could look like. Many places are unhappy with the aftereffects. Because OpenReach own the current infra structure they can where possible minimise disruption caused by digging and disfigurement of pavements kept to an absolute minimum. They will only dig if repairs are necessary, otherwise they will use the existing duct and overhead pole system.

How high should we aim.

As a group we had to decide whether we stick to the low hanging fruit ie homes in the main part of the village where the costs of providing the upgrade are cheapest making the project relatively easy or as our group values dictate ensuring it was assessable and affordable for all.

We chose the latter.

As you can imagine this has had huge implications for the project. But we're not easily daunted. We set about spreading the word drumming up interest and explaining what we were trying to achieve for the community

Community Choice

Each household within the community has the choice between the options listed below as a part of the process.

Option 1- Participate in the rollout as a part of The Community Partnership, using DCMS vouchers*:

- Your connection to the upgraded fibre optic cable is paid for by the government using DCMS vouchers.
- If there are any problems encountered during the installation process - Excess Construction Costs (ECC's) you will be exempt from them.
- It delivers Fibre Optic Cable to your home with no cost.

*The DCMS has one single condition in return for paying for the community's half of the upgrade. That condition is that we use the fibre optic cable they are paying to install. So, there must be a fast speed broadband contract running from your line for 12 months. (high speed contracts are broadly similar in price to current broadband contracts and even if you're mid contract with a supplier you can remain with that supplier with whom upgrading is usually as simple as a phone call)

"I'm not taking part and I don't want a voucher" - even so, please continue to read as the rollout will still affect you.

Each household has a Local Network Point (LNP) and regardless of whether you participate in the Community Partnership using the DCMS vouchers or not, your LNP will be upgraded; this initiative will form part of the overall rollout, it is not a private piecemeal scheme.

If you have decided not to participate via the Community Partnership, making use of government funding as seen in Option 1 above then you have the choice between the 2 options below when OpenReach rolls out the fibre.

Option 2 Households can [decide to be connected](#) at the point OpenReach rolls out the fibre.

[You will](#) however be liable to pay the difference in connection costs (ECC's) from that quoted in the Community Contract.

Excess Construction Costs (ECC's) can include but are not limited to digging trenches, repairing underground ducts which have failed and need to be replaced (tree roots etc) or closing or partial closing of roads to facilitate the installation.

These costs could be expensive and cannot be predicted ahead of time.

OR

Option 3

Households can also choose not to be connected when OpenReach rolls out the fibre.

There would still be an upgraded connection point at the nearest LNP hub for the household.

When the decision is made to upgrade (for example when the copper system is discontinued post 2025) you would be liable for the **entire cost** associated with the connection from this communal hub to your home

Where we are now

The Community Partnership has 265 households registered

And excitingly we heard last night that the survey has been done.

Debbie Lawley gave a report on the biodiversity activities of the group, her notes are copied below.

Biodiversity activities – Hullavington Community Group

Promotion of all wildlife well-being through awareness and promotion of good news stories.

Grass management – public spaces, church land and private spaces. Using credible information and advisory bodies such as RSPB, Wiltshire Wildlife.

Includes proposals, contacts with Wiltshire Council officers, researching sources for meadow seed appropriate to our area. One Kilogram into local gardens from approved Soil Association supplier. Talk by Ben Raskin of the Soil Association on how to encourage wildlife into your garden.

Raising awareness of bird life especially high flyers: sourcing of nests, advice re support of food sources and habitats, identification. Information on how to record. Highlighting arrivals by James Salkeld, village amateur ornithologist.

Water quality of the Gauze Brook: research into water quality, sources of pollution – e.g. 85 discharges of untreated sewage into the stream in 2021. Liaison with Wessex Water on detailed reports.

Training course on water quality – four volunteers to go on training organised by Bristol Avon River Trust.

Potential options for improving the outcome of the discharges with local expert.

Event scheduled for 12th July, headed by Wiltshire Wildlife reserve manager, Michael New. To walk to specific habitats in the village and run a moth identification event.

Research into use of herbicides on our streets, past activities – request to opt out by local residents. Liaison with Wilts Council Climate Change Team.

6. Film Group

Apologies were received from the Film Group as their meeting was on tonight. The Chairman read their submitted report, copied below.

The film group has suffered from hall closures during the last two years. For the majority of 2020 we couldn't meet, but once the village hall doors were open, we started showing films again.

Using the small hall only, the group runs two films a month, covering the costs and enjoying our evenings. To allow everyone to have a good view of the screen, we can accommodate up to fourteen people. Seats are booked in advance.

The annual film license has just been paid for the coming year, and film group membership has been suspended.

In May and June, the plan is to show a film in the main hall on the 4th Wednesday of the month. Whether this arrangement continues depends entirely on attendance. If people don't return in sufficient numbers, maintaining economic viability, we will continue to show films in the side room only.

Using the main hall will enable us to test the acoustic panels which were fitted to the ceiling at the beginning of this year. A quick test so far appears to be positive. In addition, the more people who attend film showings, the better the acoustic response.

The film group meets on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays in the month. During the last two years we have shown a good range of films including: 'Little Women', 'Nomadland', 'No Time to Die', 'House of Gucci', 'The King's Man', 'Dune', 'The Electric Life of Louis Wain' and 'Mothering Sunday'. Our next film will be the latest version of 'Death on the Nile'.

7. Hullavington Footpaths and Rights of Way

Apologies were received from Don Queen, his submitted report was read by the Chairman and copied below.

Hullavington APM Footpaths and Rights Of Way report

In the main, the majority of the Parish Footpaths/Bridlepaths appear to be in good working order and well used, although most of them can use some minor secateur work from time to time. There are some places where signs are missing, this was reported previously, however nothing has changed.

On Hullavington Footpath 26 at the Fosseyway, the stile and bridge handrail is down, the sign is broken off, and it has become overgrown. This has been reported to Wiltshire Council via MyWilts online reporting (the appropriate reporting mechanism for rights of way problems), and is the subject of case reference 00062378. At the Gauze Brook by the sewage farm, the footpath running from Newtown to Norton, although passable, has been seriously pushed offline by a large thick patch of brambles and could become blocked altogether if ignored. This requires more than minor secateur work to rectify. It is not clear who owns this patch of land, which is not farmed.

A Hullavington 'Footpath Group' has been formed (Point of Contact Jonathon Atkey). It is understood that they are currently focusing on footpath 9. This footpath some years ago had a lot of work done on it on more than one occasion, but has again fallen into disrepair.

In around December 2021 there were official footpath modification orders made on Footpaths 25 and 26 (running between Pig Lane, Farleaze Farm area and the Fosseyway). There had been previous attempts to reroute these paths which were withdrawn, however this time the modification orders have been made successfully and the definitive map modified. In essence this reroutes the path which formerly ran through Farleaze farm, to run around the outside edge of it. Considerable groundwork is required to make the new path route passable, and we were assured by Wiltshire Rights Of Way that this work would be verified before the new path route is certified, however so far, after several months, this work has not been done and the new route as defined by the definitive map, is not usable. Some vigilance is required to ensure that this work does not get ignored and overlooked over time.

8. Knit and Natter

Apologies had been received; Alison Reed offered to read the report submitted by Maggie Dyson. Copied below.

The Knit and Natter group meet in the Village Hall on Tuesdays from 2-4 pm. Come along and bring your craft projects, maybe learn to knit, we have plenty of wool and needles, or join in making bunting for the village Jubilee celebrations. Only £2 to include refreshments.

Hope this is what's needed. The group is very good for bringing out people who would otherwise find it difficult to get out.

9. Neighbourhood Watch

Mandy House gave a report which is copied below.

Hullavington NHW was started in June 2021.
we currently have 87 members on the Facebook page, and 14 street supporters.

The village is considered to have a low crime rate, and it is proven that the scheme running is a deterrent to criminals. I am hoping to get a couple of signs to put at each end of the village, when funds allow.

Crime statistics from June 2021 to February 22

These are crimes reported to the Police.

3 cases of Criminal Damage: June & Dec 21 and Jan 22

In or around areas of Watts Lane No Information, Gardeners Drive No suspect identified & Newton Unable to prosecute.

3 cases of public order: June, July & Sep 21

In or around areas of Watts Lane Unable to prosecute & Belfry Drive No suspect identified

2 cases of Theft: Oct and Nov 21

In or around the areas of Newtown No suspect identified, Royal Field Close No suspect identified

7 cases of Anti-social Behaviour: June, July, Aug, Sept, Nov & Dec 21 & February 22

In or around the areas of Watts Lane x2 Unable to prosecute. Latimer Gardens x 3 No Information Broom Gardens x1 No information Gibbs Lane x1 No information

7 cases of Violent behaviour: July, Aug & Dec 21

In or around the areas of Latimer Gardens x2 Unable to prosecute suspect. Royal Field Close x 1 Unable to prosecute suspect The Street x 2 Unable to prosecute suspect. The Parklands x1 Unable to prosecute Watts Lane x1 Unable to prosecute suspect The Street x1 Unable to prosecute.

A number of Anti-Social and Violent Behaviour incidents, were handed over by the Police and have been dealt with via 2 other agencies.

My thanks go out to my street supporter team, without you it would not run.

The initiative "Pick it up" (classified as Anti-Social Behaviour) has made a difference to the amount of dog fouling in the village in the trial areas.

Unfortunately, many of the red poo bag holders donated to the project, have been damaged or taken.

I am looking at a way to replace them.

My thanks to Sue Richardson, who has been keeping the holders topped up.

It is my intention to ask the PC, that this project is allowed to continue.

Mandy House

Hullavington NHW Coordinator.

10. Hullavington News

Sally Jeeves sent her apologies and report, copied below and read by the Clerk

The newsletter is 50 years old – yay!

It continues to remain popular for those who enjoy it, with positive feedback regularly received. Many people now read it online. In 2020, the run rate was reduced from 550 to 250 marking the end of deliveries to individual houses. At the end of each month, however, there is still a surplus of 50-80 copies. People can collect it from the post office counter and church porch, most of the printed newsletters are taken from the church. I'm aware that several people pick up a copy for others that possibly can't get out; this informal delivery system is what I was hoping would happen when we moved away from house-to-house distribution.

I'll be entering my 5th year as editor in 2023 and plan to hand over the reins to someone else. Despite repeated requests for help, however, I've had absolutely zero interest. I've been asking people to come forward to help and more recently to take over as editor (including suggesting a job share). I have asked for volunteers in the magazine, on Hullavington Happenings and have also approached more than 10 people individually to ask if they'll consider it - so far, no one is interested. I can only conclude that at the end of this year, the newsletter will come to an end. Perhaps it's had its time and this is simply a reflection of the desire for more immediate forms of communication. I've enjoyed my time editing it but having recently retired, I'm keen to be able to travel more freely without planning around the time deadlines that accompany the role. I haven't given up asking for volunteers. Preparing the magazine typically takes about 3-4 days every couple of months and average PC skills (I had no previous editorial experience and just used the free publishing software that came on my PC). If any of you can think of anyone that might be interested, please do let me know.

In the meantime, if it's finishing, then I'm going out with a big hurrah! The June-July issue will be a colour special, souvenir edition. It will have lots of extra colour pages and will be a celebration of the village past and present and (hopefully), lots of jubilee articles and photos.

In closing, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the contributors to the magazine. In particular, a special thanks to Liz Greenman for her invaluable help; Liz proofreads every issue, manages the advertisers and all the financial arrangements of the magazine, she has also kindly offered to carry on if someone else can be found to edit it.

Best wishes

Sally Jeeves – Editor

11. Hullavington Parish Council

The Chairman read a report, copied below.

This report is on behalf of the Parish Council members.

Parish Council Members:

Graeme Slaymaker – Chair
Sharon Neal - Clerk
Maggie Bawden
Dave Martin
Hank Slater
Andrew Maltby
Mary Cundick
Mandy House
Richie Anderson

Parish Council Election 2021

It was disappointing to find that the Council had 2 vacant seats and the election that was uncontested, hopefully this will change next time around. However, we were pleased have strong competition for co-option into the 2 remaining seats, and we welcomed 2 new faces that we had not seen at Council Meetings but active in other community matters and personal interests. It is always good to have a different view brought into discussions.

Parish Council Meetings

I am pleased to say that Parish Council meetings have become more popular of late, plenty of questions and challenges in open public question time and lots of Parishioner Representation, very welcomed by the Parish Council along with diverse opinion.

The Business of the Parish Council is more focused on decisions and actions in council meetings with Parish Councillors researching and discussing correspondence as and when it arrives, business as usual for any Parish Council.

Planning Matters

The most significant Planning application this year is the Land by the School which is progressing as slowly as any application of this size can do when in the hands of Wiltshire Council. The Outline Planning Application is still to be determined but is heading in the right direction and it will be delivered as agreed by the Steering Group, Parish Council, Hannick Homes and accepted by the Village Referendum vote.

A reminder, it is only the 'Policies' of the Plan that are enforceable in Law and the only means for a Parish Council to measure the application against when commenting on planning applications.

Policy 1 The Village Boundary

Policy 2 The New Development

Policy 3 Any other development in the village and outside of the village boundary

The Greenhouses, Kingway Nurseries, planning application which concluded with an overturned planning decision by the Wiltshire Council Area Board. After a bit of persuasive arguing from the representatives and Parish Council on the day, it was eventually passed, and construction is underway, when completed, hopefully some local employment opportunities may arise.

The Parish Council has undertaken an assessment for change of the Hullavington Neighbourhood Development Plan brought about by the Government reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework, updates to the Wiltshire Council Core Strategy and policies and their Emerging Local Plan 2026-2036. I am pleased to say subject to ratification in Council we find no justifiable Material Changes to the plan that would enforce Community Consultation (Regulation 14 to 19 as per the original NP Consultation process). The village is on target to achieve the 2016 – 2036 housing target allocation for Hullavington.

For all planning applications in year please visit the Parish Council Meeting Minutes published on notice boards and the Web Site.

Precept

Pleased to inform everyone that there will be no Precept Increase this year, the Parish Council will monitor income and expenditure throughout the year and determine the next steps in time for the 2023 Precept Discussions, hopefully there will be no further increase required for 2024.

From the Parish Council, a big thank you to those that are actively doing good things in and around the village, volunteer action really does make a difference and is very often supported by their own personal contributions. It would be unfair to mention who they are as some of them prefer to remain the unsung heroes of the village.

Changes on the Horizon

The most significant emerging document is the Governments White Paper (Read Reform) and what the implication/impact that will have on Wiltshire Council, Town, and Parish Councils. The talk of the day is double devolution, in short do more for less relying on volunteer action at the Town and Parish Council level. Interestingly, a recent news article reported more suitable to retired people with time on their hands (something for free).

The Parish Council AGM followed by the Parish Council Meeting will take place on the on the 11th May 2022 at the Village Hall 07:30pm start.

Graeme Slaymaker
Chair of Hullavington Parish Council

12. Hullavington Parochial Church Council

Alison Reed gave a report which is copied below.

After the problems and difficulties caused by the Covid19 pandemic our village church has now been open for services for almost a year, and, while things are not back to what they were before, church life seems to have arrived at a new normal. Services and activities are well attended and supported.

In September last year Becky Fisher retired from her post as Schools and Children's Worker, she is still a Lay Minister and continues to run the Little Lights group which meets on Friday mornings during term time.

Helen Davies was licensed as a Lay Minister last July, but sadly the ministry team lost a faithful member when John Morgan died in January. John was our vicar for many years then served as a retired priest. He is greatly missed.

Our regular activities are busy too - Coffee Shop every Friday, Hullavington Hub on the first Saturday of the month, plant sales are happening at London House and the Church Fete will be back on June 11th.

With village support we were able to send substantial donations to the Disasters Emergency Committee -- in January for Afghanistan and in March for Ukraine. Funds from 2 Coffee Shops in May will go to Christian Aid.

Thanks to all those who donated to make it possible to have the church clock regulator replaced. The clock chimed again for the first time at 12 o'clock on February 6th just as we planted a tree for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee.

Just as with any other old building there are always jobs to do at church and we were very grateful to all the willing volunteers who came along to the two working party sessions we had in March. The churchyard looks much tidier and parts of the inside had a spring clean too.

We're in the process of setting up a WhatsApp group for those in our community who would like to support the families who have applied to host a family of refugees from Ukraine.

The group will be called HULLAVINGTON UKRAINE SUPPORT HUB, it will be publicised through Maggie's Village Communication service and Facebook. Host families and eventually the Ukrainian families will be able to ask for help and people in the community will be able to respond.

13. Hullavington Primary and Nursery School

Sue Tudge, Head Teacher of the primary and nursery school gave a report and showed a slide show of activities the children have been doing helping with their learning. She explained that it has been a very stressful year as there hasn't been one day when all staff and children have been in school. However, the children are happy and learning and could teach adults how to cope in these stressful times. The year has been fun filled, which was seen on the slide show.

14. Recorder Group

Maggie Dyson sent her apologies, the Chairman read her submitted report, copied below.

Hullavington Recorder Group meet in the Village Hall on Tuesday evenings at 4.30 during term time. We play recorders of all sizes, and the occasional crumhorn, and all players who can read music are welcome. If you would like to hear us playing together come along to our Tea Concert at the Goods Shed Tetbury on Wednesday 11th May from 2-4pm.

15. Short Mat Bowls

The Clerk read a report submitted by Rosemary Mace on behalf of the Club and copied below.

We started back at the Village Hall in August, with five playing friendlies.

In September, we all went back full time on Monday evenings. If we can all attend, there are 12 of us, but we can accommodate more if anybody else would like to join us.

We have decided not to join the Malmesbury League for the time being, but just to play friendlies at the moment. One of our Members also plays for Crudwell and did rather well in the end of season Triples!

We have all enjoyed the very friendly spirit during the last eight months.

16. Speed Indicator Device

The SID continues to work effectively and is currently located adjacent to the Pub. We have had some issues with the battery life and, at the moment, are looking to obtain a second replacement battery unit.

We have looked at having the SID converted to Solar Power, but up to now the shipping costs (to and from France) have proved prohibitive. I am told by the manufacturer that they hope to have a new service and upgrade operation, up and running in this country soon. When this is in place, we shall re-visit the Solar Power question.

I have been greatly helped over the last few months by Frank Burlison (who lives opposite the Pub) who has undertaken to "charge and change" the batteries, when required. Thank you, Frank.

I shall be approaching others who live close to the other SID sites with a view to enlisting their help with the SID units.

Unfortunately, I shall not be able to attend the meeting next Wednesday as I will be running the Film Group System. My apologies in advance.

17. Toddler Group

Richard Anderson read a report submitted by Rachel Cripps and copied below.

Jolly Tots Report

After the long break due to covid it was wonderful to resume jolly tots in September.

With some of the younger children having missed out on any toddler groups, the positive effect jolly tots have is very noticeable. From clinging on to their adult, to running in to play with their newly made friends. It's not just the children benefiting. A number of parents have moved into the village over lockdown and Tots helps them make new friends, which is especially difficult when you have a young family.

Numbers have fluctuated and some sessions have cost us money to run. On top of this repairs were required to our storage shed roof. Due to this we had to make the tough decision to increase prices.

In November we had a company come in that make personalised ceramics. The children enjoyed putting their hand prints on to mugs and plates, which resulted in many wonderful Christmas presents. We hope to do more such things in the future.

December, we had our usual Christmas party, with Dudley being the most amazing Father Christmas for the children. It really is a highlight of Jolly Tots's year.

A huge bonus for us was the very kind donation from the Parish Council. The donation has helped cover costs and secured the future of the group.

18. Hullavington Village Hall

Simon Durrant read a report, copied below.

Hullavington Village Hall – Report to 2022 Annual Parish Meeting

1. During the last year the Hullavington Village Hall Management Committee has managed the operations of the village hall on behalf of the Hullavington community. The hall committee has 10 monthly meetings in the year to agree priorities as the work needed to run the hall is carried outside of hall meetings by members of the team. The committee has again ensured that the hall has operated within the terms of the Lease and Trust Deed in the last year. Following the resignation last year of most of the long-serving committee members, a new and enthusiastic team has engaged in running the hall. The hall committee includes those elected at the AGM and attending as representatives of core user groups, church, parish council and community representatives.
2. The guiding principle for operation of the hall is that it is an amenity for the Hullavington community, and our objective is to improve the hall as a facility and to increase the number of people who benefit from the hall. We are particularly keen to increase engagement among younger people. While the Covid 19 pandemic has led to the effective demise of a couple of user groups, most have now returned and, with initiatives like the Youth group, Bat and Chat, Knit and Natter our occupancy is now very good. So good in fact that the hall team meetings have to take place in the church meeting room and I would like to take this opportunity to comment on the excellent relationship between the hall and church and to thank Dudley Hewitt in particular. Quiz nights, facilitated by Bob Fenner, have been very enjoyable and have space for more teams. One downside was the failure of the Choir. There is clearly demand for this sort of activity with over 30

of us attending the initial session and it is hoped that the right leader can be found to make this successful.

3. In the past year we have completed several improvement projects including:
 - a. Thanks to the effort of Lizzy Pearce the hall now has a license for the sale of alcohol and performance of music under PRS removing the need to apply for TENS when required.
 - b. We have a new hall booking system, an initiative led by Helen Davies and Lizzy Pearce, who continue to manage the system. This moves us away from dependence on expensive and bespoke software to a properly supported commercial platform. Equally importantly, the system has allowed us to move to hourly, rather than session, bookings that provide greater capacity in the hall.
 - c. Richie Anderson and Graham Slaymaker led the initiative to install acoustic treatment in the hall. This has significantly reduced the reverberant nature of the hall and made it a more pleasant environment with improved intelligibility of speech and, for example, film dialogue.
 - d. Linda Anderson managed the installation of the electronic locking system that removes the management of more than 30 known keys and the need for team members to open and lock the hall for some bookings. While there were a couple of teething issues with this system it is now operating well.
 - e. Thanks to the support of Table Tennis England and Sport England, following application by Anna Durrant, we now have two table tennis tables with bats and balls. This has led to the formation of the table tennis club and the very popular "Bat and Chat" sessions.
4. Finance. While we are still feeling the impact of Covid in terms of some user groups occupancy is now very healthy. Through the efforts of Issie Greenman and others we have been very successful in getting covid related grant funding such that our financial position remains good. Our most major concern going forward is the cost of energy, and we may need to look again at charges in light of the recent increases in electricity costs. Our preferred approach remains to improve occupancy, both to engage more people in the community and to increase income without necessarily increasing prices. We welcome new user groups and offer support to get new groups established.
5. 200 club. Our thanks go to Geraldine McKibbin and the team who run the 200 club. The club is doing well and has recently attracted 16 new members through Hullavington Happenings.
6. Maintenance. Steve Bint supports the hall doing maintenance as required under a nominal 4 hours per month paid contract. Richie Anderson is leading the activity to get our fire and safety provisions up to standard. One of our on-going challenges is storage. With a wide range of activities, most of which require storage of equipment, we need to look at how storage is managed and to find ways to increase the available storage. The Village Hall website needs improvement and its integration with the parish council website will also be improved.
7. Summary: The past year has been a successful one with the establishment of an enthusiastic new team, delivery of significant improvements to the hall, strong recovery from Covid related reduction in use and clear focus on delivering the best facility we can for the people of Hullavington.
8. The village hall management team AGM will take place on the second Tuesday in May. All welcome.

19. Village Show

The Chairman read a report submitted by Jon Jeeves and copied below.

Village Show 2021

The show was held on 28th August. This was the first open event in the hall for 18 months. The show was a little smaller than the last few years but the lack of quantity was made up by some very high quality entries in all classes.

The hall had been laid out 'Ikea style' with a one way flow to allow viewing of all the entries without creating a bottleneck, takeaway teas were served at the back of the hall and enjoyed al fresco, which allowed lots of people to have a good catch up.

Although entries were down the total amount of visitors was higher than for some years, and many visitors also bought tombola tickets and stayed for tea, the show once again broke even.

Here's a summary of the finances

Cash Taken	£151
Float	£7.90
Engraving	£90
Paper/card	£20
Cups/napkins	£20
Tea/milk	£7
Judges' lunches	£10
Biscuit ingredients	£5
	£149.90
Profit	£1.10!

We are encouraging the trophy winners (reduced from 15 to 9) to arrange and pay for their trophies to be engraved as this is the single biggest expense for the show and we are keen to keep the show as a self funding event with free entries for all competitors.

The show organisers would like to thank the many people who made the 2021 show a successful and fun day. It can only exist with the support of volunteers to help set up and run the event, local expert judges, tombola donations, the people who submit their goods for public scrutiny and the army of villagers who come to enjoy the event and make it a success.

The 2022 show will be the 46th and will take place on Saturday 27th August. The show will have a Jubilee theme and run in the same format as the 2021 event. Classes will be announced in the August / September edition of the Hullavington News and will also be published on the village hall website and Hullavington Happenings Facebook page.

There will be new signs to advertise the show which will be displayed at each end of the village for the week prior to the event. Classes will remain informal and free to encourage new entrants. We hope that the village continues to support the show.

20. Hullavington Women's Institute

Lu Abbs read a report submitted by Frances Edwards and copied below.

Can you believe another year has gone by already speeded up by most of us wishing our time away until life could get back to normal and we could go anywhere and do anything as we wished. But through all the ups and downs we have kept our club going. Our president was determined to offer some speaker or meeting to fulfil our WI ethos. Many WIs have shut down or even put on hold until after covid but not Hullavington.

Members were treated to an eclectic range of speakers, some on zoom some in person, from the scandals going on at Surrendell with royalty to Pelham Puppets, to Anji's life in uniform, stories of her career nursing in the military, to an Indian house mother's story, and the Frome hoard. September looked like being a disaster when the hall committee on one of the few occasions we could meet face to face, informed us we could not have the village hall and our booked speaker let us down at the last minute. But 23 of us squeezed into the pub's lounge and Daphne stepped

in to give us a spooky talk on local haunted pubs. Our February speaker was a delight bringing with her an array of stunningly colourful patchwork quilts she had made on her travels around the world.

We had the opportunity to attend two John Aubrey meetings, one in the spring on zoom and one in person in September, but our annual conference in Salisbury the WI also chose zoom. Several members got together in their homes to hear two inspirational speakers but it is just not the same as attending in person. Cilla and I had made an arrangement that we would like to go to the Albert Hall for the National Conference. Two foot loose and unchaperoned ladies in London for the day sounded like a good day out, but covid stepped in and we had to resort to zoom. It seems to have been a year of compromise, but we did manage to have our annual BBQ courtesy of Isobel and celebrate our club`s 60th birthday as a group, which coincided with Elma our WI advisor`s visit. Every effort has been made to include the less agile of our members and to seek out new ladies from the village to join. Beryl Ruth Margaret and Lizanne have all done that and are very welcome.

Our Christmas party with a mini lunch of filled baked potatoes and delicious desserts served on tables decorated with candles, party poppers and baubles previously made at a craft meeting under the watchful eye of Edith went well. We were entertained with music on the keyboard and the belly dancers from Sherston, and some of us were emboldened to give it a go. But it is not as easy as it looks so it must have been the wine.

We were asked this month to take part in a WI promotion at Emery Gate in Chippenham, and Hilary designed a pamphlet to illustrate the sort of activities our club members had been enjoying, in an attempt to attract new younger members. Steph took care of our commitment to looking after all the garden tubs in the village, and they were maintained and planted out to her usual high standard. It was decided that during these uncertain times a club day out was not going to be possible. But we did manage a jolly lunch at The Old Royal Ship in Luckington where seventeen of us made merry in a cosy room over a delicious lunch. The bread-and-butter pudding was to die for!

Given the restrictions we were up against all year we did organise as much as health and safety would allow, but it is definitely a case of the more you put in the more you get out. Who knows what the next year will bring but let`s hope it won`t be all out war, or we will be back to harvesting the hedge rows and making jam. Many a true word said in jest.
Frances Tracey-Edwards Minutes Secretary

21. Public Question Time

Louise Parfrey asked if the Parish Council had any objections to the School Children making decorations and placing these around the village, these would be made of environmentally friendly materials and would be removed after the Jubilee weekend. The Chair asked if anyone present had any objections to the idea noting that the meeting was not a decision-making forum. No objections noted.

The meeting closed at 9.01pm