



Gateway to the **New Forest**

Full Council Meeting Agenda Pack

Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 6:45PM

Ashurst Room, Colbury Memorial Hall, Colbury

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APPENDIX A – Draft Minutes of Full Council Meeting 15th September 2026

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

This meeting was held on Tuesday 15th September 2026 at 6:45pm
at The Ashurst Room, Colbury Memorial Hall

In Attendance: Cllr Ken Kershaw, Cllr Sue Robinson (**Chair**), Cllr Esther Taylor, Cllr Bobbie Torkington, Cllr Clive White, (**Vice-Chair**), Cllr Dan Poole (HCC), Cllr Derek Tipp (NFDC), Karen Cramoysan (Clerk), 3 Members of the Public

12. Apologies – Cllr Caroline Hubbard, Cllr Trevor Jakeman.

13. Declarations of Interest – None.

14. Public Participation –

Nick Waterman (Allotments Representative) passed on plot holders thanks for trying to sort out the ongoing rat problem. He reported that

- one of the apple trees at the top of the allotments appears to be dead
- the top gate has dropped again, Nicky will try to repair it again
- there is quite a pile of edge cuttings in the car park and a skip is needed for these to be removed
- he has covered plot 26 and the membrane needs to be put back into storage

Mandy Evans thanked the Parish Council for organising the Summer Fete and said that she had received some complaints from residents that couldn't use the free bus as it was unable to accommodate wheelchairs or prams. She asked if there would be provision for these in the future.

15. To Receive Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st July 2026.

RESOLVED: Minutes were formally received and agreed by all Councillors as a true and accurate record. These were then signed by the Chair.

16. Matters Arising At Chair's discretion (if not covered by agenda below) – Cllr Robinson reported that new residents have moved into the Whartons Lane development.
The noticeboard repair at Welcome Store had been completed.
At the recent Colbury Memorial Hall Trustees Meeting, the parking issues was not spoken about.

17. Reports

a) **County & District Councillors –**

1. **Dan Poole (HCC)** congratulated the Parish Council on the Fete; it was an enjoyable day.

A35 Cycle Lane proposal – Cllr Poole confirmed that HCC Highways haven't contacted him and asked him to look at the proposals – he is happy to arrange a meeting with Cllr Taylor to bring him up to speed on what has happened between the Parish Council and HCC.

Local Government Re-organisation - as LGR has been paused, there will now be District Council elections next May. Nothing else about the reorganisation is known as yet.

A31 Fire - NFDC are looking at the long-term effects on the forest following the A31 fire and the road closure. Sat Navs were diverting traffic onto unsuitable small country roads which caused major problems.

*** Cllr Poole left at 7:11pm to go to another meeting. Cllr Tipp arrived at 7:12pm*

2. **Cllr Derek Tipp (NFDC)** also congratulated the Parish Council on another successful and enjoyable Fete.

LGR – District elections are back on for May 2027, not sure about the Mayoral elections as yet, it could be 2027 or 2028.

NFDC Local Plan – At their 14th September meeting, NFDC agreed to reset and align the new plan taking into account the new national planning reforms. It will take around 30 months to complete and come into effect from June 2029. TVBC and East Hants Councils are doing the same. NFDC are sharing a planning director with TVBC working part time.

Forestry England Parking Charges – NFDC are writing to Forestry England to ask if a local resident parking scheme can be put into effect.

- a. **Committee Chairs/Working Parties** – Nothing to report.
- b. **Parish Councillors** – Following the A31 fire, Cllr Taylor asked if the Resilience Working Party can meet to discuss plans and water issues.

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- c. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Report from Mandy Evans summarised below;

Netley Marsh Show Committee asked us again to sell programmes and we had NW members from Ashurst and Colbury and Netley Marsh South who covered all day for three days.

The Tracy Cooper Drive went quite smoothly. It was closely monitored throughout by police drone and cameras. One serious problem reported was that the gates by the cattle grids on Woodlands Road were kept open by blocks and big stones which caused obvious concern for the safety of the ponies on the forest. A nearby resident kept moving them but they kept reappearing.

Resident phoned me regarding a neighbour's BBQ which was they felt was too close to her fence and hedge. There are serious risk of wildfires nationally due to the drought and tinder dry conditions, not just in the forest but gardens as well..

Ashdene Road attempted break in between 12.30am - 5.30am. Driveway gates padlock damaged. If you have CCTV please contact the police quoting Incident Number BCA-61763-26-4444-00.

Joint Beat surgery at the Happy Cheese. PC Mark Roberts gave an update on the youth on the electric bike doing reckless speeds and wheelies. Several residents had reported him since July and the police know where he lives and were going to pay him a visit after the Beat Surgery.

On 5th October between 4-7pm in the Green Room at the Happy Cheese, there will be a Community Event involving the Police and the Blue Lamp Trust. PCSO Richard will be demonstrating the new security marking DNA kit and has asked for people to bring an item to be marked. The Blue Lamp Trust will be telling residents about home safety and security. Trevor Brookes will be on hand with technical help. We will have a competition, raffle and free drinks.

Message from Fraud Safeguarding Team - Calls from someone purporting to be from Hampshire and IOW Constabulary. My colleagues who answer your 999/101 calls are reporting a recent increase in calls from residents of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight reporting they've received a phishing phone call/text/message from someone purporting to be a police officer/staff employed by Hampshire & IOW Constabulary AND the number appears as one of our genuine, local police station phone numbers. In the past week we've also received calls from local residents purportedly being contacted from police stations in the West Midlands policing area too.

Common scam calls of this type include:

A family member has been arrested, and they want you to pay bail so they can get out – this is not something that happens in England and Wales – but they may pose as police from another country.

Someone has been arrested and has your bank card (or similar financial/ID documents) in their possession – can you confirm your sort code/account number/card number etc?

But it could be any other story to try to elicit personal/financial information. If the caller states they work for Hampshire & IOW Constabulary you can contact a specific officer or member of staff here: [Contact a specific officer or member of staff | Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary](#) if it's genuine, the officer will get back to you, if there's no match (ie: it's a scam call) then we'll let you know.

45. Policy

- a. To note Clerks Annual Leave w/c 21st September– **RESOLVED**: Noted.
- b. To note Clerk's Annual Pay Increase of 3.3% - **RESOLVED**: Noted.
- c. To note Conclusion of AGAR – **RESOLVED**: Noted.
- d. To authorise Insurance Renewal of £1798.19 to include the new Play Area – **RESOLVED**: Noted and agreed.
- e. To receive Open Spaces minutes of 25th August - **RESOLVED**: Noted and received.
- f. To purchase a New Forest Flag - **RESOLVED**: All Councillors agreed to the purchase of the New Forest Flag. This will be flown at all times except for specific dates.
- g. To look at the Minstead proposal re Sat Naps - **RESOLVED**: After some discussion it was **AGREED** to support Minstead Parish Council's letter.

46. Community & Environment

- a. **Allotments** – Report from Cllr Jakeman read out;
 - 1) Inspections** - carried out on Weds 9th Sept. All plots in good condition with those requiring work at the last inspection showing a marked improvement. Plot 26 now vacant and will be covered over by Nick. Membrane and pegs are in the allotment toilet.
 - 2) CPS** will be back on 22nd September. If any works are required on plot 26 to allow it to be covered, they will be tasked accordingly, or they can continue clearing the car park and maintain ditches.
 - 3) Rats** - awaiting date for daytime cull. Speaking with plot holders, they don't seem to be as prevalent, but crops are still being eaten.
 - 4) Key refunds** - refunds are underway. Some plot holders have asked it to be put against next year's rent, and some have forgone it to cover costs incurred by the council
- b. **Whartons Lane 20 MPH Limit - RESOLVED**: Cllr Kershaw advised that HCC will charge £450 for a licence and then costs could be upto £30-40k to get the for a 20mph limit underway. It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to contact Simon at SSM to see if he was able to quote to add us onto his schedule
- c. **HCC Hunters Hill Cycle Lane Proposal – RESOLVED**: Cllr Taylor advised that she still had not heard anything from HCC and will be meeting with Cllr Poole to discuss this further.
- d. **Whartons Lane Crossing – RESOLVED**: Cllr Robinson has written to HCC but has not heard anything back.
- e. **Additional benches along Foxhills/ Knellers Lane - RESOLVED**: Clerk has not yet managed to obtain some prices for perching benches – deferred to October meeting
- f. **Will bequest of £25,000 for benches in the Recreation Ground – RESOLVED**: Cllr White advised that he hasn't heard anything more from executor, but his could be a delay in granting probate.
- g. **Summer Fete – RESOLVED**: All went well. Councillors are looking into contacting a company(Dream Empire Events) to manage the organisation side of things next year as Cllr Robinson has found that the admin side dealing with stallholders especially last-minute requests and changes very onerous and time-consuming.

All Councillors **AGREED** to pay Colbury Memorial Hall £150 donation to say thank you for us using their hall and grounds to hold the Summer Fete.

47. Recreation Ground

- a) **Play Area - RESOLVED:** Nothing to report – this item can come off future agendas now.
- b) **Plaques for adopted trees – RESOLVED:** damage caused to one of the plaques by trimmer but repaired. Beyond that, nothing further to report and item can be removed from future agendas.
- c) **Handyman quote of £545 for jobs – RESOLVED:** All Councillors **AGREED** to the quote for works required in the Recreation Ground.
- d) **Damage to decking in Rec Ground - RESOLVED:** This has been repaired by HRG Tree Surgeons.
- e) **Cutback of Trees adj to Lakewood Rd - RESOLVED:** The cutback is booked in with nightingale Grounds Maintenance for 9th September.
- f) **Trinket Box - RESOLVED:** The box has been well received by younger residents and is being used.

A home-made wooden swing keeps being put up in the trees. Cllr Taylor has now removed this twice from the Recreation Ground.

48. Precinct

- a) **Planters - RESOLVED:** Cllr Torkington will contact the gardener to remove the plants and soil from the two planters which are due to be removed.
- b) **Missing plaque for Sybil Paton – RESOLVED:** Clerk has been chasing our contractor who removed the benches for confirmation that the plaque he has is this missing plaque. Unfortunately he has been in an accident and hasn't been working but thinks the plaque could be in his work vehicle.

49. Finance

a. To Receive Bank Reconciliation for July & August 2026 – RESOLVED: Bank Reconciliation report received by all Councillors and signed by the Chair.

b. To Approve Online Payment Schedule for 15th September 2026 – RESOLVED: No payments to approve.

c. To Ratify Online Payments since last meeting – RESOLVED: Payments circulated as part of the agenda pack and approved by all Members.

d. To Receive Income & Expenditure Reports since 21st July 2026 – RESOLVED: Income & Expenditure Reports were circulated as part of the agenda pack and approved by all Members.

3 invoices were approved for payment to;
BDO £378.00
G W Shelter Solutions £17,893.20
Shurguard £179.89

Magazine

Cllr Torkington asked that any photos taken at the Summer Fete were emailed to her for inclusion in the next edition of the Parish magazine.

51. Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday 20 th October 2026	6:30PM	Planning Meeting
	6:45PM	Full Council Meeting

Meeting Closed at 8:15pm

APPENDIX B – To look at increasing Allotment Fees from Jan 2028

Summary Comparison of Allotment Fees

Council / Authority	Annual Plot Fee Base	Common Additional Fees	Key Specifics
Fawley	£37.50 per 100m ²	£7.50 water fee per 100m ²	Pro-rata scaling
Ashurst & Colbury	£35.00 (Half) / £65.00 (Full)	None explicitly listed	Renewed every January
Lyndhurst	£25.00 to £80.00 range	None explicitly listed	Dependent on plot size (116–552m ²)
Hythe & Dibden	£0.134 per square metre	Varies by plot water access	Billed exactly to size
Totton & Eling	£0.39 per square metre □ Small Plot (~125m²): Around £48.75 per year. Standard/Large Plot (~250m²): Around £97.50 per year.	None listed; built into base fee	Strict residency lock; rises 1

Allotment fees across the wider South Hampshire area generally range from **£13 to £95 per year**, heavily depending on whether the plot is managed by a city, borough, or local parish council. Most authorities measure their plots using the traditional unit of **"rods"** (1 rod equals roughly 25 square metres).

Verified fee structures for adjacent South Hampshire authorities are detailed below.

- **Southampton City Council:** Charges a current base rate of **£9.20 per rod** (25m²), making a standard 10-rod plot cost around **£92.00 a year**. Plots must be within or a mile from the city boundary. A flat **£25.00 annual surcharge** applies for unauthorized or automated hosepipe/sprinkler systems. Rates are scheduled to rise to £12.00 per rod starting November 2026. [1, 2, 3]
- **Fareham Borough Council:** Rents full-sized plots (approx. 245m²) for **£26.50 per year** and half-sized plots (approx. 126m²) for **£13.25 per year** if managed directly through local allotment associations. Alternatively, sites managed under the [Fareham Allotments and Gardens Association \(FAAGA\)](#) charge **£7.50 per rod** plus a mandatory **£2.00 annual membership fee**, totaling **£39.50 for a standard 5-rod plot**. They also require a combined **£50.00 upfront security and key deposit**. [4, 5]
- **Havant Borough Council:** Structures costs purely by square meterage. Local borough residents pay a rate of **£0.59 per square metre** (roughly £74.34 for an average 126m² plot). Out-of-borough residents are charged a premium rate of **£1.17 per square metre**. [6]
- **Gosport Borough Council:** Charges an exact rental rate of **£8.40 per square rod**. A standard 5-rod plot totals **£42.00 per annum**. Tenancies are restricted strictly to residents over the age of 18 living within the borough boundary. [7]
- **Eastleigh Town Council:** Charges a newly standardized rate of **£14.00 per rod** plus a mandatory **£2.50 per rod water surcharge**, bringing the average 5-rod plot total to **£82.50 per year**. Historical 50% discounts for over-60s are being progressively phased out in favour of means-tested concession policies.
- **West End Parish Council:** Charges flat tier pricing for their Moorgreen Road site. A **Full Plot costs £54.50 annually**, while a **Half Plot costs £32.50**. New tenants face a heavy upfront setup cost, including a **£30.00 key charge** and a **£75.00 refundable security deposit**.
- **Chandler's Ford Parish Council:** Rents plots out at **£11.00 per square rod**. With their average plot sized at 2.5 rods, a typical space costs **£27.50 per year**. New tenants must also pay a one-off, non-refundable **£30.00 tenancy setup fee**. [8, 9, 10, 11, 12]

Council / Authority Area	Average Annual Plot Cost (Standard Size)	Setup Fees & Deposits	Key Rules / Surcharges
Southampton City	£92.00 (10 rods)	None listed	£25 water/hosepipe fee; price rising late 2026
Fareham Borough	£26.50 (Full) / £13.25 (Half)	£50.00 plot & key deposit	Managed via local Allotment Associations
Havant Borough	£74.34 (Resident)	None listed	Out-of-borough residents pay double (£1.17/m ²)
Gosport Borough	£42.00 (5 rods)	None listed	Must be a resident over 18
Eastleigh Town	£82.50 (5 rods)	None listed	Price includes progressive water charges
West End Parish	£54.50 (Full) / £32.50 (Half)	£30 key fee + £75 deposit	Currently restricted to West End residents only
Chandler's Ford	£27.50 (2.5 rods)	£30.00 setup fee + key deposit	Fees are not pro-rated if joined mid-year. Charge extra for pest control.

The table below summarizes the councils that charge a double-rate premium for non-resident allotment holders, along with those that enforce a total ban instead.

Allotment Pricing Policies for Non-Residents

Council / Authority	Resident Base Fee	Non-Resident Fee (Double Rate)	Key Restrictions & Rules
Havant Borough Council	£0.59 per m ²	£1.17 per m²	Exactly double the standard square-metre rate.
Ringwood Town Council	Varies by plot size	Double the standard tier fee	Out-of-town growers pay a 100% premium.
Shinfield Parish Council	£34.50 per year	£69.00 per year	Enforces a strict double-fee structure.
Melksham Without Parish Council	£40.00 per year	£80.00 per year	Non-residents dropped to lowest waitlist priority.
Sutton Bridge Parish Council	Varies by plot size	Double the standard annual rent	Only offers spaces if zero residents are waiting.
Totton & Eling Town Council	£0.39 per m ²	Total Ban (Not Allowed)	Applications rejected if outside town boundaries.
Eastleigh Town Council	£14.00 per rod + water	Total Ban (Not Allowed)	Only taxpayers inside the boundary can apply.
Chandler's Ford Parish Council	£11.00 per rod	Total Ban (Not Allowed)	Strictly locks out non-parish residents.

Allotments	Budget	Payments April-Sept 2026	Difference
Annual Plot Income			
Key Deposit Refund		£820.00	-£820.00
Hedge cutting	£250.00		
Water	£700.00	£630.87	
Grass cutting	£1,200.00	£600.00	
Sundries	£300.00	£253.96	
Repairs/Maintenance/Skips	£1,000.00		
Pest Control	£1,000.00	£1766.00	-£766.00
Drainage Works (if required)	£0.00		
Total Expenditure	£4,450.00	£4,070.83	

APPENDIX C – Request to extend Plot 27 tenancy

Afternoon Karen, we just wanted to know if Darren could maintain his plot (27) for next year and beyond. It's just so we know whether to commit in planting crops for over the winter and into next year 2027. If not we will of course maintain the plot until further notice.

APPENDIX D – 2nd visit for Rat Culling

TREATMENT INSPECTION FORM

SITE DETAILS
Site Address: Ashurst and Colbury Council - SO30 0BH The Allotments, 40 Foxhills, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7ED

VISIT DETAILS

Schedule No.	Visit No.	Visit Type	P.O. Number	Works Order Number	Technician	Arrival	Departure
S124789	V1072102	Job Visit			Darren Appleby	01/10/2026 06:31	01/10/2026 06:35

DESCRIPTION OF WORKS
1 initial visit rat cull out of normal working hours
Karen Carmoysan | Email: parishderek@ashurstandcolburyc.gov.uk | Phone: 07510 371440 | Mobile: 07510 371440

HEALTH & SAFETY RISK ASSESSMENT
Technician has confirmed that all hazards and risks have been considered prior to work commencing. All works completed are covered by our safe working practices. YES

ENVIRONMENTAL RISK ASSESSMENT
Technician has confirmed that the applicable environmental policies have been understood and observed. An inspection for rodent carcasses has been carried out and all external baiting has been completed in accordance with the CRRU UK code of good practice. Yes

PRE-TREATMENT CONSIDERATION
With assistance of client, and before starting work, you must review the following risks and consider the following pre-treatment checklist. (Please highlight if present)

1. Children / domestic animals	2. Vehicles / forklifts	3. Unsafe floors / steps / grounds	4. Noxious gases / vapours / chemicals
5. Enclosed Spaces / low beams	6. Remote controlled machinery / plant	7. Fire / explosion / steam	8. Farm Animals / Guard dogs
9. Work at heights / unfenced drops / voids	10. Poor lighting / ventilation	11. Excessive noise / heat / cold	12. Exposed moving machinery
13. Electricity / cables / switchgear	14. Pets / aquatic life.	15. Ladder inspected before use.	16. Vulnerable persons.
17. Wildlife / non-target species			

CONSIDERATIONS FOR PESTICIDE USE

1. Are preparations correct and approved for the situation? Yes	4. Is a permit to work required and has one been obtained? No
2. Is the technique correct for the situation? Yes	5. Should staff be excluded and warning notices displayed? No
3. Are you using the correct PPE? Yes	

PEST ACTIVITY OBSERVED DURING INSPECTION

PESTS FOUND	Rats
INFESTATION	Light
HYGIENE	Good
PROOFING	NO - no proofing required on site

REPORT AND OBSERVATIONS
Visit number 1072102
Rat cull to reduce numbers
14 X rat culled and removed from site

APPENDIX E –Whartons Lane 20mph Limit

Evidence on the effectiveness of speed-management measures in England

Executive summary

There is a substantial evidence base showing that **reducing vehicle speeds reduces the likelihood and severity of road collisions**, but the effectiveness of individual interventions varies considerably.

The clearest distinction in the evidence is between **20mph limits introduced through signs alone** and **20mph zones supported by physical traffic-calming measures**. The Department for Transport's major evaluation of signed-only 20mph limits found that they reduced median speeds by **less than 1mph on average**, with insufficient evidence at the time to demonstrate a significant reduction in collisions or casualties.

By contrast, **20mph zones incorporating physical measures such as speed humps, chicanes and road narrowings have much stronger evidence of impact**. DfT guidance reports that research found reductions in overall collision frequency of around **60%**, with child injury collisions reduced by up to two-thirds.

More recent research has strengthened the case for 20mph schemes overall. A 2025 systematic review and meta-analysis of 21 UK studies found that 20mph interventions were associated with a **26.5% reduction in crashes and a 22.9% reduction in casualties**, although effects were larger where physical measures were incorporated. For sign-only schemes, the estimated reductions were smaller: **21.6% for crashes and 10.9% for casualties**, with an average speed reduction of around **1.6mph**.

There is also promising evidence that **behavioural-insights interventions can complement engineering and enforcement**. Particularly interesting English trials have redesigned speeding correspondence using behavioural science. In East Sussex, a redesigned Notice of Intended Prosecution and accompanying leaflet reduced repeat speeding by **23% over six months**; a follow-up anniversary letter produced an **8% reduction** in subsequent speeding.

The overall evidence therefore suggests that **the physical design of the road is important**. A posted 20mph limit can change behaviour modestly where roads already encourage slow driving, whereas combining the legal limit with physical cues and constraints is substantially more likely to produce meaningful speed reductions.

1. 20mph speed limits

The most important English evidence comes from the Department for Transport's three-year evaluation of signed-only 20mph limits. It examined 12 case-study schemes across different types of roads and areas.

The evaluation found that introducing a 20mph limit through signing alone produced a **small reduction in median speed—less than 1mph on average**. Importantly, drivers who had previously been travelling faster reduced their speeds more than drivers who were already travelling relatively slowly. However, the study concluded that there was insufficient evidence to establish a statistically significant change in collisions or casualties.

This is consistent with current DfT guidance, which states that signed-only 20mph limits are most appropriate where speeds are already relatively low. DfT guidance suggests that where mean speeds are already **24mph or below**, a signed-only limit is likely to achieve general compliance.

However, the evidence base has subsequently developed. A 2025 meta-analysis of 21 UK studies found substantially larger effects when considering 20mph interventions as a whole. Across schemes, crashes were estimated to fall by **26.45%** and casualties by **22.92%**. The authors found that schemes incorporating physical measures produced greater reductions than sign-only schemes.

There are also individual English studies suggesting larger effects in particular circumstances. For example, research evaluating Bristol's city-wide 20mph intervention found an estimated **63% reduction in fatal injuries at city level**, although the confidence interval was wide and there was no statistically significant reduction in serious or slight injuries on 20mph roads specifically.

This illustrates an important point: **results from individual schemes should not be interpreted as a universal effect size**. The speed of the road before intervention, road design, enforcement, implementation, traffic levels and the extent of the area covered all appear to matter.

2. 20mph zones and physical traffic calming

The evidence is considerably stronger for **20mph zones accompanied by physical traffic calming**.

Unlike a conventional 20mph limit, a 20mph zone is designed so that the road itself reinforces the lower speed. Measures can include:

- speed humps and tables;
- speed cushions;
- chicanes and road narrowings;
- gateways;
- junction treatments;
- changes to road alignment;
- rumble devices and road markings.

DfT guidance explicitly states that 20mph zones with traffic-calming features are “**very effective**” at reducing collisions and injuries. It cites research finding an approximately **60% reduction in overall annual collision frequency**, with child injury collisions potentially falling by up to two-thirds.

Older London research is particularly influential. Studies of traffic-calmed 20mph zones found substantial reductions in casualties, particularly among children and other vulnerable road users. This evidence contributed to the distinction now made in DfT guidance between a **20mph “zone”** and a **20mph “limit”**.

A 2020 systematic evidence synthesis reached a similar conclusion: there was evidence that **20mph zones reduced the number and severity of collisions and casualties**, whereas the evidence for sign-only 20mph limits was much less conclusive.

This suggests that if the policy objective is not simply to *declare* a lower speed but to **change actual driving speeds**, physical road design is an important component.

Speed humps and vertical deflection

Speed humps are among the most established traffic-calming measures. DfT describes road humps, tables and cushions as the most commonly used forms of vertical deflection.

Their principal mechanism is straightforward: they create a physical consequence for travelling quickly. Guidance states that speed humps are a proven means of limiting vehicle speed and that vehicles typically negotiate them at around **15mph**.

However, they are not without trade-offs. Their effectiveness depends on spacing and design, and poorly designed schemes can produce undesirable acceleration between measures, noise, discomfort and issues for cyclists or emergency services. Consequently, current best practice increasingly considers **a package of road-design measures**, rather than simply installing repeated traditional humps.

Road narrowing and horizontal deflection can also be effective. Active Travel England identifies road narrowing and horizontal deflection as effective traffic-calming approaches, although their design needs to take account of cyclists, pedestrians and emergency access.

3. Behavioural insights approaches

There is a smaller but interesting evidence base for using behavioural science to influence speeding.

Redesigning speeding notices

One of the strongest English examples comes from **East Sussex County Council and Sussex Police**, working with the Behavioural Insights Team.

Rather than changing the legal penalty, researchers changed the communication received by drivers caught speeding. The redesigned Notice of Intended Prosecution used:

- simpler language;
- a clear call to action;
- an explanation of why speed limits exist;
- emotionally resonant material;
- a stronger emphasis on the potential consequences of speeding.

The trial was randomised and found that drivers receiving the redesigned notification were **23% less likely to reoffend within six months**. East Sussex estimated this represented around 170 fewer offences during the trial period.

An additional **anniversary intervention**, contacting drivers some time after their original offence to reinforce their intention to drive safely, was associated with an **8% reduction in subsequent speeding**.

Conclusion

Where roads are already physically conducive to low speeds, a signed 20mph limit can reinforce existing behaviour. Where roads naturally encourage higher speeds, **engineering measures—such as vertical deflection, narrowing and horizontal deflection—provide a much stronger mechanism for changing actual speeds**.

Dear Julie

At its most recent full meeting, the Parish Council decided not to pursue a 20 mph speed limit within the parish.

The Council reached this decision because the requirements for introducing such a limit appear unrealistic. They relate both to the financial burden on the parish and to existing vehicle speeds on its roads.

Costs

The proposed costs appear excessive and disproportionate.

- The quoted *HCC License Fee* of £450—required simply to allow the parish to install equipment and measure existing vehicle speeds on one road for one day—is difficult to justify.
- HCC's estimated charge of approximately £30,000 to introduce a basic 20 mph limit is disproportionate to the work involved—perhaps six 20 mph signs and three painted road roundels. It also takes little account of parish finances, given a 2025 precept of only £58,300.

Speed Requirements

The parish aims to reduce the speed limit on certain roads from the current 30 mph to 20 mph, consistent with HCC's "20 is plenty" message outside schools. However, the requirement of restricting 20 mph limits to roads where the measured average speed is already below 29 mph does not reflect modern needs or current traffic evidence.

The national 30 mph limit introduced in 1934 appears to have been set somewhat arbitrarily, whereas current support for 20 mph limits draws on evidence about road safety, the environment, public health and behaviour. For example, research cited by [Bristol City Council](#) indicates that young children cannot reliably judge the speed of vehicles travelling above 25 mph, making 30 mph zones inherently more difficult for them to cross safely. Many other current studies report similar findings.

It is difficult to understand why the appropriate limit—whether 20, 30 or 40 mph—should depend on the police's ability to enforce it. On any given road at any given time, the police's ability to collect speed data is the same regardless of the posted limit.

These examples summarise the Parish Council's discussions over the past year and highlight the requirements it believes it cannot meet in order to introduce a 20 mph limit. The Council therefore invites HCC to reconsider its current policy requirements.

Regards

Ken Kershaw

Councillor, Ashurst and Colbury Parish.

APPENDIX F – Hunters Hill Cycle Lane Proposal

Hi Matthew,

I'm just emailing to seek an update on the latest about the hunters Hill scheme. Have you briefed the county counsellor's since you emailed me two months ago? Are you able to share the latest progress in the project?

Would it also be possible for you to share the timeframe you're working towards the signoff on this project for any decisions? And when you roughly expect to do the wider engagement you mentioned in your email below?

Thanks

Esther

On 14 Aug 2026, at 11:34, Bridger-Fox, Matthew <Matthew.Bridger-Fox@hants.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Esther,

I would like to apologise for the delay in providing you with a response.

We are continuing to develop the scheme and review the design options for Hunters Hill. We continue to consider the Parish Council's feedback as part of this work and no significant decisions have been made since we last communicated.

Before engaging further with the Parish Council, we intend to brief our County Councillors on the details of this scheme, to understand how they view the proposals. This will help shape the future of the scheme, and once we have fully considered County Councillor feedback, we are keen to re-engage Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council for further discussions.

We are also keen to engage the local community more widely at an appropriate point and will gladly work with the Parish Council in preparation of this to ensure we capture a wide range of feedback. The format of this public engagement has not yet been determined, and this will not take place until discussions with the County Councillors have happened.

Kind regards

Matthew Bridger-Fox

Principal Transport Planner

Transport Strategy and Schemes

APPENDIX G – Prices for Perch benches in Foxhills/Knellers Lane

Prices general range from £186 upto £500 depending on the size and quality of the bench. We will need to get permission from HCC Highways to install additional benches on their land.

The screenshot shows the Store Fittings Direct website. The header includes the logo, a search bar with 'Search over 15,000 products...', and navigation links for 'Need some advice? Talk to an expert', 'Trade & account My account', 'Basket Empty', and 'Quote List Empty'. The main navigation bar lists categories like 'Retail', 'Impact Protection', 'Bollards', 'Barriers & Gates', 'Access Control', 'Shelters & Cycle', 'Street Furniture', 'ESL & Digital', 'Catalogue Downloads', and 'Monthly'. The breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home > All products > Street Furniture > Outdoor Seating > Drayton Outdoor Steel Perch Bench | Street Furniture'. The product image shows a black metal bench with a slatted seat. A 'Free Shipping' badge is in the top left corner. A 'UK's No.1 Supplier' badge is in the top right corner. The product title is 'Drayton Outdoor Steel Perch Bench | Street Furniture'. Below the title is a link 'See more Outdoor Seating' and the product ID '68131129'. A customer review from 'Arfan M.' (Verified) shows a 5-star rating and the text 'Excellent product, Excellent company to deal with, will use again and recommend to others'. Two checkmarks at the bottom state: 'Trusted for over 30 years by the UK's biggest companies' and 'Built for public spaces, made to last'.

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APPENDIX I – Bank Reconciliation for September 2026

08 October 2026 (2026-2027)

Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council RECONCILIATION - Unity Trust Bank 30-09-2026

From Accounts £93,319.89

Payments not cashed Add

Receipts not entered Subtract

Statement should be ~~£93,319.89~~

93,301.99.

APPENDIX J –Online Payment Schedule for 20th October

** No payments due as at 15/10/2026 **

APPENDIX K – Online Payment Schedules since last meeting

ASHURST & COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL							 Gateway to the New Forest
ONLINE PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR 14/10/2026							
Payee	Invoice Date	Inv No.	Detail	Amount £			Transaction No
				Net	VAT	Total	
Shurguard	12/10/2026	2605409356	Storage 26/10-25/11/26	149.91	29.98	179.89	286027014
Clerk			October Salary & expenses	1,494.72	0.00	1,494.72	488494785
			TOTALS	1,644.63	29.98	1,674.61	

ASHURST & COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL							 Gateway to the New Forest
ONLINE PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR 01/10/2026							
Payee	Invoice Date	Inv No.	Detail	Amount £			Transaction No
				Net	VAT	Total	
Karen Cramoysan	01/10/2026		New Forest Flag	47.95	9.59	57.54	540373700
Karen Cramoysan	01/10/2026		Defib Battery	208.50	41.70	250.20	504285359
			TOTALS	256.45	51.29	307.74	

ASHURST & COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL



ONLINE PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR 29/09/2026

Gateway to the
New Forest

Payee	Invoice Date	Inv No.	Detail	Amount £			Transaction No
				Net	VAT	Total	
Zurich Insurance	17.09.2026	560745628	Insurance new play area add on	484.12	0.00	484.12	763209376
Zurich Insurance	25.08.2026	559909889	Insurance Renewal 2026-2027	1,314.07	0.00	1,314.07	851355171
Nightingale Groundcare	18.09.2026	21429	Cut back of trees adj to 25 Lakewood Rd	700.00	140.00	840.00	35609480
Nightingale Groundcare	25.09.2026	21432	Monthly Grounds Maintenance	295.83	59.17	355.00	686472633
Trevor Jakeman	29.09.2026		Refreshments for CPS Team	8.40	0.00	8.40	714795844
Allotment Plotholder	29.09.2026		Plot 10 & 16b key deposit refund	40.00	0.00	40.00	368332784
			TOTALS	2,842.42	199.17	3,041.59	

ASHURST & COLBURY PARISH COUNCIL



ONLINE PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR 17/09/2026

Gateway to the
New Forest

Payee	Invoice Date	Inv No.	Detail	Amount £			Transaction No
				Net	VAT	Total	
GW Shelter Solutions	01/09/2026	SI-2373	Refurbishment of 8 bus shelters	14,911.00	2,982.20	17,893.20	297610686
Shurguard	12/09/2026	2605408339	Office Storage 26/9-25/10/2026	149.91	29.98	179.89	502954370
BDO LLP	14/09/2026	1133409	External Audit	378.00	0.00	378.00	535299162
Colbury Memorial Hall	15/09/2026		Donation for using grounds for Summer Fete	150.00	0.00	150.00	235646619
Allotment Plotholder	08/09/2026	Plot 25	Key deposit refund	50.00	0.00	50.00	131623117
Allotment Plotholder	08/09/2026	Plot 34	Key deposit refund	50.00	0.00	50.00	214620685
			TOTALS	15,688.91	2,982.20	18,701.09	

APPENDIX L – Income & Expenditure since 15/09/2026

Payments

Date	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
15/09/2026	Tesco Mobile	11.66	0.00	11.66
17/09/2026	Colbury Memorial Hall	150.00	0.00	150.00
17/09/2026	G W Shelter Solutions Ltd	14,911.00	2,982.20	17,893.20
17/09/2026	BDO LLP	378.00	0.00	378.00
17/09/2026	Shurguard	149.91	29.98	179.89
17/09/2026	Allotment Plot holder	0.00	50.00	50.00
17/09/2026	Allotment Plot holder	0.00	50.00	50.00
30/09/2026	Trevor Jakeman	8.40	0.00	8.40
30/09/2026	Zurich	484.12	0.00	484.12
30/09/2026	Zurich	1,314.07	0.00	1,314.07
30/09/2026	Unity Trust	7.00	0.00	7.00
30/09/2026	Allotment Plot holder	0.00	40.00	40.00
30/09/2026	Nightingale Grounds Maintenance	100.00	20.00	120.00
30/09/2026	Nightingale Grounds Maintenance	700.00	140.00	840.00
30/09/2026	Nightingale Grounds Maintenance	195.83	39.17	235.00
01/10/2026	Karen Cramoysan	208.50	41.70	250.20
01/10/2026	Karen Cramoysan	47.95	9.59	57.54
07/10/2026	TLC Online	662.90	0.00	662.90
07/10/2026	Allotment Plot holder	0.00	50.00	50.00
07/10/2026	Safeguard Pest Control	1,088.00	217.60	1,305.60
14/10/2026	Shurguard	149.91	29.98	179.89
15/10/2026	Tesco Mobile	12.21	0.00	12.21
15/10/2026	Clerk	18.70	0.00	18.70
15/10/2026	Clerk	1,450.02	0.00	1,450.02
15/10/2026	Clerk	26.00	0.00	26.00
	Total	23,829.70	3,700.22	27,529.92

Receipts

Date	Description	Customer	Net	VAT	Total
21/09/2026	Insurance Claim for Vandalised Bus Shelter	Zurich	200.81	0.00	200.81
01/10/2026	Precept (2nd Instalment)	New Forest District Council	31,203.00	0.00	31,203.00
		Total	31,403.81	0.00	31,403.81