

March Full Council - Key Topics:

Traffic Survey: Two members of the public presented the results of a traffic survey conducted by them on Winchester Road, highlighting concerns about high traffic volume, pollution, and safety for children. Traffic calming around Maddoxford Lane, Oatlands Road and Crows Nest Lane s lane modal filter were mentioned and the potential impact of the Bypass once it opens on the traffic flow.

Cllr Cooper advised that updates of improvements to Boorley Green traffic calming can be found on HCC's website - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/boorleygreentrafficcalming>. It was agreed that we would request from EBC whether it was possible to monitor air pollution and request further SiD deployments and to request if the local Speedwatch team could do some further sessions in this area. All members of the public are encouraged to report vehicles going through red lights and this can be done here – <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/> as much information as possible should be provided i.e. registration, date, time that can be provided.

Botley Parish will also raise to Hampshire Highways at our next discussion on 21st May, as a safety review of the bridge is an ongoing topic for discussion.

The council accepted Cllr Stephen Wildin's resignation and thanked Stephen for his service to the community. Stephen has been the "face of the Neighborhood Plan" for the last few years. Thank you, Stephen.

Co-option: The Council co-opted 2 new members - Lily Li - a procurement professional, yachts women and Boorley Park resident; and David John - a sales engineer and resident of Boorley Park. David is also chair of Botley Market Hall. Welcome to the team Lily and David

Hall hire: The hireable rates for 2026/27 were agreed.

Play Park Tender: The council discussed the tender document for the High Street Rec Play Park which was agreed and can now be advertised for companies to quote for the work.

Precept Communication: The council reviewed the communication document for the precept increase, discussing the need for clarity and transparency.

Internal Audit Report: This was received and actions taken against the observations recorded.

Policy: The updated Publication Scheme was agreed.

Market Hall Support: The council agreed to support the Market Hall by taking on the responsibility for bookings and finances – this will now go back for the Market Hall trustees to decide if the proposal is suitable for them.

Confidential Matters: The council reminded members of their responsibilities regarding confidential matters and the importance of adhering to the Code of Conduct. An updated version was agreed.