

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON 8 APRIL 2024 AT 7.15PM**

Present: Cllrs Burdett (Chairman), Hankinson, Lovegrove, Meiszner, Morrow, Mullan, Slimin, Spence and Witton

Clerk, Borough Cllr Bound

**1. CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Received and accepted from Cllrs Atkinson, Flahive, Leeks and County Cllr Mellor.

**3. MINUTES**

It was **RESOLVED** to receive and approve the minutes of the Town Meeting held on 6 March 2023.

**4. TOWN COUNCIL REPORT**

A report of the Council’s activities over the past year was given by the Chairman of the Council. See attached.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date: 3 March 2025

## **Chairman's Report 2024**

Christmas Tree Event – very well attended again this year and a great success.

Production of newsletter continues.

Litter picking and public litter bin emptying continues.

Reviews of Policy, Financial Regulations, Financial Risk Assessment, Standing Orders and Emergency Plan carried out.

## **Recreation & Leisure**

In a joint venture with the Turbary Charity replaced the skatepark with a new one.

Replaced the mobility roundabout at Lowes Corner Play Area.

Continue to provide and maintain the hanging baskets in the centre of the town.

Illuminated Christmas decorations on the lampposts continue to be appreciated.

Continued maintenance of the play areas at Giles Road, The Green, Lowes Corner, Ramsdell Close, Tadley Common, Aerial Runway, MUGA and Skate Park.

Continued maintenance of gardens in the town: Huntsmoor Road, Whitedown Road, Newchurch Road and Memorial Garden.

Grass cutting all Tadley Town Council owned land.

Continued financial support for Barlows Park.

Continued support for the Youth and Family Worker at The Point.

## **Highways & Planning**

Responded to over 90 planning applications received.

Continued participation in the Parish Lengthsman scheme.

Made over 80 reports to Highways at Hampshire County Council.

## **Finance & General Purposes**

Precept set at £213,129 for the year. Equivalent to £50.26 for a band D property. (A slight increase (£3.43) in the precept, last year a band D property paid £46.83).

Grants made:

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| Tadley Citizens Advice | Running costs | 7870  |
| TDCA                   | Youth worker  | 12000 |

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| Barlows Park         | Running costs | 7500 |
| Victim Support       | Running costs | 200  |
| Royal British Legion | Poppy Appeal  | 50   |

Continued annual maintenance of Bishopswood Stream.

Outsourcing of grounds maintenance continues.

Tree inspections carried out annually.

Made over 60 reports to Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council.

### **Burials**

Continued maintenance of the cemetery and burial ground.

Purchase of land for the cemetery extension. Planning approval has been given, however this is still subject to the results of further ground water monitoring.