

HAMBLEDON PARISH PLAN

Present situation (September 2017)

Protect the rural quality of Hambledon

Village clean-ups

Programme of annual clean-ups being maintained. An immediately following barbeque is attracting more participation, particularly by families. All are encouraged to keep those parts of the village for which they are responsible under constant review.

Commercial air traffic

Future use of Dunsfold aerodrome continues to be monitored. Otherwise N/A.

Footpaths/bridleways, minor repairs

Continue to identify needs on an annual basis. Surrey County Council (SCC) is now so short of funds that even the annual vegetation cut could be at risk. If this proves to be the case the Parish Council will have to decide whether any essential cutting/ remedial work can be undertaken as part of the village maintenance contract or financed from other sources.

Footpaths/bridleways, major repairs and additional funding

N/A for as long as SCC remains cash-strapped.

Hedgerow Survey

Initial survey completed and deposited with the Parish Council and the Hambledon Heritage Society.

Conservation

Preserve Hambledon's visual character

On-going, in liaison with Waverley Borough Council.

Housing

Affordable housing

A third housing needs survey undertaken in January 2015 identified a need for up to 15 rented and shared ownership properties. A site was identified but a planning application for a development of 12 affordable plus 5 market houses was recently rejected by Waverley.

Housing development in Hambledon

In principle, housing development (apart from further small amounts of affordable housing) remains inappropriate for Hambledon and the village does not feature in Waverley's new Local Development Framework .

Other housing development

Hambledon is one of the 11 Joint Parishes fighting a planning application for (initially) 1,800 houses at Dunsfold Park and a central government-imposed requirement for the inclusion of inflated housing numbers in the new Waverley Local Plan (consultations currently in progress).

Transport and Traffic Management

Public transport

HOPPA community bus service in operation and supported by occasional modest grants from the Parish Council. The Parish Council has so far successfully pressed SCC to retain its support for the service which currently runs through Hambledon on three mornings a week.

Traffic management

Little or no support for car pooling.

30mph limit established in village with 40 mph on peripheries.

Community speed watch trialled in 2007-8 but discontinued as considered to be ineffective.

Replacement of metal with wooden signposts throughout the village, combined with the removal of all but essential signs, undertaken as a pilot project by the Surrey Hills AONB office in 2009.

Additional "unsuitable for HGVs" signs installed in 2011 to discourage HGV use of Lane End/Malthouse Lane/Hambledon Road (as far as the Hydestile Crossroads). Further control of HGVs raised with SCC in December 2016 – no resulting improvements. Strong representations made regarding the effect of additional traffic on

Hambleton lanes that would result from the proposed Dunsfold Park development

Utilities and Other Services

Road maintenance

Another casualty of SCC funding shortages. The resurfacing of Lane End/Malthouse Lane/Hambleton Road in 2013-4 is unlikely to be followed by any more repairs (other than, perhaps, to potholes). Minimal hedge and ditch maintenance is undertaken by SCC but, where necessary, supplemented by the Parish Council which pays for the services of a local groundworks contractor. SCC is also responsible for clearing drains and gullies but the work is intermittent.

Mains services and telephones

Mains drainage system installed in 2010 for part of the village but no prospects of its being extended in the foreseeable future.

Installation of mains gas investigated again in 2008 but ruled out on cost grounds.

A major tree cutting programme and technical up-grades to equipment undertaken by SSE during 2014 has improved the continuation of electricity supplies during bad weather.

An up-date on the condition of mains water pipes running through the village was provided Thames Water in 2013 but ageing pipes continue to result in leakages and burst mains.

Waste recycling

Waverley recycling services introduced in 2007 and up-graded in April 2012.

Broadband

Superfast broadband is available to those properties on the 01428 exchange that are within a 1.8 km. radius of the cabinet at the Lane End crossroads. Those on the 01483 exchange have self-financed an installation by BT. A similar exercise for residents of Vann, Upper Vann and Roundals Lanes recently got the go-ahead and the possibility of a further installation, covering the northern end of the village, is being investigated.

Village Shop and Post Office

Major up-grades undertaken in 2005 and 2006 and a further one completed in spring 2016, funded from grants from SCC and the Post Office. A newly-constructed customer toilet, financed by grants and the Hambleton Village Trust, opened in June. The café has been expanded and improved and opening hours (7 days a week) extended. Community Benefit Society established. Future of the Post Office secured for the time being.

Community Services

Good neighbour scheme

In place.

Mobile library

A casualty of SCC financial cut-backs, 2011.

Doctor's surgery

No prospect of outreaches being provided from Chiddingfold or Witley surgeries in the foreseeable future. Good Neighbour Scheme helps with transport.

Prescription service

Ditto.

Playground

Small informal playground established by the Village Shop. A playground might be included in the land to be gifted to the village as part of the proposed new affordable housing development if this were eventually realised.

Recreation and Leisure

Cricket

Club continues to flourish. Outstanding loan for the new pavilion now paid off.

Football

Club continues to flourish. Ground purchased; new club house and car park now completed.

Other activities

Given the amount of activities that are already available in the village, another trawl for ideas for new clubs/societies has not so far been thought necessary.

Small work spaces [added May 2017]

A recently-identified need: kept under review by the Parish Council, including in its scrutiny of planning applications.

