

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Lavant Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th July 2024 commencing 7:00pm held at the Lavant Memorial Hall, Pook Lane, Lavant.

In attendance: Cllrs. Aldridge, Goldsmith, Quest, Tucker and Turner.

Also Present: WSCC Cllr. Hunt, Clerk

Public present: Four

121. Apologies for absence.

CDC Cllr. Harmer

Cllr. Mayhead

Cllr Whincop

122. Declarations of Interest and Dispensation Requests.

a) None

b) None

123. Public Session.

- A member of the public commented on the three questionnaires currently being presented to the public. She suggested a more cohesive approach with clear prioritisation of the projects. She offered her time to facilitate this approach, which was supported by Cllr. Aldridge. It was suggested that a subcommittee was formed; Cllr. Aldridge to orchestrate this. It was agreed that the Parish Priority Statement is the current priority, with the view to submitting this by end of August/beginning of September.
- Cllr. Quest questioned the previous proposal of Cllrs going out into the village with the Parish Priority Statement. Cllr. Aldridge to follow up, after discussing with Sarah Newman.
- A member of the public expressed concerns about the safety of pedestrians crossing Pook Lane. Cllr. Aldridge suggested the Parish Council put a sign up to direct pedestrians to the safer footpath beside the football pitch.
- A member of the public reported back about the issue of the blocked drain near the new pedestrian crossing on the A286 by St Nicholas Road, raised at the meeting on 18/06/2024, stating the pipe had been replaced and flooding appears to have ceased. Cllr. Aldridge advised that he had been in communication with Mike Dare (WSCC Highways) and that we should keep a close eye on the area by the new pedestrian crossing and be prepared to report any flooding directly to WSCC Highways.

124. To receive and approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 18th June 2024

Cllr Tucker proposed, and Cllr Goldsmith seconded the approval of the draft minutes. It was unanimously AGREED that the minutes of the previous meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

125. Update on outstanding actions brought forward from previous meeting.

- a) **Electric vehicle update.** Cllr. Aldridge expressed the need, firstly, for the Parish Council to identify sites for EV charging points and, secondly, investigate if it is possible.
- b) **River Bridge project update.** No update.

126. Brief Q&A from County Councillor on his report affecting this Parish.

WSCC Cllr. Hunt shared his report, attached at Appendix A.

- Cllr. Quest shared a public query on the counselling for carers funding that WSCC had recently stopped. Cllr. Hunt requested the query was sent in an email so it could be forwarded to the relevant person to respond to.

127. Brief Q&A from District Councillor on his report affecting this Parish.

CDC Cllr. Harmer previously sent his apologies, but his report was circulated and is attached at Appendix B.

128. Chairman's Report

- Lavant News

Cllr. Aldridge highlighted the need to include the Public Priority Statement and Byelaw surveys within Lavant News; he stated that this will be addressed in due course. He also suggested that the Parish Council offer to support the Lavant News with distribution. Cllr. Aldridge offered to make contact with the Lavant News and go from there.

- Defibrillator

Cllr Aldridge shared a request received for a defibrillator to be located near St Nicholas Road bus stop. Cllr. Aldridge supported the idea, but expressed that the logistics need to be investigated. Cllr. Quest suggested an overhaul of the whole bus stop, including a defibrillator as part of that project. It was decided that Cllr. Quest would take the idea to the Parochial Church Council, to see if they could be involved.

- Horticultural Society parking

It was unanimously agreed to ALLOW the Horticultural Society's request to park on the apron of the sports field.

- SOSCA

Cllr. Aldridge shared details of the proposed plan from Southern Water to buy the Thicket reservoir in Havant and use reverse osmosis to recycle the water (see report attached at Appendix C). Cllr. Aldridge requested the environment team to investigate, with any objections to be submitted in writing by the 23rd July.

- Eastmead parking

Cllr. Aldridge to meet and discuss the idea of new parking spaces in place of the Eastmead show home offices with the Eastmead site manager, Cllr. Quest and Cllr. Turner.

- School Car Park

Cllr. Aldridge stated that he will be organising a meeting with Lavant school headteacher and David Kuchanny, to decide on the next steps for this project.

- Southern Water

It was agreed that a meeting with Cllrs Aldridge, Quest and Turner, along with James Pickford, was the next necessary step.

- Natwest

This month's bank statement has not been received and the service is continually poor. Cllr. Aldridge confirmed that we will be switching to a new bank, as soon as possible.

129. School car park

Covered in Chairman's Report

130. Great Elms Open Space

Cllr. Goldsmith reported that work on the overgrowth has begun but was delayed by the weather; Cllr. Aldridge asked that everyone monitor the situation.

131. Eastmead Development

Previously discussed in Chairman's report.

- Cllr. Tucker expressed a concern with the 'Oakley Green' name, given to the new development. Cllr. Goldsmith confirmed this was only a marketing name and that the names the contractors previously consulted with the Parish Council on, were the only names to be used, when the site is complete.

132. Village maintenance and other concerns

- Cllr. Goldsmith reported that she is still working on getting BT to repair the old phone box located by The Earl of March. It was suggested by Cllr. Quest that the phone box be used to house a new defibrillator. This is to be revisited at a future point.
- A member of the public expressed concerns about overgrowth on the path leading from the Co-op garage. Cllr. Aldridge to request that Adrian Blades asks the volunteers to work on this area.

133. Memorial trees/benches policies

- Cllr. Goldsmith noted small grammatical changes to the circulated policy. A discussion took place around the need for the 'contribution' amount to be freely revised, where necessary, in the future.
- Cllr. Goldsmith questioned the existence of a memorial register. It is unclear if we currently have one, but one will need to be created, if not. Cllr. Aldridge to ask Adrian Blades if he has a list.
- Cllr. Goldsmith proposed and Cllr. Aldridge seconded the approval of the new policy. It was unanimously APPROVED.
- Cllr. Hunt questioned the status of the replacement of a bench on Centurion's Way. Cllr. Aldridge advised this was underway, and he will follow up with Adrian Blades.

134. Byelaws

- Cllr. Goldsmith reported she is investigating the government-recommended 'model byelaws' to deem which do/do not apply to the Parish. It was stated that dog fouling is an issue dealt with by the District Council and therefore need not be reflected in the byelaws. However, Cllr. Aldridge felt it important dog fouling was still mentioned, as a way of reinforcement. Cllr. Aldridge expressed the need for 'No Dogs' signs to be installed at the children's playground.

135. Allotments

Cllr. Goldsmith requested two more Parish Councillors to act as trustees. Cllrs. Aldridge and Quest agreed to become trustees.

Cllr. Goldsmith reminded all present of the Allotment Open Day on Sunday 18th August, as part of National Allotments Open Week.

136. SOSCA- drinking water

Covered in Chaiman's Report

137. Horticultural society- parking

Covered in Chairman's Report

138. Finance

- a) **July payments.** Bank statement not yet received from Natwest. Bank reconciliation to be completed once received.
- b) **Website.** The new website is live and has been well received.

139. To comment on and review planning applications and decisions.

- SDNP/24/02437/LIS- 4 Raughmere Court, Raughmere Drive, Lavant, West Sussex, PO180DT.
Replacement conservatory.
After review and consideration, councillors voted to SUPPORT the application.
- SDNP/24/01996/HOUS – 45 Springfield Close, Mid Lavant, Chichester, West Sussex, PO180AZ.
Replacement conservatory.
After review and consideration, councillors voted to SUPPORT the application.

140. Items for inclusion on the next Agenda.

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- a) Report
- b) Donations

141. Date of next Lavant Parish Council meeting – 10th September 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:16pm.

APPENDIX A

Good Evening. Obviously everyone has been distracted by the recent elections, but I would like to reassure you that the work of your County Council, supporting you and your residents, has gone on uninterrupted. Heading into the summer break here are a few updates, including some which I hope will help support your parishioners, including your youngest residents and their parents, so please spread the information as widely as possible.

Finance: Although we are only just into the fourth month of the current financial year, we are well into formulating our budget plans for 2025/26 and our four year Medium Term Financial Strategy through to 2022028/29. An update on these plans - and the financial challenges we are facing - will be presented at Public Cabinet on July 23rd at 10.30 at County Hall. Papers will be published ten days in advance of the meeting on our website: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/how-the-council-works/committees-and-decision-making/cabinet/>

Highways Update. A further package of multi-million-pound road repairs and improvements has started in West Sussex, proactively tackling our current pothole issues and also investing in larger-scale resurfacing across the county's 4,000km road network. Following additional funds being added to last year's budget for highways maintenance, West Sussex County Council is committed to tackling the impact of persistent, severe weather on the highway with both reactive and proactive measures. This financial year, in addition to our base budget for highways maintenance and operations of £43.8million, we have invested:

- an extra £4million to support highway maintenance, including pothole repairs.
- an additional £7million to increase our carriageway resurfacing and treatments programme to more than £20million, enabling highways teams to deliver one of their largest programmes of works to date.
- a further £2million to tackle the significant carriageway patching backlog across the county following the very wet conditions over the last six months. This work will start in early summer to maximise the best working conditions.

The county council has so far received £4.3million (£2.161m in 2023/24 and £2.161m for 2024/25) from additional government funding announced in 2023. We are using this funding to deliver additional carriageway resurfacing works, with delivery having already started and the programme due to run to September 2024. A further £10million from council funds has been committed for next year (2025/26) to continue the work needed to make our highway network more resilient for the future.

These latest figures for highway repairs and improvements show that we're not just talking about the challenge - we're taking action. Our highways teams are continuing to work hard to fix the issues, completing multi-million-pound improvement programmes and demonstrating our commitment to our Better Roads campaign. We have teams of highway officers out on the network identifying and assessing safety-related defects including potholes, both through routine inspections and by responding to customer reports. Our

safety repair gangs are then tasked with fixing the safety defects. During this busy period, we are currently fixing around 1,000 safety defects a week. Last year, our safety repair teams completed more than 46,000 safety defect repairs, of which approximately 30,000 were potholes. This is an increase of more than 5,000 from the previous financial year. In more rural areas, we used three Velocity spray injection patchers to repair more than 23,000 further defects while also delivering proactive patching covering 26,000m², which is equivalent to covering more than 130 tennis courts.

Our Planned Delivery team worked across 189km of roads in the last financial year, which were either completely resurfaced or had surface dressing, micro-asphalt treatments, or large-scale areas of patching and completed:

- 75 full resurfacing schemes were completed, totalling approximately 43km. The new road surfaces are more durable, making them more resilient to potholes, and smoother, which lessens road noise.
- Surface dressing was used at 31 sites, with 66km of roads treated. Surface dressing involves coating the road in bitumen and chippings and relies on the action of the traffic using the road to embed the chippings. It is used as a cost-effective method to prolong the lifespan of suitable roads.
- 277 sites received micro-asphalt treatment, covering a total of 69km. This treatment delays the need to do more significant work and minimises disruption to residents and road users.
- 11km of large-scale areas of patching were completed at 48 sites.

We are responsible for maintaining around 4,000km of road: A and B roads are ordinarily inspected monthly, C-class and main distributor roads on a three or six-monthly basis and declassified roads are typically inspected annually. However, our highways officers cannot be everywhere, so the public's help in spotting and reporting concerns are really appreciated. Details, including an online reporting form, are on our website. If a pothole is an immediate risk to public safety, you should call 01243 642105. We also have information on our website explaining the process of identifying and repairing potholes. For more information go to: www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/roadworks-and-projects/road-projects/better-roads-road-funding-information/

WSSC Here to help - Advice and practical support with the cost of living. West Sussex County Council and its partners are here to help, offering practical support and advice to anyone who needs it. Drop into any of our 36 libraries for free;

- information, books and enquiry service
- Information and advice
- Internet access and help to get you online
- Events and activities
- Access to support from a range of partners, for example health and wellbeing, or financial advice

To find out more go to [library support online](#).

Contact our Community Hub/Household Support Fund - Our Community Hub is open seven days a week and offers information and advice across a broad range of support available. You can call us or fill in a contact form online. You may be eligible to access help from the Household Support Fund, which is available through our [Community Hub](#) and can help support eligible residents who are struggling with costs towards fuel or food bills. For full details, including how to apply, see the Community Hub pages @: [Community Hub](#) You don't have to be receiving benefits to access help from your local council. If you do receive benefits, they won't be affected in making an application via this scheme.

West Sussex Records Office. Explore the history of West Sussex via our Record Office's new website, giving residents even better access to the history and heritage of the County. Visitors to the website can be transported to years gone by from the comfort of their own home through access to digital records. The online catalogue uses a specialist digital preservation system enabling users to search through the records and access up to 36,000 images available to view, download and purchase. West Sussex has a rich history and our new website has made it easier to access by modernising the way residents can access services through the use of digital channels and technology to make it as easy as possible.

To help users to get the most out of the new website, advice on searching the catalogue is available along with new research guides and further information about the collections. There are also new pages on all the Record Office's projects and latest news.

The online shop also has a host of books DVDs and CDs available to purchase, some of which can't be found anywhere else.

Residents can also visit their local library to use a public computer, and staff will be able to help get you started on the new website. For those in need of a little extra help, the library offers digital support with the chance for a one-to-one session with a digital volunteer. Contact your local library for further information.

For those residents who still want to make a visit to the Record Office in person, the website is still a handy tool. The new Reader Order Management system can let the team know what documents you'd like to view in the Searchroom by requesting up to three items in advance, helping customers make best use of their research or study time when they visit. You can also use the website to find out what events and talks are taking place and book your place online. Start exploring today at <https://www.wsro.org.uk/> .

And for our younger residents - Marvellous Makers is coming to a library near you.

Children of all ages can visit your local West Sussex Library and join Amelia, Riley, Bob the dog and friends as they get creative to complete the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge, Marvellous Makers.



With free materials from the library and online via the website, the challenge encourages youngsters to keep reading over the holidays by offering rewards, including a medal and certificate if they complete the challenge and read six library books of their choice. Children can take part any time from Saturday 13 July – Saturday 14 September. All that participants need is a library card, which are available from all West Sussex libraries. After registering online for the challenge at arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src, children receive a special code word. They then reveal this to staff at their local library to get their Marvellous Makers fold-out poster and first set of scratch-and-sniff stickers. The main challenge is for children aged 4-11 years, but younger children can take part in the Mini Challenge, collecting stickers as they share library books over the summer and receiving a special gold sticker and a certificate when they finish. Last year was a huge success, with 11,500 children and young people in West Sussex taking part in the challenge. I hope families will be inspired by this year's creative theme.

We are also looking to recruit volunteers aged 14 and over to support staff in promoting the Summer Reading Challenge, developing their skills and gaining valuable experience working with children and families. Applications can be submitted at www.westsussex.gov.uk/src.

Local Updates

Trees - Lavant Down Road - I was pleased that our officers eventually sorted out the licence for the walnut tree. I have also recently chased up the issue of the replacement trees from the ones that were cut down in Centurion Way to create the new access ramp from Meadow Close. Unfortunately the relevant officer is currently on holiday, but I will continue to monitor this.

Summersdale garage - The dangerous parking situation continues unabated. I am continuing my discussions with highways officers and have a site meeting arranged next week to discuss the installation of bollards. Of course the issue is this could well displace the parking further up or down the road, so how far do you go? For example, only last Saturday, two large tractors and trailers were parked blocking the pavement to the SOUTH of Roman Fields! In the meantime, any vehicle parking on the yellow lines is parked illegally and should be reported to the CDC Parking enforcement team who are responsible for parking control. Actual blocking of a pavement is also illegal, so please also report this to the police.

Community Road Safety Scheme proposals. Just to confirm that I have corresponded with Nick Reynolds and suggested that once he has some proposals drawn up I will try and

arrange a pre- submission meeting with our officers. This will help to refine the proposals before a Communities Highways Scheme application is submitted.

Broken Footpath Sign - Marsh Lane - I have reported this to Katharine Eels, your local access ranger. I would like to remind you that any issues with public rights of way should be reported directly on www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way/

New Pedestrian Crossing A286 - I see that work is progressing on the new crossing which is part of the County Council's safer routes to school programme. This should make it much safer for children and parents crossing the road on their way to the primary school - or for older children travelling to school by bus.

WSCC Residents News Letter. Lastly, just a reminder from my last parish update, that every month we issue a Residents News Letter, which is sent to all residents who subscribe to our free email service. Signing up for our email alerts means you don't need to check our website to find out the latest information. Instead, it will be delivered free, straight to your inbox. To subscribe just go to:

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWSCC/subscriber/new>

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APPENDIX B

Lavant Parish council ward report

July 2024

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Welcome to the July report.

General election 2024:

As you are more than aware, one of my biggest focuses has been preparing for the General Election, which will take place on Thursday 4 July. As always, this has been a massive task. Please actively encourage fellow neighbours, friends and colleagues to vote on the 4 July.

Polling stations can be found at Lavant Memorial Hall and East Ashling village Hall.

District council matters:

On 1 July, we will launch our climate change consultation. The extensive consultation will last until 30 September and will ask residents and workers for their views on potential climate change projects. The full survey can be found on our new Let's Talk consultation hub and includes videos explaining each question.

The pages also provide details on the in person and online consultation events that are taking place. We are also inviting respondents to take part in a prize draw, to win a sustainable prize worth up to £500, such as a bike, travel pass or local weekly veg box. In addition, we are also running a 'Paint for the Planet' competition for children aged 12 and under. The consultation is being widely publicised, including radio and newspaper advertising; postcards in school book bags; social media; car park advertising; and promotion through all of the council's communication channels.

Five pages of the forthcoming 'initiatives' magazine have also been dedicated to the consultation, including a paper copy for those who do not have access to a computer. However, we really want people to use the online version wherever possible, which also provides much more detail and support.

You can view the Climate Change hub with all of the background information at: <https://letstalk.chichester.gov.uk/climatechange> and if you want to directly go to the survey, you can find it at: <https://letstalk.chichester.gov.uk/climatechange/participate>

(please note that this won't be available until 1 July.) You can also reach these pages through a button on our normal Climate Change page at: www.chichester.gov.uk/climatechange

Citizen's advice bureau:

Arun and Chichester Citizens' Advice (ACCA) new drop-in service on Thursday mornings in Midhurst People needing advice and information can now see the local Citizens' Advice service in Midhurst. They have started offering a drop-in service at the Grange Centre (GU29 9HD) on Thursdays between 9.30am - 12.30pm (except Thursday 18 July). It is offered on a first come first serve basis, so there may be a short wait if arriving after the first client of the day.

This is in addition to the drop-in service available from East Pallant House that operates Monday-Friday 10.00-4.30 (available for drop-ins 10am-1pm)

Wellbeing:

This month we are running another free Walking with poles taster session on Wednesday 3 July, 9-9.45am. The session aims to give potential clients an idea of what the Walking with Poles 12-week course will entail. The full 12-week course will be starting on Wednesday 31 July. The course is aimed at beginners and those who do less than 150 minutes of exercise per week. To register for a place on the course please complete the online registration form.

July also marks Alcohol Awareness Week, 1-7. The week is dedicated to raise awareness about the risks associated with increased alcohol consumption and to promote healthier lifestyle choices.

Our monthly Wellbeing staff café is being held from 12.30-1.30pm on Tuesday 16 July. All staff and members are welcome to join us for a cup of coffee, meet our team, and to ask any questions they might have about their own wellbeing or about our service. On Tuesday 23 July we will be attending the Community Information Event at the Sylvia Beaufort Centre in Petworth, promoting the Wellbeing Service and engaging with the harder to reach areas of our district.

Household Support Fund:

The Household Support Fund (HSF) has been extended for 6 months from April 2024 to September 2024. Chichester District Council has received £100k from West Sussex County Council (WSCC) to continue to support residents.

The £100k will be used to support residents with essentials related to energy & water such as white goods, wider essentials such as furniture and carpets, and housing related costs related to moving residents on from temporary accommodation. The scheme will be administered by the Supporting You, Housing Solutions and Housing Accommodation teams. In addition to the funding above, WSCC have also made supermarket vouchers available to help support customers who are struggling with to feed themselves or family.

This is administered directly through the WSCC Community Hub. The HSF funding will help officers provide short term support to residents whilst longer-term solutions are found where possible both in respect of income maximisation and permanent housing.

Priory Park dig:

You may remember that I previously told you about the Priory Park dig that was taking place at the end of May / beginning of June. James Kenny, our archaeologist, along with a team from the Chichester and District Archaeology Society, uncovered the remains of a military causeway or bridge that would have led to the city's Norman castle. This led to a great deal of interest – an article appeared on BBC News online and this was shared by BBC Radio Sussex achieving 836 likes or loves, 98 shares and 58 comments!

If you want to find out more about this, please visit:

www.chichester.gov.uk/article/38841/Archaeologists-discover-Norman-bridge-during-dig-inChichester-s-Priory-Park

Finally, there are lots of exciting things to do in the district over the summer. There is a free outdoor cinema event that we are delivering, as part of the Culture Spark programme. This will take place on Saturday 13 July in the Market Square Midhurst, starting at 1pm. You can find out more here: www.chichester.gov.uk/article/38904/Free-outdoor-cinema-event-returns-to-Midhurst-this-July

Chichester cross and more:

We also have the return of our popular Cross, Market & More and Summer Street Party in Chichester city centre on Sunday 7 July from 10am until 4pm. The special artisan market is

being held in conjunction with the Summer Street Party, offering a day full of unique shopping experiences, family-friendly activities, free entertainment and local food and drink vendors.

We're also closing both South Street and West Street to traffic to make way for an 'al fresco' dining area. West Street and Cathedral Green will host free entertainment and attractions especially for children. To find out more, please visit:

www.chichester.gov.uk/article/38907/Chichester-s-Cross-Market-More-and-Summer-Street-Party-return-this-July

I do look forward to seeing you there!

Events:

I'm pleased to let you know that we are encouraging food businesses to join a new campaign, which is aimed at supporting food suppliers across Sussex. The Sussex Six campaign will be launched at Ashling Park on 8 July. The campaign has two key aims: the first is asking shops, pubs, cafes and restaurants to stock or serve a minimum of six ingredients and products made in the area of Sussex. Secondly, it is also asking those that already do so to make it more widely known among their customers by highlighting local suppliers on their shelves, in their newsletters, website, social media and to use it as a major selling point. We have so many fantastic high-quality suppliers within the Chichester and wider Sussex area.

By supporting them we help to keep money within our local economy, which will support local jobs. Choosing local produce is also much better for our environment and for our general health and wellbeing. We are helping to fund the scheme using money from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Sussex Six is organised by Natural Partnerships CIC and will run in the district for the next two years. People can find out more at:
www.sussexfoodanddrink.org/sussex-six

UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund:

A map is being produced to show where the funding has been granted across the district for all the UKSPF and REPF projects from 2023/2024 and 2024/2025. The 65 projects going forward for 2024/2025 have now all been sent their Grant Agreements for signing using the new electronic DocuSign. One project has already been completed for the Rural England Prosperity Fund 2024/2025. Mandalay Ltd a Calligraphy Company based in Birdham had funding for a new Rotary Engraver so that they are more efficient and can compete with engraving commissions more quickly.

The Direct Delivery Projects continue for 2024/2025, these include:

- Culture Spark – Arts Project in conjunction with Festival of Flowers in June'24.

- There will be over 20 events across the district during 2024/25, these will assist with increasing footfall.
- The funding was used to support the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride in May in the city centre.
 - Graffiti Removal continues across the district.
- A Business Network Building project - working with Sussex Food Awards to produce a directory for local food and drinks companies in Chichester District.

I'm also pleased to let you know that the 'Chichester Antiques, Vintage & Decorative Art' street market, which returned to Chichester last month after a five-year break, was well received. It was so popular that plans are already underway for its return on Sunday 11 August.

I also want to let you know that there will not be a report from me in August because this is when you all tend to take your well-earned break. I hope you have a wonderful summer – let's hope the sun shines!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way!

With my best wishes,
Joseph

APPENDIX C

SAVE OUR SOUTH COAST ALLIANCE



URGENT – THE FUTURE OF YOUR DRINKING WATER

A year ago SOSCA was made aware of Southern Water's plans to buy into Portsmouth Water's Havant Thicket Reservoir. Portsmouth Water has owned the site since 1965. It is the first to be built in this country since 1980s. The original concept was for it not only to provide a vital water resource but also to benefit the environment encouraging local wildlife but also for the well being of local communities through recreational use.



On the understanding that **the sole input of water would be water diverted from Havant and Bedhampton's renowned springs** Planning for this was approved by Havant Borough Council in 2021.

On 12th May 2022 – Southern Water applied for a new planning permit for a 'Hampshire Water Transfer and Water Recycling Project.'

This change of use was submitted by Southern Water directly to the Secretary of State defining its water recycling project as a 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project'. If approved and granted a Development Consent Order then Havant Borough Council, Hampshire County Council would have no further

say in the matter – even though they refused consent and communities have voiced their objections.

This change in the whole concept means that in effect Southern Water plan to use recycled water from Budds Farm sewage treatment works using the ‘reverse osmosis’ system which has never been used before in the UK. This will cover not only the present Portsmouth Water customer boundary but also they also plan to **enlarge customer** boundaries north up to Crawley in Sussex.

Go into the web site of HAVANT MATTERS you will find the all important points on how to send in your concerns over this whole project. All objections MUST be received by **TUESDAY – 23rd July. That is when the last consultation will end. This is about **YOUR EVERY DAY DRINKING WATER** and that of **YOUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN****

Please send both this attachment and the Havant Matters one to all your family, friends, action groups, local and national newspapers, local radio and television. We recommend that you **DO NOT** use the Southern Water Questionnaire but send under separate cover as per in Havant Matters.

SOSCA – contact@sosca.org.uk

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