

County Report for Parish Councils February 2019

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The snow may come back again! HCC Salted routes include all bus routes, but residents are encouraged to clear snow and ice in their local environment using the material in the grit boxes. Please continue to check your local grit bin- if the material inside it is solid, or it is empty, please tell HCC via their website www.hants.gov.uk : put in 'salt bin' on the search box. Or go to report road problems and scroll down. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/saltbinrefill>

Hampshire Commission 2050- please go to the website for more details: your comments are welcome, by the . This commission of 16 invited people is looking at what Hampshire County Council need to do to make Hampshire fit for life in 2050.You can watch previous commission meetings too.

The Major Modifications following the Inspector's review of the South downs Local Plan are out for comment. <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/national-park-local-plan/south-downs-local-plan-main-modifications/> Deadline for comments: 2359hrs on 28th March 2019
Both WCC and SDNPA are now running a rolling call for development sites: details on their website.

CIL money is being accumulated by some parishes. I have expressed my concern that there is no process by which HCC spends the money that they have, nor do they have a mechanism to help Parishes spend theirs! This is now a considerable sum- together these equate to 40% of CIL receipts. The County has now taken this on board- and I am promised a clear answer by the end of March. I will keep you informed. Meanwhile, I have put forward five projects that need the specific use of HCC CIL support, and will continue to pursue these until the works are done

1. Sutton Scotney crossing
2. West Street Project, Alresford
3. Hookpit Farm Lane works, with Top Field plans
4. Micheldever Station path
5. Flooding in the Worthys
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A new **Parish and Town Council Investment Fund** has been introduced by HCC. It can support

- Capital Funding to £30,000
- Revenue funding to enable communities to be more resilient up to £30,000
- Training for the parish and/or community, up to £10,000

For queries about your project, look online at hants.gov.uk and contact PTCfund@hants.gov.uk

The amounts above are intended as guidelines and each scheme will be judged on its own merits. Schemes looking for investment of less than £1000 are generally advised to look at [County Councillor Grants](#) (which finish this month, but start again in June).

Council tax: Continued efficiencies/savings have to be made by HCC to reduce the budget and cope with extra demand. The next efficiency to be made is a revision of the Specialist Teachers Advisory Service which offers specific help and advice to parents of SEND children. Deadline for responses is 9th March . Full details can be seen at <http://documents.hants.gov.uk/consultation/STASInformationPack.pdf>

The proposed **HCC Council Tax budget rises by 2.99%**, which is the referendum limit. The 6% additional adult social care additional sum has been 'used up' in the last two years, so will not be imposed again this year, but is expected to be reinstated in the new grant round for 2021.