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# Minstead Annual Parish Meeting

March 2023

## **Standards of Behaviour for Participation in Public Parish Council Meetings**

- ▶ All are welcome to contribute to the meeting
- ▶ Those wishing to speak should signal their intention to the Chairperson and wait to be invited to speak.
- ▶ When invited to speak by the Chairperson, please use clear, succinct, and non-defamatory language
- ▶ The Chairperson will manage the meeting to ensure no one participant dominates, and all voices can be heard
- ▶ Members of the public should treat all meeting participants with respect, listen attentively to others and to not interrupt.
- ▶ Should there be disagreement, then it should be presented in a way which respectfully challenges the idea and not the person
- ▶ Members of the public disturbing a Council meeting will be asked by the Chairperson to desist in any behaviour considered to be disrupting the meeting.
- ▶ If the behaviour continues Council can resolve, without discussion, that the person(s) withdraw from the meeting.

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# **Minstead Annual Parish Meeting - Agenda**

- 1. Attendance Register and Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, 16 March 2022**
- 3. Matters Arising**
- 4. Report by Chairman**
- 5. Financial Statement**
- 6. Police report by PCSO Richard Williams**
- 7. Report by Hampshire County Councillor Edward Heron**
- 8. Report by New Forest District Councillor Mrs Diane Andrews**
- 9. Update from Minstead Green Group (Cllrs Taylor and Smith)**
- 10. Update on Volunteers Recruitment (Cllr Bennett)**
- 11. Items requested by the Public**

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## 1. Attendance Register and Apologies

- ▶ Please ensure you sign the attendance register if you have not already done so
- ▶ Speak to the clerk

## 2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, 16 March 2022

## 3. Matters Arising

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**Report by Chairman  
(Cllr Bill Andrews)**

# Minstead Annual Parish Meeting - Financial Summary

- ▶ Audit of the governance of Minstead Parish Council and the accounts for financial year ending 31 March 2022 was successfully completed.
- ▶ Council has maintained the current precept request at £12,000 (no increase) for the coming year, 2023-24.
- ▶ Council finances remain in a sound position with a current balance in excess of £14,000 (excluding reserves). There have been no unusual costs beyond those relating to council administration and normal maintenance within the parish.
- ▶ In addition to the general reserve maintained by the council (£6,000), the council has established specific reserves for potential upcoming investment which may be required:
  - ▶ Cricket Pavilion (Repairs or replacement)    £15,000
  - ▶ Audio Visual Equipment (Village Hall)        £5,000
  - ▶ *Note: These are held as a reserve only and not committed for payment*
- ▶ Grants were received this year from:
  - ▶ HCC to support HCC Parish Lengthsman Scheme: £1,100 towards Lengthsman salary; this will continue into 2023-24.
- ▶ Parish Council has made grants and donations so far this year to:
  - ▶ Jubilee Celebrations, All Saints Church, Royal British Legion, Citizens Advice Bureau and potentially to Minstead Flower Show (under consideration)

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**Hampshire County Council  
(Cllr Edward Heron)**

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**NFDC Report  
(Cllr Diane Andrews)**






# Minstead Green Group

Cllrs Jack Smith and Richard Taylor



# Who are we?

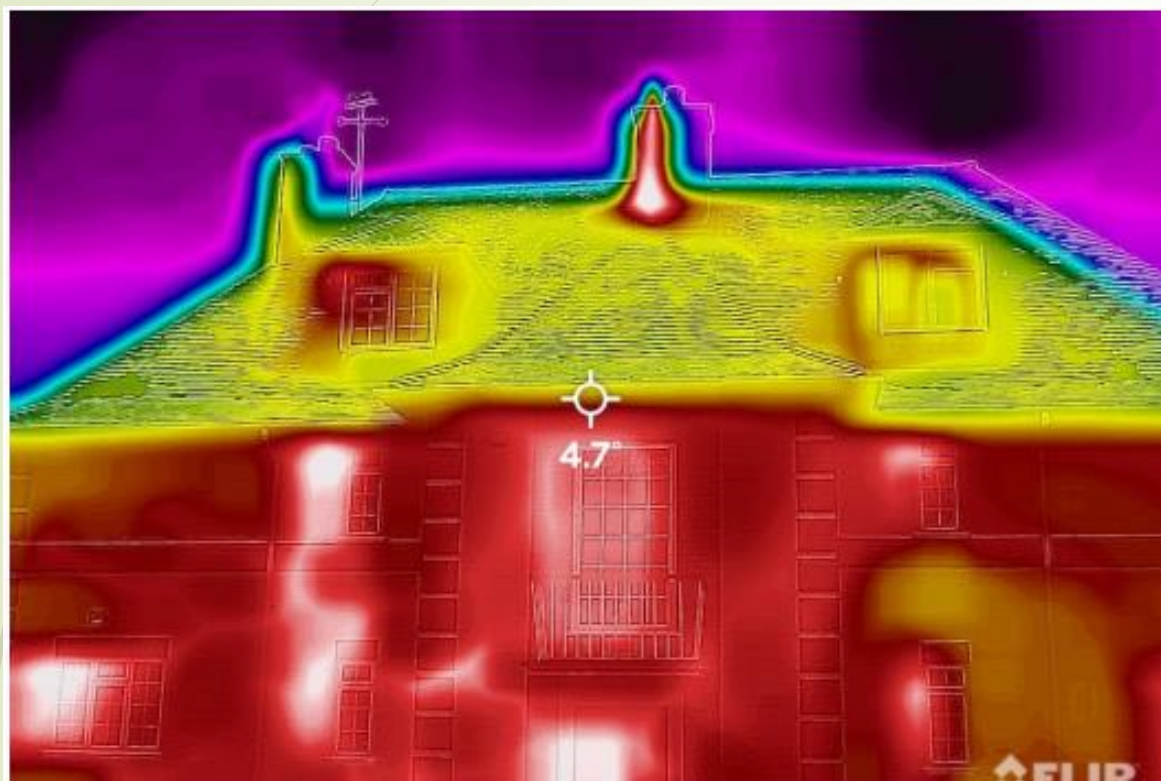
- ▶ Volunteer led community group set up by Minstead parishioners and councillors
  - ▶ Aim of helping and supporting each other in initiating “Green” based ideas in our community
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# What have we done so far?

- ▶ Established a webpage - <https://minstead.org.uk/minsteadgreengroup/>
- ▶ Gathered ideas from local parishioners at Village fete to establish a list of priorities
- ▶ Sent out first newsletter to subscribers

# Minstead Green Group



**BA4 - HEAT LOSS CHIMNEY AND BATHROOM WINDOW - ROOF INSULATION GOOD**

<https://minstead.org.uk/minsteadgreengroup/>

## Home Insulation

# GREEN FAIR



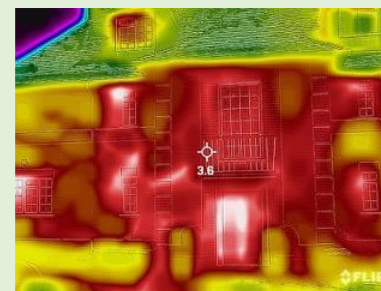
Our first initiative is to look at the insulation of the homes in our community.

Not only will this lower energy costs for home owners, but make a real difference in lowering our community's carbon footprint.

In a typical British home around one-third of heat produced from its heating system is lost unutilised. Minstead houses, being generally older stock, are likely losing more than this!

But how can we tell where our homes are losing heat and money is best spent?

Minstead Green Group are now able to offer free thermal imaging of houses within the parish, which is a great place to start!



This house has benefitted from loft and cavity wall insulation, but heat still sees the single skin door as open!

Read the full article and more examples of local houses [HERE](#)

If you would like pictures of your home please get in contact: [greengroup@minstead.org.uk](mailto:greengroup@minstead.org.uk)

## Minstead Green Fair

Coming late summer, we plan to hold our first ever Green Fair in Minstead Village Hall!

We will be inviting contractors for energy efficient home solutions, such as:

- Loft and cavity wall insulation
- Wood burning stoves
- Solar panels

We will also be inviting local small businesses and conservation groups.

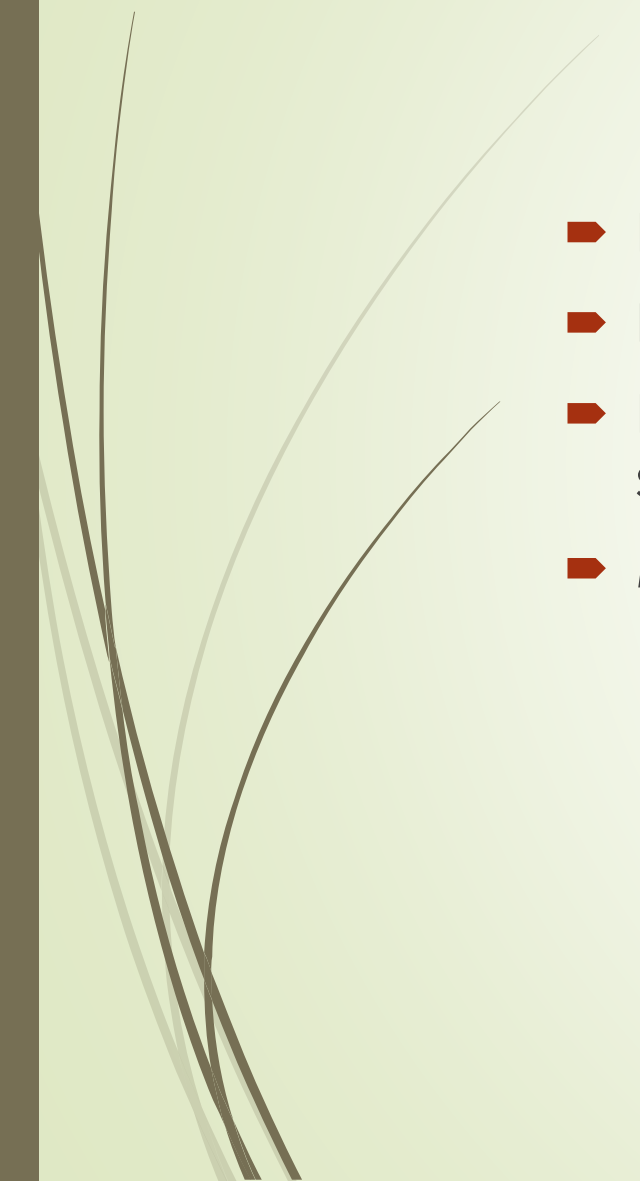
If you would like to be involved as a business or a volunteer, please get in contact:

[greengroup@minstead.org.uk](mailto:greengroup@minstead.org.uk)

Make sure to visit our [website](#)



# What next?

- Liaise with other Green Groups across the New Forest
  - Participate in local forums
  - Follow up newsletters – next issue list of current green grants and schemes
  - Minstead Green Fair?
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**Update on Volunteers  
(Cllr Helen Bennett)**

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## **Public Items (from the floor)**

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**Conclusion**

**Please join us for refreshments**