



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 13th September 2021 at 7.30PM
To be held at the Pavilion

Present: Chairman Perrins, Vice Chairman Selby, Peal, Street, Cooper and Berry, City Councillor Horrill, City Councillor Godfrey, City Cllr Jan Warwick and Clerk Mrs Jones.

21/051 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Coleman and Lt Col Allen.

21/052 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.

21/053 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michael Gardener thanked Cllr Godfrey for the new signage in his road.

21/054 Reports from Local Councillors, MOD and Police

Cllr Godfrey gave an update on Winchester City Council which included:-
- Introduction of Tetra recycling at the car park;
- The ongoing problem with the number of planning officers leaving very soon. This affects WCC ability to provide a planning enforcement service;
- Meeting with the MOD to discuss St John Moore Barracks which now includes a new nature reserve on the north side of the barracks, which has not been met with a great deal of enthusiasm;
- Extra Government grants to support local businesses affected by COVID.

Cllr Horrill gave a further update from Winchester City Council which included:-

- A shortage of new home development officers;
- The Gurkha museum at Peninsula Barracks is now open;
- There will be a funding fair from Community First on Wednesday;
- The City Council are now reviewing the Local Plan feedback;
- Being a supporter of the new sports and leisure facilities at Bar End;

Cllr Warwick gave an update from Hampshire County Council which included:-

- Community First are helping the families that have arrived from Afghanistan. Clothing and toys have been donated to help them;
- Active School Streets, where a road is closed near a school entrance. This is being tested currently in other areas;
- HCC are strengthen the penalties for fly tipping;
- A Gully map of South Wonston has been emailed and shared with the Parish Council. HCC are keen to put sensors into the drains and are looking for sites. The Councillors put forward South Wonston as part of the pilot;
- A meeting will be set up with Stuart Jarvis, Cllr Warwick, John Cooper and John Berry to look at the Lower Road problems ;
- The new Cycle Path is progressing (and is updated in more detail later in the meeting);
- An old elm tree has been removed from the school. The volunteer tree warden has been in contact about replanting a new tree to replace this;
- Concrete crushers planning applications are being appealed and Down Farm should go to Committee for consideration.

Resume Standing Orders

21/055 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th JULY 2021

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting following minor amendments.

21/056 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th JULY

There were none

To be noted

21/057 FINANCE

- Recent Transactions

A spreadsheet of recent transactions was provided for all Members.

It was RESOLVED to approve the transactions. A copy is appended to these minutes.

- Account Reconciliations

The Bank Balances as at 31st July 2021 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 159,008.71
Lloyds Account 10	£ 66,244.29
Total =	£225,253.00

The Bank Balances as at 31st August 2021 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 143,255.59
Lloyds Account 10	£ 66,389.44
Total =	£209,645.03

The balances were noted and each reconciliation sheet will be signed by the Chairman once all cash books have been brought up to date, to confirm the Council's monitoring role.

Allocated Expenditure to 31st August 2021 not yet paid through the bank accounts, plus agreed reserves policy.

Reserves

Insurance Reserve	£2,555
Pavilion Management & Maintenance	£30,600
General Reserves – 6 months exp 2020/21	<u>£37,700</u>
	£70,855

Project List – Committed Exp £47K - £50K	£50,000
Community Bench	£4,834
Precept Exp not yet paid to creditors	<u>£6,300</u>
	£61,134

Total **£131,989**

Unallocated Funds- Project List reviewed **£77,656.03**
At the July Parish Council meeting

Remaining Balance Owed to the Public Works Loan Board £45,848.

To be noted

- Insurance

The Parish Council reviewed the insurance policy options from Came & Co. that is due for renewal on 1st October 2021. Independent insurers were contacted for quotations so the council can show that a fair analysis of the market has been carried out.

The insurance market in general has undergone some big changes over the last 18 months and this has not left the local council sector unaffected. This has resulted in the hardening of rates and terms across the board which mean that this is often reflected in increased premiums.

Came and Co. recommendation is shown below from Hiscox Insurance as they have been able to offer the most competitive terms.

Insurer	Insurer Premium	Administration Fee
Pen Underwriting Limited	£2,847.57 annual only	£50.00
Hiscox	£2,593.07 or £2,463.42 with a new 3 year Long Term Agreement	£50.00
Ecclesiastical	No quote offered for 2021	

Premiums are inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax (IPT) charged by HMRC at the applicable rate

Long Term Agreement Option

In order to ensure rate stability, South Wonston Parish Council may choose to set up a 3 year binding Long Term Agreement (LTA) with **Hiscox**, at an LTA premium of **£2,513.42**. This means South Wonston Parish Council will commit to keep their policy with Hiscox for the period of the LTA, which will then expire on 30/09/2024.

Cllr Perrins agreed with the Parish Council that Clerk have the quote reviewed, to increase the legal expenses and crisis management costs to match from the two providers. If Hiscox is still a lower financial renewal value than Pen Underwriting Limited, the Cllrs approve the 3 year insurance from Hiscox.

It was RESOLVED to approve Hiscox 3 year insurance if it still the lower amount once the quote has been updated.

21/058 PLANNING

Neighbour notification of planning application Ecogen Recycling Ltd Variation of condition 7 (volume of waste) and 13 (HGV Movements) of

Planning Permission **19/00200/HCS** at North Winchester Farm, Stoke Charity Road, Kings Worthy SO21 2RP (Application No. 21/00832/HCS)

South Wonston Parish Council Response to Additional Information Provided for 21/00832/HCS Variation of Condition 7 (Volume of Waste) and 13 (HGV Movements) – Ecogen Recycling Limited - 6th September 2021

South Wonston Parish Council (SWPC) has reviewed the additional documents provided by the applicant.

This additional information, along with the proposed widening, signage and shuttle operation do not significantly mitigate two of the major highway safety issues listed in SWPCs response to the first consultation i.e. Traffic travelling south on Stoke Charity Road towards the railway bridge has limited visibility round the bend. However traffic coming in the other direction must be on the wrong side of the road to pass cars parked outside Railway Cottages and is therefore at risk of a head-on collision. The additional length of HGVs increases the risk.

Cars travelling up-hill towards the bridge have limited visibility.

SWPC would like to re-iterate its view that the previous 5 years accident data cannot realistically be used to make conclusions about whether the traffic levels allowed by the proposed variations will be safe. Just because there were few problems in a period of mostly low HGV moments does not imply that 80 movements per day will be safe.

SWPC notes the analysis put forward by Cllr Steve Cramoysan in his letter of 1st September and agrees with his conclusions.

It remains the view of South Wonston Parish Council that the application for these variations should be refused on the grounds of highway safety.

20/01188/HCS LAND AT DOWN FARM HEADBOURNE WORTHY SO23 6RG RESPONSE FROM SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION FROM HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL) Importation and storage of road planning for crushing and screening to create recycled aggregate, including associated buildings, structures and vehicle parking at Land at Down Farm, Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy SO23 6RG

Cllr Warwick notified the Councillors that applicants of the Three Maids Concrete Crusher have gone to appeal. Cllr Warwick has asked how and when objectors are able to respond to the appeal process and will come back to you as soon as she knows more.

20/01692/HOU - I am writing to advise that the planning application for the above site will be considered by the next Planning Committee from

09:30am on Wednesday 1 September 2021 which will be an in person meeting

Reference	21/01692/HOU
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Wed 16 Jun 2021
Application Validated	Wed 23 Jun 2021
Address	Mount Pleasant 119 Downs Road South Wonston
Proposal	Demolish existing side extension and construct new side extension. Internal alterations to existing house. Demolish existing garage and build new annexe and connecting corridor to house
Status	Decided
Decision	Application Permitted
Decision Issued Date	Wed 01 Sep 2021

- Applications to be considered

Reference	21/01516/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-09894626
Application Received	Tue 01 Jun 2021
Application Validated	Tue 01 Jun 2021
Address	5 Markson Road South Wonston SO21 3EZ
Proposal	proposed single storey side extension and proposed additional room in roof with dormer windows
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins & Cllr Coleman
Comments	See below
Decision	Application Permitted

The plans for the future extension and internal modifications will be sympathetic to the property.
It must be noted that the new layout increases the bedroom size from 3 to 5 rooms.
There appears to be no overlooking problems to neighbouring properties and the extension follows the existing building line, however it must be

noted that the extension will be tight on the boundary at the rear.

It must be noted that the front dormer could be an overlooking problem to the opposite neighbouring property should their trees be removed which act as a shield.

Reference	21/01919/TPO
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Mon 12 Jul 2021
Application Validated	Mon 12 Jul 2021
Address	Penrhyn 129 Downs Road South Wonston Winches
Proposal	beech tree t21 - crown reduction by 2m height, spread south to 7.2m west and east side 5m
Inspected By	Tree Warden – Lesley McKinnon
Comment	See below the next application

SW Tree warden comments on planning applications 21-02267-TPO

All trees offer significant ecological, environmental and economic benefit:

- ✓ storing and taking in carbon dioxide
- ✓ lowering flood risk by increasing evaporation after rainfall and reducing runoff
- ✓ improving air quality by taking pollution from the air
- ✓ sheltering and feeding a wealth of insects including pollinators
- ✓ providing nesting sites and food for birds and small mammals
- ✓ offering cooling in hot weather
- ✓ adding character to our Village, and generally
- ✓ improving Villagers' wellbeing

Approximating the dimensions of a tree and using the calculator associated with the Treezilla app it is possible to estimate its ecological value. Figures are given below for the equivalent carbon dioxide currently stored, and that removed annually through growth and leaf cover. The trees will intercept rain water and avoid runoff, and, by extracting pollutants, will improve air quality, so related data is also given.

The overall crown work proposed will reduce the leaf canopies. As a consequence, less carbon dioxide will be captured and fewer air pollutants will be extracted, and projections are shown for the effects over the next 10 years, by which time the canopies may have regrown. Finally, the suggested economic value of the trees over this period, in terms of ecological benefit, is appended, together with the devaluation that would result from the crown reduction. Of course, there may also be further environmental costs, in terms of a loss in habitat and in the compromise

made to the more direct benefits felt by residents.

21-02267 T1

Species: mature Holm Oak

Carbon dioxide currently stored: 2400kg

Further CO₂ removed annually through growth and leaf cover: 50kg

Rainwater runoff avoided annually: 7m³

Air pollution removed annually: 27g

Estimated leaf canopy loss following crown reduction: 60%

Reduction in CO₂ capture: 300g over 10y

Increase in air pollutants: 160g over 10y

Current economic value of tree: £312

Loss of value through crown reduction: 10%

21-02267 T2

Species: mature Holm Oak

Carbon dioxide currently stored: 4500kg

Further CO₂ removed annually through growth and leaf cover: 85kg

Rainwater runoff avoided annually: 13m³

Air pollution removed annually: 50g

Estimated leaf canopy loss following crown reduction: 65%

Reduction in CO₂ capture: 550g over 10y

Increase in air pollutants: 320g over 10y

Current economic value of tree: £580

Loss of value through crown reduction: 10%

Both trees are magnificent specimens, perhaps over 100 years old, and predate the Keats Close housing development. However, being close to the dwelling, they are both in need of suitable routine management, to maintain the trees as a benefit rather than a source of nuisance to the residents.

Reference	21/01917/TPO
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Mon 21 Jun 2021
Application Validated	Mon 21 Jun 2021
Address	Quorum 127 Downs Road South Wonston Winche
Proposal	T29 beech - crown reduction (same as works requested on 13/02344/tpo) Looking at the previous reduction points under the previous approval I would say that the perimeter reduction greater and the height reduction about 2.5m.
Inspected By	Tree Warden – Lesley McKinnon
Comments	See Below
Decision	Application Permitted

SW Tree warden comments on planning applications 21-01917-TPO + 21-01919-TPO All trees offer significant ecological, environmental and economic benefit: storing and taking in carbon dioxide lowering flood risk by increasing evaporation after rainfall and reducing runoff improving air quality by taking pollution from the air sheltering and feeding a wealth of insects including pollinators providing nesting sites and food for birds and small mammals offering cooling in hot weather adding character to our Village, and generally improving Villagers' wellbeing Approximating the dimensions of a tree and using the calculator associated with the Treezilla app it is possible to estimate its ecological value. Figures are given below for the equivalent carbon dioxide currently stored, and that removed annually through growth and leaf cover. The trees will intercept rain water and avoid runoff, and, by extracting pollutants, will improve air quality, so related data is also given. The overall crown work proposed will reduce the leaf canopies. As a consequence, less carbon dioxide will be captured and fewer air pollutants will be extracted, and projections are shown for the effects over the next 10 years. Finally, the suggested economic value of the trees over this period, in terms of ecological benefit, is appended, together with the devaluation that would result from the crown reduction. Of course, there may also be further environmental costs, in terms of a loss in habitat and in the compromise made to the more direct benefits felt by residents.

21-01917 T29 Species: mature Beech Carbon dioxide currently stored: 1200kg Further CO2 removed annually through growth and leaf cover: 25kg Rainwater runoff avoided annually: 6m3 Air pollution removed annually: 20g Estimated leaf canopy loss following crown reduction: 25% Reduction in CO2 capture: 30g over 10y Increase in air pollutants: 25g over 10y Current economic value of tree: £200 Loss of value through crown reduction: 2%

21-01919 T21 Species: mature Beech Carbon dioxide currently stored: 1400kg Further CO2 removed annually through growth and leaf cover: 30kg Rainwater runoff avoided annually: 6m3 Air pollution removed annually: 25g Estimated leaf canopy loss following crown reduction: 40% Reduction in CO2 capture: 60g over 10y Increase in air pollutants: 50g over 10y Current economic value of tree: £220 Loss of value through crown reduction: 4%

Both applications have been submitted by the owner of the two properties, 127 and 129 Downs Road. The trees and a number of others on the land were planted by him. The crown reductions proposed are part of a prudent routine management scheme, to maintain the trees, which are adjacent to the two dwellings

Reference	21/01938/HOU
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Mon 19 Jul 2021
Application Validated	Mon 19 Jul 2021

Address	Dawn's Spring 4 Orchard Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3EX
Proposal	Install a fence along the bounday between 4 Orchard Road and 5 Orchard Road
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins & Cllr Coleman
Comment	See Below

The residents in No. 5 Orchard Drove are intending to remove the hedge in August 2021 and as a result all that will remain is a three-wire fence, embedded in the hedge, on the side of No. 5 which is inadequate for the safety of the assistance dog residing in No. 4.

The residents in No. 4 Orchard Road wish to erect a more substantial wooden fence on their boundary line in order to secure the safety of the resident needing assistance and that of her dog.

On a planning level there seems to be no reason why this application should be refused.

Reference	21/01957/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-10058447
Application Received	Wed 21 Jul 2021
Application Validated	Wed 21 Jul 2021
Address	Cloudbank 64 Downs Road South Wonston SO21
Proposal	(RESUBMISSION) Single Storey side extension, Render existing brickwork
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Comment	No Comment

- Decisions by WCC

Due to the deadlines, responses have been submitted for the applications below:

Reference	21/01692/HOU
Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Wed 16 Jun 2021

Application Validated	Wed 23 Jun 2021
Address	Mount Pleasant 119 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3EH
Proposal	Demolish existing side extension and construct new side extension. Internal alterations to existing house. Demolish existing garage and build new annexe and connecting corridor to house
Status	Current
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	<p>The plan represent considerable alterations to the existing property. There appears to be no problems with overlooking and the annex is connected by the way of a corridor so see no concerns with building a separate dwelling.</p> <p>The footprint of the proposed building work appears to be on the same building line, however, the existing arrangement is very tight on the boundaries and this would need due consideration.</p>
Decision	Application Permitted

Reference	21/01414/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-09864606
Application Received	Fri 21 May 2021
Application Validated	Fri 21 May 2021
Address	40 Downlands Way South Wonston SO21 3HS
Proposal	proposed loft conversion with front and rear velux w
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	<p>As the modifications include Velux windows front and rear only there will be no issues with overlooking neighbouring properties. A precedent has already been set with similar modifications to No. 38.</p> <p>No Comment.</p>

Decision	Application Permitted
Reference	21/01307/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-09836243
Application Received	Wed 12 May 2021
Application Validated	Wed 12 May 2021
Address	Cloudbank 64 Downs Road South Wonston SO21 3
Proposal	Single storey side extension and flue for woodburning stove
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Decision	Application Permitted

Reference	21/01264/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-09822842
Application Received	Mon 10 May 2021
Application Validated	Mon 10 May 2021
Address	51A Downs Road South Wonston SO21 3EW
Proposal	Erection of car port to side of dwelling (retrospective)
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Comments	I guess as the resident is moving they needed to get planning permission done before they can proceed. The car port is not large and is not a real problem so no comment.
Decision	Application Permitted

- Enforcements

An update on the open cases has been requested from WCC but has not been received to date. The attached is the open cases for July.

To be noted

21/059 PAVILION & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PAVILION
COMMITTEE 13-07-2021 AT 2.00 pm at the Pavilion

PRESENT

Cllrs Perrins (JP) (Chairman), Selby (DS) and Clerk Mrs Jones (RJ). Tree Warden Lesley Mackinnon (LM)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Peal (AP) & Cllr Street

PAVILION MANAGEMENT

The Deep Clean will take place on Monday 19th July and will continue mid Aug & Mid Sept

There have been a number of problems with Scouts misusing the facilities. The Chairman and Clerk would like them to return their keys.

Corrigenda are due to carry out a service on the sewage tank on Thursday 15th July.

The Damage Report and Action Plan was reviewed and is attached.

FINANCE

No Finance was discussed

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

The new bench shelters are on order, but there is a delay until the end of July for delivery.

Clerk to arrange for EHS visit to clean the park and use an algae scrub on the rhino mulch.

Report received from playground volunteer helper

Following a professional inspection of the village playground by The Play Inspection Company in late February I was asked and agreed to look at various of the problems identified. After more than two months I have still not been able to complete all the work required almost entirely due to delays in obtaining answers and parts from the various manufacturers. There would appear to be a lack of knowledge or interest in after sales service by some suppliers.

1. MUGA

Due to the vibration caused by the balls bouncing off the metal mesh a number of fastenings had become loose with some having fallen out. Certain of these were unique which I have now identified (Fourtress Flange Machine Screws M8x50) and purchased while others were standard tamper-proof fittings. These have all now been replaced along with additional spare parts for future use.

2. Activity Trail (Chain Walk)

Over the years of use the chains had stretched so that the lower chain rested on the ground. I removed several links and replaced worn fittings and this has lifted the chains. There are surplus spare parts for future use.

3. Spinning Pole (Spica 3).

This Spinner is now 15+ years old and the bearings had failed so that it no longer worked. The manufacturer would not supply the bearings alone but only as a complete sub assembly; they quoted £1,502 for undertaking the complete repair. I was subsequently able to purchase the bearings (part 6306-2RSR) elsewhere at a cost less than £30! These have now been fitted and the Spinner is operational again.

These bearings are sealed and do not require routine lubrication.

Single Point Swing (Tripod Nest Swing).

A number of special fastenings on this swing had broken although continued use of the item was not dangerous. After more than 2 months from my first enquiry I finally received replacements from the manufacturer just last week and these have now been fitted. A second problem concerning lubrication of the central fitting and the replacement of a missing cover are still ongoing with the manufacturer.

When the missing cover is replaced there will be two greasing points on the central swivel unit which should be greased annually.

The wooden tripod frame is deteriorating and crumbling in places and in a few years will require replacement, it is now more than 15 years old. The current equivalent equipment is no longer wood but steel. Replacement can be delayed I believe if the wood is routinely treated with a quality preservative and I recommend this is undertaken without further delay. I would suggest treating it twice over the next three months and annually thereafter.

Climbing Wall (Assault Wall).

The top pole of this equipment has become rotten and requires replacement. Vita Play Ltd has (at last!) provided a quote of some £260 to supply a replacement pole. Given the cost, if agreed I have requested the Parish Council commits directly with Vita Play for the supply and I will subsequently fit it.

I believe this item is a greater risk than assessed and if the replacement part is not purchased and fitted promptly this Assault Wall should be taken out of service as I fear the right hand rope will pull through the softened wood.

Following my recommendation the Parish Council has promptly arranged the removal of the lower branches of the overhanging tree. The wall had

become covered in pigeon droppings and was unpleasant and probably unhealthy to use. Hopefully this action will minimise the problem.

Rotating Net (Tower Carousel).

The inspector reported the bearing required greasing although I believe the problem could simply be the top cap rubbing on a plastic collar. Thank you to Berry, Rachael's daughter, who helped us by climbing to the top and applying a silicone lubricant. Unfortunately however this has not cured the problem of the carousel turning in a series of jerks rather than smoothly revolving.

Greasing the bearing itself would be a major undertaking, in fact almost the same task as replacing the bearing as it will require the use of lifting equipment to remove the top cap, all the climbing netting and the nests. My recommendation is to do nothing further unless the bearing fails when the cost of this work can be justified. In the meantime continuing to use it will not cause damage to the rest of this equipment.

I was told by the manufacturer that the bearing was a sealed unit and does not normally require routine lubrication.

Rocking Horse.

I believe this piece of playground equipment to be very old although it continues to be sold by the manufacturer. Due to its age the front panel has rusted through leaving a large rusty hole which could be dangerous especially to small children. To properly repair it would be costly and require the old metal to be cut out and a new piece fabricated and welded in. I have made and rivetted in a metal plate covering the hole so that it is inaccessible to small hands, this should prove a satisfactory repair for at least a number of years.

I was told by the manufacturer that the bearings were sealed units and do not normally require routine lubrication.

Playground gates.

These gates had been poorly fitted and become loose and out of adjustment. The slamming of the gates by the self-closing mechanisms inevitably caused the small screws to work loose, which in turn allowed the gates to drop and become misaligned, and hence they no longer closed correctly. These unsuitable screws have now been replaced with bolts.

Minor items.

There was a range of Low Risk items like loose nuts, missing screws and exposed threads which were simple and inexpensive to fix. I think I have taken care of most of these.

I have not attempted to replace the assorted missing plastic covers on various nuts and bolts as these are really not posing a danger; furthermore they work out ridiculously expensive. As an example, the

Multiplay unit requires just one replacement cap; these cost £0.34 each but require a minimum purchase of 20 units, add the minimum shipping charge and VAT means that replacing the one missing plastic cap will cost £19! In future when purchasing new equipment which has such caps it would be sensible to purchase a few replacements at the same time, in fact it's quite possible the supplier will include these f.o.c.

I would certainly encourage the continued use of the annual inspection by this specialist company especially given the relatively small cost. Experience of this work directs the inspector to the vulnerable fittings and common faults as well as providing knowledge of current safety standards and requirements.

TREE WARDEN UPDATE

Lesley McKinnon attended the meeting and gave a verbal update on the progress of the trees that have been planted and plans to start a wild garden. Clerk and Lesley made arrangements to meet C&D Trees to look at the trees on the recreation ground and review the ash trees which are showing signs of Ash Dieback

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th August 2021

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PAVILION COMMITTEE 10-08-2021 AT 2.00 pm at the Pavilion

PRESENT

Cllrs Perrins (JP) (Chairman), Selby (DS), Street (FS), and Clerk Mrs Jones (RJ).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Peal (AP), Tree Warden Lesley Mackinnon (LM)

PAVILION MANAGEMENT

The Deep Clean will take place on Monday 2nd September and also at the end of September.

The Chairman has spoken to Kathy Ellis the scout leader and agreed that Scouts had misused the facilities. The situation will be reviewed in 6 months but the keys need to be returned and their things removed from the cupboard.

Swifts contracts have been agreed following a meeting with Pete Laud and Guy Bewick for the current season. Juniors will remain at £250 per team and £60 per adult match, which is an increase of £5 per match.

Corrigenda are to service the sewage tank. The week before whereby

the sewage was building up in the tanks and the manual override button was not working in the plant room. This cleared itself at some point but unsure what wasn't working.

The Damage Report and Action Plan were reviewed and are attached. Cllr Perrins to update following the discussions.

FINANCE

No Finance was discussed

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

Bench shelters are due to be delivered today. Clerk has arranged for Russell Mack to have a garage key to build the shelters and move the benches currently in situ. He will also look at suggestion of a Community Bench.

CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

Clerk has met 3 local playground companies to look at implementing a wooden zip wire and a castle. Designs for an Adventure Fort have been sent in from Vitaplay to consider replacing the banked area in the children's playground. The Cllrs were all in support of the main picture which Clerk will get a quote for. A 4th company Streetscape were contacted about quoting for a wooden zip wire but they declined due to the current lack of wood.

Clerk to arrange for EHS visit to clean the park and use an algae scrub on the rhino mulch.

The local volunteer helping with the playground suggested purchasing a piece of wood to replace at the top of the climbing wall. Clerk has placed an order with Vitaplay.

TREE WARDEN UPDATE - Lesley McKinnon was unable to attend the meeting but sent in minutes of the meeting with Nick (C&D Trees 4/8/21) which included Paul and Clerk

Nick confirmed that there were around 50 ash trees surrounding the Recreation ground, and that the majority were showing early signs of ash dieback. However, he thought that no immediate action was needed as all had reasonable leaf covering with more than 50% of the crown remaining, and none posed obvious safety risks.

He recommended reviewing the ten or so worst affected trees in May 2022, and the remainder in two years time. Based on current experience, he expects that at most 5 of the total ash will survive in the long term.

Nick also inspected the two dead field maple behind the BMX track, but thought that these were reasonably stable, and again, as they were in a space that was little used, could be left standing.

In view of the eventual loss of the ash trees, Nick suggested legacy

planting of other species that might be expected to have a life span of some 200 years or more, especially as the majority of the other trees on the Recreation ground, and the new saplings such as wild cherry and Rowan, should last for at most 40 years. His list of candidates include beech, cedar and lime, to be planted as 7-8 year old specimens. Nick advised that the suckering English Elm on the North side of the footpath behind the Pavilion would keep re-growing but only to a certain height before they die off. It would be useful to include this area in any hedge cutting that you request along that path to thereby keep them to a similar height to the recreation ground hedge. The Elm is an important food source for the white letter hairstreak butterfly.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th September 2021

To be noted

- Zip Wire Options

The Parish Council was presented with zip wire options from four playground companies who quoted to erect a steel option and two companies who quoted for wooden options.

It was RESOLVED to go with the steel option as it is cheaper and has a longer guarantee.

21/060 HIGHWAYS

- To receive an update on highways

Cllr Warwick gave an update as part of her monthly update which was reported during Councillors update.

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

Cllr Berry gave an update on the current Speed Detection Unit and supplied quotes to purchase an extra SDU. He presented the different options but agreed that he would bring a further update to the October meeting.

To be noted

- Ox Drove Path Extension to Bridge Bungalow

Jim Adkins (HCC) has asked for a quote from the contractor for the extra path works from the pavilion car park to Bridge Bungalow.

To be noted**- Rights of Way**

Hampshire County Council approved earlier in the year the priority cutting list which included Ox Drove and Lower Road. Work was completed on Monday 13th September.

To be noted**- Alresford Drove – Cllr Perrins gave an update.**

The Parish Council has for some time been in discussion with representatives of Hampshire County Council and the Highways Department requesting a more detailed look at the section of the Drove from Sanctuary Farm through to West Hill Road North.

This single carriageway section is well signed to indicate priority along the length coming into the village together with the speed limit. However, a signage review has been requested and will be undertaken by HCC Highways.

The HCC Highways Engineering Team has sent a detailed response to residents who have expressed views and thoughts about the speed limits and traffic calming requests.

The PC will also be looking at the possibility of creating a permissive path immediately on the North side of the hedge to separate pedestrians from the carriage way over the restricted length. This is dependent on being able to gain permission from the landowner, tenant farmer and the cost involved being able to facilitate this.

The current 'ditch' would appear to be under the ownership of HCC as it is not delineated on the Land Register and forms part of the highway drainage.

The PC will continue to seek to discuss the issues with all agencies to find a positive way forward however we would urge those using the Drove to drive courteously and to abide by the signage that already exists.

The current SDU is at present in Alresford Drove positioned by the 30mph sign.

The position of the SDU post was selected and approved by HCC Highways.

It is intended to purchase a new SDU which would have the capability of recording data with regard to vehicle movements/speed.

The Cllrs discussed the next steps being:-

- to meet with the landowner;
- to set up a meeting with Mr Rowsell who is the renting farmer;
- signage to be looked at by Jan Warwick and HCC. Cllr Perrins also shared some funding initiatives ideas whereby signage could be erected before entering the village.

Cllr Perrins has received correspondences from HCC Highways who have said they will not consider reducing the speed limit and they would need to do a TRO (legal documents that restrict or prohibit the use of the highway network, in line with The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984) which is costly and time consuming.

Hampshire County Council has said there is no funding available to help with the permissive footpath.

To be noted

21/061 GENERAL AMENITIES

- Cycle Path Proposal & Update from Jim Adkins HCC Countryside

Work has started on the path from Connaught Road south towards the A34; including the diversion around Down Farm.

The southern section may have to wait until later in the year due to crops requiring harvesting and gaining the required licences to cross Southern Water's access road and the field running adjacent to Andover Road North owned by St Johns through to Wellhouse Lane. He has gained verbal permissions from both parties who have both been very helpful in delivering this temporary off – road link

The map below shows the indicative route at the southern end.



To be noted

- Memorial Garden

Lt Col Stu Allen had a meeting with the Land Management Service who have been away for most of August, hence the delay in receiving some further direction on the Memorial Garden. There are two main issues with the proposal:

- The farmer Mr Rowsell is not currently willing to entertain releasing the land and we (the MOD) have no mechanism to compel that to happen;
- DIO are unable to sanction any projects which potentially have long-term implications for land use. This is due to the future of the estate being under review.

To be noted

21/062 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondences were received from:-

12/7/21 – A resident of South Wonston - Bus on Alresford Drove (x6)

20/7/21 – A resident of South Wonston - Who owns woodland off Alresford Drove

22/7/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Overweight Vehicles on Alresford Drove

3/8/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Likes the idea of wild flowers but concerned of dog faeces left

3/8/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Lower Road sewage puddle

6/8/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Date of PC elections

7/8/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Where will the Sept PC meeting be held?

10/8/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Minutes of July Pav Meeting

19/8/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Looking for Council/Housing Association Housing in the village(x6)
25/8/21 – A resident of South Wonston – PC Vacancy
3/9/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Encroachment on Lower Road
9/9/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Voting and Monday's meeting

To be noted

21/063 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 11th October 2021 at 7.30pm at the South Wonston Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.