



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30PM**  
**To be held at the Pavilion**

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**Present:** Chairman Perrins, Cllrs Street, Cooper and Berry, City Councillor Horrill, County Cllr Warwick, City Councillor Godfrey, Lt Col Stu Allen and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

**21/109 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Vice Chairman Selby & Cllr Peal

**21/110 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests to be declared.

**21/111 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The members of the public that attended the meeting had no questions and a member of the public attended the meeting with Sam Watts of Winchester Action on Climate Change (WINACC)

**21/112 Reports from Local Councillors, MOD and Police**

Cllr Horrill gave an update from Winchester City Council (WCC) which included:-

- An update on the regeneration of the city centre around the bus station;
- Winchester Movement Strategy which now includes a road network and ensure park and ride facilities are improved on the North side the city. There is a consultation on the WCC website, Clerk will be emailed the details;
- Local Plan – SHELAA sites published before Christmas are now formally on the table. It is now open for the City Council to start

discussions with the Parish Councils how to move forward and ensure all the data is correct, which is also held on the WCC website. Cllr Horrill is on the advisory group;

- WCC collect the waste on behalf of Hampshire and would like everyone to start considering further recycling;

Cllr Perrins said that the residents are keen to ensure that we are transparent with regard to the housing plans. Cllr Berry asked if sewage is considered as part of the assessment. Cllr Horrill said that this was an important issue that needs to be taken into account. Cllr Perrins asked if Clerk can arrange for all Cllrs to meet to consider these points.

Cllr Godfrey gave a further update on WCC which included:-

- The local government financial settlement has no extra significant funding but to carry on as the previous year;
- Includes an extra grant scheme for hospitality and sports;
- Continue to offer match funding for Knudge and Greening of up to £2K;
- One of the SHELAA sites has now been removed from South Wonston (SW06);
- Encroachment on Lower Road is to be investigated. A letter from the WCC will be sufficient.

Lt Col Stu Allen gave an update from Worthy Down which included:-

- The MOD has a lack of quality housing and there is a need to move to carbon neutral. Currently working on two feasibility studies. The first reports are due and would suggest that the need will be housing. Other factors to consider is the farmer Mr Rowsell;
- 400 trainees have arrived today;
- Since the removal of the 40mph Christmas Hill now feels like a race track from both sides. Currently there have been two accidents which incurred trainees being hospitalised;

There was a discussion that perhaps Christmas Hill should be slowed and maybe having a uniformed speed limit to 50mph. Cllr Warwick suggested that the road should be looked at due to its change in usage.

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

- There is a removal of Grit bins;
- The Movement Strategy is suggesting a park & ride at the top of Andover road by John Moore Barracks;
- Grant money is available for a Community Strategy;
- £200K towards completion of a major archaeological study of Winchester. The '**Winchester Excavations**' project will make its findings available online for the benefit of a wide audience.

The Parish Council will need to look at the Movement Strategy before the 11<sup>th</sup> February

Cllr Street asked if signs can be collected by HCC as there are currently 12 from A34 to South Wonston.

A resident asked if there any money to set up a climate support group. Cllr Horrill and Warwick suggested that they will help support the way forward.

### **The Chairman resumed Standing Orders**

#### **21/113 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

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

#### **21/114 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Cllr Cooper asked if all the changes related to the website had been actioned.

#### **To be noted**

#### **21/115 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 31<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 165,540.47
Lloyds Account 10	£ 67,263.99
Total =	£232,804.46

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 31<sup>th</sup> December 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 – Approved Exp (£47K-£50K) Actual	£38,400
Community Bench	£4,834
Precept Exp not yet paid to creditors-3mths	<u>£18,900</u>
(£37,800=6months)	£62,134

**Total** **£132,989**

**Unallocated Funds- Project List reviewed** **£99,815**  
**At the January 2022 Parish Council meeting**

Remaining Balance Owed to the Public Works Loan Board £40,198.

Cllr Cooper asked about the early repayment of the loan. Clerk gave information on the early repayment of £15K, £20K, £30K based on the information collect previously;

£15K repaid = £13,613 reduction in loan

£20K repaid = £18,150 reduction in loan

£25K repaid = £22,688 reduction in loan

£30K repaid = £27,226 reduction in loan

**To be noted****- Budget 2022/23**

The budget 2022/23 was reviewed and it was a unanimous decision not to increase the precept for the coming financial year of £108,375.

There was a discussion about the level of precept increasing by 1% or 2% and a further discussion on whether the current reserves would be adequate to cover the project to improve Alresford Drive. The project list is allowing a £71K budget, which Cllr Berry now feels it is likely to be £20K less, over two years and that there is sufficient reserves to cover this.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the budget / precept.**

**- Project List**

The project list was reviewed and updated.

**To be noted.**

**21/116 PLANNING**

Highways Act Section 278 Agreement – Email Richard Grosvenor  
Highways Engineer

Three Maids Hill Solar Farm, Winchester (Industrial)

The highways engineers wish to inform us that the access works shown on the enclosed Drawing No 4570-3MHSF-ICS-01-XX-DR-C-0503-C01(A)\_S278 Works, brought about by the above development, are programmed to commence on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 for approximately 3 weeks.

The works have been designed by Infrastruct CS Ltd, consultants to the Developer, Enviromena and are being constructed by Pronin Civils

Highways will write to us again if the works are substantially delayed by any unforeseen conditions.

**- Applications to be considered**

Reference	21/02846/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-10342585
Application Received	Thu 04 Nov 2021
Application Validated	Thu 04 Nov 2021
Address	22 Pine Close South Wonston SO21 3EB
Proposal	To replace existing conservatory roof with a solid roof.
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Comment	This a conservatory roof conversion to a solid roof and has no impact on neighbouring properties, so no comment.

Reference	21/03258/TPO
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Alternative Reference	PP-10501647
Application Received	Wed 22 Dec 2021
Application Validated	Mon 03 Jan 2022
Address	Orchard Croft Orchard Road South Wonston SO21 3EX
Proposal	Lime sp. sited within (No. 9 Orchard Close), to reduce the overextended eastern laterals by 1 - 1.5m over the building structure; major deadwood. Crown lift the lower epicormic stem regrow??th shoots 8m from ground level.
Inspected By	CIlr Perrins
Comments	The overextension of the tree certainly needs trimming back as required. No Comment. (Not complete)

#### - Decisions by WCC

**NONE**

#### - Enforcements

An update on the open cases has been received for January

Reference No	Priority	Date Received	Address	Nature of Complaint	Officer
20/00309/HEDGE	1	15/12/2020	Gunn-Barrell Estate Alresford Drove South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3HW	Hedge removed without permission of WCC - Hedgerow replacement notice to be issued to Landowner	Lorna Hutchings
20/00312/BCO ND	3	08/11/2020	South Wonston Farm Alresford Drove South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3HL	Alleged breach of condition 5 - no planting. Shipping container placed at site. Link to 19/00108/BCO ND	Gavin Palmer
21/00180/COU	3	12/05/2021	Land North Of Bridge Bungalow Lower Road South Wonston Hampshire	Alleged change of use to stay and play area for children.	Brett Vince

21/00306/BCO ND	2	17/08/2021	The Coach House 13 Goldfinch Way South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3SG	Alleged deviations from approved plans to adjust boundary and enlarge garden of property.	Gabriella Bowe- Peckham
21/00483/WKS	2	25/11/2021	Gunn-Barrell Estate Alresford Drove South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3HW	Alleged unauthorised excavation of land and skip on site	Lorna Hutchings

**To be noted**

**Cllr Godfrey left the meeting at 8.47pm**

**21/117 PAVILION & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**- To receive the minutes of the meeting**

No meeting has taken place between the December & January Parish Council meetings.

**To be noted**

**- Ensure the building is COVID compliant**

Based on new government guidelines the building signs and notices are to be altered

**To be noted**

**- Lengthsmen Visit**

The worksheet has been submitted for the lengthsmen to lay bark around the entrance points of the park.

Cllr Cooper asked about whether the path by the water tower going towards the A272 could have bark laid along it.

**To be noted**

**21/118 TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS**

**- To receive an update on highways**

On 16th December Councillors Cooper and Selby had an online meeting with Lisa Cook, local bus manager at Hampshire CC to discuss Councillor Cooper's Bus Priorities document.

The main points from the discussion were:

- The government has reduced funding for its Bus Initiative from £3bn to £1.3bn).
- HCC only expects to receive 10% of the funding it has applied for.
- South Wonston should not expect any funding from the Bus Initiative to improve our service.
- HCC has limited influence over Stagecoach and on a non-subsidised route the operator can set the service and fares as they think fit.
- Lisa said that South Wonston was poorly served because our route had pockets of population spread over long distances and was not on a 'travel corridor'. SWPC did not agree with this view.
- Lisa agreed to raise our concerns with Stagecoach and report back. She will also update us when the government funding allocation is clearer, although, as mentioned above, this is unlikely to benefit South Wonston.

Councillors Cooper and Selby are considering the next steps. However the high hopes that the Government Bus Initiative would be an opportunity to an innovative, improved service for the village look as though they will not be realised"

LT Col Stu Allen said that he would do an assessment to see how many taxis the trainees use to go into Winchester.

Cllr Street asked if the Park & Ride could be incorporated into a route to South Wonston. Cllr Warwick said that perhaps we should look into obtaining a subsidy and suggested working with Lt Col Stu Allen.

An email was received from Lt Col Stu Allen in December whereby he raised two areas of concern:-

- We have now experienced two accidents involving personnel on Christmas Hill and fear that it is only a matter of time before someone is killed or seriously injured. Cars are descending the hill from both directions at enormous speeds. Is it possible to have some form of monitoring to assess those speeds or can we push to introduce a speed limit?
- Concern has been raised about the safety of users of the Yellow Brick Road crossing Connaught Rd. Although the speed limit is 20mph, many contractors and delivery drivers use excess speed along the road. Can the council contribute to a formal crossing or traffic calming measure?

**To be noted**



### **- Cycle Path Proposal & Update**

Jim Adkins (HCC Countryside) was asked for an update and Clerk has requested a site visit

### **To be noted**

### **- Salt Bins**

Cllr Berry completed an audit of the salt bins and can confirm that they all have sufficient salt. Their locations are as follows:-

Cherry Close  
 Borman Way  
 West Hill Road South  
 Pavilion Carpark  
 Stavedown  
 Goldfinch Way  
 Pine Close off Waverley Drive  
 Coate Way and Blackwell Road(Worthy Down accommodation).

All full except the pavilion which is noted as being locked

### **To be noted**

## **21/120 CLIMATE CHANGE**

Cllr Selby would like local groups to start considering Climate Change in South Wonston. As the first step he would like a letter along the lines of the below to be emailed to all groups to find out what ideas they have before considering a local climate group.

South Wonston Parish Council (SWPC) would like to explore with its residents, what contribution they could make to the Climate Change Emergency that has been declared by both Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council. The latest news is that Overton Village (pop. 5,000) has already embarked on a programme to try and reduce its carbon footprint.

The SWPC has made a small start in the construction of the new Pavilion. It has ground source heating, solar panels for water heating and grey water for use in the toilets.

Contributing to the evening will be:

- County Councillor Jan Warwick, the newly appointed Climate Change Councillor, working with a newly created department set up for this purpose;
- Professor Bob Whitmarsh, who worked for many years for the Natural

Environment Research Council and is currently Visiting Professor at the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton;

- James Martin-Jones, who worked for the WWF for 16 years involved in the intricacies international environmental treaties and is currently the chair of the WinACC Community Engagement Group.

The most important contributors will be you without who very little will happen in the Village.

We wish you well and look forward to receiving your groups' thoughts and proposals, in writing to the Clerk, so that they can be assembled into an agenda to take forward to the Village.

In anticipation, thank you for your help in furthering this exercise which is vital to the future of our planet and future generations.

Nickey Turner attended the meeting as part of Winchester recycling and would like to support and work with the Parish Council. She would like to look at ways of getting monthly updates that can be shared, and also some support on how to take this forward. After visiting Mitcheldevers Greening Campaign she would like to see this set up in South Wonston but it needs Parish Council support.

### **To be noted**

## **21/121 CORRESPONDENCE, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

- Correspondences were received from:-

14/12/21 – A resident of South Wonston - Minuting my complaint  
29/11

14/12/21(x3) – A resident of South Wonston – Housing Proposals

14/12/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Defibrillators

15/12/21 – A resident of South Wonston - Minuting my complaint  
29/11

16/12/21 - A resident of South Wonston – 2022/23 Reserves Budget  
Papers

16/12/21 – A resident of South Wonston – South Wonston Car Park

17/12/21 – A resident of South Wonston – SHELAA Housing

17/12/21 – A resident of South Wonston – Meeting with Internal  
Auditor

22/12/21 – A resident of South Wonston – My Complaint 29/11

28/12/21 – A resident of South Wonston - SW Draft Budget 2022/23

5/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston – Prescription Collect at shop  
ceasing

6/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston – Meeting Concerning  
Reserves 15/12/21

6/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston - Complaint 29/11

6/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston – Draft Budget 22/23,  
Reserves & Meeting with Internal Auditor  
6/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston – Village Expansion  
7/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston - 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Meeting Concerning  
Reserves  
7/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston - Draft Budget 2022/23,  
Reserves & Meeting with Internal Auditor  
7/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston – Defibrillators (x3)  
8/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston – Minutes December 2019  
8/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston – Parish Reserves 13/12/21  
(sent to Chairman)  
9/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston - South Wonston Car Park  
10/1/22 – A resident of South Wonston – Meeting with Internal Auditor

**To be noted**

- Website & Social Media Update

Parish Council to agree items for the month to go on the website and Facebook page. Cllr Cooper to check the changes.

**To be noted**

**21/122 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm at the South Wonston Pavilion.

**The meeting closed at 9.17pm.**