



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30PM**  
**To be held at the Pavilion**

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**Present:** Chairman Perrins, Vice Chairman Selby & Cllr's Peal, Street, and Berry, City Councillor Godfrey and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

**21/136 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from City Councillor Horrill, County Cllr Warwick, Lt Col Stu Allen

**21/137 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests to be declared.

**The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.**

**21/138 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A number of residents attending the meeting said they were interested to hear about the potential building of 150 houses in the village.

There was also a discussion about the number of vehicles driving through South Wonston and a large vehicle that blocked Alresford Drove.

**21/139 Reports from Local Councillors, MOD and Police**

**Hampshire County Council Update: Cllr Jan Warwick,  
Budget HCC approves £2.4 billion spending on local services in  
2022/2023**

Plans for the next financial year focus on the county's ongoing work following the pandemic, support for vulnerable children and adults, investment in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure to support economic

recovery, as well as climate change mitigation.

The annual council tax charge for a Band D property will be £1,390.86 – an increase of £0.78 per week, equating to 2.99%, of which 1% is for adults' social care. The budget includes £556.2 million of capital expenditure over the next three years to boost jobs, the quality of the environment and to tackle climate change.

The proposed capital programme includes: • £109 million in new and extended school buildings to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire • £136 million for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years • £109 million for integrated transport schemes including over £50 million specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements • £95 million for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings and land holdings over the next three years following the £33 million for decarbonisation schemes covering solar PV, single to double glazing window replacements, transition from oil to gas and the implementation of heating controls that took place in 2021-2022

### Transport Infrastructure to 2050

Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) is set to be consulted upon later this month (from 10<sup>th</sup> March for 12 weeks). LTP4 will support improved travel choices by focusing on improvements for walking, cycling and public transport as an alternative to the car for the residents of Hampshire. LTP4 recognises the importance of the strategic road network to the economy as well as the need to decarbonise the transport system.

### County Councillor Jackie Porter's Report to Parishes , March 2022 ([Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Jackie.porter@hants.gov.uk), 07973 696 085)

Firstly, the storms of late February brought home how fragile are our services.

This month, I am looking at services that we need for our education, homes and businesses to function:-

**Electricity:** many of you endured power cuts in the recent Dudley, Eunice and Franklin storms.

I have started a conversation with HCC regarding their emergency planning: asking: does this include improved resilience of SSEN's overhead cables? If SSEN checks trees, how often do they cut back/do something about it? Some residents are trying to beat the electrical dependency by installing Solar Panels and Back Up batteries, **using an HCC sponsored scheme with iChoosr last year**. Unfortunately, to date, there are just 25 home projects completed, and 271 cancelled out of over 1500 requests. Many have paid significant deposits. I have raised this with the Leader, Cllr Mans. If you know someone who committed to this scheme, please ask them to contact me. Thank you.

**Broadband and telephone:** residents lost electricity which resulted in no broadband, and the 4G seemed to drop out too. This made reporting

difficult. It was interesting to see the power map rise in number of cases as the power was restored. As some areas move into 5G, and BT are moving our landlines, the resilience of 4G and our home phone systems are vital. This can't be left to the commercial providers, and may be a problem to solve that we pass onto Govt. I will ask for HCC if they will add this to the Emergency Planning scrutiny programme.

#### **Your emails:**

I *still* do not think your parish emails are working with the HCC system 100% perfectly. HCC has admitted this. Only some of your replies reach me & officers: HCC say it is to do with the security of one of the 'server hops'. HCC say they will not change their security levels, which put your emails at risk of not arriving. I'll pursue this *again* this month.

#### **Trees:**

**Keeping our roads clear as trees fall** : Tim Lawton at HCC has sent a report to Cllrs. which is described at the end of my report. It was a massive task. **If you have a site on which you'd like HCC to plant a tree**, please go to

<https://hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/tree-planting> or search 'tree planting' on hants.gov.uk

#### **Emergency planning**

In the light of the effects of Dudley, Eunice and Franklin, will you be amending/ updating your Parish emergency plan?

The County Council had a huge job to do, but as the lead authority for Emergency planning, with a greatly reduced budget for 2022-3 (at around £300K) I was concerned that they didn't change the plans that weekend to suit the circumstances.

The issue I have raised is- if there was an *expected* emergency that weekend, why wasn't emergency plan '*upgraded*' to include use of the HCC systems that weekend? Using 101 was a huge source of frustration. It was clearly inadequate to have 101/999 as the only port of call?

Why was the twitter contact not read as a matter of course, and social media not watched for comments from the public? I have a meeting with the Customer Services lead at HCC on the 9<sup>th</sup> March to discuss this.

#### **Defibrillators:**

Following a quick trawl from Parishes, it seems that Parishes are taking ownership of the maintenance costs: please could you tell me on which list you place the defibrillator availability?

Please note, the **HCC support grant is available** until the end of March: residents needing help with fuel food or heating should contact WCC (01962 840222) or Citizens Advice (0808 2787861) for assistance.

This is for families or any adult over 60. Schools can assist families, WCC tenants, CA for others.

#### **Update on other matters:**

##### **Kings Barton:**

The HCC commissioned 'taxi bus' with Winchester taxis to Kings Barton will commence on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. Details of stops are being finalised: timings will be halfway between the current 86 hourly service. Bus stops on the Andover Road are being upgraded and battery powered real time information added to help new users understand the services available.

A new path has been surfaced by Cala in front of the school and from 1a

to the school which at last, gives a surfaced walking route between 1a and 1b! The Wellhouse Lane bridge should be open by mid-April latest.

**Cart and Horses:** Another month, another accident as commuting traffic grows again. The traffic engineers made changes to speed, light levels and added CCTV following the fatality and subsequent accidents pre lockdown . They (HCC) argue that the junction has been safer since then. I disagree that this is typical- the traffic has been so much quieter. I have seen the CCTV footage of the latest two accidents: it is distressing to watch, and a pattern is emerging. Speed is now much slower and not an issue. Visibility is good. I have asked for consideration of stop signs as requested by drivers on social media. I am working with Cllr Oppenheimer on this, and believe we need to show strength of opinion to National Highways, not just locally, but across the division. I have shared a petition on Facebook, and it is on my website too.

**Rain damage of rural roads and paths:**

a number of these have been reported : there is something in almost every Parish. If you have a persistent issue, please report it and copy to me. We now have monthly 'road surgeries' which could be useful for these.

**By the time we reach March, you will have seen the County Budget report.** You can see the debate in full from this page

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=163&MId=7738>

I was pleased to be a part of the '**Stand With Ukraine Vigil**' hastily arranged with City of Sanctuary, Southampton and Winchester Visitors Group (who support refugees days to day) on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Abbey Gardens. I notified local social media and despite the terribly wet weather, between 300-400 people attended to stand with the Ukrainian people. We are in touch with the Polish Club in Southampton, who say they have enough clothes: money donations can be made via the Red Cross.

Dealing with the storms and their impacts will inevitably mean that some routine and programmed work will need to be rescheduled. Report issues relating to Hampshire's road network to us online:<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems>

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

- There will be a council tax increase of 3% but car parking charges won't increase until October;
- An extra 1.3million has been awarded by the Government which will move forward some of the city council projects;
- River Park leisure centre is to be leased to Southampton University;
- Wonston Parish Council would like to move forward with a Green Campaign with South Wonston as most of the children attend South Wonston Primary School;
- County Cllrs have had a discussion about changing its status on

- the maintenance of Lower Road;
- WCC Strategic Planning have been in contact with Parish Councils to hold an initial meeting to identify land for development as part of the strategy for delivery of new housing in the plan, and want to work with Parish Council in terms of finding the most suitable sites from the list on the SHELAA. Currently no decisions have been made on the allocation, housing numbers or employment sites. The indication from city planners is that of the 3000 homes 1500 will be built in Winchester and North Winchester over the next 18 years and 50-60 homes is now the allocation for South Wonston. The Parish now has 2 months to consider if South Wonston can accommodate this number of homes and if so where? Conditions need to be considered around highways, sewage, amenities etc. Later in the summer a preferred solution will be proposed for public consultation

Cllr Perrins responded to say that the Parish Council was unaware of the change to the housing numbers from 150 to 50-60, and that the initial meeting with WCC Strategic Planning has been arranged for Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

The Parish Council will look to convene a focus group after the Annual Parish Council Assembly to help update the Village Design Statement. This needs to be put together with the support of the residents and importantly needs to be community led.

Cllr Perrins asked Cllr Godfrey to find out what enforcement information can be posted in the minutes as an email has been received from enforcement requesting that no update is posted in the minutes, even with the redaction of residents names. Cllr Godfrey said he would find out.

### **Resume Standing Orders**

#### **21/140 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

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

#### **21/141 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**To be noted**

#### **21/142 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR**

Mr Philip Oram expressed his interest to apply for one of the Councillor vacancies. Following his retirement two years ago he now has some spare time and would like to help support the village that he has lived in for over 35 years. He would also like to help housing a Ukrainian family.

Mr Oram was voted onto the Parish Council

### To be noted

## 21/143 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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 156,780.65
Lloyds Account 10	£ 70,166.03
Total =	£226,946.68

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 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 not yet paid through the bank accounts, plus agreed reserves policy.

Cllr. Selby requested an update on what the situation was concerning opening another bank account to proportion risk of funds currently held.

### 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 & Shelter	£4,834
Precept Exp not yet paid to creditors-1mths	<u>£6,300</u>
(£37,800=6months)	£49,534

**Total** **£120,389**

**Unallocated Funds- Project List reviewed** **£106,558**  
**At the February 2022 Parish Council meeting**

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

**To be noted**

**- Financial Systems Risk Assessment 2021/22**

To receive the updated financial risk assessment. A copy of the document is posted on the website.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the updated document.**

**- Asset Register 2021/22**

It is a requirement of external audit that the asset register is reviewed and agreed by Council annually at the March Parish Council meeting. A copy of the document is posted on the website.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the register.**

**- Interim Audit**

An interim audit has been carried out and a report has been submitted for Council to note.

The internal auditor's conclusion is that he has made recommendations in this report to enhance and strengthen the internal controls that exist. We can give limited assurance at this stage that the internal control framework is adequate, we will need to test these areas at the next visit to provide full assurance that improvement has been made to take forward into 2022/2023. We will continue our testing at the next internal audit visit. Next visit The next internal audit visit has been arranged for Wednesday 8 June 2022

The detailed report is shown as a separate document to this set of minutes.

**To be noted**

**21/144 PLANNING**

**Application 20-01765 HCS - Land at Three Maids Hill, off A272, Winchester SO21 2QU by TMR South Coast Ltd**

Planning Appeal Ref. No.: APP/Q1700/APP/Q1770/W/21/3279319

Response from South Wonston Parish Council – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Updated – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**South Wonston Parish Council strongly objects to this application for the reasons set out below.**

**Change of Character of Local Area**

Currently the area north of the Three Maids Hill roundabout and west of the A34 is rural in nature and predominantly used for agriculture.

This application proposes to use a greenfield site for a heavy industrial purpose, which would be much more appropriate on a brownfield site in an existing industrial area. It changes the character of the local area, particularly for the residents of the Worthy Down housing.

Another major concern is that if this application for industrial use is granted it will set a precedent for further industrial developments north of Three Maids Hill and west of the A34, which will bring a significant change to the rural character of the local area around Worthy Down and South Wonston.

**Highway Safety**

The application anticipates 50 – 76 HGV movements per day, with the main traffic being via the A34. The A34 is a heavily used, high-speed trunk road with short slip roads. This raises a concern for the ability of laden tipper trucks from the site to join the traffic flow on the dual carriageway safely.

There is also the risk that HGVs will take other routes to/from the site when the A34 is congested, which it frequently is. This congestion will be more likely in the coming years due to the proposed M3 Junction 9 improvements.

It is noted that the Transport Assessment does not consider collision data for the slip roads to/from the southbound A34. These slip roads represent a higher risk than the northbound slip roads due to:

Higher traffic speeds caused by the general downhill slope of the southbound route.

Short slip roads and a limited sight-line on the southbound exit.

A low level of collisions before the proposed development does not imply safety after the additional HGV traffic is added.

**Noise**

South Wonston is less than 2 miles from the site in the direction of the prevailing SW or SSW winds. The Worthy Down housing is approximately half that distance in a similar direction; any noise from the site will adversely affect both communities when the prevailing winds



blow.

While the main operation of the site will be during working hours when the noise may to some extent be masked by the noise of the A34, the Planning Statement makes mention of some out of hours operation associated with night time highway works (which are a frequent occurrence on trunk roads).

The parish council is concerned that the noise from this out of hours work will have a detrimental affect on the residents of Worthy Down and the western parts of South Wonston. At night the A34 is audible in these areas and therefore so will the additional noise from the proposed facility. Out of hours of operation will cause disturbance to residents.

In addition, it is noted that the Noise Impact Assessment document anticipates less than 10 HGV movements per day; however the Planning Statement anticipates 50 -76 HGV movements per day which makes the Noise Impact Assessment inaccurate for traffic noise.

### Dust

The planning application contains details of dust management measures. It is not known if these measures will be sufficient to reduce dust from the site to zero; it cannot be proven on paper that no dust will leave the site. However, it is clear that the reduction of dust is dependent on these dust management measures being applied diligently and comprehensively throughout the life of the facility.

South Wonston is less than 2 miles from the site in the direction of the prevailing SW or SSW winds. The Worthy Down housing is approximately half that distance in a similar direction; any dust from the site will adversely affect both communities when the prevailing winds blow.

### Combined effect with Road Planing Supplies operation

Road Planing Supplies Ltd has been granted permission (HCC Ref. 20-01188-HCS) for a similar facility to the east of the A34, on a brownfield site. The parish council is concerned about the combined effect of these two developments from the viewpoint of highway safety, noise and dust. The TMR South Coast Ltd. proposal appears to duplicate the facility allowed for Road Planing Supplies Ltd. The need for two similar facilities in this particular area of Winchester has not been demonstrated.

### Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan

The application is contrary to the Hampshire Waste and Minerals Plan.

Policy 5 of that plan states that:

*“Minerals and waste development in the open countryside, outside the National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, will not be permitted unless:*

*b) the nature of the development is related to countryside activities, meets*

*local needs or requires a countryside or isolated location; “*

It is clear that the proposed development is NOT related to countryside activities, does NOT meet a local need and does NOT require a countryside or isolated location.

In addition, Policy 29 outlines the criteria for Waste Management Sites, which in Section 2 do not include greenfield/useable agricultural land.

The policy does refer to strategic road corridors and good transport connections, but also, in section 3b, it refers to a special need for the other (i.e. greenfield) locations, which has not been demonstrated.

### **Other Sites**

The original application has considered other sites as detailed in the document *20-01765-HCS\_planning\_Site Selection Review V1*.

At the time of writing this has not been updated so South Wonston Parish must base its representation to the inquiry on the original document. New suitable sites are likely to have become available since the Site Selection Review was produced.

In the original Site Selection Review a number of suitable sites were ruled out due to being beyond a 10-mile catchment of Winchester. It is not clear from the above document why this criterion is used.

Further suitable sites were ruled out by the applicant for their commercial reasons.

South Wonston Parish Council’s review of the sites listed in the document identifies 7 other sites that are suitable and 3 other sites that are very suitable (and have the benefit of being brownfield sites).

A good example from the original Site Selection Review is Site 21 – (Former Drivers Diner at Micheldever) which already has industrial use on the surrounding land and the only disadvantage to the applicant is commercial (Site 21 being shown as Sale Type: Sale whereas Three Maids Hill is Sale Type: Sale / Let). This site also benefits from access to a lightly used dual carriageway.

### **Conclusion**

The availability of other suitable sites within industrial settings that have been rejected only for the applicant’s commercial reasons means that “a special need” for the Three Maids Hill location has NOT been demonstrated.

The application seeks to change a greenfield site in a rural setting into an industrial site which is totally inappropriate when suitable brownfield sites are available.

The proximity of the proposed development to the housing at Worthy Down and the western parts of South Wonston means that residents will

be subjected to unacceptable noise and dust nuisance if the application is approved.

Finally, the application is contrary to an established policy laid down in the Hampshire Waste and Minerals Plan.

**South Wonston Parish Council believes strongly that this application should be rejected.**

**- Applications to be considered**

Reference	22/00404/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-11064819
Application Received	Tue 22 Feb 2022
Application Validated	Tue 22 Feb 2022
Address	Holm Oak 16 Keats Close South Wonston Winchester H
Proposal	<p>T5 (Holm Oak by driveway)- Reduce the lateral branch extending out over garage by 2-3m back to a suitable growth point with pruning wound being no larger than 75mm diameter to allow for new growth to form as part of the crown.</p> <p>Reduce the overall crown by no more than 1-1.5m to suitable growth points with the longer reduction length sections focusing on the extended and protruding branches of the crown.</p> <p>T2 (Holm Oak within garden space) - Reduce the overall crown back to the previously approved reduction points (appeared to be approximately 2-3m reduction) to provide a balance and more uniform shape to the crown and provide separation to the property and reduce the dominance over the neighbouring gardens to north. Reduce the over extended branch growing in a south easterly direction by 2-3m to bring the branch back into line with the rest of the crown.</p> <p>The proposed works are to manage and maintain the two trees in close proximity to homes, allow and provide for emergency and delivery vehicle access for and a more usable garden space whilst looking to retain the visual amenity aspect of the trees.</p>
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins

Comments	The recommendations made by the Tree Surgeon are in keeping with the need to reduce crowns and sustain healthy regrowth. No Comment.
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Reference	22/00423/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-11074224
Application Received	Fri 25 Feb 2022
Application Validated	Fri 25 Feb 2022
Address	110 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Ham
Proposal	T1 - Black Pine, reduce the top crown by 2m; Sou 0.5-1m; Eastern side to bring in top lateral by 1.5m T2 - Yew sp. reduce the canopy by 3m. All Works in accordance with BS5998(2010).
Inspected By	Clr Perrins
Comments	The trees in question are very overgrown and will benefit from the recommendations made to reduce crown and width. No Comment.

Reference	22/00013/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-10520862
Application Received	Wed 05 Jan 2022
Application Validated	Wed 05 Jan 2022
Address	Windyridge 25 Downs Road South Wonston SO21
Proposal	Single storey side extension. 12 no. new roof lights. New side windows with obscured glazing.

#### - Decisions by WCC

Reference	21/03045/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-10325435

Application Received	Thu 25 Nov 2021
Application Validated	Mon 17 Jan 2022
Address	Venta Uk Ltd West Hill Road North South Wonston SO21 3HN
Proposal	Single storey modular building to replace existing portable office building provide temporary office space to meet the immediate needs of the business.
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Application Permitted</b>

### - Enforcements

An update on the open cases has been received for March. Since the last update in February 21/00483/WKS has been closed.

Reference No	Priority	Date Received	Address	Nature of Complaint	Officer
20/00309/HED GE	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

### To be noted

#### - Winchester City Council (WCC) Local Plan – Housing Growth Meeting

Winchester City Council (WCC) have contacted the Parish Council as a

key part of this work is accommodating the housing growth which needs to be planned for up until 2039 and how new homes are distributed across the district outside the South Downs National Park. It is important to stress that for parish councils that straddle the SDNP boundary, WCC will only be able to consider SHELAA sites that are located outside of the National Park.

Officers from the Strategic Planning Team have now presented the outcome from the Strategic Issues & Priorities local plan consultation (SIP), which took place between February and April last year, to a number of Local Plan Advisory Group meetings held in September, November and December 2021. At the LPAG meeting that took place in September Officers reported that the feedback from the Strategic Issues & Priorities consultation supported a development strategy for the new Local Plan that would be focussed on sites in and adjoining Winchester Town, the 'South Hampshire Urban Areas' (West of Waterlooville and Whiteley), and the eight Market Towns and three additional sustainable settlements (South Wonston, Sutton Scotney and Otterbourne).

Winchester City Council need to identify land for development in South Wonston as part of this strategy for delivery of new housing in the plan and want to work with the Parish Council in terms of finding the most suitable sites.

In December 2021 Cabinet also agreed an updated Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment which includes a high level analysis of the sites that landowners/developers have put forward for development.

WCC Officers are now in a position where they would like to arrange a meeting with the parish council so that they can discuss the distribution of housing numbers in the most sustainable settlements across the district that are located outside of the National Park and would like to discuss with the Parish Council how they might accommodate the level of housing being considered. At the initial meeting on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March WCC would like to learn about the Parish Council's local knowledge of the area and SHELAA sites that have been put forward by landowners/promoters for development in our parish and answer any questions that we may have.

Cllr Perrins opened up the discussion about whether to update the Village Design Statement (VDS), implement a Neighbourhood Plan or Parish Plan. Currently there are two months to pull together a community led plan which the Parish Council will start at the annual assembly on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 @ 7.30pm.

Cllr Peal then explained that the VDS is now out of date as it is linked with Local Plan Parts 1 and 2, soon to be succeeded by the emerging new Local Plan and would suggest that this is updated instead of

implementing either of the alternative plans but there will need to be lots of feedback from residents as it must be their plan, owned by the village.

Cllr Perrins said that Council now needs to decide which type of plan we would like to work on? It was agreed to update the VDS but noting that the new local plan isn't ready yet to be linked to a revised VDS.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the Parish Council proceed with a new Village Design Statement**

## 21/145 PAVILION & RECREATION

**- To receive the minutes of the meeting**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PAVILION COMMITTEE 08-03-2022 AT 2.00 pm at the Pavilion

### **PRESENT**

Cllrs Perrins (JP) (Chairman), Cllr Selby, Cllr Street, Cllr Peal and Clerk Mrs Jones (RJ)

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **PAVILION MANAGEMENT**

The Deep Clean has been booked for the end of May.

Scouts have collected some of their items from the store cupboard and Clerk needs to bin the rest. One set of keys are still outstanding and no deposit has been refunded for the other set.

The Swifts meeting with Pete Laud and Guy Bewick has not taken place due to holiday and commitment from the football team.

Clerk needs to book Cleansing Services Group to clean the tank of all rubbish.

The external toilet continues to be regularly cleared of blockages. The plumber is looking at ways of increasing the water flow on flushing.

The doors for the disabled toilet and hall keep dropping due to their weight. The carpenter needs to be booked to fix this, install the door stops and fix the external toilet door.

The storm damage to the pavilion roof meant that 70 tiles had to be replaced and 2 ridge tiles. Darren Jones was able to complete the repairs within 4 days of the storm. Councillors agreed to pay him £350 for the work which also included two journeys to Southampton.

The Damage Report and Action Plan were reviewed and are attached.

### **FINANCE**

All hire costs including football were reviewed. Cllr Perrins will update the spreadsheet and Clerk to notify all regular hires.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the new rental charges**

**RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT**

The bench shelter has arrived and is in the garage awaiting installation.

The pallets are being removed by Grass and Grounds

Community Bench - Russell Mack has found a Community Bench for the Parish Council to purchase which he will install, along with extra protection for the roof.

The servicing of the adult gym equipment has been agreed and being booked for May as painting is included

Two benches are on order to install in the recreation ground.

**To be noted**

**CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND**

ROSPA have been contacted to carry out the annual play inspection and WCC have been cancelled.

Zip Wire – The installation of the zip wire has started. Cllr Perrins is awaiting an update on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

C&D Trees made safe a tree that had lost 2 very large branches during the storm.

As part of installing the Mound Tower, Clerk is going to explore options to instruct a landscape designer to draw a 5 year plan to add colour and lose some of the scraggly/dead bushes and trees. Clerk has spoken to Nicola Baldwin and the Councillors asked if she could be invited to the meeting in April.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**- Dever News Advert**

The annual invoice of the Dever News has been received for £395 which the Parish Council agreed to continue with.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the annual spend.**

**21/146 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

**- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors**



Cllr Warwick emailed to say that a meeting with the residents of Lower Road to agree steps for maintenance going forward is being organised.

The next Local Transport Plan (strategic plan) is due to be released for consultation later today, the link will be shared with the Parish Council once it's available.

Cllr Berry has implemented the new speed detection unit which is now being used in Downs Road.

### **To be noted**

## **21/147 GENERAL AMENITIES**

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

#### **Cath Hart from HCC has emailed an update**

To re-cap, the engineers' feasibility study looked at several options on/by the road - it found some road safety issues and costs were high, which is exacerbated as the route will probably only be temporary, pending the new junction which should provide a permanent solution. We then looked at an off-road link, along the edge of the field; there is a physically workable route which has a better crossing point from a road safety perspective. It requires permission from several landowners as there are no public rights – as it stands we have agreement in principle from all but Cala homes, who we've approached for a discussion via the lead officer in ETE and now directly but have had no response as yet.

Cllr Perrins asked Clerk to arrange a meeting with Cath Hart.

Jim Adkins emailed to say that once work has finished in Bordon his team will return to work on parts of the path then need improving.

Cllr Warwick emailed to say that the countryside team met with HCC officers at Worthy Down to come up with a plan to improve the signage and safety where the new path crosses Connaught Road.

### **To be noted**

### **- Queens Jubilee Celebrations**

Clerk to meet with a resident who is offering to organise an event. Ideas and a date will be emailed following the meeting.

Cllr Ann Peal has suggested planting a Himalayan Birch and WCC have agreed to pay for a plaque. Councillors agreed to purchase this at a cost of no more than £250.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the spend**

**- Annual Assembly**

Cllr June Perrins discussed ideas for the Annual Assembly, plus agreed with Cllr's to hold it on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk will issue the agenda early to encourage more residents to attend.

**To be noted**

**21/148 CLIMATE CHANGE**

**- to receive an update from Councillors**

Cllr Selby spoke about letters being issued to potential groups in the village and to contact people who are community active in the village. Cllr Selby has also written to Peter Symonds and Henry Beaufort to take this forward.

Nickey Turner asked if the Parish Council is going to get involved with the Greening Campaign or WeCAN (WCC and WINACC)? Cllr Perrins has said that this will be on the agenda next month and for Cllrs to agree which project we should be supporting and working towards.

Nickey Turner has spoken to the Clerk about using the Pavilion to host an initial get-together of interested people. There would be no expectations or commitments of the Parish Council taking on anything without a follow-up discussion. It is to gather ideas and see what capacity and interest there is within the community.

Clerk has received an invitation from WECAN for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March to discuss solar farms which has been forwarded onto Cllr Selby and Nickey Turner. With the net zero ambitions and energy security issues at the moment WINACC has been researching the role that solar farms need to play.

**To be noted**

**21/149 CORRESPONDENCE, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

**- Correspondences were received from:-**

15/2/22 – A resident of South Wonston - Cycle Path Update

22/2/22 – A resident of South Wonston - Cleaning of the Barrows in Goldfinch

9/3/22 – A resident of South Wonston - Parish Planning

9/3/22 – A resident of South Wonston – Potential 150 homes.

**To be noted**

**- Website & Social Media Update**

Parish Council to agree items for posting or removing from the website and Facebook page.

**To be noted**

**21/150 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm at the South Wonston Pavilion.

**The meeting closed at 9.20pm.**