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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30PM**  
**To be held at the Pavilion**

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**Present:** Chairman Perrins, Cllr's Peal, Street, Oram and Berry, City Councillor Horrill, County, City Councillor Godfrey, Lt Col Stu Allen and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

**22/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Vice Chairman Selby, County Cllr Warwick & Clerk Mrs R. Jones

**22/002 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests to be declared.

**The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.**

**22/003 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman allocated forty five minutes for Public Participation in relation to item 8 (Winchester City Council Local Plan Update) which was brought forward for discussing the Local Plan and housing allocation.

Residents had a number of questions for the Parish Council:-

1. They had read the draft response from WCC and asked if that sort of response would influence Winchester City Council (WCC) decision and if things like access to plot 02 could be pushed more to be more concrete? Cllr Perrins said that this was just a first draft which wouldn't go anywhere, and a second draft report is being written. A decision will be made this Thursday about an extension to the response deadline;
2. If data could still be sent into the Parish Council referring to an archaeological feature near their property? Yes
3. Referred to plot 01, 50-60 houses being built in an area big enough for 183; would there be further development? Jobs at the polo

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school would be lost as well as views over the landscape. The strip on the south side retained by the land owner may make a path for the village;

4. Had seen bats going up the hedgerows and thought development would affect wildlife and also feared light pollution;
5. Referred to plot 07 and asked how the Parish Council are keeping residents informed and if they would get a chance to comment before the final draft is sent in? Cllr Perrins had received communications at the Parish Assembly and the Parish Council was looking at the possibility of further meetings and would like an extension to the deadline of end of April. She advised residents to get writing and build up a good picture to go to WCC;
6. Referred to plot 01 and supported the points made by the previous speaker and said that residents should know what was going on and options were represented. Cllr Perrins said a sound view would be sent to WCC and everyone wants what's best for South Wonston;
7. Noted 2-3 dormice and many hedgehogs and asked if there was always a demand for 50-60 houses and added that development was not sustainable in terms of road access. Cllr Perrins noted that the figure had been 150 and that developers had not been successful in the past;
8. Referred to 05 as a brownfield site which WCC favoured (brownfield sites in general). The rest of the village thought this site would have minimal impact on South Wonston. There was also access to other schools. Had the Parish Council been told anything about the Persimmon field? Cllr Perrins said no;
9. Noted that the primary school is full and it was difficult already to get appointments at the Gratton Surgery. Cllr Perrins noted the pressure on Worthy Down;
10. Noted no mention had been made in the response about sewage and water. Cllr Perrins replied that the next draft would cover this;
11. They supported the National Planning Policy Framework about the use of brownfield sites and not green. If plot 05 is not preferred other sites should be looked for. The new Environment Act 2021 would offer more useful policies;
12. A new resident in Wrights Close noted slow worms and lizards and also low water pressure. Global warming would increase the need for water and a new system would be needed for the village. Cllr Perrins said that the merits and the difficulties of the each site should be discussed and the infrastructure looked at;
13. A resident asked if all the sites could be rejected. Cllrs Perrins said yes but 05, the brownfield site might be approved;
14. A resident asked if a school could be built at Sutton Scotney?;
15. A resident observed that these issues could be very emotional but due process should be followed and people informed;
16. Noted that Cllr Perrins would be meeting other Parish Councils on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Cllr Perrins confirmed that this would be an information sharing meeting and would communicate back to residents;

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17. Asked if all the Parish Councils would ask for extensions? Cllr Perrins was unsure at this stage;
  18. A resident said it was really good to see so many people at the meeting with good skills and abilities;
  19. Aside from the planning issues there were questions over the allocation and whether it complies with legislation. There was no link between housing and employment with South Wonston. The Parish Councils would need to share professional advice;
  20. The resident had read the notes of the draft meeting and thought all the points were valid, saying any site that might be suitable might result in our hand being forced. Pressure on Downs Road should be reduced by putting school cars and bus onto Lower Road. Cllr Perrins confirmed this was not a vehicular access route.

A number of other residents expressed similar views that have already been mentioned above.

## **22/004 Reports from Local Councillors, MOD and Police**

Cllr Horrill opened by saying that the SHELAA sites had been published since December 2021. The Parish Council had decided to ask for an extension as it needs a public meeting to give an appropriate response. The crucial settlement hierarchy data was incorrect and needed altering and the infrastructure was not clear and needed to be part of the response e.g. sewage. There was no data about doctors and school numbers. The Local Plan was reaching the Regulation 18 stage; the next round of formal consultation will take place during the summer whereby residents will have the opportunity to submit comments.

The Liberal Democrats support brownfield sites and expanding the number of houses, pushing out the boundary of Winchester.

It should also be noted that Parish Councils do have the opportunity to go back with more suitable sites not on the current SHELAA.

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

- More pony and trap racing on the A33 near Winchester. The police were asking for reports of any action. Reports should be emailed to the Hampshire Police website;
- Hampshire County Council (HCC) supported by WCC is the leading authority on Ukrainian refugees. You should approach officers at HCC if you wish to help;
- WCC supported the Greening Campaign which is running in some Parishes. South Wonston have a recycling scheme that could be expanded into other topics;
- The major consultation on the transport plan is in its last weeks; residents are encouraged to respond;

- Natural England has issued new restrictions about phosphate levels in the River Itchen around Winchester. All future planning applications which are affected by this will now need to consider the issue;
- The polling station on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May will be at the village hall;
- The brownfield plot 5 would be a better alternative but wanted to know why we should any development in this area. Should it be necessary to have any homes there would be a need to improve the facilities;

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

- The Queens Jubilee Celebrations being held at Worthy Down on 5<sup>th</sup> June. He would be able to offer a number of tickets to their event and was seeking a contribution from the Parish Council. Cllr Perrins said that there is a budget of £500 for Grants. It was decided to discuss this under General Amenities.

### **The Chairman Resumed Standing Orders**

#### **22/005 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

None

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

#### **22/006 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

None

**To be noted**

#### **22/007 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>st</sup> March 2022 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 149,986.90
Lloyds Account 10	£ 73,044.31
Total =	£223,031.21

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>st</sup> March 2022 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 & Shelter	£4,834
Precept Exp not yet paid to creditors-0mths	<u>£0.....</u>
(£37,800=6months)	£43,234

**Total** **£114,089**

**Unallocated Funds- Project List reviewed** **£108,942.21**  
**At the April 2022 Parish Council meeting**

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

**To be noted**

**- Project List April 2022**

To receive the updated project list for 2022. Cllr Perrins said that it was likely to change during the financial year.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the Project List.**

**22/008 PLANNING**

**- Applications to be considered**

**NONE**

**- Decisions by WCC**

Reference	22/00404/TPO
Alternative	PP-11064819

Reference	
Application Received	Tue 22 Feb 2022
Application Validated	Tue 22 Feb 2022
Address	Holm Oak 16 Keats Close South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO2
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
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Application Permitted</b>

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 Hampshire SO21 3B
Proposal	T1 - Black Pine, reduce the top crown by 2m; Southern side 1-1.0.5-1m; Eastern side to bring in top lateral by 1.5m to balance, c T2 - Yew sp. reduce the canopy by 3m. All Works in accordance with BS5998(2010).
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Application Permitted</b>

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 3B
Proposal	Single storey side extension. 12 no. new roof lights. New side windows with obscured glazing.
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Application Permitted</b>

### - Enforcements

An update on the open cases has been received for April

Reference No	Priority	Date Received	Address	Nature of Complaint	Officer
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 Local Plan – Housing Growth Meeting**

Notes to the meeting held with WCC have been posted on the website and shared on the Parish Council Facebook page.

### MINUTES OF THE WCC HOUSING MEETING 24-03-2022 AT 2.00 pm

#### **PRESENT**

Joan Ashton (WCC), Cllrs Perrins (JP) (Chairman), Cllr Street, Cllr Oram, Cllr Berry, City Council Godfrey, City Council Cunningham and Clerk Mrs Jones (RJ)

#### **WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

The meeting was opened by going over the background information. This was documented in the minutes at the March Parish Council meeting. Copies of the slides are attached.

Currently have working figures but no definites. Overall they will rely on a number of the allocations already put forward.

SHELAA: A meeting to firm up what sites are proposed. Are they likely to be subject to a sustainability study?

Cllr Perrins raised that all the sites have access issues, and also wanted to firm up what the housing numbers will be. If the SHELAA sites are not acceptable to be built on, will the boundary be expanded to build the 50 homes? It is not a Parish Council decision to expand the boundary.

#### **SOUTH WONSTON – TABLE PRODUCED BY WCC**

<b>Housing Source</b>	<b>No. of dwellings</b>
Net Completions in or adjoining settlement (2019 – 2021)	7
Outstanding permissions in or adjoining settlement at Apr 2021	3
Local Plan allocations without consent at Apr 2021	NA
Windfall allowance at Apr 2021	15
<b>Total existing supply 2019 - 2039</b>	<b>25</b>
Proposed Local Plan Requirement 2019 - 2039	75
<b>Additional housing to be identified</b>	<b>50</b>

There was a discussion about why the figures shown are from 2019?



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What is the reason for this date? WCC couldn't answer this point

Cllr Berry asked at what stage highways, sewage and water etc will be involved in the discussions. WCC said they will be doing this during the next stage of the process.

### **SHELAA sites**

There was a discussion about the sites being offered and the employment factors.

Cllr Godfrey asked if the parish would be able to recommend land which wasn't part of the SHELAA site. WCC said you can. Cllr Godfrey asked if an allocation site can have more than 50 homes on it, would the entire site be built on?. WCC said the numbers are currently indicative and the site does not need to be taken on in its entirety.

The Parish Council will need to feedback information to WCC by the end of April. This should include merits of the sites, or practical issues, preferred or disliked sites.

If this strategy is approved by WCC some development will happen in South Wonston.

Cllr Perrins finished by saying that it's a shame we weren't notified earlier of these plans.

Winchester City Council finished by saying that the aim of consultation with the Parish Council is to identify those sites that should be looked at by Highways and Planning instead of all sites.

Cllr Perrins said that if an extension was successful and there would be more time for open meetings we should consider setting up a Housing Working Party. The working party would be discussed again at the Public Meeting next month once an extension has been agreed.

Cllr Caroline Horrill said that WCC have visited all the SHELAA sites in South Wonston.

### **To be noted**

## **22/009 PAVILION & RECREATION** **- To receive the minutes of the meeting**

Minutes of the meeting are to follow. Cllr Perrins confirmed that a meeting with a safety inspector would be arranged.

### **To be noted**

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## **22/010 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

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

There were no updates.

### **To be noted**

### **- Lengthsmen Work**

The lengthsmen carried out works on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April which included cleaning the signs in the village and weed spraying around the curb edges. This job will be finished on their next visit in July.

### **To be noted**

## **22/011 POLICIES**

### **- To approve an updated Facebook and Grants Policy.**

Councillors to approve the updated policies. Copies were forwarded last week with a request for any alteration to be emailed prior to the meeting, to date none have been received.

**It was RESOLVED to approve both policies**

## **22/012 GENERAL AMENITIES**

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

Cllr Berry said that on the cycle path at Worthy Down there is a notice to say that no horses or cars are to use this path. Cath Hart and Jim Adkins are to be consulted about the resurfaced Right of Way on the Ox Drove.

### **To be noted**

### **- Queen's Jubilee Celebrations**

Clerk and Nicky Leyton have been progressing with plans to hold a Queen's Jubilee Celebration on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Can the Councillors approve the expenditure of up to £3,000 to hold the event as budgeted for?

Clerk is going to purchase the Himalayan Birch and arrange planting.

Councillors discussed the earlier request from Lt Col Allen about the contribution of £500 towards their Jubilee Celebrations. Cllr Perrins

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reminded Council that Worthy Down are part of our parish and the Army Community Covenant had made a huge contribution to Pavilion funds.

**It was RESOLVED to approve all the expenditure.**

## **22/013 CLIMATE CHANGE**

**- to receive an update from Councillors**

**Cllr Phil Oram met with Winchester Area SuperHomes and gave an update to Cllrs, reminding Council that this only covers homes in tax brackets A,B & C**

Have you been thinking about reducing your home's carbon footprint?

Local charity Winchester Action on Climate Change (WinACC) has recently launched Winchester Area SuperHomes, a two year non-profit project aimed at reducing home energy use. It will provide homeowners with tailored, independent advice on how they can retrofit their properties to reduce their carbon emissions, and so help the City Council achieve a net zero carbon District by 2030.

WinACC is looking to provide 150 homeowners across Winchester District with detailed Whole House Retrofit Plans which cover areas such as insulation, solar panels and heat pumps. They are offering subsidies for homeowners on low and mid incomes and providing advice on available grants.

Energy use in the home is responsible for around 20% of direct carbon emissions. Winchester Area SuperHomes can help homeowners to transform the energy performance of their home to reduce its carbon footprint, by retrofitting. Retrofitting means changing a property so that it uses less energy and has lower carbon heating.

Winchester Area SuperHomes will provide help with some costs for homeowners on low and middle incomes (but is open to homeowners on all income levels) - this will include some of the survey and design costs. But the real benefit is being linked into a project that provides:

- Access to qualified and accredited Retrofit Coordinators
- Technical back up from the National Energy Foundation
- Support to access grants

The first step is for the Project Officer to arrange a home visit or video call to explain exactly how Winchester Area SuperHomes works. They will then put you in touch with a qualified Retrofit Coordinator who will carry out a survey of your property and produce a Whole House Retrofit Plan. This is a detailed assessment of your property and will include a costed list of all the measures you could take to reduce your home's energy use and carbon footprint.

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There are several grants available for home energy retrofit – and the Project Officer can help you apply for them. From April, the Boiler Upgrade Scheme will provide grants of £5,000 towards the cost of an air source heat pump. For homeowners on low incomes, the Green Homes Local Authority Delivery scheme can provide grants of up to £10,000.

To find out more, and register your interest, go to <https://www.winacc.org.uk/what-we-do/campaigns-2/wash-home/>

To receive an update from Cllr Selby & Nickey Turner who were invited to the WECAN solar farm meeting. With the net zero ambitions and energy security issues at the moment WinACC has been researching the role that solar farms need to play.

Verbal update from Nickey Turner on the response from the Parish Assembly.

No updates were received.

**To be noted**

## **22/014 CORRESPONDENCE, WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE**

### **- Correspondences were received from:-**

15/3/22 – A resident of South Wonston - J Berry Facebook Post on SW Eye

17/3/22 – A resident of South Wonston - Band for Jubilee Celebrations

23/3/22 – A resident of South Wonston - Fete / Jubilee Weekend

28/3/22 – A resident of South Wonston – Danger of Vans on Yellow Brick Path

1/4/22 (x3) – A resident of South Wonston – J Berry Post

4/4/22 (x2) - A resident of South Wonston – J Berry Post

5/4/22 – A resident of South Wonston – SW Planning

**To be noted**

### **- Website & Social Media Update**

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

**To be noted**

## **22/015 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm at the South Wonston Pavilion.

**The meeting closed at 9.25pm.**