



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7.30PM
To be held at the Pavilion

Present: Chair Perrins, Cllrs Street, Peal, Jordan, Selby and Berry, City Councillor Godfrey, City Councillor Horrill, County Cllr Warwick and Clerk Mrs R. Jones

23/141 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Lohani & Lt Col Fraser Dowling

23/142 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

23/143 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

23/144 Reports from Local Councillors, MOD and Police

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

- He has met with the new police officer for the area who will attend a Parish Council meeting if shifts permit and will ask a colleague to come out and find out who is speeding in the village;
- The Council will be setting its Council Tax rate at 3% to match the 5% from Hampshire County Council;
- Other fees and charges will increase at the City Council;
- At the Sir John Moore Barracks, the DIO and developers have been holding open days for residents;

- Popham Air Field is proposed for a development of 3,000 new houses;
- The consultation about the hospital development is still open;
- A Bike Marking Event will be held by the Police as part of their Beats Surgery;

Cllr Godfrey (standing in as Chair) gave an update from the Sustainability Group which included:

- Sustainability planning events for the coming year includes 5/3/24 repair café meeting and 6/5/24 swap, buy and sell;
- South Wonston Fete (Nicky Leyton) contacted the Sustainability Group about having a stall and considering sustainable options;
- South Wonston Fireworks would like their event to fall on the same day as Winchester Fireworks and will look at the option of using quiet fireworks, the food stall option to be discussed as early as possible, and also the use of plastic recyclable cups;
- Future Energy Options – 150 people have already replied. A following-up report will appear next month to get Grant Funding;
- Subscription cost of £120 for the annual cost of the website;
- Litter Picking - Alison Kukla is keen to be involved – any PC help appreciated;
- Thermal Imaging Camera – data below in the minutes

A letter was received last month from “The Co-ordination Team” requesting regular discussions with the Parish Council about how both could work together to achieve objectives and review progress. Points were made regarding engagement with the Sustainability Group. The Councillors believed enough was being done; talks had taken place with Nicky Turner about using the Pavilion regularly and awareness of the Parish Council’s role. Cllr Jordan is our representative to the Sustainability Group; what more could be done?

Clerk gave an update on what the Parish Council has been involved with regards sustainability over the last year. She was personally responsible for the pizza van, the seed balls, the swap box and the display of sustainable bunting. She did not believe the re-usable cups were a financially viable option.

Chair June Perrins asked if the Sustainability Group is listening to the views of the community. There needs to be a focus on what is achievable and what the community wants to see at village events.

Cllr Sam Jordan said that they need to find the balance with what is deliverable and engage with the village. Understanding how to communicate and have clear outcomes is needed.

Cllr Selby asked about Government Legislation as there was supposed to be a food waste collection starting 18 months ago.

Cllr Godfrey confirmed that funding had not yet arrived.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

23/145 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024

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

23/146 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024

Cllr Peal emailed Winchester City Council Planning Dept the following:-

At our meeting of 11-12-2023, our City Councillor Stephen Godfrey said that, after analysis of the Regulation 18 responses, there were no significant changes to the draft Local Plan. This caused some alarm. We would like to remind you of our most important issues which we highlighted in our response to Regulation 18. We did not support Policy SW01 (the allocation of 40 houses at Land at West Hill Rd North) for a raft of good planning reasons. The site had already been rejected for affordable housing for Highways, policy and separation issues. A larger development could surely not be any more acceptable in planning terms? Neither did we support the adjustment to South Wonston's settlement boundary to include land at Chaucer Close and the adjacent back gardens of 63-69 Wrights Way. South Wonston was the only recipient of such a proposal. The pronouncement that the adjustment "is to be made" showed scant regard for the community engagement encouraged elsewhere in the draft Local Plan. Consultation should have taken place before the draft was released. In any case, the land at Chaucer Close was the subject of an application subsequently withdrawn. The access was contentious and the land itself within the countryside, outside the current settlement boundary. Moving the boundary will not alter the problems associated with this site.

The Parish Council will continue to resist both these issues.

To be noted

23/147 RECRUITMENT OF A VACANCY

Clerk re-advertised the vacancy and shared with all local groups.

To be noted

23/148 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 January 2024 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£139,004.11
Lloyds Account 10	£ 90,312.58
Total =	£229,316.70

Reserves

Insurance Reserve	£2,555	
Pavilion Management & Maintenance	£30,600	
General Reserves – 6 months exp 2022/23	<u>£29,300</u>	
	£62,455	
Urn	£ 500	
Defibrillator	£2,000	
Highways Works - new road markings	£7,851	
- solar powered school flashing	£5,929	
- gateway sign	£1,250	
Installation of Water Filling Station	£6,500	
Outdoor Toilet Sink	£1,000	
3 x Childrens Play Equip (estimated)		£34,000
Solicitors Fees	?	
Bollards & Bins; plus fitting	£1,000	
	£60,030	
Total	£122,485	
Unallocated Funds- Project List last Reviewed December Parish Council meeting	£106,832	

The balances were noted and reconciliations to be signed by the Chair, to confirm the Council's monitoring role.

To be noted

- Unity Trust Deposit Saving Account

SLCC and Houghton Parish Council hold Unity Trust bank accounts. The bank is part of the FSCS £85K compensation rule and advertises accounts for parish councils

To hold a deposit account paying 2.2% AER you require a minimum of £500 in the account. The only cost is that without a current account,

which costs £6 per month to move money, you have to use CHAPS with a fee of £38.

IT WAS RESOLVED to put £75,000 into this account

The Chair Suspended Standing Orders

Cllr Horrill didn't have anything else to add to what Cllr Godfrey had already supplied

Cllr Warwick gave an update from HCC including her monthly report which is attached to the minutes of the meeting:-

- They would like to add 20 mph zone into the village;
- Road works have started in Alresford Drove;
- Mr Rowsell is to be contacted about the field beside the car park;

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

23/149 PLANNING

Appeal Decision Site visit made on 8 January 2024 by R J Redford MTCP MRTPI an Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State Decision date: 31st January 2024

Appeal Ref: APP/L1765/W/23/3321334 Christmas Hill Farm, Stainers Lane, South Wonston, Hampshire SO21 3HB

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 against a refusal to grant approval required under Article 3(1) and Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended).
- The appeal is made by Yearwood Limited against the decision of Winchester City Council.
- The application Ref 22/02560/PNACOU, dated 2 November 2022, was refused by notice dated 2 February 2023.
- The development proposed is described as an agricultural building converted to 3 dwellings. Decision 1. The appeal is dismissed.

Re: Preliminary Inquiry – South Wonston Water Tower, Off Christmas Hill, Winchester, Hampshire, SO21 3EY NGR: E: 445918, N: 135600

The Wireless Infrastructure Group Limited (WIG) is an independent, pioneering wireless infrastructure operator and the UK market leader for neutral host connectivity solutions. WIG have invested in over 3,300 shared wireless infrastructure facilities since our launch in 2007.

As the UK's longest standing independent tower and neutral host operator, WIG has extensive experience in managing the co-location of multiple networks on our infrastructure. Every project is designed to ensure it can support all the UK's mobile operators as well as other

networks that may need access. WIG focus on sustainable infrastructure meaning they are interested in the long-term and we create solutions that can support demand as it grows and new technologies as they emerge. WIG experience is unmatched in the UK with an average WIG asset hosting in excess of three network customers.

Wireless Infrastructure Group Limited are in the process of upgrading a number of sites in the UK. This upgrade process will primarily involve swapping existing equipment and replacing this with similar new apparatus however, this is site specific.

The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before proceeding with the works. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however, WIG are committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

Julia Marshall

Cllr Ann Peal Replied on behalf of the Parish Council

Thank you for consulting South Wonston Parish Council about the upgrade to the Water Tower apparatus. I have looked carefully at what is proposed and assume that the works are necessary to improve performance. South Wonston would greatly appreciate an improved mobile signal. I would just request awareness that the Water Tower is situated off a Public Right of Way which is popular with walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Cars, vans and lorries are frequently seen parked in the approach to the road bridge, either for the drivers to walk or take a break.

- Applications to be considered

Reference	24/00161/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-12750371
Application Received	Mon 22 Jan 2024
Application Validated	Tue 23 Jan 2024
Address	26 Waverley Drive South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3EF
Proposal	T1 willow tree re-pollard to previous pollard points T2 bay tree reduce height by 2m and sides by 0.5m As general management of trees, not sure if trees
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins

Comment	No Comment
Reference	24/00272/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-12779943
Application Received	Mon 05 Feb 2024
Application Validated	Tue 06 Feb 2024
Address	2 Markson Road South Wonston Winchester Ham
Proposal	3x Lime Trees at the bottom of our back garden. Pollard to previous points. (See original application)
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	We support the proposal to carry out the required work

Reference	24/00040/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-12713755
Application Received	Mon 08 Jan 2024
Application Validated	Mon 08 Jan 2024
Address	The March Hares 29 Blackthorn Close South Won
Proposal	infill to the front canopy under the first floor to create a large hallway and w/c
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	The property is at the end of the row and the proposed infill will be a positive addition to the property and not out of keeping with the surrounding area.

Reference	24/00080/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-12704938
Application Received	Fri 12 Jan 2024

Application Validated	Fri 12 Jan 2024
Address	26 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3B
Proposal	Single storey side extension, roof alterations including 2no. front dormers, elevational alterations and front porch canopy.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	Having reviewed the plans and the property, the observation is that this is a substantial modification to the existing building and the new side extension will alter the building line which may result in the side of the new extension being close to the pavement and highway in Orchard Road.

- Decisions by WCC

Reference	23/02500/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-12555902
Application Received	Thu 26 Oct 2023
Application Validated	Thu 26 Oct 2023
Address	6 Stavedown Road South Wonston Winchester H
Proposal	Single storey rear extension, energy efficiency upgrades including changes to external material
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Decision	Application Permitted

- Enforcements

An update on the open cases has been received for February which was shared with Cllrs. There are no changes from last month.

Cllr Berry commented that there have been no changes for some considerable time. Cllr Horrill has mentioned this to the enforcement team.

The Parish Council had a discussion about the challenges in Alresford Drove

To be noted

23/150 PAVILION & RECREATION
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PAVILION
COMMITTEE 07-02-24 AT 10.00 am at the Pavilion

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

PAVILION MANAGEMENT

Replacement of Outside Doors (x6) – Five of the Six doors have now been fitted.

New Urn – clerk to purchase a new urn which has a direct water feed.

Slim Line Dishwasher – Clerk to look at replacing the dishwasher and having a

Deep Clean Changing Room & Outside Toilet – This took place on Thursday 26th January 2024 & Thursday 8th February

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

FINANCE

Clerk to send around income and expenditure to 31.1.24 following the meeting and post online with the minutes.

To be noted

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

Nicola Baldwin has contacted the Parish Council about drawing up a final plan for the works.

Re: Landscape Design for South Wonston Playground

South Wonston Parish Council engaged me to produce a design for South Wonston playground based on my proposal dated 21/06/22. They commissioned a survey, concept plan and final design plan with a commissioning payment made paid on 8/7/22.

I presented my scaled concept design SWPC001 on 9 January 2023. At the meeting I understood the design was well liked and Rachael Jones's email of 10/1/23 confirmed this.

The committee advised their immediate concern was to plant the bare rooted hedgerow suggested in my concept design, after which the design would be discussed amongst the committee and the Parish Council, before giving me feedback. Then I would draw up a detailed

final plan for landscape contractors to use for roll out. All outlined in my proposal letter to SWPC dated 21/06/22.

The hedgerow was duly planted using one of the contractors I suggested to Rachael Jones. Since then, I have been waiting for feedback on the concept to draw up the final plan. I have been in contact several times to progress this.

Yesterday morning Rachael Jones advised me SWPC have gone ahead and rolled out some of the design (using plan SWPC001) and may not proceed with the final plan. Rachael asked for a 'buy out' figure for this scenario. This is very disappointing, not my preferred way of working and not what SWPC original commissioned. A completed commission means clients have a chance to make amends to the concept, are happy and importantly are building the design using a detailed final plan - not a concept plan.

But if this is how SWPC wishes to proceed then I require a final fee of £800 to be paid to me in the next 30 days as a 'buy out' fee. Please note the final 30% payment on the original commission is £1560.

The Cllrs discussed the benefits of having a final plan drawn up and felt that they had sufficient ideas from the brief and would not proceed with a final plan. Clerk to contact Nicola to notify her of the decision and request her final invoice.

Chafer Grub – Clerk to contact the electrician to check the box as it isn't working.

Dog Bin - to be moved from Cloudbank and reallocated to the service track road by the yellow brick path from Worthy Down. Clerk to arrange with WCC and Worthy Down

Community Bench – Replace 2 of the slates

To be noted

FOOTBALL TEAM

The Chair emailed the football mangers prior to the doors being fitted requesting that they cleaned the cupboards and ensured the line marking machine is better looked after. To date none of this has taken place and the doors have now been fitted.

The Cllrs debated if the football team should have keys to the facilities due to their lack of care and being unable to work with Clerk about hiring the facility.

It was agreed to give keys but the football managers are going to set up a Whats App group with clerk; plus an agreement to clean the cupboards/ garage has been arranged.

To be noted**CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND**

Clerk is still agreeing the final points with the playground companies before work will be scheduled:-

- 1 Refurbishment of Horse;
2. Replacement of Basket Swing;
3. New Wooden Tractor.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – 13.3.24 @ 10.30am

TO BE NOTED**23/151 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors

Cllr Lohani updated the Council on highways defects

O/s 15 Downlands Way, South Wonston	Rocking Cover. This cover was previously reported but enquiry closed as a not a safety defect. Can this be investigated as it is causing a disturbance	21718046
O/s 10 Downlands Way, South Wonston	Repair uneven footway	21718043
O/s 27 Downlands Way, South Wonston	Repair uneven footway	21718042
Blackthorn Close j/w Downlands Way, South Wonston	Repair carriageway pothole	21718041
Grove Close, South Wonston	Repair two carriageway potholes	21718038
Grove Close j/w Downs Road, South Wonston	Repair carriageway pothole	21718036

O/s 40 Downs Road, South Wonston	Carriageway pothole need repairing	21718033
O/s 16 Downs Road, South Wonston	Damaged pavement	21718031
Opposite 1 Markson Road, South Wonston	Missing/ dropped sets	21718029
O/s 34 Stavedown Road, South Wonston	Uneven pavement	21718027
O/s 51A Downs Road, South Wonston	Sunken Southern Water reinstatement	21718026
Stainers Lane before Stavedown Road, South Wonston	Faded speed limit sign	21718025
Outside GP Surgery, South Wonston	Pothole around cover	21718024
Christmas Hill	Sweepers required to sweep pavement	RJ
Grove Close, South Wonston	Moss on pavement	RJ
Oaklands, South Wonston	Moss on pavement	RJ
4 Armstrong Close, South Wonston	Moss on pavement	RJ

To be noted

- Alresford Drove

Chair June Perrins gave an update on the works that Hampshire Transport is due to start on 12th February 2024. The drawing explaining the works is attached to the minutes.

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

Cllr John Berry has put the new SDU in Downs Road facing the entrance to the village from Christmas Hill.

To be noted

- Ox Drove and Lower Road

Clerk has emailed Hampshire County Council raising a number of issues:-

1. Yellow brick road is muddy and water logged in places;
2. A barrier needs to be fitted after the last house at the bottom of lower links road. At least one car a week now drives along the path and has to reverse;
3. The emergency access onto the recreation field needs to be moved to the open gap in the hedgerow on Lower Road/Ox Drove;
4. Another vehicle has blocked Church Lane for 2 hours while working on a garden in Orchard Road, which meant that it was difficult for walkers to use and impassable for wheelchairs and buggies.

Clerk has emailed the Lengthsmen to look at tidying up the path from Drove Links Road to the Watercress Way.

Cllr Peal to email Lt Col Fraser Dowling to request permission for a maintenance vehicle to access a new gateway to the recreation ground via the restricted byway. The MOD are owners of the subsoil here..

To be noted

23/153 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS

- Alresford Drove Land Purchase

Chair June Perrins gave an update to the Councillors about the landowner deciding not to sell to the Parish Council. He emailed to say that after much soul searching, I have decided to go with the other offer.

I am sorry to disappoint you and the Council. I hope the other party lives up to their promise of working with the Council on the path and allows the public access to admire the views from a memorial bench for my mother.

To be noted

- Land to the East of the Pavilion

Land behind the car park is currently leased by the tenant farmer and is left fallow. The Parish Council would like to purchase this for allotments, community orchard and remembrance garden

Chair gave an update to Council which included:-

- email to MP Steve Brine asking for an update
- ideas of how to proceed with other avenues of communication e.g. contest the current use of government land
- seek help from County Cllr Warwick

- Land to the left of the Church

The Chair explained that we are still in correspondence with the Church Wardens and the situation with this is problematic. Apart from the discussions with the school governors the bigger concern is the immediate neighbour's reaction to the possibility of scatterings, internment of ashes etc.

Unfortunately, the owner of the bungalows has advised the Church that she is definitely against the idea. She is adamant and will not accept the situation and has been in to see Clerk about it.

Cllr Warwick said that HCC were happy to lease to the Parish Council. The Bishop of Basingstoke is happy to have ashes spreading

Cllr Selby raised that the Parish Council is more of a middle man; why isn't the Church managing it?

The Councillors voted if they would like to proceed with leasing the land to the left of the church. All five councillors voted against it.

Chair will write to the resident who is keen to see this area for ashes spreading

To be noted

The City Councillors left at 9.20pm

23/154 GENERAL AMENITIES

- South Wonston Fete & Music Event 7/7/24

Nicky Leyton has been in contact with Clerk about holding a fete on Sunday 7th July. The Councillors said that they were in support of the event but would like to have a working party which would include Cllr Sam Jordan. He agreed to draw up how the working party would work.

To be noted

- Defibrillator

Clerk has purchased a new defibrillator and is now liaising with the doctor's surgery to get an electrician to fit the box.

To be noted

23/155 CLIMATE CHANGE

- to receive an update from the Sustainability Working Party (Cllr Jordan and Nicky Turner)

Cllr Sam Jordan emailed an update:-

-Thermal Imaging Usage

Total number of people that have requested the camera: 26

Total number of completed loans: 9

Total number of loans booked in but not completed: 1

Total number we are awaiting ID confirmation from: 6

Total number awaiting our request for ID: 5

Total number of outside of parish requests: 1

At a recent event, there was new sign-ups from the community and the interest continues.

SWS has received requests from Sutton Scotney residents. In the spirit of collaboration, it was agreed that their residents can use the camera. Can the clerks liaise so usage can be offered more widely.

-Event plans for 2024

- 28 Apr Repair Café event (pending)

- 6 May Swap and Buy event

Cllr Jordan has been approached by a resident of South Wonston who might put on an event where he can be an enabler.

The air quality centre has not been put up yet but Bishops Waltham has asked to use it. Would this be a better test of data which they would like to use against a planning application? Clerk raised the issue about insurance in case of damage, but Cllr Jordan said that it was covered by his company.

WECAN posted that Lillie Holmes will lead a session on how to set up a website for sustainability groups.

To be noted**23/156 COMMUNITY UPDATES - CORRESPONDENCE, WEBSITE UPDATES & FACEBOOK UPDATE**

- Correspondences were received from:-

12/1/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Scout use of fire pit

18/1/24 (X2) – A resident of South Wonston – Scout use of fire pit
22/1/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Car Boot / Table Top Sale
22/1/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Financial Regulations
25/1/24 (X2) – A resident of South Wonston – Land Adjoining Ruby Cottage
26/1/24 (X2) – A resident of South Wonston – 21/6/24 use of car park for horse & carriage
30/1/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Defibrillator
30/1/24 – A resident of South Wonston – FOI Cost of New Path
30/1/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Land Sale on Alresford Drove
2/2/24 (X4) – A resident of South Wonston - Summer Fete 7/7/24
3/2/24 (X2) – A resident of South Wonston - Church Lane
10/2/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Correspondence
11/2/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Car Park 11/2/24
11/2/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Financial Regulations

Note

Parish Council Annual Assembly – ideas

To be noted

- Website & Social Media Update

The website continues to be developed; along with normal monthly updates.

To be noted

23/157 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 11th March 2024** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm