



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30PM
To be held at the Pavilion

Present: Chair Perrins, Peal, Street, Berry and Selby, City Councillor Godfrey and Clerk Mrs R. Jones & City Councillor Horrill.

24/073 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Sam Jordan, County Cllr Warwick & Lt Col Fraser Dowling

24/074 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

24/075 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of South Wonston voiced the opinion that residents need to support the village as a whole and not just outside the borders of their own properties. He would also like report that there is a hole in the pavement by the bus stop on West Hill Road.

24/076 Reports from Local Councillors, MOD and Police

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

- Consultation is still currently running for John Moore Barracks.
- Current Local Plan Regulation 19. Are the Council up to date with the National Planning Framework regarding the timeline of the Local Plan? Housing mandatory targets and regional targets would change.
- If changes are introduced today at least 800 new houses will

need to be added to the Local Plan which is why WCC would like to submit their Local Plan by 24th September;

- Meeting held with Cllr Jackie Porter on 4th September with members of the Parish Council regarding the queries raised on the Local Plan. Minutes of the Meeting are below in Planning.
- The small grant funds are open ready for applications to be submitted.
- WCC Code of Conduct is to be approved in November. Parish Councils then have the opportunity to adopt the WCC Code of Conduct if they so wish to do so.
- Green Week commences in Winchester during September.

Cllr Peal asked whether it is worth the Parish Council questioning the Integrated Impact Assessment? Cllr Godfrey said to focus on the top level outcome and not dwell on the more detailed evidence which may suggest a different view and analysis.

Cllr Warwick submitted her report from Hampshire County Council (attached) but was unable to attend as she needed to stay at Badger Farms Parish Council meeting.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

24/077 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JULY 2024

24/058 – Replace the word sees with criticised

24/058 – A number of vehicles

24/065 – names to be added to the meeting

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

24/078 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JULY 2024

None

To be noted

24/079 RECRUITMENT & RESIGNATION OF A COUNCILOR

Robert Meadows gave an over view of his application and expressed an interest in Sports and Fitness.

Cllr Peal put forward that Robert has shown an interest in Sustainability in his application and therefore might like to join the group.

Cllr Selby asked if Robert knew anything about the other Parish Council Committees and whether he might be interested in joining.

The Councillors held a private ballot of which there was a unanimous vote for Robert to join the Council.

Cllr Perrins welcomed Robert onto the Council and invited him to join the table. Clerk provided Robert with the pack of meeting notes.

It was noted that during the past month Cllr Grish Lohani resigned from her role at the Parish Council as a result of starting a new job. Cllr Perrins would like to thank her for all her hard work in ensuring highways defects have been recorded and dealt with and for being an administrator for the Parish Council Facebook page.

To be noted

24/080 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 31th July 2024 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£108,131.19
Lloyds Account 10	£ 92,793.06
Total =	£200,924.25

The Bank Balances as at 31th August 2024 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 77,046.89
Lloyds Account 10	£ 95,430.06
Total =	£172,476.95

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

To be noted

- Implement Tracker

Recommendations made from Internal and External and new Financial

Regulations are being put into a tracking document.

To be noted

- Internal Auditor

Mike Platten from April Skies has instructed the Council that he no longer wishes to continue with the internal audits for the organisation. He has received continual harassment from a resident of South Wonston and although the resident has been blocked from incoming e-mails he is aware that they still continue. The resident has been reminded that the contract and therefore contact is solely with the Parish Council and not the resident. Going forward any further emails received will be reported to the Police.

Clerk discussed with the Councillors that the list of internal auditors available to carry out Parish Council audits were all individuals except for Mulberry Local Authority Services Ltd, which is made up of five people. The above situation will not be allowed to continue and being a larger company they should not be individually targeted.

It was RESOLVED to approve to appoint Mulberry with a 3 year contract.

- New Deposit Bank Account

All documents sent to Unity Bank. The bank has said the account set up will be completed within 10 days

To be noted

- Project List

Clerk circulated and updated the Project List which was sent to Cllr Berry in order that he may add suggestions made by residents from the Facebook entry made by him in the past month. Cllr Berry talked through the suggestions and feedback but felt nothing could be added to the project list at this time.

The Parish Council discussed the possibility of what method would be best to survey the village in the future.
Ideas to be tabled at the next Parish Council meeting.

To be noted

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

Cllr Horrill gave a further update from Winchester City Council which

included:-

- Currently a resident survey is being distributed by Winchester City which is broken down into individual wards. WCC will share their findings with Councils in due course.
- Bin collections are being changed in readiness of the food collection next year. New timetables will be sent to all residents;
- Purchase of a new electric dustcart has been done to reduce carbon emissions and improve sustainability.
- To re-iterate the new Code of Conduct will go live in on 8th November;
- It is with sadness to advise the passing of Barry Lipscombe, a well-respected, member of the community.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

24/081 PLANNING

- Applications to be considered.

Reference	24/01688/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-13307927
Application Received	Tue 06 Aug 2024
Application Validated	Wed 07 Aug 2024
Address	1 Rowan Close South Wonston Winchester Hamp
Proposal	T1 - Ash - Reduce height of canopy by 2m from 12m to 10m and reduce radial spread to balance The shape.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	No Comment

Reference	24/01747/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-13330804
Application Received	Tue 13 Aug 2024
Application Validated	Wed 14 Aug 2024
Address	6 Norris Gardens South Wonston Winchester Ha
Proposal	G1 Ash - Remove trees in later stages of Ash dieback - Significantly reduced leaf coverage/ crown density. Tips of branches showing die

	back, brown keys evident and foliage has become 'clumpy'. G2 Sycamore - Crown lift to approximately 6m over 6 Norris Gardens and prune back remaining canopy side by approximately 1.5m to maintain trees distance from building.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	No Comment

Reference	24/01409/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-13211196
Application Received	Wed 03 Jul 2024
Application Validated	Thu 04 Jul 2024
Address	5 Rowan Close South Wonston Winchester Ham
Proposal	T1 Field Maple - Cut back by up to 2m on building side only to limit shading & clear away from building (as it now touching the property). (amended) T2 Mixed Deciduous tree - Crown lift over garden to give 2.5m clearance from ground level
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	No Comment

Reference	24/01908/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-13378122
Application Received	Tue 03 Sep 2024
Application Validated	Tue 03 Sep 2024
Address	4 Groves Close South Wonston Winchester Hamp
Proposal	T1 - Sycamore - reduce away from the house by 3 meters to stop the branches from touching/ encroaching onto the house/roof T2 - Sycamore - crown raise up to 5 meters to keep access to the driveway clear and over head over the pavement T3 - Hawthorn - reduce in height by 2 meters (50%) to stop it from growing over the neighbour s boundary and form part of the hedgerow

Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	No Comment

- Decisions by WCC

Reference	24/01752/NMA
Alternative Reference	PP-13331100
Application Received	Tue 13 Aug 2024
Application Validated	Tue 13 Aug 2024
Address	Chestnuts 10 Downs Road South Wonston Winch
Proposal	(NMA to 24/00651/HOU) Size of ensuite window opening increased to improve daylight within ensuite. Amend colour of the windows from white to grey.
Status	Decided
Decision	ACCEPT Non-material Minor Amendment

HCC/2023/05211

Change of use from motocross, to a Construction, Demolition, Excavation Waste Management Facility, involving importation, treatment and storage of waste and aggregates, with offices, structures and vehicle parking (retrospective). Importation and storage of road planings for crushing and screening to create recycled aggregate, including associated buildings, structures and vehicle parking. Provision of silo for concrete batching operation with storage, office and parking. With internal separation bunds and landscaping at Down Farm, Storage Land At Three Maids Moto Cross, Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy Hampshire SO22 6RG (application number 23/02126/HCS)

Granted subject to the completion of a legal agreement

Appeal Ref: APP/L1765/W/24/3340652 Myndful Mushrooms, Jolly Moon, Land North of Bridge Bungalow, Lower Road, Drove Links Road, South Wonston, Hampshire SO21 3HR

- The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) against a **refusal to grant planning permission**.
- The appeal is made by Mr and Mrs J Wright against the decision of

Winchester City Council.

- The application Ref is 23/01172/FUL.
- The development proposed is Temporary rural workers dwelling, agricultural building, forest school and ancillary works. Decision 1. The appeal is dismissed. Applications for costs 2. An application for costs has been received from Mr and Mrs J Wright against Winchester City Council. The applicants added to their costs application at the hearing. That is the subject of a separate decision. Preliminary Matters 3. The proposal is retrospective and has a number of elements, including a forest school (which has operated at the site for three years), agricultural building (mushroom facility) for mushroom growing, temporary rural worker's dwelling (installed in April 2023), parking area, polytunnel, greenhouse and ground mounted solar panels. For the avoidance of any doubt, I confirmed at the hearing which plans my decision would be based on. 4. The appellant confirmed at the hearing that a temporary permission was only sought for the dwelling with permanent permission sought for the rest of the development. Main Issues 5. The main issues are:
 - whether the appeal site is in an appropriate location for the development having regard to the requirements of local and national policy, including: a) the effect of the development on the character and appearance of the area; <https://www.gov.uk/planning-inspectorate> Appeal Decision APP/L1765/W/24/3340652 b) whether there is a functional need for a temporary dwelling to house a rural worker which cannot be satisfied by existing nearby accommodation; and c) whether there is confidence that the enterprise has been planned on a sound financial basis;
 - the effect of the development on protected species; and
 - the effect of the development on highway safety.

- Enforcements

An update on the open cases has been received for September. There are currently two open cases as two have been closed which includes the enforcement taken out against the Parish Council for removal of the hedge.

The Enforcement Team have investigated the matter and can confirm that the case has been recommended for closure.

The Enforcement Team have been in consultation with Hampshire County Council's Public Rights of Way team, who have confirmed that there is no objection to the creation of an access, via the right of way, for the use of land management and emergency vehicles. Furthermore, the Enforcement Team can confirm that the removed hedgerow is not protected by virtue of the Hedgerow Regulations Act 1997. Therefore, the case has been recommended for closure.

Cllr Selby questioned the use of the Right of Way. Cllr Perrins said it can be used for land management and emergency vehicles as noted in

writing from HCC Countryside. In light of the confirmation from the Enforcement Team who recommended closure of the case, it was put forward to cast a new vote related to the infill of the hedgerow. It is still, it was noted, that this should be completed as soon as possible. It was agreed that a new wooden countryside gate be put in and new hedging and if space allows trees placed at the sides of the gate. A sign will be put in place confirming access rules.

Cllr Perrins asked if everyone would be in favour of this recommendation and asked the Council to vote, 5 voted for Yes, Cllr Meadows abstained as he only joined the Council this evening.

It was RESOLVED to rescind the previous vote made at the July Parish Council meeting and approve the recommendation above.

- Local Housing Plan Regulation 19 Update – Chair Cllr June Perrins

Chronicle of events during July 2024 – September 2024

Detailed information was made available for Reg. 19 of the Local Plan. The meetings to review the draft plan **REG 19** were brought forward as a result of the change of government and Winchester City Council's view that there could be a possibility that the housing numbers could be increased in the area.

It was noted that there is now a huge amount of available detail, and important information with regard to South Wonston can be seen in the Winchester City Council's, Portal "Your place, Your Plan"

South Wonston still has the same allocation of 70 with more information related to development of the West Hill Road North site (40) and a boundary change it was suggested to accommodate access via the Chaucer Close and a small development of 2.

29th July 2024 – Winchester City Council Scrutiny Committee Meeting

Chair Cllr June Perrins attended the meeting and spoke on behalf of the residents of South Wonston, raising serious concerns with regard to the boundary changes. We were not consulted and only learned about the proposed boundary state when the new draft plan was published.

It was also put forward to the Committee that the Site Selection related to SW01 (Land Allocation at West Hill Road North), that this allocation is not compliant with the National Planning Policy Framework 2023.

19th August 2024 – Winchester City Council Cabinet Meeting

There are still major concerns with the Settlement Hierarchy scoring for South Wonston's Land Allocation at West Hill Road North. It has been recommended that SW be downgraded from an Intermediate Rural Settlement to a Smaller Rural Settlement.

Residents can access the full SW Parish Council Presentations for the 29th July and the 19th August on the South Wonston Parish Council

Website under the Agenda and Minutes (Full Council link).
 There will be open days, details of which can be found on our Facebook page and also comments can be sent to:-
PlanningPolicyConsultation@communities.gov.uk This consultation closes at 11:45pm on 24 September 2024

4th September 2024 – SW Parish Council members met with Cllr Jackie Porter (Local Plan Portfolio holder), Strategic Policy Team Officers, Toby Ayling and Joan Ashton to register their concerns as mentioned above. (Minutes will be published, once approved, and placed on the website).

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOCAL PLAN MEETING WITH WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL - TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2024

ATTENDEES

Cllr Jackie Porter, Toby Ayling & Joan Ashton (WCC Strategic Policy Team) Chair June Perrins, Cllrs Ann Peal, John Berry, Frank Street & Clerk

Forty houses for South Wonston is not a significant requirement and won't make a difference.

The Integrated Impact Assessment; we showed how our scores differed from WCC's. The assessment has detailed criteria for judging impact of the allocation. The overall score is an accumulation of points. SWPC should say it understands the results, but still disagrees. (The IIA is judged according to a set methodology which may not express exactly what can be seen in South Wonston. We must say we don't agree to the method and the results it has produced. The picture is simply inaccurate. AP's thoughts).

The current consultation is being run by WCC on behalf of the Inspector

JP has attended all of the cabinet meetings and there have been a number of changes to the allocation and boundary which are being ignored by WCC. The plot of land nominated by the SHEILA is fraught with concerns; including significant highways changes
 JP referred to sewage problem in Sutton Scotney. Southern Water must know where the pressures arise.

JB referred to the Gregorys not wishing/undecided about selling their share of the SWO1 site. TA will take this on. JA says site promoter claims no problem.

The Local Plan must show more housing than expected to be available. The promoter said that all the land was available. The issue can be revisited. The promoter was commenting on the Regulation 18 version. SWPC says there is no economic growth; people will commute. TA says we should recognise some opportunity but limited. Ownership of PB

factory might change. The number of opportunities for employment is relative. Can't say there are no opportunities, but potential. SWPC can comment on Regulation 19, but points being made at this meeting are useful and should be repeated now, including previous arguments. Biodiversity, use of resources and water discussed. Bungalow next to site on septic tank. Possibility of bat run along hedgerow (JB). The developer will make the utility arrangements. SWPC should use same water treatment problem topic as Sutton Scotney. It was pointed out that there are back-up issues along Ox Drove. Clancy Brothers have been working here for months. JP referred to SU01 water treatment (pg496) of Local Plan document. Clerk to send the photo of the page to Cllr Peal & Perrins

Southern Water would not give pumping stations details, only drainage (JB). SWPC could send sewage problem details before doing consultation R19 to WCC, showing paper trail. Pipeline to Harestock is low pressure. Some residents have chosen to remain on own drainage system (JB?) Reference to La Frenaye Place – better to have own water treatment.

Referring to gas provision; mains vs bottle gas in Lower Rd. Developer can decide on services but is bound by series of conditions. JP pointed out that the previous two requests to develop (The Permission Field and SW01) here have been refused by Highways. The access would need to be via Chaucer Close and therefore a smaller limited development because the vehicle access. No1 Chaucer Close is potentially owned by the same person and therefore they would give access over their driveway.

The boundary change was discussed. Issue with access to site next to Chaucer Close/ Canterbury Cottages – three houses only, no significant gain. Gardens in Wrights Way also no option (or access). Concern coming from planning applications on this SHELAA site. JP to check representations under SWO1. Greenfield sites won't be approved until 2030.

JP put forward "What is the value to moving the boundary?" Does this achieve the movement of the boundary versus the small number of houses? Cllr Peal said that the Parish Council were never notified of the change to settlement boundary.

WCC have said that can we email any common documents of use. tailing@winchester.gov.uk & strategic planning

Chair June Perrins thanked the Council for the meeting and will take forward the suggested points

To be noted

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL
PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE 23/07/2024****APOLOGIES**

None were received.

PRESENT

Chair Cllr Perrins, Cllrs Peal, Selby and Street and Clerk Mrs R. Jones
PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

Members went outside to hear Cllr Perrins (JP) talk through points arising from a suggestion to locate an access to the Recreation Ground on the north side of the Pavilion following receipt of an outline plan from Aquascience. It was noted that there was a 45cm drop from the hedge to the pavement and a 2.5m gap between the Community Bench and the wire boundary overgrown by the hedge. The Community Bench, another bench seat, the Ash Tree, the path, the disabled parking spaces, the noticeboard and the late Queen's tree would all be affected by the creation of a permanent access for emergency vehicles. Removal and relocation of these items and excavation of the bank by the hedge would be necessary. JP showed illustrations of how inadequate slow-growing hedge plants would look in the gap between the Ox Drove and the Recreation Ground and how a farm-style gate, to be signed "South Wonston Parish Council: Emergency Access only" and flanked by two large and preferably fast-growing trees would meet the Council's agreement to fill in the gap. It was decided that Clerk should seek up to four quotes combining two options (the northern route and one to the east following the line of the new path) and ask a local fireman to assess both options in terms of accessibility for a fire engine. Members considered that a double gate set at an angle might prove necessary. The service track option was also discussed. Clerk reminded members that if Hedging Direct were to provide and install plants, the cost might be £2,500. JP proposed getting three quotes for hedging and inquiring how long they would take to establish.

Cleaning Services Group would be called out as the warning light is still on, Clerk confirmed. The silver-coloured drain needed pumping out. The problem might have resulted from wipes caught against the sensor.

Turning the pump on and off had not seemed to help.

Clerk reported the presence of fencing pales in the garage which might be cut to size and sprayed white to replace the aging "paddock" fence. She knew of a painter/decorator who could do the painting. Another person would have to do the cutting.

The Water Station was to be installed on the grass where it would be accessible and safe for users and passers-by. Clerk would ask the Council's CCTY provider about upgrading the Parish Council system when they next held an inspection.

The playground equipment is installed over July & August which includes basket swing, ticket office, refurb of horse and wooden tractor. The zip wire was fixed before the fete on 7/7/24 and operational the following week once the concrete had set and the seat was put back on. The recently disbanded Gardening Club had requested a commemorative bench. This would be bought by the Council so the club

wouldn't have to pay VAT. Two benches on the Recreation Ground have no dedications, so one could be replaced by the new bench.

JP confirmed that the Defence Infrastructure Organisation were not interested in selling the land adjacent to the car park for allotments and a memorial garden or orchard. She had already studied Wonston Parish Council Minutes for details of its purchase of the Recreation Ground and intended to send a detailed report to the DIO, continue lobbying the surveyor and contact new MP Danny Chambers. Compulsory purchase was not out of the question. Members considered renting the land as an option.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be announced.

To be noted

- Ox Drove and Path update

Cllr Berry gave an update to Councillors on the quotes received based his specification and matting.

Specification for the proposed access way onto the Recreation Ground at the North side of the Pavilion Building

To provide a 40m length 3m wide access as indicated on the drawing going over the disabled bays, behind the community bench and onto the recreation ground on a shallower slope.

Works to be governed under the ICC Conditions of Contract for Minor Works

Provide 14.5mm heavy duty grass reinforcement supply and lay
(Refer to [www.green-tech.co.uk / ground-reinforcement/grass-and -turf reinforcement-mesh/grass protecta-heavy-145mm](http://www.green-tech.co.uk/ground-reinforcement/grass-and-turf-reinforcement-mesh/grass-protecta-heavy-145mm))

Re grade the access locally round the exterior of the building as shown on the attached drawing

Supply and lay topsoil and seed to works

Allow to rise up over tree roots locally and to create the drop access down onto the recreation ground level.

Allow for small vegetation works to hedge locally as required and removal of lower branch to Ash Tree

Include all plant, materials and Labour

In addition to the draft specification in respect to the actual grass matting there are alternatives which he shared with the Cllr's.

All works will be governed by the ICC Conditions of Contract for Minor

Works this is a Civil Engineering Standard Contract.

The Pavilion and Recreation Committee plus Cllr Berry met with ROCON who said they will only quote on options of keeping or removing the ash tree and moving the community bench. This will allow flat levelling of the ground with retaining concrete running along the hedge to keep the ground in place and remove flooding issues.

Cllr Perrins talked through ROCON email following the meeting (see below). All companies would need to agree a guarantee their work and a consideration of insurance if a car got damaged from using the path.

ROCON's follow up email to Council after the site visit said "I have had a conversation with Danny regarding John's proposal and we both feel that this option would not be adequate for emergency service vehicles, and also very difficult for us to provide a guarantee for without the correct sub-base. If you have found a product you believe to be suitable for this project that doesn't require full depth construction, please can you send me the data sheets, along with your drawings and I will look into it further"

The Parish Council will create a specification for Clerk to formally write to each of the contractors.

To be noted

24/083 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors

Cllr Lohani has now resigned from the Council and Clerk is arranging a handover of the below defects list

O/s 15 Downsland 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 Downsland Way, South Wonston	Repair uneven footway	21718043
O/s 27 Downsland Way, South Wonston	Repair uneven footway	21718042
Blackthorn Close j/w Downsland 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
Outside 102 Downs Road, South Wonston	Worn carriageway around gully	21727171
Outside 2 Wrights Close, South Wonston	Pothole around manhole cover	21727172
Outside 23 Wrights Close, South Wonston	Overrun grass verge	21727175
Opposite Windy Hull, South Wonston	Uneven footway	21727177
Goldfinch Way junction with White Hill Road, South Wonston	Faded junction marking	21727179
47 Wrights Way, South Wonston	moss and acorn on pavement	RJ
Waverley Drive opposite Spruce Close, South Wonston	moss on pavement	RJ
Long Barrow Close, South Wonston	moss on pavement	RJ

A resident of Down's Road has written to say about the excessive speed of vehicles using this road. Cllr Berry has contacted HCC about seeing if a number of mini-islands could be fitted along the stretch of road. Clerk will also speak to Grish to see how to take this forward.

Cllr Perrins noted that the 20mph school sign is not working.

To be noted

- Alresford Drove

Clerk, Cllr Warwick and Chair June Perrins are due to meet the owner of the ditch on 23rd September to discuss options and maintenance works.

A Freedom of Information request has been received from HCC who state that the ditch is not maintained by them.

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

Cllr John Berry has not collected data.

To be noted

24/084 POLICIES

- Data Protection Policy**
- Social Media Policy (further changes)**

Cllr Peal has reviewed all of the policies and they have been emailed onto the Cllrs to check through

Data Protection has been re-written to reflect changes after Brexit. Data Protection officer will HALC oversee any of our queries? Camera system policy included.

Social Media has had the following sentences added

Section 5, Paragraph 2. The Chair and a nominated Councillor will undertake the role of Moderators (temporarily Clerk). If councillors wish to make a post, they should send their contribution to either of the Moderators to be posted on the Parish Council's behalf. The Moderators will also be responsible for all final published responses so, if a post requires Parish Council comment, this will be undertaken by the Moderators.

This may need to be reviewed again once the new code of conduct is rolled out by WCC

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the Policies

24/085 RIGHTS OF WAY

- Ox Drove and Lower Road**

No further update as the Probation Service have not been in contact about carry out the works and Clerk needs to obtain 3 quotes

A resident has written in asking if the Council would consider a new footpath between Christmas Hill and Wonston Lane. Clerk will email Countryside and follow up with the resident.

To be noted

24/086 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS**- Land to the East of the Pavilion**

Chair June Perrins sent a letter to MOD Principal Surveyor in August with a follow up in September. To date they have not agreed to meeting the Parish Council.

To be noted**- to receive an update from the Sustainability Working Party (Cllr Jordan and Nicky Turner)****Sustainability Catch up meeting – Cllr Stephen & Rachael Jones**

1. Wild Garden Area – top corner. Clerk has met again with Liz Fenn to look at how this can be created. Clerk has emailed the sustainability group to be shared and find volunteers to help.
2. Elm Trees – clerk to speak to Jan Warwick about having some from HCC if a volunteer would like have this in their garden.
3. Repair Café 5.10.24 (trial) & 26.10.24 (public event)
4. Summer Fete – feedback is that in future there should be more preparation time
5. Fireworks – Date will be Saturday 2nd November. Sustainability group have looked at whether quieter fireworks could be used.
6. Public Liability – The Repair Café plan to get their own insurance for their events.
7. Cycling & Walking - John Cooper and Cllr Selby have met with Sue Coles. Details in the Parish Council meeting.
8. Giveaway, Swap, Buy Sunday 24th November – instead of Bring, Buy, Swap – looking to run Christmas Jumpers, decorations and gifts.
9. Bio- Diversity Policy – Harestock and Littleton have one. Nickey feeding back to the group.
10. Carbon Literacy training – online training for sustainability group and Parish Council may be available. Nickey was looking into this

No minutes from the sustainability group meeting as it was only held on 4/9/24

To be noted**24/087 GENERAL AMENITIES****- South Wonston Fireworks**

Clerk has emailed Worthy Down to see if we can run a collaborative event with them or whether the village could be invited to one they may be holding.

Worthy Down have replied to say that they would love to run or support a fireworks event but we (defence) don't have funding for it and also have no staff to support it. Hopefully our staffing will improve so we can do more community engagement in the future.

As this event requires an organiser and access onto the recreation ground to build a bonfire and set up the fireworks, this event will not take place this year.

To be noted

- Continuation of Cycle Path to Central Winchester

Cllr Selby has written a report for the Parish Council

Completion of the Safe Cycle Route from South Wonston into Winchester

Meeting held on 'site' on Friday, August 2, 2024

Attending: County Councillors Jackie Porter and Jan Warwick, Two officers from the HCC Countryside Team; Sue Coles, UK Cycling; S Wonston Safe Cycling Group representatives, Steve Cherry, John Cooper and David Selby.

Meeting objective: To discuss the feasibility of a plan to complete the route already started at S Wonston School and terminating at present at the Water Works on the Andover Road.

The meeting began by a member of the Cycling Group attempting to describe the proposed plan which was generally ignored in favour of the Countryside Team introducing the fact that there was an allocation of funds as yet unspent. Most of the rest of the meeting revolved around how best this money could be spent for leisure cycling in close proximity to the developing Kings Barton Estate.

Occasionally, members of the Safe Cycle Group attempted to focus the attention of the meeting on the need to view cycling as a viable means of transport for children going to school and adults going to work. As no officer from Highways was in attendance the focus soon shifted back to where would be the best place to spend the existing funding for leisure cycling. No consideration was given to how this funding could be transferred to developing the village proposals or even to applying minds to decide whether the proposals were feasible, or could be modified to obtain the objective.

The only conclusion that can be drawn from this meeting is that HCC does not have a clear policy about the future of cycling as a means of transport as opposed to leisure cycling, and that as there is no clear policy, there is no clear plan that can be activated with a proposed timescale. In addition, as no Highways Officer was in attendance it appeared clear that there was no designated officer whose role would be to implement such a plan if it existed.

From Hampshire County Council Countryside (HCC) team prospective the meeting was specifically to discuss the proposed cycle track link from Andover Waterworks to (where the current cycle path ends) to Wellhouse Lane and hence into Kings Barton. HCC has awarded contracts for this work, but the project never started for reasons that were not clear, so part of the meeting discussed whether to re-start this small project. The conclusion of the meeting was that project should go ahead (subject to the budget still being available) with the understanding that the link was short term and that route may change if/when the work on the proposed closure of Andover Road starts

The conclusion is therefore, that highways are for motor vehicles and that the interests of cyclists getting to work or school need not be taken into account in the planning of the future development of the road network in the County, and that health and sustainability need, not be taken into account also. Admittedly we do not wish to see the ridiculous provision that was built into the Silverstone bypass by a County Council providing a barely metre wide strip for cyclists alongside the maximum speed limit for vehicles being 70mph. A tick-box exercise if ever there was one.

The Group can only hope that someday in the not too distant future, HCC Highways might just give some serious consideration to the plan. Even saying no, please try again, would be better than the present situation which appears to be going nowhere, and reflecting no real interest in the promoting of cycling as a serious means of transport.

To be noted

- Replacement Bus Service

The No 86 bus service has been replaced by a No 75 service.

75 - Monday to Saturday excluding Public Holidays Andover to Winchester
via Picket Twenty, Sutton Scotney & South Wonston
<https://www.stagecoachbus.com/timetables>

To be noted

24/088 COMMUNITY UPDATES - CORRESPONDENCE, WEBSITE UPDATES & FACEBOOK UPDATE

Residents to be reminded that correspondences should go via Clerk so they can be recorded and shown in the log below

- Correspondences were received from:-

9/7/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Alresford Drove Improvements
 15/7/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Book Tennis Court
 23/7/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Vehicular Access & Hedge Reinstatement
 25/7/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Ox Drove
 25/7/24 – A resident of South Wonston - Alresford Drove Works
 30/7/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Traffic Speed Downs Road
 25/7/24 & 1/8/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Worthy Down & Christmas Hill can't see around verges for cars
 7/8/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Japanese Knotweed
 27/8/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Mud around Water Fountain
 6/9/24 – A resident of South Wonston – New Footpath Christmas Hill to Wonston Lane

To be noted

- Website & Social Media Update

The website continues to be developed; along with normal monthly updates. Vision ICT to make changes to the Policies in the footer and The Housing page.

To be noted

24/089 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 7th October 2024** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston Pavilion if Cllrs as in agreement as The Chair will be on holiday (12th October to the 27th October)

Please note that the meeting will take place a week earlier.

The meeting closed at 9.57pm