



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30PM
To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion

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

24/139 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from City Councillor Horrill, Cllr Warwick and Lt Col Fraser Dowling.

24/140 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

24/141 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of South Wonston attended the meeting to discuss air quality around the implementation of the anaerobic digester. Would we like to create a working party jointly with other Parish Councils? The Environment Agency issues the permit for the Acorn anaerobic digester and recent protocol says that the developers should measure air quality twelve months prior to setting up, which currently doesn't happen. She would like to offer help with this project.

Councillor Perrins responded to say that the Parish Council have concerns around the long-term air quality situation and is surprised how easily planning permission was given. Cllr Jordan explained that there are low-cost monitoring sensors which can be targeted as a priority at particulate matter 2.5. Is the biodigester bad for 2.5? We will only know if we measure it. The resident said the ideal situation would be to get a

baseline measurement for (hopefully) our own reassurance that the plant is working properly.

24/142 Reports from Local Councillors, MOD and Police

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

- Contacted by Acorn with regards to promoting the anaerobic digester prior to its opening. They have invited the City Cllrs to a site visit on 23/1/25;
- With devolution being agreed this year it will mean that there may be no local elections. This will be clarified soon;
- Hampshire County Council are asking for more control over elections and spending. The concept of devolution is supported by Winchester City Council, which would be subsumed into the higher tier local authority. The risk for Parish Councils is that they will be expected to do more with no extra money;
- Cllr Nick Adams King is looking to meet with all Parish Council soon;
- The Sustainability meeting discussed the Sustainability Policy and sent suggestions to Cllr Peal, who will re-draft the document for redistribution.
- The Repair Café is scheduled for later in January, February & March.

Cllr Warwick was unable to attend the meeting but submitted her monthly report which is attached to the minutes

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

24/143 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024. THE MOST RECENT MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL SIGNED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

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

24/144 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024

Cllr Berry asked if the commemorative bench has been ordered

To be noted

24/145 RECRUITMENT OF A VACANCY

Clerk to continue to re-advertise the vacancy.

To be noted**24/146 FINANCE****- Recent Transactions**

A spreadsheet of recent transactions was provided for all Members.

It was RESOLVED to approve the transactions. All aspects of social and environmental values have been considered. A copy is appended to these minutes.

- Account Reconciliations

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

The Bank Balances as at 31st December 2024 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 98,623.29
Lloyds Account 10	£ 94,340.90
Total =	£192,964.19

To be noted**- Budget Monitoring to 31.12.24**

The Cllrs received the budget monitoring to 31st December 2024. Clerk explained the income and expenditure on the year-to-date figures.

It was RESOLVED to approve the budget monitoring

- Budget 2025/26

The Councillors approved the budget 2025/26 and agreed a precept increase with Winchester City Council of 5% = £113,794.

Consideration was given to:-

1. Devolution whereby tasks currently carried out by WCC & HCC will move to the Parish Council;
2. Extra tasks and projects already paid for by the Parish Council;
3. Bank Account balance reduction of £33K on the same time last year (31.12.23= £233K V 31.12.24 = £193+£7K = £200). Noting that no increase in precept has been made since 2021/22;
4. Potential Large Projects include the land purchase & development of land to the East of the Car Park, and the Pump Track;

Councillors Street, Peal and Perrins agreed to a 5% increase, Cllr Berry

2.5% and Cllr Jordan 0%

Cllr Jordan requested that for 2026/27 this process be started in October.

It was RESOLVED to approve a budget increase of 5%. All aspects of social and environmental values have been considered.

24/147 PLANNING

- Applications to be considered.

Reference	24/02505/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-13571528
Application Received	Mon 18 Nov 2024
Application Validated	Mon 18 Nov 2024
Address	114 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO2
Proposal	<p>T1 - Sycamore - Remove epicormic growth and crown lift up to 5m. Remove limb extending towards bungalow (see photo). Sever ivy and strip away up to 2m. Reason: to improve ground clearance and aesthetics in line with the clients' brief.</p> <p>T2 - Pine - Reduce limb extending over highway (see photo). Remove major deadwood (over 0.5m length / 50mm diameter). Sever ivy and strip away up to 2m. Reason: in the interests of highway safety.</p> <p>T3 - Sycamore - Remove epicormic growth and crown lift up to 5m. Sever ivy and strip away up to 2m. Reason: to improve ground clearance and aesthetics in line with clients' brief.</p> <p>T4 - Poplar - Reduce crown by 4m to achieve overall height of 14m and spread of 12m. Reason: in the interests of safety and preventing further limb failures.</p>
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins

Comment	No Comment
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- Decisions by WCC

NONE

- Enforcements

An update on the open cases has been received for January which was shared with Councillors. 24/00338/HED was added and removed from the outstanding list as it was transferred to another department/body. The only outstanding enforcement is 24/00214/COU

To be noted

24/148 PAVILION & RECREATION

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PAVILION AND RECREATION
GROUND COMMITTEE 7TH JANUARY 2025 (AMENDED)
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None were received.

PRESENT

Cllrs Perrins (Chair), Street and Peal and Clerk Mrs R. Jones

PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

The priority for action was the white picket fence round the area of astroturf. The main posts were in good condition but the rest was very poor. Members debated the alternative merits of wood, plastic and concrete (for the posts). It was agreed to ask John Taylor for advice and quotes.

The next item was the project for a new side access to the recreation ground. Cllr Berry had put together the necessary specifications from three companies. Detailed and itemised quotes were required for progressing.

The commemorative bench for the former Gardening Club was on order and on arrival would be stored in the garage before installation.

Mr Jones had fixed the hand washing facility. The handyman/caretaker would be asked to water down the current soap to avoid blockages and, when this had been used up, to obtain a disinfectant variety. Clerk had used sandpaper on the unsightly fixture which subsequently needed a spray. A metal plate was required for behind the toilet. The overall appearance of the toilet was much improved.

The water filling station had been given a better fitting by plumber Mr Tilley. Clerk had turned off the facility because of deteriorating weather. She and Mr Jones were prepared to lag the water feature above ground; the below ground pipes were already lagged.

The garage had not yet been cleared. Members thought that the council might be responsible for the unwanted mats as they could have been left by former Cllr Grahame, who ran a fitness group.

Information had been received about the instability of the football “table tennis” table. On examination, it was found to be reasonably stable, but would benefit from wedging. Wood chippings would be laid down where the ground was boggy and slippery.

Members indicated they were in favour of helping the Village Hall Library to acquire a low stepladder.

The meeting was attended for a short time by retired Cllr Selby and his wife, who were about to move to Derbyshire. To honour his long service to the council and community, the Parish Council were offering him a commemorative tree on the recreation ground with a suitable plaque. Clerk would provide a list of recommended trees to choose from. Mr and Mrs Selby were also given the opportunity to select a location.

FINANCE

Swifts Football Club had not yet signed their contract. Clerk wished to bill the club for the first half and find out how many teams were operating. A member of Swifts was due to meet her. It was observed that, although the ground was looking good, it was being used for training and not only by Swifts. A rugby group appeared to be training on the former strip and the younger footballers were playing under floodlights. It was agreed that, during the current spell of bad weather, play would be barred for one week, the next to be reviewed and a watching brief kept for at least the rest of the month and possibly the next. Clerk would contact Swifts and post details on social media.

Clerk referred to a reminder from the internal auditor about reviewing the hire rates. The current rates were: £18.00 per individual party hire, £12.00 adult and £10.00 children’s regular hire and £8.00 for use of the TV and music stereo. It was agreed that the charges should remain the same.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 4th February at 10.30-11.30am.

To be noted

24/149 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors

Cllr Lohani has passed on the Councils contact details for Clerk to chase

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

To be noted

- Salt Boxes

All salt boxes have been checked and have sufficient salt.

To be noted**- School Crossing Flashing Lights**

HCC have emailed to confirm that the lights are broken and they are awaiting parts to fix them.

To be noted**- Speed Detection Unit**

Cllr John Berry gave an update on the current places of the SDU's and the data that they give. Clerk said she would contact another local area to find out how theirs operate.

To be noted**PASSENGER TRANSPORT**

John Cooper attended the Hampshire County Council Passenger Transport Forums - November/ December 2024 on behalf of the Parish Council

Report

On 4th December I attended the Hampshire Passenger Transport Forum on behalf of SWPC at the request of the Clerk.

The Hampshire Passenger Transport Forum is held periodically by HCC to discuss current transport initiatives and obtain feedback from local councils and other public organisations. Most of the discussion is related to bus services.

The agenda for this session was:

- Update on Local Bus TCF and BSIP improvements and schemes.
- Community Transport Update on Minibus Driver Awareness Scheme (MiDAS)
- Demand Responsive Transport and technology update
- Hampshire County Council Savings Plan to 2025
- Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) "Phase 4"

Note: TCF is Transforming Cities Fund; BSIP is Bus Service Improvement Plan

Comments

There was not much in the meeting of direct relevance to South Wonston.

It was acknowledged that the BSIP has focussed on urban areas up to now and some more focus will be given to rural areas in future.

There will be a pilot of Demand Responsive Transport in south Andover and the villages of the northern Test Valley. This means that villagers will be able request a bus via an app and it will divert to pick them up.

HCC has a budget shortfall and public transport will have to save £570m in year 25/26. Some services will be cut, but this will not affect South Wonston as our service (i.e. the 75 route) does not currently receive any HCC subsidy.

However HCC has received a “healthy settlement” under Phase 4 of the BSIP: £12m, which is twice the previous year! HCC cannot use this money backfill its own cuts – it must be used for new bus service improvement e.g. improved frequency and hours of service.

There may be an opportunity to push for some money to improve South Wonston’s service. Decisions on how to spend this money are being made soon. My view is that it would need to be a significant improvement in service to get South Wonston residents to switch from their cars.

The last slide probably the most interesting to us: it says that HCC has £5.3m available during 2025/26 for measures that improve bus services’ reliability, frequency, punctuality and affordability.

Could South Wonston in conjunction with Sutton Scotney get money allocated to improve the frequency of the current service?

To be noted – Clerk to contact Sutton Scotney to see if they feel there is a need.

24/150 RIGHTS OF WAY

- Ox Drove and Lower Road

The Lengthsmen have started putting woodchip down around the entrances of the recreation ground and will continue along Lower Road and Ox Drove.

To be noted

24/151 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS

- Land to the East of the Pavilion

Chair June Perrins, Cllr Ann Peal and Clerk met with MP Danny Chambers and Cllr James Batho to show them the land the Parish Council would like to purchase. The MP said that he would arrange a

meeting with the MOD/DIO and speak to the Secretary of State.

To be noted

- To receive an update from the Sustainability Working Party; see the below minutes of the meeting.

- South Wonston Parish Council Sustainability Policy

The draft policy was discussed at the December Parish Council meeting for approval in January. Late changes have been received from Cllr Godfrey which Cllr Peal has included. Sustainability working party brief should be separate to the Sustainability Policy. Cllr Jordan will give feedback to Cllr Peal.

Draft Policy to be noted.

- **Sustainability Catch up meeting – Cllr Stephen Godfrey & Rachael Jones**
- 1. Sustainability Policy – Stephen to email Ann with the suggestion of changes before the document is approved. Open for discussion at the next PC meeting
 - Terms of Reference for Sustainability
 - What is the Parish Councils expectation of the working party?
 - What do you want the working party to do?
- 2. Can sustainability be put further up the agenda as this would help with attendees?
- 3. Biodiversity – Looking for a lead
- 4. Hosting Website to be renewed next month – Lillie Holmes to liaise with Clerk
- 5. Fresk Event – Saturday 8th February
- 6. PAT Testing – 2 people budget £200 to be train to PAT test
- 7. Repair Café – After a successful event it was decided to run monthly 25/1/25, 22/2/25, 22/3/25. Going forward PAT testing will be included. Advert in the Chronicle and list items that have successfully been fixed.
- 8. Transport Forum – completed and sent in from John Cooper
- 9. Swap Box
- 10. Food Waste Action Group – March 2025
- . Plant Giving Event – May 2025

**SOUTH WONSTON SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATION TEAM
MEETING – No Meeting in December**

- Air Quality

Clerk contacted fellow local clerks who are potentially interested in a joint working venture

David Ingram has spoken with Clerk about Winchester City Council offering a free meter and posts to be put in the village or around Three Maids Hill. Clerk and Chair to meet with him. What would the Council like to do? Does this fit in with the direction the Council wants to go? Note WCC have the resources.

To be noted**24/152 REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

All Cllrs to update their register of interest forms

To be noted**24/152 COMMUNITY UPDATES - CORRESPONDENCE, WEBSITE UPDATES & FACEBOOK UPDATE**

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

- Correspondences were received from:-

10/12/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Worthy Players Pantomine

20/12/24 – A resident of South Wonston – AD along A272 Air Quality Impact

3/1/24 – A resident of South Wonston – Drinking Fountain Leaking

28/12/24 – A resident of South Wonston - 13 Downs Road – Can this property be maintained

6/1/25 – A resident of South Wonston – Mobile Coffee Shop

9/1/25 – A resident of South Wonston – Basket Swing Broken

9/1/25 – A resident of South Wonston – AD along A272 Air Quality Impact

13/1/25 – A resident of South Wonston – Ramblers to use car park on 15/2/25

To be noted**- Website & Social Media Update**

The website continues to be developed; along with normal monthly updates. Focus to be made on updating the Housing page and Our Village page

To be noted

24/153 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 10th February 2025** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston

The meeting closed at 9.25pm