



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.30PM
To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion

Present: Chair Perrins, Cllrs Peal and Street, City Councillor Godfrey, City Councillor Horrill, County Councillor Warwick, Lt Col Fraser Dowling and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

24/154 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Berry & Jordan.

24/155 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

24/156 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

24/157 Reports from Local Councillors, MOD and Police

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

- Councils within Hampshire and IOW will be included in a Devolution Priority Group which will form a new combined authority under an elected Mayor;
- As part of Devolution all Councils in Hampshire and IOW must be reorganised into three to five unitary authorities which will inherit the existing services. Proposals must be sent to HM Government by 21st March. Final proposals are due in by September 2025 ready for the election of the new Mayor in May 2026. Questions for the Parish Council: how will the Parish Council be impacted?,

do Parish Councils merge and work together? and do we want to maintain the WCC land in the village?

- County Council elections have been cancelled for May 2025 and may, with the City Council elections due 2026, be delayed further by the new authority elections;
- A six-week consultation is due to start on Devolution and Reorganisation;
- The Local Plan continues to be developed as proposed by the Secretary of State. The next development plan needs to be started as soon as the current version is adopted. New unitary authorities will respect the existing council boundaries when the Local Plan is amalgamated with a new central plan over the next few years;
- Correspondence from the Planning Inspector is still awaited after the submission of the Local Plan;
- WCC has opened a consultation on the new Enforcement Plan. Parish Councils have been asked to comment;
- The WCC Council Tax for 2025/26 shows a 2.75% increase. This is the maximum increase without a referendum.
- A New Master Plan for Sir John Moore Barracks has been received. It is contrary to Littleton and Harestock Parish Council's ideas;
- Councillors have visited the Anaerobic Digester site which is the largest in the country. It aims to produce energy and gas next month. Air pollution, smell and vehicle movements are being monitored by the operators and could be significant. A quarterly update will be produced. Cllr Godfrey supports the Parish Council's concerns and the request to monitor Air Quality before gases are produced;
- The revised Sustainability Policy and Working Party Terms of Reference will be reviewed by the Sustainability Group before the next meeting;
- Fresk training on 8/2/25 was a successful event with fourteen attendees;
- Monthly meetings with the Repair Café are set up;
- Two PAT testers have been trained and test equipment will arrive over the next few weeks.

Cllr Warwick gave an update from Hampshire County Council which included:-

- Advantage to being in the first group of Devolution Councils is that local authorities in the two-tier system can better shape how things will look;
- KPMG are being employed to look at how best to split the areas up taking account of resident numbers and the type of residents;
- Shadow elections potentially to be held 2026-2027. These may affect the numbers of executives;
- Disruption works charges to be introduced on roadworks which go on longer than necessary;

- Collection of waste is being set up around the new super recycling centre in Eastleigh.

Cllr Horrill gave a further update from Winchester City Council which included:-

- Food waste collection going ahead later this year;
- Sports & Leisure centre at Bar End has now been open for four years. The hydrotherapy pool is almost fully booked. There is a free family day advertised for 8th March;
- As part of Devolution, the Council Leader has been asked to draw up a local parish asset list.;
- A Teams call for questions on Devolution with Cllrs Godfrey, Cunningham and Horrill has been arranged.

Clerk asked what the Council are doing about the parking problems at the Sports Centre. Cllr Horrill said that it is being used inappropriately and WCC have agreed that how it is used needs to be changed.

Lt Col Fraser Dowling attended the meeting but had nothing to update from Worthy Down.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

24/158 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025. 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.

24/159 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025

Clerk was asked to take forward the suggestion about the extension of the bus service with John Cooper who wrote the report and attended the meeting

To be noted

24/160 RECRUITMENT OF A VACANCY

Clerk to continue to re-advertise the vacancy and has put forward ideas of advertising in social media. Read below 24/169 website and social media update.

To be noted

24/161 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 January 2025 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 91,271.74
Lloyds Account 10	£ 97,239.90
Total =	£188,511.60

To be noted**24/162 PLANNING****- Applications to be considered.**

Reference	24/02810/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-13634768
Application Received	Mon 23 Dec 2024
Application Validated	Mon 23 Dec 2024
Address	Applewood Heights Lower Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3ER
Proposal	Fit 2x roof windows in loft space as part of loft conversion
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	No comment

Reference	25/00198/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-13734765
Application Received	Wed 29 Jan 2025
Application Validated	Wed 29 Jan 2025

Address	Belmont 12 Orchard Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3EX
Proposal	Increasing size of dropped curb. This is to allow easier access for modern vehicles.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	The existing kerb appears to be in poor condition and so a new kerb construction would be of benefit to the property.

- Decisions by WCC

None

To be noted

- Enforcements Open

An update on the open cases has been received for February which was shared with Councillors. No change or update from the previous month regard 24/00214/COU

Cllr Peal agreed to complete the Enforcement Consultation on behalf of the Parish Council

To be noted

24/163 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS

- Land to the East of the Pavilion

Following the meeting with MP Danny Chambers we still await a meeting with MOD Estate Surveyors. Clerk has chased the MP's office for an update.

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 and terms of reference is ready to be approved. All Councillors and Cllr Godfrey received papers in advance of the meeting. Councillors discuss the changes and decide if they wish to implement the documents.

The Terms of Reference were approved and the sustainability group now need to adopt them.

It was RESOLVED to approve the Policy. All aspects of social and environmental values have been considered.

- **Sustainability Catch Up Meeting** – Cllr Stephen Godfrey & Clerk Rachael Jones were unable to meet up this month.

SOUTH WONSTON SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATION TEAM MEETING

7.30pm – 9.00pm, 3rd February 2025, The Pavilion

MINUTES

Apologies for absence. Phil Oram.

Present. Lillie Holmes, Kim , Sonia Roper, Neil Roper, Nickey Turner, John Cooper, Stephen Godfrey

Minutes from previous meetings were agreed. PC had agreed funding for Fresk event, PAT training and website subscription. All other matters arising were on this agenda.

Parish Council – Update and briefings

- Draft Sustainability Policy – Revised document not yet received.
- Update from January meeting – confirm PAT equipment budget (£500)
- Join Community First - £10 a year. Gives access to appropriate First Aid in Workplace Training at £95 a head.

Review recent events

- Repair Café –15-20 attendees. Now is time to gradually increase advertising and promotion. Photos/descriptions of successful repairs to be used on website. Restarters.net website allows recording savings on repairs. WI provision of refreshments is going well for both us and WI.

- Social Event. Worth doing on a regular basis. Next meeting on 20 March at 1930.
- Anaerobic Digester visit. Useful and positive. Quarterly updates promised.

Forthcoming events

- Fresk Event – 8th February. Currently, 10 acceptances, but no PCllrs or other organisation reps. Promote online again.
- Repair Café – 22nd February and 22nd March and 26th April. Seed swap table at March RP.
- Plant and Giving Event – May 2025. Probably 24th or 26th May. Plant Sale – Liz Fenn. Could be alongside Repair Café.

Sub-Group Updates

- Travel. Should PC support improvements to village Bus service? Stephen to raise with PC. Peter Symonds parents most affected, but primary school children will be parget as well.
- Circular economy.
- Energy. Some use of thermal imaging camera. Case Studies for newsletter. WeCan event on 17 Feb in Bishops Waltham with Stu to promote next steps.
- Food Group. Food Waste Action Week 3rd March. No events, but local promotion of Buy Loose. Working Winchester Food Partnerhip.

Communications

- Website/Social Media
- West Dever News items. Full page for WDN promoting March Repair Café.
- Group Newsletter. More notice required.

Stephen to contact Sarah Kevestan about 1st Aid Training for Repair Café and other events.

Date of next meeting – 3rd March 2025, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

- Air Quality

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

David Ingram has spoken with Clerk about WCC potentially offering for free one of their meters 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 with the direction the

Council wants to go? It should be noted that WCC have the resource.

To be noted

24/164 PAVILION & RECREATION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2025

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None were received.

PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

The Chair expressed concern about the Pavilion roof. One corner had a patch of tiles which appeared to have lifted after recent high winds. Darren Jones had nailed down a number of tiles but this damage was recent. JP expressed a wish to go into the loft to assess the problem. Members agreed that Darren Raymond should be called out to tackle repair or replacement.

Members also agreed to invite John Taylor to suggest a suitable method of replacing the picket fence. Concrete posts were thought better than wood, but wooden paling to match the building would have to accompany them.

Members discussed next steps with the side access project. It was decided to supplement existing information by meeting the contractors, starting with Rocon, to request their detailed specifications and quotes. Three quotes were required. The ash tree next to the Pavilion, which is suffering from Ash Die-Back, would have to be felled to make room. It would be replaced, possibly by a cherry tree, elsewhere on the recreation ground. An oak tree had already been chosen for a site near the Skate Park in honour of former Councillor David Selby.

Clerk confirmed that the new bench would arrive in the next couple of weeks and the remaining abandoned bicycle would be re-homed.

FINANCE

Clerk had recently had a meeting with Swifts Football Club. The club was currently running two junior teams in South Wonston, a third in Sutton Scotney, which wants to stay there, and an adult Sunday team. She noted that Swifts had been affected by Covid and were still rebuilding their teams. The representative left with the contracts to sign and return within the week. Clerk advised that she would send the full invoice for the year in February for September to May. Her usual practice was to invoice in two parts in November and February. The last November invoice had not been paid. The next contracts would be due in July. The raised invoice would cover the whole year. JP suggested raising the rates to recoup the expense, currently not covered, of maintaining the pitches. Clerk stated that it was difficult to judge what was being charged elsewhere because of the different charging

mechanisms. She had raised the recent issue with Swifts of the state of the pitches due to poor weather and the inadvisability of playing on them. The club members agreed that inspections were late on Sundays and there wasn't enough information about fixtures. Committee members agreed that training and matches couldn't continue in bad conditions. FS recommended getting a second-hand roller. After the meeting, he inspected the pitches and concluded that they were in fair but not good condition.

Happy Days were pleased with their new rate, it was reported, and their numbers had not changed much. One member of staff was stepping away for a while but others were closing the gap.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

To be noted

24/165 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

- School Crossing Flashing Lights

Clerk has emailed HCC's Kevin Hyde twice. Still no update as to why the school crossing flashing lights are not working. Clerk will send on to Jan Warwick to progress.

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

Cllr John Berry was unable to give an update as he did not attend the meeting.

Wonston Parish Council pay £150 to have two devices maintained per month along with data capture. Clerk to see if the devices in the village can be offered the same service.

It was RESOLVED to run a trial of 3 months, if compatible.

24/166 RIGHTS OF WAY**- Ox Drove and Lower Road**

The Lengthsmen have completed putting woodchip down around the entrances of the recreation ground and along Lower Road and Ox Drove cut-through points.

To be noted

24/167 POLICIES

Winchester City Council adopted the new Code of Conduct in November and would now like all Parish Councils to do the same.

It was RESOLVED to approve the Policy. All aspects of social and environmental values have been considered.

24/168 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

All Cllrs to update their register of interest forms.

To be noted

24/169 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:-

15/1/25 – A resident of South Wonston - Air Quality (x2)

30/1/25 – A resident of South Wonston – Vehicle Parked on Ox Drove

10/2/25 – A resident of South Wonston – Access historical data from One Network. It goes to HCC Highways. Can we get access?

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

Clerk met with Greg Talt to discuss how to promote the Parish Council, pavilion and village hall regular hires, plus one-off events using social media and boosting. Cost £25ph to set up and £50 per week going forward.

It was RESOLVED to a three-month trial of the service

24/170 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 9.38pm