



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

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

24/171 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Street, County Cllr Warwick and Lt Col Fraser Dowling.

24/172 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

24/173 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kings Barton Residents' Association attended the meeting as they would like the Parish Council to support their petition which now has 3300 signatures from local residents including residents of South Wonston.

The Petition stated "We call on Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council to RE-OPEN Andover Road as a requirement for the approval of the Sir John Moore Barracks redevelopment".

Cllr Perrins commented on the M3/A34 works and housing developments of Kings Barton and Sir John Moore Barracks. Cllr Jordan asked about whether they were looking at Air Quality?

All Cllrs voted to support the petition and asked what the next steps are. The Residents Association representatives explained that the Local Plan inspector is being lobbied and asked if we can all do so as individuals.

A resident commented that if Andover Road closes the quickest route into Winchester will be via Alresford Drove and into Kings Worthy

24/174 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE

Cllrs Horrill & Godfrey gave an update from Winchester City Council which included:-

- The inspector will attend on 22nd April for four weeks and is currently asking more questions about the sites. Omission sites like Lanham Lane will not be examined.;
- Going forward, Winchester is looking to work with other authorities to further develop the next Local Plan, for example with regard to nitrates;
- The New Towns plan will be decided in July. This includes 20,000 houses in Micheldever. If approved, it will not reduce the number of houses (18,000) to be delivered in the Local Plan;
- The Council decided on their budget for 2025 which includes an increase in Council Tax of 2.75%;
- Winchester has been approached by a developer to build on a site on Christmas Hill.

Lt Col Fraser Dowling gave his apologies from Worthy Down. Clerk emailed to ask what their plans are for the VE Day celebrations and asked if their band could play at the pavilion.

Cllr Warwick gave her apologies and submitted her monthly update which is attached to the minutes

DEVOLUTION & REORGANISATION

Cllr Perrins asked if more information can be sent to residents telling them what is happening, rather than “go find”. Cllr Godfrey said that Council elections have been cancelled to support two other streams; which are:-

- Devolution and creation of a Mayor - decisions made by the new body will be at a strategic level instead of central government;
- The Government has instructed fifteen local councils to propose jointly how to re-organise. This is unlikely to be agreed until after September 2025.

Hampshire County Council would like to invite you to join us at a specially organised online Teams Live event to brief you on the County Council’s response to the Government’s proposals for Devolution for the wider Hampshire and Solent region, as well as Local Government Reorganisation, and what this means for our local communities and businesses.

The County Council and Cabinet will be discussing both devolution and reorganisation on the 20 March and 21 March, and this briefing will provide the opportunity to hear more about our proposed response.

To find out more about both Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation in Hampshire and the Solent, please visit our [dedicated webpage and FAQs](#). The consultation runs for eight weeks from 10am, 17 February 2025 to 11:59pm on 13 April 2025.

DEVOLUTION AND REORGANISATION BRIEFING FOR PARISH COUNCILS 19/2/2025

Cllrs Horrill and Godfrey chaired this Teams meeting for Winchester District Parish Councils.

The Government has given the go-ahead to Hampshire Solent (Hampshire County Council, Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight) to be considered as the first group to be put forward for devolution. The joint unitary authorities will become a combined authority with an elected mayor in 2026. Local elections will be postponed. As a second stream of local government reorganization, leaders will work out the formation of the new unitary authorities. The appropriate size for the combined authorities and new unitary authorities is considered to be a population of 500,000 people. Smaller sizes might be considered. In March 2025, an outline plan must be sent to the Government. By 26th September, the plan must be approved by all stakeholders. This will establish a single tier of local government, of the right size to withstand financial shocks, to prioritize the deliver of sustainable services, to support a dual approach, to undertake strong community engagement and demonstrate working together in response to local needs.

Consultants KPMG have been tasked with examining the data relating to the composition of groups. Factors include business rates, debt levels, resources, financial exposures (contracts) and re-generation. This data will be combined with the number of residents which will meet the criteria for the unitary authorities. Southampton has apparently indicated a preference for ward level divisions rather than districts combined together. This would require a Boundary Commission Review. There is a possibility that some current authorities might “cherry pick” the “better” parts of other districts. All authorities have to agree on their submission.

What will be the effect of devolution on Parish Councils and Town Councils? Devolution might enhance their role and empower people in local government. It could give them a greater level of involvement and unite them to take on financial matters. Parish Councils could pitch to take over higher tier authority assets, using an increased precept in the absence of funding. Parish and Town Councils should talk to HALC (Hampshire Association of Local Councils) for advice and draw up a list of their own assets to aid the process.

Questions were invited.

What size is each authority? There are 1.9 million people in the Greater Hampshire area, 250,000 in Portsmouth, 250,000 in Southampton, 90-

150,000 in the districts and 120,000 in the Isle of Wight. The new unitary authorities will contain 500,000-1.2 million as a maximum. They might support a slightly smaller number. The Isle of Wight might become a separate unitary authority in conjunction with three or maybe two unitary authorities. The unitary authorities must be equal in various criteria -not all wealthy, not all on lower incomes- and be a mix of varied band Council Tax payers and employment so adult services are viable.

Can we use our own asset registers? Yes, and a list of any contracts, liabilities and responsibilities of Winchester City Council which might be lost. We must make sure nothing goes between the gaps. There is an opportunity for these to get wider. Parish and Town Councils will have to pick up the pieces after responsibilities have been agreed. The Asset List, plus a contracts and commitments list, is very important.

Will fields registered with Fields in Trust be affected? No, all current agreements will stand and not be changed.

What about City governance discussions for Littleton and Harestock if the two parishes are split? The unparished areas in the city will come into the new Winchester Town Council and so will neighbouring parishes on the edge of the city, including Harestock. There is an opportunity for a more influential and better resourced authority.

Will Parish Councils have to send representatives to a newly-formed Winchester Town Council? How can we make sure we're not left behind unable to carry forward our normal business, especially planning issues? Parish Councils are a legal body or statutory authority whose parish boundaries can't be altered without the residents' agreement. Nor can assets and responsibilities be removed without consent, Unless specifically involved, there is a risk that Parish Councils may not be considered when changes are applied. They must be involved in the consideration of any decision before it is made.

Is there any prospect of Winchester joining Basingstoke? Basingstoke is probably more inclined towards joining Test Valley, Rushmore and East Hampshire. Winchester does however have an interest in plans for Manydown and Popham Airfield.

Do we consult our constituency for feedback about devolution? Public consultation on devolution plans will take place until 13th April. It won't cover local government reorganization except in passing. Parish Councils should consider their views and submit them before the end of June, but they do need to know the proposals. Should they join other Parish Councils to share common interests and a larger volunteer pool, or stay as they are?

Are Cllrs Horrill and Godfrey on any steering committees? Cllr Godfrey was not. He receives briefings but the leader of the City Council chairs the decision-making group. Will the decisions feed down to us?

What isn't changing? Existing Local Plans will still be coherent and applicable during the transition. Four local plans will merge into a new plan once the unitary authority is formed. Winchester needs to complete the emerging plan and drive forward with the next. Planning rules will remain the same; the Local Plan for Winchester will apply to land covered by the unitary authority.

Will Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council functions become part of the unitary authority? All contracts etc can be passed over to a different body. We don't know how much flexibility is possible or desirable.

What are the time scales for boundary reviews that a change in parish boundaries might encounter? The Boundary Commission will deal with significant reviews. A Community Governance Review could be carried out within the timescales of the transition. The amalgamation of Littleton and Harestock took twelve to eighteen months to complete. It involved a significant amount of view gathering.

Should South Wonston Parish Council be independent or join forces with other parish councils? At present services can be called on from the city and county council, but in future it would be better for parish councils to take on responsibility, for example for the maintenance of Rights of Way, for which more resources may be required. This would be easier and less formal under a joint scheme. Clerk should contact colleagues in a number of other parish councils to see if they would like to co-operate. There will be extra councillors in Downlands Division and in Cllr Porter's division to represent South Wonston and its fellow parish councils. (Divisions contain 13-14,000 people).

Will planning remain the same? The planning function should remain largely intact. City Council officers will be looking for jobs and to be moved across to the new authority in their current roles. There is a significant risk if they are not. People and the quality of resources should remain the same.

Cllr Godfrey confirmed that another briefing session would be held around 15th March before the decision on the initial reorganization plan was taken at the end of March. He and Cllrs Horrill and Cunningham would be happy to take further questions in the meantime. A recording had been made of the present meeting.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

24/175 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 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.

24/176 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025

None

To be noted

24/177 RECRUITMENT OF A VACANCY

Clerk to continue to re-advertise the vacancy. Greg has started to work on the social media

To be noted

24/178 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 28th February 2025 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 86,959.66
Lloyds Account 10	£ 99,274.40
Total =	£186,234.06

To be noted

- Financial Systems Risk Assessment 2025/26

Clerk submitted the updated financial risk document for the year. A copy has been sent to the internal auditor.

TO BE RESOLVED to approve the document.

- Asset Register 2024/25

An updated register was submitted for approval

TO BE RESOLVED to approve the document

- Earmarked Reserves

To agree earmarked reserves of :-

Pavilion Building (to include provision for roof, flooring and ground source heating) = £50K

Land purchase to the east of the Pavilion
4 acres @ £13K agricultural land = £52K

Insurance Reserve was removed. Any claim would need to be covered

from annual precept

TO BE RESOLVED to approve the changes and update the accounts.

24/179 PLANNING

- Applications to be considered.

Reference	25/00262/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-13758665
Application Received	Fri 07 Feb 2025
Application Validated	Mon 10 Feb 2025
Address	7 Rowan Close South Wonston Winchester Hamp
Proposal	T1.Whitebeam :- fell [This tree is very close to the drive and is starting to damage the drive and kerb it is getting a bit large for the small front garden now]. A replacement tree will be planted. T2. Beech:- lift canopy to 2.5 meters.
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Comment	No Comment

- Decisions by WCC

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
Decision	Application Permitted
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
Decision	Application Permitted

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 Har
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
Decision	Application Permitted

To be noted

- Enforcements Open

The WCC Enforcement Consultation has been completed and submitted on behalf of the Parish Council by Cllr Peal. A copy of her answers has been emailed to the Parish Councillors

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

An email has been received from WCC to say that they did register the new investigation on the day of the refusal being received from the Planning Inspectorate, 23rd July 2024, as outlined in the email.

Following on from this we assessed the decision of the Planning Inspectorate and whilst the Planning Inspectorate found in favour of the Local Authority, the decision clearly concluded that permission for an alternative temporary dwelling is acceptable. As a result Winchester City Council is working with the owner's agent regarding a new temporary planning application and the nature of it. This has included the submission of a pre-application enquiry. Whilst details of this is not in the public domain we will inform residents and the Parish Council once this information is available.

To be noted

- Local Plan

PLANNING INSPECTOR'S NOTE 2 STAGE 1 HEARINGS MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS

INTERMEDIATE RURAL SETTLEMENTS: SOUTH WONSTON SETTLEMENT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT

Would the adjustment to the settlement boundary at South Wonston be justified by the evidence and would it accord a clear and easily understood methodology that has been consistently applied?

We have said before that the "minor adjustment" to the settlement boundary to include the remainder of the rear gardens at 63-69 Wrights Way and the Land Adjacent to Chaucer Close gains at most eight dwellings only accessible via the front driveway of 1, Canterbury Cottages and the two proposed parking spaces at Plots B and C shown in a planning application (21/02504/FUL) which was refused. We have also maintained that the methodology used for the 2014 Settlement Boundary Review was not used for the current iteration (a more up to date Settlement Boundary Review is apparently unavailable); there has been no advertised site visit, or consultation with the Parish Council. We only discovered the adjustment on publication of Regulation 18. We could say that whatever methodology was applied, it was consistent, as the Regulation 19 submission plan and Local Plan Policies Map 2024 clearly reveal that SW01 Land at West Hill Rd North has been included within a second settlement boundary adjustment. Hardly a minor adjustment. This addition has been confirmed for us by the Strategic

Planning Team. On the Policies Map, South Wonston appears under Policy H4, which lists those settlements with settlement boundaries where development in accordance with the Development Plan will be permitted. Elsewhere countryside policies apply. For us, this used to be MTRA 3 (Other Settlements in the Market Towns and Rural Area) of Local Plan Part 1. The Land at West Hill Rd North is apparently no longer in the countryside, which nullifies much of any argument against it. The only conceivable reason for inclusion of this allocation within the Settlement Boundary is that it would hinder objection and nicely round off this corner of the parish. The sole benefit is that an attempt to access West Hill Rd North via Chaucer Close can be discounted.

SWOI: LAND AT WEST HILL RD NORTH

What is the status of the Village Design Statement? Would it be desirable for the development of Policy SW01 to accord with that document, and if so, through what mechanism would this be secured? The Village Design Statement was adopted in 2014. It is out of date and Area 5 (Settlement Areas, Map 7), The Surrounding Countryside Area, is no longer applicable to the upper section of West Hill Rd North, and nor is Area 4, West Hill Roads North and South, or the map of Hedges, Trees and Open Spaces (Map 6). Work on a new Village Design Statement is under way, but it is unlikely to be completed until after the emerging Local Plan is approved. It is not possible for the development of SW01 to accord with the 2014 Village Design Statement.

SW01 includes a phasing restriction. Would this be justified by the evidence?

The Land at West Hill Rd North (SW01) is a greenfield site. The new Local Plan (Strategic Policy H2) provides for greenfield allocations to be scheduled for the later phase (2013-2040). Sites already with planning permission, completed sites and previously developed land (brownfield), which can have a long lead in, will fall into the earlier phase (2020-2030). This system will maintain provision by distributing sites evenly between the two phases and avoiding excessive fluctuation in the housing trajectory. South Wonston is included on a list of sites which won't be granted planning permission before April 2030, unless required to overcome a district level land supply shortfall (unlikely) or would fulfil a local need (SW01 was rejected some time ago as a Rural Exception Site).

Would the policy make appropriate provisions for offsite infrastructure needs?

Policy SW01 refers to connection to the nearest point of adequate capacity in the sewerage and water supply and/or making arrangements for appropriate water and drainage disposal with the service provider (x), protecting the ground water Source Protection Zone (xi) and contributing to the infrastructure needed to make the development acceptable in planning terms including addressing any need for education provision (primary and secondary) to meet the needs of the development (xii). It is left to the accompanying text to mention the avoidance of contamination of the principal aquifer, the contribution to secondary education deemed necessary (14.174), the inadequate mains sewage and drainage provision (14.175) and encouraging the developers to contact the NHS

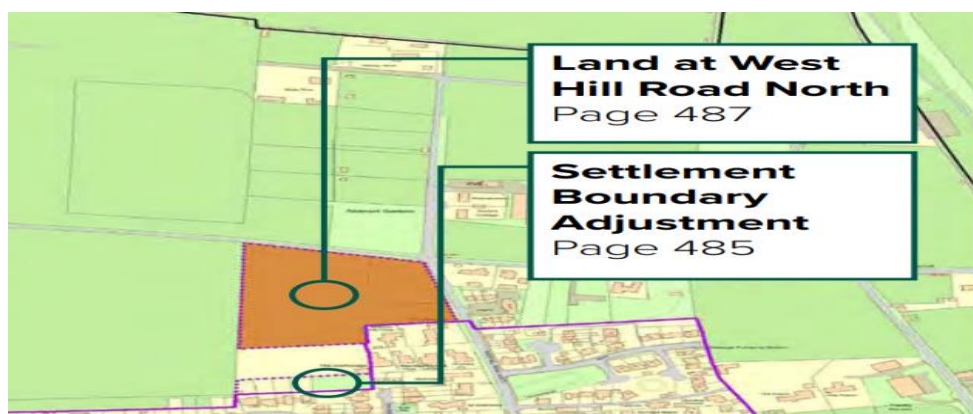
Integrated Care Board regarding the current position regarding below standard space in GP practices and any requests for support from the Integrated Care Board to fund expansion (14.176). This last doesn't feature in the Policy. Further clarification must be sought from the Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2024, which sets out the SW01 allocation's need for a contribution towards the secondary education needs of the eight secondary school pupils calculated to be resident in the forty house development who will most likely attend Henry Beaufort School in Winchester (the calculated twelve primary school pupils can be comfortably absorbed by South Wonston Primary School) and for expanded capacity at the Gratton Surgery, Sutton Scotney, at the cost of £615.00 per house. A letter from Southern Water appended to the Infrastructure Delivery Plan describes the big upgrade to wastewater transfer from Sutton Scotney to the Harestock Sewer Catchment which will meet the growth anticipated in the Local Plan at Brightlands and West Hill Rd North hopefully by 2030 when planning permissions will commence.

While Policy SW01 does make appropriate provisions for offsite infrastructure needs, with the exception of additional space for the Gratton Surgery, it would benefit from use of greater detail. The accompanying text should be reinforced by the Infrastructure Delivery Plan and the resulting amendments should be reflected in the Policy.

WCC Strategic Planning Team have emailed re: Settlement Boundary being extended.

The proposed amended settlement boundary line is shown as a purple dashed line on page 484 of the Regulation 19 Local Plan.

The extract below shows the proposed amended settlement boundary around the proposed allocated site and the gardens of the neighbouring properties.



To be noted

- Land to the East of the Pavilion

MP Danny Chambers' office has contacted Clerk today to say they have no further update at present but will chase after 10 working days.

A resident of South Wonston has offered for free that one of her family members will put together a drawing showing the allotments, memorial garden and community orchard.

To be noted

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

Sustainability Catch up meeting – Cllr Stephen & Rachael Jones were unable to meet up this month

1. Sustainability Policy – PC to only send on reports that need recommendation
 - Stephen to bring up the point that if recommendations are made, the Parish Council will ensure they respond.
 - Annual report to be brought to the annual meeting
 - Village Survey to include the sustainability group
 - First Aid Training with Community First
2. Biodiversity – Looking for a lead
3. Repair Café – Booking made for the Pavilion to October 25.
4. Consultation on Transport Survey – sent on from John Cooper
5. Working with school PTA – Let's go zero campaign
6. Plant Giving Event running alongside repair cafe– 26th April, 24th May 2025

DRAFT SOUTH WONSTON SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATION TEAM MEETING

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

MINUTES

Apologies for absence. Phil Oram, John Cooper, Nickey Turner, Vibeke Fennell, Kim Blakeway, Sam Watts

Attendees: Lillie Holmes, Sonia Roper, Neil Roper, Stephen Godfrey
Agree minutes from previous meetings – Add Vibeke to apologies for February meeting. Matters arising: First Aid training budget carried forward.

Parish Council – Update and briefings

- Adopted Sustainability Policy – PC need to actively pass reports for review to Sustainability Group. Any recommendations made by Sustainability Group must be considered for action by PC.

- Adopted Sustainability Terms of Reference. Annual Report – Can any notes be made at the end of each monthly minutes to build up report. Stephen to add new Agenda Item to record monthly progress notes for both PC and Sustainability Group. Question about “village survey to research use of resources”. Lillie to produce draft survey.
- Update from February meeting – no meeting with clerk in February.
- Join Community First - £10 a year. Gives access to appropriate First Aid in Workplace Training at £95 a head. Three to be trained, so total= £295.

Review recent events

- Fresk Event – 15 attendees. Quite strong and direct message for all with everyone making explicit commitments to act. Only PTA represented – no other groups or organisations. Would a second event be better attended?
- Repair Café and Seed Swap. 14 repairs made this month. More booked in for next month. Pre-booking helps, so promotion will improve preparation and take up. Thanks to Avril Burt and Hazel Wright for help with seed swap. Seeds now being displayed outside Sam’s house. Nickey to confirm to Lillie what information can be put on website.

Forthcoming events

- Repair Café – 22nd March (with seed swap) and 26th April and 24th May.
- Plant and Giving Event – May 2025. Giving Event to be postponed. Plant Event to be run alongside Repair Café – Nickey to liaise with plant providers.
- Social Event – 20th March - 1930 in Drovers.

Sub-Group Updates

- Travel. John is to respond (on PC behalf) to a transport policy consultation run by Transport for the South East.
- Circular economy. RP continues.
- Energy. Attended WeCan event of energy champions. Looking at heat pump suppliers and similar. Advice hub being set up from April.
- Food Group. Can we commit to Winchester Food Partnership Good Food Charter? Coordination Group to consider by next meeting. SWS board to contain more about Food Waste.

Communications

- Let’s Go Zero – Nickey to work with Vibeke and school to find out how group can support approach.
- Monthly Newsletter. Send to Nickey.
- Website/Social Media. Notes made

- West Dever News items. Seed swap and Repair Café and photos of village.

Date of next meeting – 7th April 2025, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

- Air Quality

Clerk has been contacted by Phil Tidridge WCC who said that the air quality meters have already been allocated, and wasn't sure that what we want to achieve would be done with their meters as they only look at PM 2.5

She has not yet explored any further working with local clerks, who are potentially interested in a joint working venture

Cllr Jordan asked what do we want? Would what we get make it worth the financial investment? Do we stop housing? The road closure at Andover Road?

Clerk to arrange a Teams meeting with Cllrs from Headbourne Worthy.

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

24/181

PAVILION & RECREATION

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

PRESENT

Chair Cllr Perrins, Cllr Peal and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Street.

PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

John Taylor attended the meeting to advise on the replacement of the picket fence. Members agreed on a 3'6" high fence with 6' arras rails made up of hardwood (cedar) pales, posts and rails and two gates at either end. The fence would not be painted white but coated with cedar stain which could be applied on completion and subsequently every two years. To prevent rotting, the posts would benefit from a good coat of stain at ground level. Cedar will last 15-30 years with correct maintenance, much longer than pine. Mr Taylor undertook to provide a quotation.

The meeting moved to a discussion about the next Fete. It was proposed to have a music event for all ages with a bar and food served on the car park and possibly a bouncy castle and Dog Show along with other entertainments. The Fete Committee would consist of members of groups who wished to be involved and raise money for their organisations. Responsibility would be shared jointly with Clerk.

Equipment would be sufficiently portable so as not to need access onto the field by the emergency/maintenance gate or any proposed north side entrance.

Darren Jones had secured about twenty-five roof tiles and would continue to secure them as required.

It was agreed that someone should be called out to look at the Velux window which was suffering from rain driving upwards on the corner. Clerk had contacted Swifts because the scrap metal had not been removed. Mr Jones would take it to Bullington for a 50% share of the sale. Swifts would mark which items were for disposal.

Symon Tilley had replaced a toilet mechanism in the Ladies' Toilets. Mr Jones would replace or repair the lock on another facility in there. A dark green and a dark blue protective panel (300x500mm) to prevent water stains had been placed under the paper towel dispenser in the Ladies' and Gentlemen's toilets.

Ray Watts would be invited to refresh the paintwork in the Parish Room and the toilets.

C&D Trees would begin work on planting a Copper Beech for retired Councillor David Selby on a day to be confirmed. It would be placed near the Skate Park where it would eventually replace the diseased Ash.

FINANCE

Clerk confirmed that Swifts had not signed their contracts, nor paid their fees due last November. It was suggested that all games should be suspended until payment was made. Clerk would summarize the relevant points in a communication for approval and dispatch by the Chair. A meeting with Swifts would be arranged to discuss the precise numbers of matches.

It was agreed that Happy Days should continue to pay £7.00 per hour for the foreseeable future.

There was a discussion about the access which has been put on hold, until needed

To be noted

24/182 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors

All Highways defected have been completed. Clerk to get moss cleared by the lengthsman. The Parish Council need to look at a way to have the village inspected and problems reported to HCC.

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	No Work Required
O/s 10 Downsland Way, South Wonston	Repair uneven footway	21718043	No Work Required
O/s 27 Downsland Way, South Wonston	Repair uneven footway	21718042	No Work Required
Blackthorn Close j/w Downsland Way, South Wonston	Repair carriageway pothole	21718041	No Work Required
Grove Close, South Wonston	Repair two carriageway potholes	21718038	No Work Required
Grove Close j/w Downs Road, South Wonston	Repair carriageway pothole	21718036	Enquiry Closed
O/s 40 Downs Road, South Wonston	Carriageway pothole need repairing	21718033	No Work Required
O/s 16 Downs Road, South Wonston	Damaged pavement	21718031	No Work Required
Opposite 1 Markson Road, South Wonston	Missing/ dropped sets	21718029	No Work Required
O/s 34 Stavedown Road, South Wonston	Uneven pavement	21718027	No Work Required
O/s 51A Downs Road, South Wonston	Sunken Southern Water reinstatement	21718026	Passed to 3rd Party
Stainers Lane before Stavedown Road, South Wonston	Faded speed limit sign	21718025	Works Completed
Outside GP Surgery, South Wonston	Pothole around cover	21718024	Works Completed
Christmas Hill	Sweepers required to sweep pavement	RJ	TBA
Grove Close, South Wonston	Moss on pavement	RJ	TBA
Oaklands, South Wonston	Moss on pavement	RJ	TBA

4 Armstrong Close, South Wonston	Moss on pavement	RJ	TBA
Outside 102 Downs Road, South Wonston	Worn carriageway around gully	21727171	Works Completed
Outside 2 Wrights Close, South Wonston	Pothole around manhole cover	21727172	Works Completed
Outside 23 Wrights Close, South Wonston	Overrun grass verge	21727175	Enquiry Closed
Opposite Windy Hull, South Wonston	Uneven footway	21727177	No Work Required
Goldfinch Way junction with White Hill Road, South Wonston	Faded junction marking	21727179	Works Completed
47 Wrights Way, South Wonston	moss and acorn on pavement	RJ	TBA
Waverley Drive opposite Spruce Close, South Wonston	moss on pavement	RJ	TBA
Long Barrow Close, South Wonston	moss on pavement	RJ	TBA

M3 Junction 9 Improvements Project

There will be a Public Information Event to provide more information about the project and what to expect during construction. The engagement van will be in the Tesco car park at Winnall on Saturday 15 and Monday 17 March 2025. Colleagues in our design and delivery teams will be available on the day to answer questions you may have about the project. Event: M3 junction 9 improvements Public Information Event Location: Tesco Extra car park, Winnall, SO23 7RS Dates: Saturday 15 and Monday 17 March 2025 Times: 10am to 3pm. Members of the public to visit our website to find out the latest developments and subscribe to be kept up to date: <http://nationalhighways.co.uk/m3junction9>. Any questions, or would like to know about our work, please contact us on 0300 123 5000, or email M3Junction9Improvements@nationalhighways.gov.uk.

To be noted

- School Crossing Flashing Lights

Update received from HCC Traffic

Thank you for your email and I must correct you in saying that I am unable to resolve this issue. Initially I was under the impression that

when the lights were installed then they would be programmed and all would be well. It was not until you brought to my attention that the issue was discovered. I believe I have mentioned that the situation was not the fault of HCC but was that of a third party.

Unfortunately, you may appreciate that work in large organisations requires to be programmed and I am sure that this is not the only piece of work within HCC that is being undertaken by Enerveo.

I can advise you that I have resolved this issue (without the influence of external influences) and can confirm that Enerveo have assured me that the equipment required to resolve this matter has been received. The equipment now requires to be passed over to the team responsible in sorting the timings on site. I have asked to be advised when the lights have been programmed on site as then I was going to email you that the lights were working.

In order for the lights to be operational correctly can you by return email advise me of the start and finish times of the school please.

Following the email workmen were on site on 10th March trying to fix the lights. Apparently, there was no software linked to the unit, therefore it has never worked.

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

Clerked to email Cllr John Berry the details of the person Wonston PC use to maintain their SDU's and produce monthly data.

To be noted

Transport for the South East Draft Transport Strategy Consultation

John Cooper completed the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. A reminder of the draft consultation was recirculated to Councillors.

To be noted

24/183 DISCRETIONARY POLICY

HCC have requested that the Discretionary Policy be update which relates to employees in the current pension scheme. Cllr Peal and Clerk attended a Teams meeting before updating the new draft policy which has been checked by HCC. It should be noted that the previous Clerk is already drawing on her pension and the current Clerk joined the scheme in 2015; therefore most of the policy does not relate to them.

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

24/184 GRANT

Grants have received from:-

- South Wonston Twinning Association = £400 for costs incurred to pay for the French guests.
- Swifts Football Club = £250 which helps towards paying for the line marking paint.

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

The meeting was agreed to be extended at 9.30pm

24/185 GENERAL AMENITIES

- **South Wonston Music Event**

Members considered holding a music, food and drink event with local non-profit groups in the village making up the working party.

To be noted

- **Litter Picking**

Clerk to contact Wonston to get a copy of their Volunteer Disclaimer form and then arrange groups to litter pick during March & April along Christmas Hill & Alresford Drove

To be noted

24/186 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Cllr Jordan & Cllr Berry to update their register of interest forms which Clerk will submit to WCC

To be noted

24/187 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:-**

6/2/25 – A resident of South Wonston - Memorial Garden

10/3/25 – A resident of South Wonston – Concrete Crusher (x2)

Mayors Volunteering Awards have been given to:-

Nicky Leyton- Event

Jenny Webb – Community Café.

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 working with the website provider on the “Our Village” page

Greg Talt has taken on running the Facebook page for the Parish Council and created a number of posters. Facebook now has a number of stories popping up along with daily posts.

Over the next month Clerk will ensure Greg has received and is posting posters for all of the hires at the Pavilion.

The notices@southwonston-pc.gov.uk email address needs to publicised.

To be noted

24/188 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 14th April 2025** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston

The meeting closed at 9.43pm