



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 14th April 2025 at 7.30PM
To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion

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

25/001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Street & Lt Col Fraser

25/002 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

25/003 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident raised about the hole by the bus stop pole in West Hill Road North which Clerk said she would log the problem with HCC. He also commented that he would like to see the Parish Council minutes on the website within 2 weeks of the meeting and also showed an interest in re-joining the Parish Council.

25/004 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE

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

- The consultation on devolution closed on 13/4/25. The next stage is the local government re-organisation which HCC has set out a list of principles which will be proposed in sept before a

- public consultation;
- Small grants to be re-opened soon;
- There is a Free Sunday bus scheme starting in May from Winchester to Andover via South Wonston;
- Electric Vehicle Charging and Anaerobic Digester are fully operational;
- Concerns have been raised about the Planning Application in Blackthorn Close. The Council have already raised their concerns on comments to WCC and requested it go to Council

Cllr Perrins made a request about the Parish Councillors be invited to visit the anaerobic digester site.

DEVOLUTION & REORGANISATION

Information from Winchester City Council

The Government's [Devolution Consultation](#), which is seeking people's views on proposals to establish a new Mayoral Strategic Authority for Southampton, Portsmouth, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will close on **11.59pm on 13 April**.

The proposals, if agreed, would create an elected mayor for the region, with Government transferring a selection of powers to the new combined authority (known as devolution). Head [over to our website](#) to find out more.

As you know from our recent meetings, Government asked that we - along with most of the country - send an update on our plans to re-organise local councils in our area by 21 March 2025. The Joint Interim Plan for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), which has been developed by all 15 councils in the Hampshire & Solent area, has now been sent to the Government, following its discussion at Winchester City Council [Full Council](#) and [Cabinet](#) meetings last week.

The interim plan outlines guiding principles that should be followed when developing plans for new unitary authorities and importantly requests further clarification from government in a number of areas.

The interim plan does not contain details for what the new unitary councils will look like or what geography they will cover at this stage.

However, it does state that analysis will consider existing economic geographies, principally centred around Basingstoke, Winchester, Southampton and Portsmouth. Further detailed work is needed before

this can happen and importantly, provide the opportunity for the public to have their say before final plans are submitted later this year.

Hampshire County Council - have your say on Devolution for Hampshire and the Solent area

There's still time for people to have their say on once-in-a-generation Devolution proposals for Hampshire and the Solent region, in the Government's public consultation.

Go online before 11.59pm on Sunday 13 April to give your feedback on the idea of having a Mayoral Combined Authority for the Hampshire and Solent region covering the local government areas of Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Isle of Wight Council, and Southampton City Council.

Complete the consultation online

Visit www.gov.uk/hampshire-and-the-solent-devolution

About Devolution

Devolution is about the transfer of powers and funding from national to local government. It's a process that enables more decisions to be made locally, closer to the residents and businesses affected, to help drive economic growth, innovation, and productivity - improving people's quality of life and spearheading the UK's economic recovery in the coming years.

Everyone is encouraged to have their say in Government's consultation on this milestone opportunity for our region.

Your Devolution questions answered

There's lots more information on Hampshire County Council's webpages. Visit www.hants.gov.uk/devolution

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

25/006 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 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.

25/007 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th MARCH 2025

To be noted

25/008 VACANCY & CO-OPTION

Zac Hussain has applied for the role of Councillor. He gave an overview of his application and answered questions put forward by the Councillors. Clerk then handed out paper for a closed ballot to take place. The Councillors all voted for Zac to be co-opted onto the Parish Council, whereby he was invited to join the Councillors table for the meeting to continue.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

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

- the joining of the unitary authorities;
- discussing her monthly report which will be attached at the back of the minutes;

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

- The Council has two by-elections for May, even though County elections have been cancelled;
- Planning Inspector arriving 19/4/25 to look at the current plan;
- Mitcheldever new town in discussion;
- Kings Barton and closure of Andover Road under discussion.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders.**25/009 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 March 2025 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 76,897.74
Lloyds Account 10	£104,994.28
Total =	£181,892.02

To be noted

- Project List

To receive an update of the Project List for 2025/26

To be noted

25/010 PLANNING

- Applications to be considered.

Reference	25/00397/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-13796163
Application Received	Tue 25 Feb 2025
Application Validated	Tue 25 Feb 2025
Address	Chesapeake 15 Markson Road South Wonston W
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	The new extension would be able to be accommodated at the rear of the property. The overall layout is tight on the boundary but doesn't appear to be any loss of amenity to the neighbouring property.
Reference	25/00641/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-13820118
Application Received	Tue 25 Mar 2025
Application Validated	Tue 25 Mar 2025
Address	Land North Of 17 Blackthorn Close South Wonsi
Proposal	Proposed Residential Dwelling
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	See Below

The Parish Council's observation is that the proposed property is out of keeping from with neighbouring properties and will have a negative impact and loss of amenity to neighbouring properties.

To address the serious concerns that have been raised, we recommend that this application be sent to committee and a site visit arranged by the case officer.

Reference	25/00654/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-13890386
Application Received	Wed 26 Mar 2025
Application Validated	Wed 26 Mar 2025
Address	South Wonston Social Club 62 Downs Road Sout
Proposal	Proposed 3 x open sided, detached wooden structure (pergola) to existing frontage b, grounds / garden of the Social Club to be used as covered external seating area. The proposed permanent structure will occupy the exact same location as our existing temporary gazebo and have the same overall dimensions as the existing gazebo. This application simply seeks to replace the current gazebo with a more permanent structure, without altering its footprint or positioning.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	See Below

The Parish Council has no objection in principle.

However, the proposal states that the new wooden gazebo will have 3 open sides and one closed side onto the eastern boundary, the 3D illustration and the planning statement is not consistent with that view, although it does state the eastern side will be made of solid wood. We note that this of concern to close neighbours and needs to be made clear through the planning process.

It is also of concern that the planning statement advises that neighbours in close proximity had been consulted which is refuted by neighbours, perhaps the case officer could ask for clarification on this matter.

Reference	25/00670/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-13895945
Application Received	Thu 27 Mar 2025
Application Validated	Thu 27 Mar 2025
Address	3 Norris Gardens South Wonston Winchester Ha
Proposal	T1 Sycamore crown lift to 5m by removal of

	secondary growth only, reduce sides of canopy radially by up to 2m with a maximum pruning diameter of 50mm to prune away from building and reduce encroachment over parking areas. Reduce height by 1m and a maximum pruning diameter of 50mm to improve form of tree.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	No Comment

Reference	25/00431/LDP
Alternative Reference	PP-13813964
Application Received	Thu 27 Feb 2025
Application Validated	Fri 14 Mar 2025
Address	Quorum 127 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester
Proposal	Proposal to enlarge kitchen/family space by incorporating adjoining car port/garage. Proposal all within existing footprint and profile of existing building. Incorporate fixed "window unit" at front (South Elevation) set back 2m from extent of existing roof overhang. Enclosure to rear to be glazed door unit. Materials and general detail including colour to match existing.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	The extension will be tight on the boundary line, however, should not impact amenity on neighbouring property.

Reference	25/00600/LDP
Alternative Reference	PP-13873847
Application Received	Thu 20 Mar 2025
Application Validated	Thu 20 Mar 2025
Address	11 Green Close South Wonston Winchester Hampshire

Proposal	The conservatory built in 2004 has a tinted glass roof. This prop compliant with both Building Regulations and the latest fire safe replaced to comply with updated safety, security and energy eff apex. Roof Installation Erect scaffolding platform around roof perimeter. Erect New UltraROOF structure.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	No Comment

- Decisions by WCC

None

To be noted

- Enforcements Open

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

To be noted

- Local Plan

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Question 1 Would the adjustment to the settlement boundary at South Wonston be justified by the evidence and would it accord with a clear and easily understood methodology that has been consistently applied? There was no requirement to extend the settlement boundary to include the Land Off Chaucer Close (HA04 Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability (SHELAA) Assessment Report 2023 Appendix B Schedule of Small Sites <1 HA South Wonston SW03 (SHELAA) p 32). It was not a development allocation in SD01 Winchester District Local Plan 2020-2040 Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) August 2024 (Regulation 19 Local Plan) and therefore should not have been enclosed within a proposed extended settlement boundary (Maps pp 484-485 and SD16 Regulation 20 Representations November 2024 Details of Regulation 19 Representations line764 ANON-AQTS-3B55-R (Regulation 19 Representations) Column 1).

The Land off Chaucer Close isn't suitable for development. It is only accessible across the front drive of 1 Canterbury Cottages. To depart

the former paddock, a vehicle would have to negotiate a sharp blind bend into Chaucer Close, where it could come into conflict with another car from neighbouring No 8 Chaucer Close. (Regulation 19 Representations Column 2 and for maps Winchester City Planning 21/02504/FUL).

The above application was refused in 2021 (Decision Notice 10/12/21). A principal reason was the disruption of the local linear pattern of development and the established building line of Chaucer Close. The inclusion of the rear gardens of 63-69 Wrights Way (Regulation 19 Maps pp 484-485) were never put forward for inclusion in the SHELAA. Development would have to use the same access as the Land off Chaucer Close.

The Settlement Boundary Review made in 2014 for LP04 Winchester District Local Plan Part 2 2017 was used as a reference in Regulation 19 Representations Column 1. No Settlement Boundary Review accompanies Regulation 19 Local Plan. The methodology for Regulation 19 Local Plan has to be deduced from study of the Allocations (pp307-501) and SD05 Submission Policies Maps (Map 1).

Edge of settlement allocations are given extended settlement boundaries. This is straightforward, although it doesn't explain the settlement boundary adjustment at 63-69 Wrights Way and Land off Chaucer Close (Regulation 19 Local Plan full-page map dated 2024 p484, smaller maps dated 2022 p485 and SD05 Submission Policies Maps Map 1). It does account for SW01 (Land at West Hill Rd North) (Regulation 19 Local Plan p490) being enclosed within a proposed settlement boundary extension (Regulation 19 Local Plan full-page map dated 2024 p484 and SD05 Submission Policies Maps Map 1).

From earlier reading of the Settlement Boundary Review 2014 (31 p6 c), and the publication of Regulation 19 Local Plan (live from 19/07/2024), South Wonston Parish Council understood the methodology regarding consultation was publication for consultation. It had only discovered its settlement boundary adjustment following the publication of CN01 Winchester District Local Plan 2019-2039 (Regulation 18) (63-69 Wrights Way and Land off Chaucer Close full-page map dated 2022 p492 and smaller maps dated 2022 p493). SW01 was not included in the settlement boundary adjustment in Regulation 18. Regulation 19 Local Plan informed the council that SW01 had been included. The Parish Council regarded itself as a statutory consultee (SD12 Statement of Community Involvement 1.17 and Appendix 2 p37, RP07 National Planning Policy Framework 2023) 3.16 c) and Regulation 19 Representations Column 1 and 2). It could have been further consulted through review of the settlement boundaries necessary when considering the site allocations (Settlement Boundary Review 2014 31.p6 c)) and Regulation 19 Local Plan 9.29 p222). The Parish Council held a public meeting to discuss the SHELAA sites in May 2024 (SD10b Development Strategy and Site Selection Proposed Submission Plan July 2024 (Development Strategy 2024) pp13-14). The council's response showed no awareness of any proposed boundary change (Development Strategy 2024 pp79-90). The November 2022 Background Paper to Development Strategy 2024 contained no specific reference to

the boundary change at Chaucer Close (clearly none had been made) included in Regulation 18 Local Plan (published November 2022) and Regulation 19 Local Plan (published August 2024) (Development Strategy 2024 6.46 p31). Whenever the settlement boundaries were reviewed in connection with the site allocations (Regulation 19 Local Plan 9.29 p222), the Parish Council was not notified or invited. South Wonston Parish Council feels that the methodology was clear enough, once retrieved from the text, but it was not consistently applied (Regulation 19 Representations Column 1), in that the Land off Chaucer Close was not a Local Plan Allocation and the rear gardens of 63-69 Wrights Close were never even included in the SHELAA and SW01 was included within the proposed settlement boundary in Regulation 19 and not Regulation 18 Local Plans (after Regulation 18 Local Plan there were supposed to be no significant changes) (Minutes of South Wonston Parish Council 08/07/2024 p3451). The Parish Council also feels that it could have been consulted about settlement boundary changes during the allocation identification stage and that too represents an inconsistency in the methodology (Regulation 19 Representations Column 1).

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Question 1 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? South Wonston Village Design Statement (VDS07) was adopted in 2014. It conformed with National Planning Policy Framework 2012, the saved policies of Winchester District Local Plan Review 2006 and Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 2013 (LP01,2and3)). Work is currently underway to bring it up to date.

There are themes which are of relevance to SW01 (SD01 Winchester District Local Plan 2020-2040 Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) August 2024 (Regulation 19 Local Plan) p487): the view from Land at West Hill Rd North towards South Wonston Farm (General Design Guidance 2 pp8 -9) (14.171 p488, SW01 vii p490 and SD16 Regulation 20 Representations November 2024 Details of Regulation 19 Local Representations line 764 ANON-AQTS-3B55-R (Regulation 19 Representations) Column 2,) local biodiversity (General Design Guidance 3 p9 and Regulation 19 Representations Column 1 and 2) (Not included in SW01), hedges, trees and open spaces (Appendix Map No. 6) (SW01 vi) and Alresford Drove (Design Guideline 1 Future planning proposals should not increase the burden of traffic on the Alresford Drove p33) (SW01 iii and Regulation 19 Representations Column 1 and 2).

The above themes will resurface in the updated Village Design Statement which will conform, as is required, with the policies of Regulation 19 Local Plan, including Policy SW01 (p490) when it is adopted. When planning applications may begin in 2030, the Village Design Statement (hopefully approved by then as a Supplementary

Planning Document) may be used in conjunction with SW01 to assess planning proposals.

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Question 2 SW01 includes a phasing restriction. Would this be justified by the evidence?

SWOI (Land at West Hill Rd North) (SD01 Winchester District Local Plan 2020-2040 Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 18) August 2024 (Regulation 19 Local Plan) p490) is a greenfield site (SD16 Regulation 20 Representations November 2024 Details of Regulation 19 Representations line 764 ANON-AQTS-£B55-R Column 1), used formerly for grazing and unchanged. The prioritisation of previously developed land (brownfield) is recommended (RP07 National Planning Policy Framework 2023 (NPPF 2023) para 11.124 c)). Greenfield sites can therefore be reserved for later in the plan period. Phasing reduces fluctuation in homes delivery and makes certain of a steady supply of housing sites to 2040 (NPPF 2023 para 5.75). Strategic Policy H2 (Regulation 19 Local Plan Housing Phasing and Supply p219) is accompanied by a diagram illustrating the above point (Regulation 19 Local Plan p218). Winchester City Council has achieved a good level of housing land provision in its HA04 Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment Report 2023, (NPPF 2023 5.69 a) and housing requirement numbers can be volatile so there is little likelihood of an emergency.

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Question 3 Would the policy make appropriate provisions for off-site infrastructure needs?

Policy SW01 (SD01 Winchester District Local Plan 2020-2040 Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) August 2024 (Regulation 19 Local Plan) p490) covers water supply and drainage (x), the Ground Water Source Protection Zone (xi) and general contributions to infrastructure, including to secondary education (xii).

It doesn't cover the opportunity to expand below-standard space in General Practitioner practices, specifically the Gratton Surgery at Sutton Scotney which serves South Wonston (Regulation 19 Local Plan Policy SW01 14.176 p489 and IN01 Infrastructure Delivery Plan August 2024 (IDP 2024) Part 4 pp26-28).

It doesn't cover energy (electricity and gas) (National Planning Policy Framework 2023 (NPPF 2023) 3.20.b)). The existing network may require upgrading or reinforcing for additional capacity.

It doesn't cover broadband connection or telecommunications (NPPF 2023 para 10 118).

SW01 (x) would benefit from reference to the letter from Southern Water appended to the IDP 2024 (Appendix 1 pp72-77) which describes the

upgrade to wastewater transfer from Sutton Scotney to the Harestock Sewage Catchment (via South Wonston) which should meet the growth anticipated at West Hill Rd North by 2030 when planning applications may commence.

Cllr Peal wrote/visited residents in Wrights Way and Chaucer Close and explained about the change in the settlement boundary. To date two houses have written responses to the Parish Council making clear their objections

- Village Design Statement

Cllr Peal has started updating the village design statement from 2015. This project must be community lead and the next stage is a survey to go to residents of the village before holding open meetings. The goal is to get the residents of the village to say how they would like the village to look. To assist with the project there is design guidance. This document then sits as a supplementary planning document.

A draft survey has been created by Cllr Perrins & Peal. The Parish Councillors agreed to the draft survey which will go out in the May Edition of the West Dever News.

To be noted

25/011 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS

- Land to the East of the Pavilion

**A letter has been received from THE RT HON MARIA EAGLE MP
Minister for Defence Procurement and Industry Our ref:
MC2025/04790 Tel: 020 7218 9000 (switchboard) 1~ March 2025 to
MP Danny Chambers**

Thank you for your email of 26 February 2025 to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) on behalf of your constituents, June Perrins, Ann Peal and Rachael Jones, regarding the potential purchase of MOD land in South Wonston.

I am replying as the Minister responsible for this matter. I would like to thank your constituents for their interest in the land in question, however, I can confirm that the land is not being considered for disposal at this time. There is a continuing defence requirement for the land. In addition, it forms part of an existing agricultural tenancy agreement, which the current tenant wishes to continue.

As a result, the MOD is not in a position to discuss either a long-term lease or disposal at this time, and you will appreciate a meeting with Defence Infrastructure Organisation Officials would not be of benefit to either party.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful, but I trust this explains the position.
THE RT HON MARIA EAGLE MP

Cllr June Perrins has emailed NALC and HALC to look at Compulsory Purchase or Right to Contest

Another option is to purchase another piece of land:-

- Land up for sale on Alresford Drove;
- Persimmon land.

It was agreed that we should continue trying to purchase the land beside the recreation ground, but also other pieces of land within the village

To be noted

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

SOUTH WONSTON SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATION TEAM MEETING

7.30pm – 9.00pm, 7th April 2025, The Pavilion

MINUTES

Apologies for absence. – Lillie Holmes, Sam Jordan, Vibeke Fennell.
Present: John Cooper, Nickey Turner, Kim Broadway, Sonia Roper, Neil Roper, Phil Oram, Stephen Godfrey.

Agree minutes from previous meetings and matters arising. Note that Dever Benefice represented at Fresk Event. Let's Go Zero – involvement of South Wonston still being negotiated.

Parish Council – Update and briefings

- Attendance at SW Parish Assembly on 29th May – c/f to next meeting
- Parish Council Survey. Ringwood Council did successful survey – are there other examples. SWS Topics for consideration:
Climate Change Awareness
Awareness of Sustainability Group
Repair Café
Transport
Biodiversity
Reducing waste – recycle, reuse, reduce, refuse, repair
Food waste

Community Activity – compost, toys, books, allotment, library of things,
Resilience - national preparedness, emergency planning.

Energy Use

Energy Generation

Topics to be put to rest of Group to develop detailed questions. Aim of survey is to raise awareness, identify projects, promote interest and involvement, inform LA policy decisions (?). Will Survey be anonymous or can we sign up from it?

Review recent events

- Repair Café – fewer pre-booked, but some more walk-ins.
- Social Event - Social event was well-attended and enjoyed.

Forthcoming events

- Repair Café – 26th April, 24th May and 5th July (then 27th September). Lillie needs next RC poster – to include that most repairs are free. April and May RC are afternoon sessions – Apr starts at 2pm and May at 2.30pm.
- Plant Event – with RC on 24th May 2025. Nickey coordinating attendance and supplies.
- PTA Family Day (21st?) 11am-2pm. Solar Scalextric and My Home Made Better from WinACC – Kim to confirm. Mini survey. Neil to coordinate. Stephen to reply to Vibeke.
- Baby and Toddler Group 30th April. Nickey and Sonia to brief on Smart Living scheme.
- WinACC Network Event – 30th April. GDPR and Funding Sources.

Sub-Group Updates:

Transport: Sunday bus service – free for Easter to May bank holiday

Food: Commit Winchester Food Partnership Good Food Charter pledges by Group and by individuals.

Communications

- Monthly Newsletter – Please submit articles to each meeting – more regular submission required.
- Website/Social Media: Volunteers required to support Nickey to keep website active. Update web pages to ensure correct email address for group is available.
- West Dever News items – Sonia to send poster for RC to Lillie by 10th April. Nickey to send Plant Sale text to Lillie.

Date of next meeting – 5th May 2025 2025, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

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

1. Sustainability Policy — Village Survey to be run by the sustainability group only.
2. First Aid Training with Community First
3. Biodiversity – Looking for a lead
4. Repair Café – Booking made for the Pavilion to October 25.
5. Working with school PTA – Let's go zero campaign. How best the school will liaise with the community, plus having a stall at the School Fun Day
6. Plant Giving Event running alongside repair cafe– 26th April, 24th May 2025
7. Sunday Bus Service – Free from Sunday 20th April to Monday 26th May

- Air Quality

Cllr Jordan talked through the options of whether we put in an air quality meter in the village and agreed to put forward a business plan for Councillors to approve.

To be noted

25/012 PAVILION & RECREATION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL 2025

PRESENT

Chair Cllr Perrins, Cllr Peal and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.
APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Street.

PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

The mower had been serviced but the Caretaker/Handyman was struggling to operate the starting cord. Clerk had investigated electric conversion for the Honda petrol lawnmower but this would have been too expensive. The rough ground on which the machine would have had to operate would have been too much for an electric mower. Members discussed the possibility of terminating the Grass and Grounds contract and buying a device that could both cut and carry which could be operated by a hired "village handyman", particularly useful in the event of the Parish Council being obliged to take over maintenance work formerly undertaken by Winchester City Council. They recalled that Complete Weed Control used to carry out the spring and autumn grass feeds and wondered if that company might be willing to take on mowing the recreation ground and village verges and open spaces and carting woodchips etc.

Clerk confirmed she would chase up John Taylor to replace the picket fence when Happy Days would not be present in the Pavilion and before 6th May when a military-style band and the Women's Institute caterers would be assisting VE Day celebrations.

In the absence of a band from Worthy Down, conductor Laurence Sale would be asked to locate a suitable band which would be rewarded with a donation.

Ray Watts would be requested to carry out internal decorating in the Pavilion during the May holiday.

Members talked about replacing benches and getting new bins and deciding on locations. Existing concrete pads were to be re-used.

It was suggested that publicity should be given to financial help for families wishing for a memorial bench dedicated to a late relation.

Matched funding could be offered at a private discussion.

It was noted that Russell Mack had repaired the damaged shelter.

FINANCE

Swifts Football Club had signed both contracts. The junior teams would be invoiced soon and the adults later. Twelve plus one matches had been played, with possibly another one or two to take place within the next four to six weeks. The charge would be £55.00 per match.

Members decided to delay invoicing until the end of the season. Clerk would pay the grant money this week.

An invoice had been received for the Village Hall Library stepladder.

Another invoice had been received for the annual Play Inspection.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To be arranged.

- Quote to Replace Pickett Fence - John Taylor

A quote has been received from Dever Fencing to replace the white picket fence at the rear of the pavilion with a red cedar slatted fence. The slats would be 18mmx44mm and would be screwed onto Cedar Post with stainless steel no head screws, plus gates at either end to be made to size in Cedar as well. The price is £4342 plus vat. The Councillors felt that this too expensive and would like to look at other woods.

To be noted.

25/013 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors Clerk raised about reporting of defects. Cllr Jordan re:....

M3 junction 9 improvements project

Updates shared with the PC and put on Facebook

To be noted

- School Crossing Flashing Lights

An email has been received from HCC to say that the Council traffic engineers have been in constant communication with Enerveo regarding this matter.

The reason for the non-working of the School Flashing Amber Lights (SFAL) on site is that Enerveo did not install the SFAL as per specification sent by the Council. The traffic engineers established that the equipment Enerveo had installed was not compatible with the handheld units HCC use to programme the SFAL. Enerveo has apologised for installing the incorrect SFAL and offered to provide programmers at their cost to resolve the issue.

The engineers visited the site to programme the SFAL on 12 March 2025. The engineers have confirmed that one of the SFAL is now operating but after testing the second unit the engineers have confirmed that there lies a fault within the electronic circuitry in the second SFAL.

The Council have requested that the current SFAL units be removed and the original specified SFAL's be installed. There is a minimum lead in time of approximately 10 weeks for this new units. The traffic engineers are now awaiting more information from Enerveo regarding the replacement SFAL.

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

Cllr John Berry said that both of the SDU's are now in operation again in the village.

To be noted

25/014 GRANT

A grant has been received from the Village Library - £45.62 for folding step ladder

An email request from South Wonston School has been received requesting financial support towards their Family Fun Day
The Councillors agreed that they would be happy to support a grant of £250 if they complete the form for the next parish council meeting and attend the Parish Assembly

It was RESOLVED to approve the grants

25/015 GENERAL AMENITIES**- South Wonston Music Event**

Clerk is seeking help from village residents before agreeing to holding a music, food and drink event with local none profit groups in the village making up the working party

Cllr Jordan has written a Job Description and suggested that a payment each year covering three events. Greg Talt to put out an advert asking for volunteers

To be noted**- Litter Picking**

Clerk to contact Wonston re: their Volunteer disclaimed form and then arrange groups to litter pick during March & April along Christmas Hill & Alresford Drove

To be noted**- VE Day Celebrations**

WI have agreed to support the event and are awaiting a date, however Clerk has been unable to get a military band to support VE day in the village. It was felt that we would not do an event if the army was unable to support it.

To be noted**- Annual Parish Assembly Thursday 29th May**

To include a guest speaker from National Highways on the A34/M3 Improvement Scheme, clubs who have received Grants and defibrillator training.

To be noted**25/016 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

14/3/25 – A resident of South Wonston – Horse Box Café
14/3/25 – A resident of South Wonston – EcoGen Lorries
7/4/25 – A resident of South Wonston – Skate Park Glass

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.

Clerk is meeting Greg Talt for an update and will share with the PC

To be noted

25/017 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 12th May 2025** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston

The meeting closed at 9.54pm