



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.30PM

To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion

Present: Chair Perrins, Cllrs Peal, Jordan, Berry and Hussain, City Councillor Godfrey, Lt Col Fraser Dowling, Lt Col Janet Johnston and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

25/018 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from City Cllr Horrill, County Cllr Warwick and Cllr Street.

25/019 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

25/020 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Cllr Peal nominated Cllr Perrins as Chair and Cllr Jordan seconded
It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Perrins as Chair of South Wonston Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

Chair Perrins took over the running of the meeting from Clerk

25/021 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Cllr Perrins nominated Cllr Peal as Vice Chair which was seconded by Cllr Berry
It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Peal as Vice Chair of South Wonston Parish Council for the forthcoming year

25/022 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Emergency Planning Committee

Purpose - to convene to consider significant planning applications if a response is required prior to the next Parish Council meeting.

It was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Peal, Cllr Perrins and Cllr Jordan and one more when required for the Emergency Planning Group

25/023 ELECTION OF WORKING PARTY MEMBERS

The Parish Council must appoint Working Party members, and also the Working Party Chair.

1) Pavilion & Recreation Committee

It was RESOLVED to continue with a Pavilion & Recreation Committee whose brief would be to monitor and manage the Pavilion. Cllr Perrins was appointed Chair and Cllr Peal, Hussain & Cllr Street as members.

2) Complaints Committee

It was RESOLVED to continue with this Committee with members being Chair Perrins, Cllrs Berry & Peal

3) Staffing Committee

It was RESOLVED to set up this committee with members being Chair Perrins and Cllr Peal.

4) Village Design Statement Working Party

It was RESOLVED to set up this working party with members being Cllrs Perrins, Cllr Peal, Cllr Berry & Cllr Jordan

5) Sustainability Working Party

It was RESOLVED to continue with this working party with members being Cllr Jordan and Clerk

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATION

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Peal and Chair Perrins will be Planning Representatives, including a Tree Volunteer which is currently vacant.

25/024

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Peal will liaise with the Village Hall.

It was RESOLVED that Chair Perrins, Greg Talt (GT Digital) & Clerk would continue as Webmasters, Facebook & Instagram.

It was RESOLVED that Clerk, Cllr Peal & Cllr Hussain will be Rights of Way Representatives.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Berry and, current vacancy remain as the Highways Representatives.

It was RESOLVED that Cllr Berry and Working Party Volunteer John Cooper are Passenger Transport Representatives.

It was RESOLVED that Clerk will be the Allotment Group Representative.

It was RESOLVED that Clerk will be the Sports (Football) Representative.

It was RESOLVED that Clerk will be the Volunteer Litter Picking Representative

25/025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from residents

A resident from Worthy Down attended the meeting and has shown an interest in the Councillor vacancy. He is currently a Parish Councillor in Bristol and as part of his move to Worthy Down would like to take up this voluntary role.

25/026 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE

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

- Secretary of State has suggested that fifteen key bidders for power from the region can submit their own plans;
- All the Hampshire areas are still deciding how to work together;
- Public Consultation on the proposals before submission of detailed plans, to start by the end of July;
- The new Mayor will be elected in May 2026;
- The Dever Society is working with the New Towns Task Force. One of the proposed new towns will be at Micheldever Station with 15,000 -20,000 new homes;
- WCC is offering matched funding for community building projects in rural areas of £15,000-£20,000;
- Small funding grant will re-open at the end of May;
- Sustainability survey will be ready for distribution at the end of June;
- Repair Cafes 24/5 and 5/7. There will also be a Plant Sale on 24/5;
- Stall at South Wonston Fun Day with heat camera 21/6/25;

Cllr Perrins asked what will re-organisation and devolution mean for Winchester. Cllr Godfrey said that changes will be made in the way certain activities are decided and funded-transport, police, planning, for example- and WCC will join up to eight other councils to form a large Unitary Authority. No further work to create new parish councils will be undertaken in Winchester Town and at Havant.

Lt Col Fraser Dowling gave a further update from Worthy Down which included:-

- There will be an AGC's Triple Crown Competition taking place in Worthy Down Camp on 14th May 2024;
- Fraser introduced his new replacement Janet Johnston to the Parish Council as his role in Worthy Down is coming to an end.

Cllr Perrins wished Fraser well with his new posting.

Cllr Warwick sent her apologies, but sent in her monthly report which is attached to the minutes.

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).

Complete the consultation online

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

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

25/027 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th APRIL 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.

25/028 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th APRIL 2025

A visit has been requested by the Councillors to the Anaerobic Digester. Clerk is going to make arrangements

To be noted

25/029 VACANCY & CO-OPTION

Andrew attended the Parish Council meeting and is interested in joining. Clerk will email him the co-option application form.

25/030 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 30th April 2025 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 129,784.84
Lloyds Account 10	£ 105,210.03
Total =	£ 234,994.81

To be noted**- Budget Monitoring to 31st March 2025**

Clerk annotated the cost centre headings at the year-end position as part of the budget monitoring. Against a budget of £108K there was expenditure of £118K. See the attached document for full details.

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the year-end position

- Policies – Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and Investment Strategy

To receive the updated changes to the Policies.

- Standing Orders

An email has previously been sent showing the detailed changes below.

MODEL STANDING ORDERS 2025 UPDATE (ENGLAND).FOR RECONCILIATION WITH CURRENT SWPC STANDING ORDERS
P8 3. MEETINGS GENERALLY c) The minimum three clear days for notice of a meeting does not include the day on which the notice was issued or the day of the meeting unless the meeting is convened at a shorter notice.

P9 f) 30 minutes.

P9 g) 3 minutes.

P9 i) A person shall remain seated when speaking unless requested to stand by the chair of the meeting.

P11 x) 2.5 hours.

P11 4. COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

vii) shall not permit a committee to appoint its own chair.

P11 v) 7 days.

P12 after xii The Parish Council may appoint informal working parties etc i-vii from current Standing Orders.

P12 5. ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS a) In an election year, the annual meeting of the council shall be held on or within 14 days following the day on which the councillors elected take office, unless emergency circumstances require a delay subject to Government legislation and advice from the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) or the National Association of Local Councils (NALC).

b) In a year which is not an election year, the annual meeting of the council shall be held on such day in May as the council decides, unless emergency circumstances require a delay subject to the above.

f) The Chair of the Parish Council, unless they have resigned or become disqualified, shall continue in office and preside at the annual meeting until their successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the council. It shall be the preferred practice that no person shall normally hold the office of chair of the council for more than three consecutive years, and no person relinquishing the chair shall be eligible for re-election to that post during the next two years, but, in exceptional circumstances, for example when no other councillors put themselves forward for the role, if the Clerk/RFO and current chair are in agreement to continue for a further year with the current chair in place, this is to be honoured.

g) The Vice-Chair of the Parish Council, if there is one, unless they resign or become disqualified...

h) In an election year, if the current chair of the council has not been re-elected as a member of the council, they shall preside... The current chair of the council shall not have an original vote in respect of the election of the new chair of the council but shall give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.

i) In an election year, if the current chair of the council has been re-elected as a member of the council, they shall preside at the annual meeting until a new chair of the council has been elected. They may exercise an original vote...

p14 6 EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS d) 7 days, 4 members, 4 members.

7 PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS a) 4 councillors.

P15 MOTIONS REQUIRING WRITTEN NOTICE b) 7 days, d) 7 days.

p17 12. DRAFT MINUTES e) The Parish Council will publish draft minutes on a website... See Standing Order 20b.

p18 13. CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISPENSATIONS g) Subject to Standing Orders 13 (d) and (f), a dispensation request shall be considered at the beginning of the meeting of the council...

p19 14. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS a) Upon notification by Winchester City Council or the principal authority after devolution that a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights has breached the Parish

Council's Code of Conduct, the council shall consider what, if any action to take against them. Such action excludes disqualification or suspension from office. (NB b)-d) have been removed and d) becomes a).

p21 15 PROPER OFFICER xv) refer a planning application received by the council to the chair or in their absence the vice-chair (if there is one) of South Wonston Parish Council within two working days of receipt to facilitate an extraordinary meeting if the nature of a planning application requires consideration before the next ordinary meeting of the council. xvii) retain custody of the seal of the council (if there is one). The Parish Council does not have a seal.

16. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER a) The Clerk has been appointed Responsible Finance Officer (RFO). The council's Financial Regulations apply accordingly. The RFO acting under the policy direction of South Wonston Parish Council:

- administers the council's financial affairs in accordance with all Acts, Regulations and Proper Practices (namely the regulations issued under Sections 32, 43 (2) and 46 of The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, or any superseding legislation and then in force, unless otherwise specified ("Accounts and Audit Regulations") and Governance and Accountability for Local Councils-a Practitioner's Guide 2025 (NALC) ("Proper Practices");

- determines on behalf of the council its accounting records and control systems;

- ensures the accounting control systems are observed;

- ensures the accounting records are kept up to date;

- seeks economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of council resources;

and produces financial management information as required by the council.

The Parish Council shall appoint a locum or councillor to undertake the work of the RFO in their absence. Anyone undertaking RFO duties will not be remunerated.

17. ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

a) All the council's accounting procedures and financial records are determined by the RFO in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

b) All Parish Council payments are authorised, approved and paid in accordance with Proper Practices and its Financial Regulations.

c) All regular payments are recorded on the monthly transaction report provided by the RFO and approved at the council's monthly meeting, signed by the chair and posted on the website.

d) The Parish Council's agreed budget, prepared for each financial year in accordance with The Local Government Finance Act 1992 or succeeding legislation, provides a basis on which the RFO can monitor progress during the year. The RFO will compare actual receipts, income and expenditure with what was planned.

e) The accounting records determined by the RFO will be sufficient to explain the council's transactions and to disclose its financial position with reasonable accuracy at any time. In particular they will contain day

to day entries of all sums of money received and expended by the council and the matters to which they relate and a record of the assets and liabilities of the council. All financial details will be made regularly available to councillors, including income and expenditure, comparison with the budget for the financial year and highlights of any actual or potential overspends.

f) The accounting records are designed to facilitate the efficient preparation of statements for the Annual (Governance and Accountability) Return (AGAR), which is subject to internal audit. The RFO will complete and certify the annual Accounting Statements as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year. Having certified the Accounting Statements, the RFO will submit them, and any related documents, to the Parish Council for approval within the time scales required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

P22 18. FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND PROCUREMENT

A) The Parish Council has, guided by the RFO, adopted the Financial Regulations 2024 (NALC) adapted to suit its size and structure. These will be superseded by Model Financial Regulations (England) 2025 (NALC) which will also be adapted and adopted. The Financial Regulations will be reviewed annually for fitness of purpose. They include detailed arrangements in respect of the following:

- A sound system of internal control which delivers effective financial, operational and risk management;
- An adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records and internal control system in accordance with Proper Practices and the receipt of regular reports from the internal auditor;
- The inspection and copying by councillors and local electors of the council's accounts and/or orders of payments.

B) i The Parish Council will strive at all times during the procurement process to obtain value for money.

ii Every contract will comply with Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

lii For contracts for the supply of goods, services or works where the estimated value will exceed the thresholds set by Parliament, the full requirements of The Parliament Act 2023 and The Procurement Regulations 2024 or any superseding legislation (the Regulations) must be followed in respect of the tendering, award and notification of that contract.

iv Subject to additional requirements in the Parish Council's Financial Regulations, the tender process for contracts for the supply of goods, materials or services or the execution of works shall include as a minimum the following steps:

- A specification for the goods, materials, services or execution of works shall be drawn up;
- Tenders for contracts estimated to exceed £25,000 incl. VAT will be sought from at least three suppliers agreed on by the Parish Council;

- An invitation to tender will be drawn up to confirm the Parish Council's specification, the time, date and address for the submission of tenders, the date of the Parish Council's written response to the tender and the prohibition of prospective contractors contacting councillors or staff to encourage or support their tender outside the prescribed process;
- Tenders are to be submitted in writing in a sealed envelope addressed to the Proper Officer;
- Tenders shall be opened by the Proper Officer in the presence of at least one councillor after the deadline for submission has passed;
- Tenders will be reported to and considered by the appropriate meeting of the Parish Council.

C) The Parish Council is not bound to accept the lowest value tender, or any tender, quote or estimate.

P24 19 HANDLING STAFF MATTERS. Where appropriate, insert South Wonston Parish Council and delete committee or sub-committee. c) annual appraisal of the work of the Proper Officer and RFO. E) raised by the Proper Officer and RFO. Keep g) persons with line management responsibilities?

P25 21. RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER DATA PROTECTION

LEGISLATION a) Parish Councils are exempt from this requirement (Section 7 Data Protection Act 2018).

P26 23. EXECUTION AND SEALING OF LEGAL DEEDS b) Subject to Standing Order 23 a, any two councillors may sign, on behalf of the council, any deed required by law and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures.

P27 24 COMMUNICATING WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY OR UNITARY COUNCILLORS a) Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council or the Unitary Authority representing the area of the Parish Council. B) a copy of each letter sent to Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council or the Unitary Authority shall be sent to the ward councillors representing the area of the Parish Council.

- **Financial Regulations**

Clerk is due to meet the Internal Auditor on 27th May and will discuss and agree the changes to be brought to the June meeting

- **Investment Strategy**

The Policy was adopted in 2024 with minor changes to the introduction paragraph required below

INTRODUCTION

This Policy and Strategy is based on HM Government's Statutory Guidance on Local Government Investments (Secretary of State) 3rd edition 2018 and Governance and Accountability for Local Councils-a Practitioner's Guide 2025. It also accords with the National Association of Local Council's Model Financial Regulations 5th March 2025 and takes into account the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities 2015,

the Local Government Transparency Code 2025 and the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities 2021. Under s 15 (1) (a) of the Local Government Act 2003, Parish Councils are required to have regard to the Secretary of State's guidance.

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

25/031 PLANNING

- Applications to be considered.

Reference	25/00886/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-13933095
Application Received	Tue 29 Apr 2025
Application Validated	Tue 29 Apr 2025
Address	Northiam 37 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3EW
Proposal	The proposed works will see the construction of a new larger pitched roof, rear facing dormer, material changes to the external and all associated works.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	See Below

There is an increase in ridge height, not substantial as we can see that in mitigation there is provision for a flat roof area at the top of the roof.. The additional Velux windows in the new roof do not seem to be placed in an overlooking position.
Quite a substantial internal and external redevelopment, but in principle no objection to the application.

Reference	25/00873/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-13974531
Application Received	Mon 28 Apr 2025
Application Validated	Tue 29 Apr 2025
Address	Belle Vue West Hill Road North South Wonston W

Proposal	<p>T1 - Horse Chestnut</p> <p>North, East, South and West sides of the canopy to reduce all sides by up to 3m, several limbs over-extended on the North, East, South and West sides to sympathetically balance by reducing no greater than 3m in length with a finished width from the main stem at 6m, stem diameter cuts no greater than 35mm. Blend the height by reducing in height by no more than 3m.</p> <p>Crown lift secondary and tertiary branch foliage 6m from ground level.</p> <p>Works to be carried out in accordance with BS3998(2010), nearest best practice pruning.</p> <p>Diagram attached for example purposes.</p> <p>Reason: The tree is now dominating the garden space; the branch foliage has significantly grown over the children's garden area below; the branch foliage is heavily weighted over the driveway and smaller structures; the lower branches are a nuisance to high sided vehicles. Requesting a sympathetic prune to allow the tree to keep its form without pruning back too hard.</p> <p>Low amenity value due to the property being at the end of an unmade private track with one neighbour that would suffer more of an impediment from lack of sun light it causes.</p>
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	No Comment

Reference	25/00886/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-13933095
Application Received	Tue 29 Apr 2025
Application Validated	Tue 29 Apr 2025
Address	Northiam 37 Downs Road South Wonston Winche
Proposal	The proposed works will see the construction of a associated works.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Comment	See Below

There is an increase in ridge height, not substantial as we can see that in mitigation there is provision for a flat roof area at the top of the roof.. The additional Velux windows in the new roof do not seem to be placed in an overlooking position.
Quite a substantial internal and external redevelopment, but in principle no objection to the application.

- Decisions by WCC

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
Decision	Application Permitted

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
Decision	Application Permitted

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 Hampshire
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
Decision	Lawful Development Certificate - Permit

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 Hampshire
Proposal	<p>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].</p> <p>A replacement tree will be planted.</p> <p>T2. Beech:- lift canopy to 2.5 meters.</p>
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Decision	Application Refused

Reference	24/02441/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-13553819
Application Received	Mon 11 Nov 2024
Application Validated	Mon 11 Nov 2024
Address	Mulberry 21 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3EU
Proposal	loft conversion with 2no. side facing dormers

Inspected By	Cllr J Perrins
Decision	Application Permitted

To be noted

- Enforcements Open

An update on the open cases has been received for May which was shared with Councillors. One new enforcement has been added 25/00101/WKS – garage conversion

To be noted

- Local Plan

The [Hearing Sessions](#) for the Winchester District Draft Local Plan began this week.

The public hearing sessions will take place over four separate weeks and are due to conclude in early June.

After each hearing session closes, we'll upload the recording of the session on our Local Plan website as soon as possible.

Links to all the hearing session information can all be found on our [examination page](#) under the 'Watch Hearings, View Agendas, Documents and Statements' tab.

You can also visit the [Local Plan Timetable web page](#) to learn more about the Local Plan development process.

LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION HEARING FRIDAY 2nd MAY MATTER 8 DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATIONS IN THE MARKET TOWNS AND RURAL VILLAGES – CLLR PEAL ATTENDED ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

ISSUE-Whether the proposed housing site allocations in the MTRAs would be justified, effective and consistent with National Policy.

Beside Winchester City Council planning staff and potential developers, Parish Councils (Wickham and Knowle, Hursley, Otterbourne, South Wonston and Wonston were in attendance. The session lasted from 10am-2pm (South Wonston and Sutton Scotney were on last). It was a very hot day and the Walton Room was stifling.

The Inspector, Roisin Barrett, ran a disciplined session. She only asked questions about matters for which she required more information. In South Wonston's case it was about infrastructure, on which we had already supplied an opinion. I said the Southern Water works for wastewater transfer were key to deliverability, that Policy SWO1 lacked

detail about infrastructure and that South Wonston Parish Council rejected the allocation; it was agricultural land which we needed for allotments and a community orchard and any application for development would be firmly resisted. It was my last chance to make our attitude clear. "I hear what you say," the Inspector replied. This phrase was used whenever anyone had a point to push.

What emerged from this session? The Inspector was very interested in why Hursley had no allocations. WCC did not wish to disturb the Neighbourhood Plan process, which had produced a couple of suitable sites. Wickham and Knowle were subjected to a prolonged examination, in the course of which some information had to be corrected. WCC planners admitted at least one error. Wates Developments Ltd and Beechcroft Land Ltd were keen to push for early development despite the planned phasing, especially if the wastewater treatment upgrade at Sutton Scotney and South Wonston could be completed quickly.

Wonston Parish Council maintained that Southern Water's assurances that the proposed works will be operating and ready to accommodate additional flow by 2023 were not to be trusted. Tankers were still carrying wastewater away daily. The residents had been told in 2019 that this would cease in six to twelve months. Tankers would be needed in storm conditions and more work was needed to provide sufficient capacity for any new development and local applications to join the system. Wonston Parish Council also referred to the late stage at which WCC included the Brightlands allocation in the Regulation 19 Plan, giving the council only eight days' to consult residents. Brightlands had not appeared at the Regulation 18 stage because of sewage issues so there had been no comment. The council was not alone in experiencing lack of consultation.

A word or two more about Beechcroft Land Ltd. Some time ago, South Wonston Parish Council was invited by it to approve a large retirement home scheme on the land in West Hill Rd North so the project could be set before WCC with the council's prior blessing in the hope that this would speed up the planning application. The council refused. The scheme came to nothing at the time, but now it may be faced with a higher amount of development than planned for (40) because of an apparent need for market and affordable homes which this scheme would provide. I suspect this comes from our Verification of Housing Need Report 2nd April 2019 since Beechcroft refers to its source by that name in its previous statement. No numbers were quoted, probably because the total was 13.

Landacre was also represented at the hearing, but it thought SWO1 should be removed from the Local Plan or reduced in site capacity as it was inconsistent with the settlement hierarchy and deliverability was uncertain due to local constraints. Its representative recalled that, at Regulation 18, Hampshire Highways were concerned about the ability to achieve a safe and suitable access that would not worsen issues on Alresford Drove. These, of course, have been improved somewhat, but the layout and measurements involved remain problematical.

Persimmon Homes, who own the field next to Goldfinch Way, were also present but it was more interested in a site at Denmead.

Now we wait for the Inspector's conclusions.

To be noted

- Village Design Statement

A survey has been distributed to all residents in South Wonston via the May edition of the West Dever News. The local shop has a post box for all completed forms

An update will be included as part of the Annual Parish Assembly

To be noted

25/032 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS

- Land to the East of the Pavilion

Cllr June Perrins gave a verbal update about the options of Compulsory Purchase and Right to Contest after contacting HALC. They suggested that as the parish council does not have the power to compulsory purchase it will need to liaise with the City Council as they will have to do this on our behalf.

In this instance we may be better taking the Right to Contest route, along with a strong case put together on how the land could be better used. This may be a better option than Compulsory Purchase at this time.

The Councillors discussed what other options there are should this not be possible.

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, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

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

- Air Quality

Cllr Sam Jordan talked through his Business Case to the Councillors about the process of operating our own air quality monitoring in South Wonston.

To be noted

25/033 PAVILION & RECREATION

There was no formal meeting this month but Clerk & Chair met for a catchup

Lengthsman 2025/26 is operating for this year but the Parish Council needs to look at future plans. Clerk has suggested that on their next visit they lay woodchip on the hedging in the children's play park and clear Church Path

To be noted

25/034 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors

The new Sunday bus service started on 2nd May and will continue to be free until the end of May before it will become £3 00 a journey.

To be noted

M3 junction 9 improvements project

Updates shared with the PC and put on Facebook

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

Cllr John Berry gave an update on the two SDU's in operation within the village

To be noted

25/035 GRANT

A Grant Request form has been received from South Wonston School PTA re: Family Fun Day for £250. In the April minutes the Councillors agreed that they would be happy to support it with a grant of £250 if they complete the form for the next parish council meeting and attend the Parish Assembly.

An email has been received from Elysabeth on behalf of The Twinning Association saying; I would like to thank you for the grant of £400 towards the forthcoming visit of the Twinning members of La Frénaye. The funds will be used to pay towards a planned group visit to the Watercress Line and steam engine shed for our French guests. We hope that the visit will be as successful as it was two years ago, as we have 7 new French members joining us on this occasion, out of 16.

To be noted

25/036 GENERAL AMENITIES

- South Wonston Music Event

A music event "Party In the Park" is to be held on Saturday 2nd August from 3.30pm onwards. Clerk is working with Greg Talt, Peter Houston along with the new Cllr Zac Hussain. Clerk to organise a meeting by the end of May.

To be noted

- Litter Picking

Some groups have been arranged but it is a little late now in the year

To be noted

- **Annual Parish Assembly Thursday 29th May-6.30pm at the Pavilion**

Clerk is re-contacting everyone who is due to attend and asking Greg Talt to design a poster to be shared on notice boards and social media.

Guest speaker is from National Highways on the A34/M3 Improvement Scheme and St John's Ambulance will do non-accredited defibrillator training.

To be noted

25/037 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:-

17/4/25 (x3) – A resident of South Wonston – More Fly Tipping on Alresford Drove

24/4/25 – A resident of South Wonston – FOI re: Reports to go on Website

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 been running the Facebook page for the Parish Council for 3 months and created a number of posters and daily stories. The Councillors agreed that they are happy for him to continue to do the work. Clerk reminded all Councillors to sign up to the Facebook Page and like the posts as this helps it being seen.

Clerk met with Greg Talt and feels that the work he is doing is of benefit to the Parish Council

To be noted

25/038 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 9th June 2025** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston Pavilion.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm