



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 15th September 2025 at 7.30PM

To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion

Present: Chair Perrins, Cllrs Peal, Jordan, Sheppard, Tucker and Hussain, City Councillor Godfrey, County Cllr Warwick, Lt Col Janet Johnston & Clerk Mrs R Jones

25/071 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Street and Berry and City Councillor Horrill

25/072 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

25/073 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident of South Wonston asked when the hedge either side of the gate would be reinstated. Cllr Perrins referred her to the minutes from the September 2024 meeting wherein the vote was redacted, the officer closed the enforcement and it was agreed that a gate would be fitted and kept. The tree surgeons also met the Clerk on site and explained that it would be very difficult for hedging whips to take root beside such well-established hedging.

The other issue was that the field was weed sprayed in July. Following Clerk's email, the resident investigated the products used and suggested more notice, better communication and a change of product, which was noted.

25/074 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE

Cllr Godfrey gave an update from Winchester City Council which

included:

- Local Government Review (LGR) – Next week, preferences and proposals for council reorganisation based on feedback from consultation will be considered by Winchester City Council before sending its proposals to the Government on 26th September 2025. Other councils will submit reports with different recommendations for four or five unitary authorities to cover Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. It is unclear from the feedback which recommendations were preferred by a majority in Hampshire. Preferences varied from district to district. Winchester preferred a unitary authority covering Test Valley, East Hants and Winchester and possibly The New Forest;
- Time Leads – Consultation on the proposals will run between November and January, the Mayoral election will take place on May 26th 2026, the Councillor Elections on May 27th and the final takeover of the new unitary authority in 2028.;
- County elections may or may not happen;
- Everyone has been sent a letter from WCC regarding the food collection timetable which starts in South Wonston on February 26th 2026;
- Attendance at the official opening of the Anaerobic Digester;
- The Council has agreed the Twinning of Winchester with Nizhyn in Ukraine;
- Future Energy Workshop being held by the City Council in South Wonston Village Hall on 22/9/25.

Cllr Peal mentioned the mud on Christmas Hill left by tractors and trailers taking material for the Anaerobic Digester from fields south of South Wonston and would like to suggest that we are alerted when this sort of traffic is travelling locally.

Lt Col Janet Johnston from Worthy Down attended the meeting to see if there was anything we wished to ask, but didn't have any information to share.

Cllr Peal spoke about the Emergency Plan and asked how can we better work with Worthy Down. It was suggested that we link in with Nicola Day.

Cllr Perrins introduced the new Lieutenant-Colonel to the Parish Councillors.

Clerk to email Nicola Day to look at how to share information.

DEVOLUTION & REORGANISATION

Information from Winchester City Council

LOCAL COUNCILS BRIEFING ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

The City Council has to submit its proposals for local government reorganisation on 26 September 2025 and therefore the proposal will be considered at the City Council's full council and cabinet towards the end of September.

We would like to invite you to join the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive on MST so we can brief you on the emerging proposals.

We warmly welcome Chairs of Councils or their representative and Parish Clerks to join us and further details will be sent shortly which will include timings, full details and joining instructions. In the meantime, please hold 6pm to 7pm on 2 September in your diaries.

Hampshire County Council

The joint proposal is now published on the website alongside the 11 other councils.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

25/075 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JULY 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.

25/076 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH JULY 2025

A reminder to set up a new bank account for savings

To be noted.

25/077 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 July 2025 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£109,248.51
Lloyds Account 10	£102,508.17
Total =	£211,756.68

The Bank Balances as at 31st August 2025 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 99,981.15
Lloyds Account 10	£102,796.38
Total =	£202,777.53

To be noted**- Insurance**

Clerk has received the annual review of the Insurance from Clear Council. (Needs to include the increase in Fidelity insurance recommended by the internal auditors.)

Yr1 = £2,872.21

Yr3= £2,759.06

Two other insurance companies have been asked to quote.

- Gallagher
- Zurich

Quotes 2024/25

Council to approve annual insurance.

Zurich = 1 yr = £3,468.19 3yrs = £3,153.19

Hiscox = £3,228.46

Clear Councils – 1 yr = £2,448.40 3yr = £2,342.40

The Parish Council decided that if all three companies offered the same cover the cheapest should be agreed.

It was RESOLVED to approve the renewal for 3 years from Clear Council unless one of the others comes in cheaper.

- Project List

Cllr Perrins updated the project list and shared this with Councillors.

To be noted

- Budget Monitoring Income

Clerk to produce actual income to 31st August with a projection of income to 31st March 2026 as the budget is unlikely to be achieved due to the change of hires and income.

To be noted

- Staffing

The NJC pay award has been agreed for 2025/26 (from 1.4.25). Clerk salary has increased 1 spinal point to SP31 Pro Rata 25 hours = £28,223.64, hourly rate £20.98. Backdated pay has been included in her August salary payment.

It should be noted that the handyman / caretaker salary increased on 1st April 2025 in line with the living wage to £12.21

To be noted

- Grant

The Village Library have applied for a Grant to pay for an A Board & Posters to advertise their opening times. The cost is £79.17.

This was initially approved by email before coming to the PC meeting in September.

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the Grant. All aspects of social and environmental values have been considered

25/078 PLANNING

- Applications to be considered.

Reference	25/01814/LDP
Alternative Reference	PP-14300262
Application Received	Thu 04 Sep 2025
Application Validated	Thu 04 Sep 2025
Address	22 Pine Close South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3E
Proposal	Replace garage door with matching brick infill and windows. I
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Comment	No Comment

Reference	25/01464/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-14188701
Application Received	Mon 21 Jul 2025
Application Validated	Tue 22 Jul 2025
Address	Jackdaws Orchard Road South Wonston Winche
Proposal	T1 - Beech, to reduce the eastern lateral limb f 40mm. T2 - Beech sp. to reduce the top canopy over e greater than 40mm Works to be carried out in accordance with BS3
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Comment	No Comment

- Decisions by WCC

NONE

- Enforcements Open

An update on the open cases has been received for September which was shared with Councillors. Note 25/00139/CARAVN and 25/00191/ADVRT have now been removed from the enforcements.

Planning Enforcement Officer Confirmed:

The Logistics Manager at Ecogen confirmed that he'd spoken to their buyer and they have apologised and confirmed the necessary directions into site for the future. The haulier was also contacted separately about the situation and they have made the driver and all their other drivers aware of the importance of coming to the site using the correct route.

The standard directions to site have been sent through again and added to the freight forwarders notes for any vehicles coming to the site, the buyer has also been made strongly aware of the issues such things cause, and the UK Director of the buyer is helping look after things like this to prevent it happening in future.

The site does have a community email address where issues can be raised, if the Parish Council would like it:
community@ecogenrecycling.com

To be noted

- Local Plan

Hearing sessions finished on 6th June 2025. Documents were still being uploaded on to the Examination Website up to 25th July 2025, especially concerning potential change of the plan start date (currently 2020) up to 2024 and the implications of doing so for the 5-year housing land supply, the amount of unmet need allowance for neighbouring authorities, and the standard method housing need calculation. The Modification Stage ends this month and Adoption will take place between October and December 2025, to be followed by yearly monitoring.

To be noted

- Village Design Statement

The new VDS has been started by Cllr Jordan building the initial stencil for information to be added to.

Village Design Statement Report from Cllr Peal

The VDS has been supplied to date with the following material: Archaeology and History of South Wonston, Demography and Economy, Location and Landscape, Developments after 2014, Biodiversity and Ecology and Settlement Pattern. These are drafts for editing and finalising as we progress. They will be followed by Roads and Other Routes and, after public consultation, a description of the built environment, design guidelines to tie up with the new Local Plan after adoption, appendices and maps. The beginning of the project has been reported to Strategic Planning but so far there has been no response. We need to liaise with them to structure our VDS in the approved manner. A meeting is being organised for 6.30 pm on Tuesday 28th October at the Pavilion to get feedback from councillors, residents and the Sustainability Group. Cllrs Perrins (Survey) and Jordan (PowerPoint wizard) will provide important input. Advertising is being created by Greg Talt to be included in the October West Dever News and shared on social media and notice boards.

Cllr Peal suggested looking at Littleton & Harestock VDS. Clerk to contact them about the maps.

To be noted

25/079 ANAEROBIC DIGESTER

Cllr Perrins gave an update on her visit which included the information report “Farming for a Greener Future” and some of the photos she managed to get when going around the tour of the site (permission was granted). There were photos of 3 large lorries. The Biogas is pumped into these lorries and then transported to the hub in Portsmouth for downloading into the grid. A PDF has been previously shared with the Cllrs.

Acorn Bioenergy Emailed:- concerning a community fund [ACORN COMMUNITY FUND OFFER — Acorn Bioenergy](#) that we would routinely make available to communities in the vicinity of one of our facilities to offer an annual fund (c£20,000/annum) to make a positive difference to those. Typically Acorn will work with the local community to establish arrangements for the fund, including the area and scope of delivery of the funds that best works for the local community. The fund available is typically in the region of £20,000 and can support a large single project or be disseminated across a number of smaller projects.

Cllr Tim Jackson of Littleton PC has offered to assist in convening an advisory committee and Chairing it in the first instance, with membership from the following PCs whom we consider the closest to our plant at Three Maids Hill. These are:

1. Headbourne Worthy

2. Littleton and Harestock
3. South Wonston
4. Crawley
5. Kingsworthy

Cllr Sam Jordan and as back up Cllr Elysabeth Sheppard have said they will join the advisory committee.

Email from WCC

Please find attached an Information Pack about the new food waste recycling service due to start rolling out in October (February 2026 for South Wonston). This provides the detail you need to prepare for any questions your residents may have. Please note that the maps are for your information only and are not public facing.

It includes:

- a comprehensive FAQ document – some of these are public facing and already on the council's website, however, there are some questions tailored for Member background information only.
- copies of the new bin collection calendar and food waste introductory letter that residents have started to receive
- the food waste information leaflet that all residents will receive with their new bins. The bin deliveries for the first phase will start on Monday 15 September.
- area specific map packs
- a spreadsheet with the A–Z of properties by street or area.

The webpage about food waste and the “look up” facility where residents can find their start date is live on our website, please visit - www.winchester.gov.uk/foodwaste

To be noted

A meeting extension was agreed to 10pm.

25/080 RIGHTS OF WAY

Ox Drove, Lower Road and Recreation Ground are to have their annual cut carried out by Craig Townsend during the month of September.

An email has been received from a resident

Is there anything that can be done to cut back and tidy up the track between the allotments and Polo school please? It's very overgrown making the track quite narrow in places. Getting out the way of other walkers or horses isn't easy at times. Also, could consideration be given to gravel over the section of track nearest the Polo school, similar to what has been done alongside the allotments. It gets very muddy and

slippery and will make walking a lot easier. It was agreed that Clerk would contact Jan Warwick to find out a list of the land owners so they can be contacted.

An email has been received from a resident

I live at 6 Cloudbank (since 2021) and there is some public land/space behind the properties (5-8 Cloudbank) that has some mature trees growing.

Two of the branches from one tree have grown and are now brushing onto the back of the building and the roof. A further half a dozen branches from other trees are around a metre away from the shared building.

Would you be able to assist in finding out who is responsible for the maintenance of these trees and advice on the best approach in getting them looked at with a view to getting them trimmed where necessary. Clerk to contact WCC.

To be noted

25/081 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS

- Land to the East of the Pavilion

Cllr Perrins reported that there was no update.

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 July 2025, The Pavilion

MINUTES

Apologies for absence: Lillie Holmes, John Cooper, Stuart Mills,

Present: Nickey Turner, Sonia Roper, Neil Roper, Phil Oram, Vibeke Fennel, Stephen Godfrey

Agree minutes from previous meetings and matters arising

Parish Council – Update and briefings

- Questions for Sustainability Survey – carried forward for **Stephen** to action. Home energy, insulation and transport remain as key issues to attract focus. Food waste collection – what can be done to prepare for collection: top tips for food waste, what should be done, food waste in school, wormery – should we invest in community wormery?
- “Sign Up to SWS Newsletter” poster in pavilion (and outside). **Nickey** to circulate poster.
- Meeting with Energise South Downs about wind turbines viability. Both sites from FEL are viable. Funding might be available from ESD. Which might be preferred? Larkwhistle Farm seems preferred, but....pig farm might. Does PC have a preference?

Review recent events

- Repair Café - A successfully repair cafe on Saturday: Fairly quiet but steady - 12 customers and 12 volunteers. Ramping up during Autumn. Range of items for repair increasing. Aim to send out leaflet with WDN at end of August or September to advertise RC date and more about what can be repaired. Use more statistics on carbon saved.
- SW School Family Day. Activity needs to be planned. Responsibility for organisation needs to be clearer.
- Baby and Toddler Group. Well received – planting out pots was very popular. Revisit in Green Week.

Forthcoming events

- Repair Café –27th September. And 25th October then 22nd November. Commercial sharpener attending in September. International Repair Day in October – anything to be promoted during this period? Develop poster with all dates for year on: **Sonia**.
- SW Music Event – 2nd August – PC to promote good practice in advance.
- Winchester Green Week – 21st-29th September 2025. To be revisited in September. Promote activity in South Wonston.

- WeCan event 13 August 7pm Winchester Gallery, Park Avenue– project promotion round robin. Any volunteers to present on Repair Café? It should be a good networking opportunity to find out how other groups are moving forward.
- Six Inches of Soil film – to be considered for future.
- Lets Go Zero at school is going forward. Climate Action Plan to be developed this year by school. Nickey and Vibeke to meet Jen Gales from LGZ on 10th June. September meeting to consider what the group can do to support the school and parents to develop plans. Can **Vibeke** include Nickey and Stephen in briefing from Jen in September?

Sub-Group Updates

- Travel. John met with Anna Herron who is the WCC Sustainable Transport Office to discuss the status of the Safe Cycle Route to Winchester and also lift / car sharing. Anna will investigate cycle route options. I have also reported the HCC that the cycle lane on Andover Rd between the Waterworks and Wellhouse Lane is suffering from encroachment by the hedge. No response from HCC yet.
- Circular economy – see RC
- Energy – Thermal Imaging Camera to start again in October. Home Energy Centre in Southampton offering guidance on taking insulation and other home improvements forward – for October.
- Food Group/ Winchester Food Partnership Good Food Pledge – sign up as a group – **Stephen**.

Communications

- Monthly Newsletter – More input needed - **ALL**
- Website/Social Media – Any messages for the weekly school newsletter?
- West Dever News items. September Repair Café

Advert

Date of next meeting – 1st September 2025, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

Monday 22nd September – 7pm-9pm (South Wonston Village Hall)

Please book a place - [Community Led Energy Plan Workshop Tickets, Mon, Sep 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Winchester City Council are inviting local residents from South Wonston, Littleton, Harestock, Crawley, Sparsholt, Springvale, Itchen Abbas, Avington, Abbotts Worthy, Headbourne Worthy, Weeke and Teg Down to participate in a two-hour workshop as part of their Community Led Energy Plan pilot project.

- Air Quality

Clerk has emailed Phil Tilbury requesting a number of meeting dates so Cllr Sam Jordan can set up a Teams meeting for all people that can attend. Suggested dates 1/10, 2/10, 8/10, 9/10

To be noted

25/082 PAVILION & RECREATION MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE 20-08-2025

PRESENT: Cllrs Perrins (Chair), Hussain and Peal and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

APOLOGIES: None were received.

REVIEW OF ACTION LIST

The garage still contained Swifts' property, but the store cupboards had been cleared and items removed to the changing room for disposal. Clerk had contacted Mr J. Taylor, who was unwell, to see if it would be necessary to transfer the fence contract to another contractor. The picket fence had become a Health and Safety issue. Members agreed that Prospect Fencing should be contacted if nothing was heard from Mr Taylor by the end of the week.

Mr R. Watts was due to attend on Tuesday 26th August to carry out decorating work. It was agreed that the corridor walls and skirting boards should be refurbished. Clerk volunteered to buy the paint.

Cllr Hussain agreed to put new light fittings up.

Two quotes had been received: one to clean the youth shelter, benches and playground surface and another to rub down and varnish the benches. The work would be added to the Project List.

A replacement scheme for the benches was discussed. Matched funding would assist the purchasers. Members agreed a budget of £1,000.00, the cost to the buyers to be £500.00. An advertisement would appear in the October West Dever News. After the meeting, Cllr Peal and Clerk inspected the current seating for wear and potential loss of family connections in the village.

The area around the Water Fountain appeared to be very wet from a possible leak. Members thought the presence of water might rather be natural spillage combined with an impervious concrete base. Clerk agreed to contact Mr J. Hillier to create a French drain. She noted that the fountain needed a good clean.

An independent mower operator had arranged to attend at the Recreation Ground from 16th September onwards.

Members expressed the need to control unofficial use of the football pitches by outside teams. In-house line marking would help.

Two residents had approached the Parish Council for a pickleball court.

The tennis court could be marked out east-west for two. A quote of £560.00 plus VAT for lining for the pickleball courts had been obtained from the firm which resurfaced the tennis court. Players could be provided with nets to be kept in a locker on the side of the court. The tennis court and locker would be kept padlocked and the codes for both given to people booking online. A trial run before further equipment was offered was suggested. A total budget of £1,000.00 was approved and it was agreed that the work should begin before bad weather set in.

Members also considered the padel game.

Village support would be needed for matched funding for the proposed Pump Track. Cllr Hussain suggested maintaining the current BMX track for one year. Chair Cllr Perrins agreed that would be a good way of attracting users who could be surveyed for approval of a pump track. Mr J. Hillier could be asked to carry out restoration work in addition to the French drain. Some efforts to cut back overgrowth on the BMX track had already been undertaken. Damage to the retaining wall of the Skate Park had been noted (two broken slabs). This might also be added to the job list for Mr J. Hillier.

Clerk observed that the glass recycling bins often over-flowed, possibly as a result of commercial use. Bins with damaged locks were being targeted. Members discussed getting a welder in to repair the locks.

ADVERTISING

See above,

FINANCE

No figures were available. Clerk confirmed that she would focus on income for the September Council meeting.

A further grant to the Citizens' Advice Bureaux would be reviewed.

Members had been interested to learn how many residents had been helped by the charity. Grants would be dealt with at the October Council meeting.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

24th September 2025.

- Pickleball Court

Following the pickleball courts being lined two nets have now been delivered. Clerk needs to organise a storage box in the court and start on-line booking from 1st November.

To be noted

25/083 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors

M3 junction 9 improvements project

Updates shared with the PC and put on Facebook

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

Cllr John Berry sent his apologies and was unable to give an update on the positioning of the SDU's and recording of data. Clerk has spoken to the SDU providers and arranged for Cllr Zac Hussain to receive training on how to use the data from the two units located in the village

To be noted

25/084 GENERAL AMENITIES

- Party in the Park - South Wonston Music Event Saturday 2nd August from 2.30pm

Clerk gave a verbal update on the event and reported the overall cost £466. The event will be repeated in 2026.

Bouncy Castle & Equip = £599
Band Exp & Generator = £497
Income from Stalls = (£330)
Income from Bouncy Castle = (£300)
Total Expenditure = £466

To be noted

- Fireworks 2025 - Saturday 1st November from TBC

Clerk is working with volunteers from the 2024 fireworks. It is anticipated that this event should break even as there is £1000 held in the balance sheet due to such a good turnout last year. The advertising is underway with posters on the noticeboards and a colour page in the October WDN. A Budget of £1,000 has been approved to cover any potential lower donations and turnout.

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the budget spend.

25/085 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:-

21/7/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Antisocial Behaviour
 24/7/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Pickleball
 28/7/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Lighting in Waverley Drive
 12/8/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Pickleball
 15/9/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Pickleball
 15/9/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Trees
 14/9/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Overgrown Track
 14/9/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Public Consultation of Padel Courts

An email has been received from Mr Browne – Padel Courts

May I please extend an invitation to you all and to the parish councillors represented by their respective clerks, to join us at WGA for a public consultation ahead of an imminent application erect 4 indoor Padel courts on land adjacent to the Golf Academy.

We have been working on this for over 2 years and believe we have an exciting prospect which will help to satisfy the growing demand for Padel courts which have proved so difficult to achieve in the Winchester district.

Please feel free to bring anyone along you might think interested in this either as a possible user or a near neighbour.

Tuesday 30th September
4pm to 9pm

To be noted

- Barton Stacey Village Shop Leaflet

Cllr Stu Tucker brought to the meeting a copy of the Barton Stacey Business & Leisure Map. It was suggested that the Parish Council should consider doing something similar

To be noted

- Website & Social Media Update

The website continues to be updated. Focus over the summer has been to ensure it is up to date. Going forward Clerk needs to liaise with Cllr Peal to make sure all documents have been reviewed,

Clerk to work with the web provider and develop “Our Village” page to support the posters/stories posted on Facebook

- Social Media Update

Social media management for August.
Facebook – 27, posts, 21stories.
Instagram – 9 posts, 16 stories
Instagram is now up and running
https://www.instagram.com/south_wonston_pc/

To be noted

25/086 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 13th October 2025**
at 7.30pm at the South Wonston

The meeting closed at 9.53pm