



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7.30PM**  
**at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion**

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**Present:** Chair Perrins, Cllrs Peal, Hussain, Berry, Shephard, Tucker, City Councillor Godfrey and Clerk Mrs R Jones.

**25/087 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Jordan, County Cllr Warwick, City Councillor Horrill and Lt Col Janet Johnston.

Chair spoke about the sad loss of Cllr Frank Street who has passed away. His funeral is due to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> October; Chair, Vice Chair & Clerk to attend. The Chair expressed her thoughts about putting a memorial bench on the recreation ground near to the pavilion. Clerk to organise.

**25/088 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**The Chair suspended Standing Orders.**

**25/089 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident commented on the men's urinal not working and one of the flushers broken in the pavilion.

**25/090 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE**

Deferred until later in the meeting.

## **DEVOLUTION & REORGANISATION**

### **Information from Winchester City Council**

No further update

### **Hampshire County Council**

#### **Email to Parish and Town Councils**

No further update

### **The Chair resumed Standing Orders**

- 25/091 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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.**

- 25/092 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

**To be noted**

- 25/093 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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£147,648.58
Lloyds Account 10	£105,089.98
Total =	£252,738.56

**To be noted****- Insurance**

Clerk has renewed the insurance with Clear Council for 3 years = £2,759.06. This does include the increase in Fidelity Insurance recommended by the internal auditors

The other two insurance companies who quoted were more expensive and offering the same level of cover. The Parish Council had already agreed to continue with Clear Council for 3 years.

**To be noted****- Budget Monitoring to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

Clerk produced income & expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> September and a more detailed income forecast to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. The budget is unlikely to be achieved because of the change of hires and income.

Budget = £18.5K

Income = £12K

Deficit = (£6.5K)

**To be noted.****- External Audit & Completion 2024/25**

The external auditor report and certificate details any matters arising from the review. The smaller authority must consider these matters and decide what, if any, action is required.

**Minor scope for improvement**

During our review we are bringing to your attention the following points for minor scope for improvement:

- The smaller authority is using an out-of-date notice for the exercise of public rights which refers to dates in 2024. The authority must use the correct template going forward.

Clerk published the Notice of Conclusion along with the certified AGAR (sections 1, 2 and Final Report) which are included in the publication on the website

**To be noted**

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

- Southern Water propose to run a new pipeline from Andover to Teg Down. A planning application is expected. There is a presentation this Friday at Victoria Hall showing how it proceeds

via Barton Stacey to Three Maids Hill, Littleton and Salters Lane to Teg Down. Completion is expected by 2035;

- New reservoir being built near Oxford from which another pipeline will come down to Winchester, estimated to be completed in 2040;
- Local Plan Inspector has sent her comments to WCC. She found the new plan to be sound and proposed changes to be deliverable. The policy allowing brown field sites to be delivered before green sites has been removed. Work will begin on the next Local Plan as soon as the new one has been adopted in early 2026;
- Attended the consultation about the proposed padel courts at the Golf Academy.
- Energy Generation Planning Workshop project in the area on how to generate electricity via heat pumps or solar panels;
- Successful Repair Café. 20 members of the public came along to get items fixed. Knife sharpening was very popular and is planned to take place again in 6 months;
- Village Design Statement Meeting – Cllr Godfrey will attend on behalf of the Sustainability Group.

## 25/094 PLANNING

### - Applications to be considered.

Reference	25/01705/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-14266264
Application Received	Thu 21 Aug 2025
Application Validated	Wed 24 Sep 2025
Address	69 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Hamp.
Proposal	To install shared driveway entrance gates - for both vehicle access and pedestrian access across the entrance driveway. The gates will be of 1 The gates will be accessible to the four properties which the driveway serves. These properties are 69 Downs Road (Applicant), 71a Downs Road, 71 b Downs Road and 71c Downs Road.
Status	Current
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
	No Comment

Comment	
Reference	25/01937/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-14348376
Application Received	Mon 22 Sep 2025
Application Validated	Tue 23 Sep 2025
Address	112 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3
Proposal	<p>T1 ? Horse Chestnut sp. Fell.</p> <p>Description.</p> <p>Western main branch failure, bifurcated at 1m with included union forming elephant ears with exudate seeping from this union. Bifurcated limb to the west has failed at 8m with tear out wound landing over the public footpath and road. Branch debris shown stacked at the base of tree. Dryads saddle present within upper canopy. Cavities throughout canopy which have not been investigated. Remaining tree is now susceptible to wind throw due to harmonic sway. High risk zone with the public footpath leading to the Junior School, main road and several utility cables within the canopy.</p> <p>Having previously approached WCC September 2023 raising concerns and pre-application suggestion of Felling. Informed this would be refuse and would only allow small pruning works.</p> <p>Recommended works</p> <p>Advise removal to ground level for reasons of sound arboriculture management and reason stated above.</p>
Status	Current
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Comment	No Comment

#### - Decisions by WCC

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 Winchester Hamps
Proposal	<p>T1 - Beech, to reduce the eastern lateral limb foliage between 2.5 - 3 m, over the garden/ pergola. Stem diameter cuts no greater than 40mm.</p> <p>T2 - Beech sp. to reduce the top canopy over extended eastern lateral limb foliage between 2m, over the garden. Stem diameter cuts no greater than 40mm</p> <p>Works to be carried out in accordance with BS3998(2010), nearest best practice pruning points</p>
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Comment	No Comment
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Application Permitted</b>

### To be noted

#### - Enforcements Open

An update on the open cases has been received for October which was shared with Councillors. Since the last meeting there has been one addition 25/0028/WKS which refers to alleged unauthorised works to install service pipes

### To be noted

#### - Local Plan

##### Cllr Peal update

The Local Plan examination isn't over yet.

The Inspector's Note 16 (Actions following Hearing Sessions 10/9/25) ED38a (see the Examination Website at Winchester City Council Planning) sets out her comments. She considers the Local Plan (LP) likely to be capable of being found legally compliant and sound. WCC will meet its Local Housing Need in full and also its unmet need requirement for neighbouring authorities. Strategic Policy H2 (phasing of development) doesn't accord with national planning policy and should be deleted. This means development at West Hill Rd North won't be held back until 2030. Bar End Depot and Sir John More Barracks are to

be removed from the Five-Year Housing Land Supply and Bluebell Way (North Whiteley) is to be added. The assessment of site allocation capacity and delivery rate is sound but conservative. We must watch out for increased housing numbers at West Hill Rd North. WCC must amend its housing trajectory (currently brownfield before greenfield). No adjustment need be made to the start date of LP; nothing in national policy or guidance states when plan periods should begin. Regarding Carbon Neutrality, a written ministerial statement of 2023 proposes changes to energy efficiency regulations planned for 2025 means houses built to those standards will be “zero ready”. The Government doesn’t expect local planning authorities to set local efficiency standards beyond current or planned building regulations. WCC proposes an alternative metric-Energy Use Intensity-, but since the environmental outcome will be the same and in accordance with national policy, Policies CN1 and CN3 are compliant, justified and effective and therefore sound. WCC should prepare a revised composite schedule (ED38b 11/6/25) for the Inspector to consider prior to public consultation of Main Modifications (MMs) taking into account suggested further changes and including a version of the final table of proposed MMs with reasons for each and changes to the policies maps. Additional Minor Modifications 29/4/25 ED39 should also be included (minor changes, typos and factual updates).

The Schedule of Proposed MMs to LP 2020-2030 (ED38b 11/6/25) is a lengthy document and so, for brevity, I have only included matters of particular interest to South Wonston. Policy numbers refer to the LP. Policy SP2: WCC will begin reviewing the Local Plan within six months of its adoption, focussing first on meeting any new housing requirements and taking in any changes in the National Planning Policy Framework (the version used in the LP was dated 2023) and Standard Methodology of calculation (which changes annually) for assessing the number of houses needed in the district to 2040.

Policy SP3: proposals for development in the countryside must show the effect of potential loss of the best and most valuable agricultural land.

This has a bearing on West Hill Rd North housing allocation.

Policy CN1: low carbon solutions are to be incorporated through the energy hierarchy classification and carbon emissions are to be considered at every stage.

Policy CN2: the “fabric first” approach is best for new builds (following the energy hierarchy in order of preference). This refers to techniques for keeping heat in such as insulation and making sure the building is air tight with no thermal bridges before tackling renewable energy solutions.

Policy CN3: all new residential development must not heat spaces or water or cook using fossil fuels.

Policy D1: the presence of utility infrastructure is to be included with other contextual factors (West Hill Rd North).

D3: Village Design Statements (VDS) which have been prepared with local community input according to the Statement of Community Involvement will be taken into account when proposals are being discussed.

Policy D4: as above, and to clarify the level of engagement which has informed these relevant documents. These policies show how essential public participation is to the VDS.

Policy T1: developments to show strategies for reducing the number of trips by private motor vehicles and maximising opportunities for walking and cycling according to the Hampshire Movement and Place Framework: Healthy Streets approach adopted in Hampshire County Council's Local Transport 4 Vision for 2050, and observing the principles of twenty-minute neighbourhoods (access time on foot or cycle from home to daily needs) and demonstrating how they will facilitate use of public, shared transport and e-mobility, integrating these from the beginning while responding sensitively to the character of the surrounding area, unless they can prove these measures wouldn't be appropriate.

Policy T4: developments must include as appropriate parking provision, drop-off spaces, vehicle access and kerbside space for servicing and loading.

Policy NE1: an integrated approach to the management of the complex interplay between landscape, the natural environment, historic features and cultural connections is recommended. The policy refers to the emerging Hampshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy which includes maps of the most valuable areas, opportunities to improve nature and local priorities for nature recovery (which could be useful for Sustainability input to the VDS).

Policy NE2: the Local Planning Authority is to support the retention and development of the existing MOD estate (in rural locations) where contributions can be made to district economic prosperity (maybe useful for Parish Council aspirations, maybe not).

Policy NE3: the Open Space Assessment 2022 is to be updated. RL01 is a background document to the LP.

Policy NE4: Scheduled Monuments are to be included among green infrastructure assets (long barrows in Goldfinch Way and Drove Links Rd and round barrow in Goldfinch Way etc). There is a reference for NE4 regarding historic features as planned green infrastructure about strategic assessments of the LP from the impacts of Air Quality and necessity of advice from the Habitats Regulations Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal October 2022 (SD02 a-d, SD03, SD04 and SD04a and BNE01 Air Quality Action Plan 2017 and BNE02 Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document).

Policy NE6: where there is a capacity constraint on main public water or waste water networks, developers are to be encouraged to work closely with the service provider on the delivery of required network reinforcements to ensure no detrimental effect on the operation of networks caused by waste water or water consumption from the development. The work should be completed prior to occupation of the development and phasing of occupation may be required in tandem with the delivery of the infrastructure (therefore no occupation of West Hill Rd North before Southern Water infrastructure improvements are up and running). Phasing by other means.



Policy HE6: non-designated heritage sites of archaeological interest are to be assessed against policies for designated heritage assets. Useful if we have any.

Policy H2: this doesn't appear in the MMs and has evidently been deleted. See above.

Policy H3: Housing Provision figures have been altered from 360 for Intermediate Rural Settlements to 325 in the light of the Inspector's conclusions regarding LP housing requirements.

Policy H6: new Government measures (Best Available Technology at Waste Water Treatment Works 2030) will support the delivery of strategic mitigation solutions and reduce the impact of new development on water quality. The impact on development viability is unknown as yet. Important for delivery of West Hill Rd North.

Policy W2: Sir John Moore Barracks will be removed from the five-year Housing Land Supply but the allocation site is still listed here.

Policy SW01 (Land at West Hill Rd North): amendment to xii...contribute to physical and social infrastructure needed to make the development acceptable. No reference to phased delivery. See below.

Policy SU01 (Brightlands, Sutton Scotney): occupancy of the development will be phased to align with the delivery of upgrades to waste water treatment sites at Saddlers Close, Gratton Close and Harestock. Saddlers Close and Gratton Close were supposed to be completed by March 2025 and Harestock is to be delivered as a priority early in the next water industry Financial Plan Period 2025-2030. The latter affects West Hill Rd North. Work on a new pipeline appears to have ended on Ox Drove at the inspection pits but waste water will flow from there via existing pipes via Worthy Down to Harestock Treatment Works where an upgrade is needed.

Additional Minor Modifications ED39 29/4/25 just knocks out a "the" from Alresford Drove.

There have been no changes for South Wonston on the Policy Maps  
These aren't covered by the Inspector.

#### **To be noted**

#### **- Village Design Statement**

Cllr Peal gave an update on the current position of the VDS. Note the public meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October @ 6.30pm

#### **To be noted**

### **25/095 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS**

#### **- Land to the East of the Pavilion**

Cllr Perrins & Peal to meet with landscape designer

#### **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, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025, The Pavilion

### **MINUTES**

Apologies for absence – Nickey Turner, Kim Blakeway, Lillie Holmes, Sonia Roper, Neil Roper, Vibeke Fennell, Phil Oram

Attending: John Cooper, Stephen Godfrey.

Agreed minutes from previous meetings. No matters arising

Parish Council – Update and briefings

- Update from October meeting
- Attendees at VDS Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> October 1830 Pavilion. Stephen to attend – others will also come along. Stephen to promote.
- Final Furlong Coffee Van – plug in to pavilion? Reusable cups?
- Fireworks – Any preparations?

8.15pm Review recent events

- Repair Café – 18 repair requests. Volunteers – 9. Items repaired – 5, saving 18 kgs waste and 223kgs of CO2 saved. Nine items (mostly sealed electrical items) could not be repaired. Sharpening service was successfully used for whole period. Small stock of spares and parts may be acquired. RC Insurance now due for £201 – First Anniversary.
- Community Led Energy Generation Planning Workshop. 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop. Promote insulation. Use WinACC Advice hub – [www.myhomemadebetter.org](http://www.myhomemadebetter.org)
- Baby and Toddler Group. Well received.
- WeCan Network Event. Very successful network event. Impressed with opportunities around District.

8.25pm Forthcoming events

- Repair Café – 25<sup>th</sup> October and 22<sup>nd</sup> November
- Social Event - ?15<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- School Swap and Shop and other events. No specific date for jumper swap, but how do we promote swap page?
- South Wonston School Climate Action Plan

8.40pm Sub-Group Updates

- Travel. Some use being made of buses, but we need to promote it – ideas?
- Circular economy
- Energy
- Food Group

#### 8.50pm Communications

- Monthly Newsletter – articles to Nickey as soon as possible.
- Website/Social Media
- West Dever News items.

Date of next meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

#### **Sustainability Catch up meeting – Cllr Stephen & Rachael Jones**

1. Furlong Coffee – Currently on a generator and would like to see on mains electric and not using recyclables.
2. Fireworks – consideration to food stalls, recycling and noise. Advertising to remind everyone to bring cup and take rubbish home.
3. Let's Go Zero – waiting for the plan from the school.
4. Village Survey- not sure how to proceed with this at present.
5. First Aid Training with Community First – John Cooper organising
6. Biodiversity – Looking for a lead
7. Repair Café –Repair café dates set for the next year. Knife Sharpening was well attended. Clerk to organise the promotion poster.
8. Baby & Toddler Group – successful green week event held
9. VDS – Cllr Godfrey will attend with guidance from WINACC & WCC
10. Energy Savings – WINACC offered a service on solar panels and loft insulation. Will be promoting the website.

Cllr Shephard gave feedback from the Energy Awareness meeting she attended with WINACC. As part of this it was suggested that the Parish Council should consider solar panels.

#### Food Waste Information Pack

Most of the village get their bins on the 2/2/26 but collection doesn't start till 23/2/26

#### Sustainable Travel Officer

Winchester City Council's Sustainable Travel Officer has been in contact with the parish council to offer support to promote sustainable travel in your area.

Examples of sustainable travel behaviour change projects:

- Setting up a school bike bus
- Delivery community events such as bike doctor or bike maintenance training
- Providing community signage and mapping
- Running led walks or bike rides
- And many other types of projects

Clerk will contact the travel officer to take this forward.

#### **- Air Quality**

Phil Tidridge has requested meeting at the recreation ground rather than Team. Need to work out how best to organise this.

#### **- WINACC Solar Panel to Pavilion**

Cllrs Shephard, Peal, Clerk, & Richard Mould met to discuss whether solar panels could be added to the pavilion. Chair will work with Richard to see if this project is viable as the Parish Council has an RHI Ofgem grant currently.

**To be noted**

### **25/096 RIGHTS OF WAY**

Annual maintenance work to cut back Ox Drove, Lower Road and Recreation Ground has been started by Craig Townsend. To date the outstanding work is the section running east from the recreation ground towards the Stoke Charity Road.

Clerk is working with Worthy Down to ensure all rights of ways are maintained and logged on a map. This will include all Winchester City Council open spaces as it is thought that this work will transfer to the Parish.

**To be noted**

### **25/097 PAVILION & RECREATION**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE 24/09/2025

APOLOGIES

None.

PRESENT

Chair Cllr Perrins and Cllrs Hussain and Peal and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND ACTION LIST

The new fence outside the Pavilion veranda had been finished except for painting to match the building's fascia boards.

Electrical faults identified with lights in the store, Parish Room, hallway and one of the toilets and a socket in the kitchen would soon receive a quote. Clerk would also seek quotes for moving the stereo to the middle cupboard and for a power pack off the main grid in the plant room.

These would enable locking of the Toddler Group cupboard and provide a power source for outside events which would eliminate issues with use of non-Parish Council equipment.

Mr Watts had completed interior painting work.

Recreation Ground benches and other seating had been cleaned and stained. A quote had been received of £250.00 for cleaning the Tennis/Pickleball Court. Clerk would like to negotiate a cheaper quote for a quick jetwash rather than thorough professional cleaning of the village bus shelters.

The issue of the Water Fountain had not yet been addressed due to busy contractors.

The handyman/caretaker had found in the garage the disclaimer sign for the Zip Wire and a large lump of concrete which had left a big hole by the facility which required a cone for safety. Repair should be included in the work on the skate park.

It was agreed to continue working with Grass and Grounds. Cutting would end at the beginning of November and between then and next March Grass and Grounds would only come out on request depending on the level of football being played.

#### ADVERTISING

The net and stand for the Pickleball Court had arrived. Clerk would investigate an extra box for Hallmaster and notify interested players from the 31<sup>st</sup> October, when the court gate would be closed, how to access online booking. A storage box would be required for game equipment.

Grass and Grounds had cleared the BMX track to a limited extent.

Members decided that the Parish Council needed to gauge the level of village interest in both Pickleball and a more sophisticated pump track.

Cllr Hussain suggested that village children might be drawn to use another track by the bridge on the old railway line if the Recreation Ground's current version were to be replaced by a more formal arrangement. Members discussed using the forthcoming Village Design Statement meeting to assess public interest and asking Mr Talt to design a suitable poster.

#### FINANCE

Figures would be presented at the next meeting as part of Budget Monitoring, including financial loss after the closure of Happy Days and its effect on the Precept.

#### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

8<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

#### - Pickleball Court

Taster sessions have been organised for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October & Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to be run by keen residents in South Wonston. Clerk has set up the online booking system to book the tennis court from 1<sup>st</sup> November along with locking it from this date. A storage box needs to be purchased to be kept in the court for the bats, ball & net.

#### To be noted

## **25/098 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

- **To receive updates from City Councillor Warwick and Councillors M3 junction 9 improvements project.**

Updates shared with the Parish Council and put on Facebook.

**To be noted**

- **Speed Detection Unit**

Cllr John Berry gave an update on the positioning of the Speed Detection Units and recording of data. Cllr Hussain will see what data he can produce from it.

**To be noted**

## **25/099 GENERAL AMENITIES**

- **Fireworks 2025 - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November from TBC**

Clerk is continuing to work setting up the fireworks event for this year. The banners are ready to be put up this week and the fireworks are on order. The advertising continues with posters on the noticeboards and a colour page in the November WDN.

**To be noted**

## **25/100 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:-**

18/9/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Hedge Cutting Lower Road

18/9/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Where did we buy the Community Bench

22/9/25 – A resident from South Wonston – Large Tractor on Alresford Drove

Topical Items

How to support residents without a BT landline & a life line?

**To be noted**

- **Website & Social Media Update**

The website continues to be updated. Clerk has arranged for Vision ICT to add the Instagram logo at the footer of the home page. Going forward Clerk needs to liaise with Cllr Peal to make sure all documents have been reviewed.

Clerk needs 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, 33 stories.

Created 9 pieces of content, 2 events

Instagram is now up and running

[https://www.instagram.com/south\\_wonston\\_pc/](https://www.instagram.com/south_wonston_pc/)

**To be noted**

**25/101 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston

**The meeting closed at 9.47pm**