



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30PM**

**To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion**

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**Present:** Chair Perrins, Cllrs Peal, Jordan, Hussain, Tucker and Sheppard, Lt Col Janet Johnston, City Cllrs Godfrey and Horrill, and Clerk Mrs R Jones.

### **25/135 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Berry and County Cllr Warwick.

### **25/136 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests to be declared.

**The Chair suspended Standing Orders.**

### **25/137 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

### **25/138 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE**

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

1. Food waste collection starting here on 22nd February. Caddies

and a small supply of compostable liners will be delivered to households in advance of the start date. Food waste must be bagged;

2. Home Energy Assessment being offered by the City Council to tenants
3. Police Speed checks in Sutton Scotney;

Cllr Perrins raised the issue about smells coming from the Anaerobic Digester. Cllr Godfrey asked if residents could keep a log and contact Dave Ingram at WCC Environmental Health.

Lt Col Janet Johnston attended the meeting but had no updates regarding Worthy Down. Cllr Perrins asked for a contact in the DIO for inquiries about Mr Rowsell's tenancy of the land adjacent to the Pavilion Car Park. Lt Col Johnson will mention this to Nicki Day.

## **DEVOLUTION & REORGANISATION**

### **Information from Winchester City Council & Hampshire County Council**

The Government's consultation on major changes to how councils are structured across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight closes this Sunday 11 January. Hampshire and Isle of Wight currently has 15 councils and the Government wants to reduce this number and is asking for views on the options being considered. This includes:

Five councils: 11 of our current councils submitted a proposal for five councils. There are three options for the shape of the four new councils on mainland Hampshire, with the Isle of Wight remaining as a separate unitary council.

Four Councils: 2 of our current councils have submitted a proposal for three new mainland councils alongside the Isle of Wight

In our joint business case with 10 other councils, we set out how a five council model would best deliver services while remaining close to communities, drive economic growth and save at least £63.9 million per year.

Winchester City Council supports 'option 2' of the five council proposal which would see our district become part of a new mid-Hampshire council made up of the current councils of Winchester, Test Valley and East Hampshire, along with the services provided by the county council in that area.

The consultation will ask your view on each of the four options. You do not need to answer them all. Head over to the consultation and have your say - it runs until Sunday 11 January 2026.

Find out more: [www.closeenoughtobelocal.co.uk](http://www.closeenoughtobelocal.co.uk).

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

**SIGNED AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**

**It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting following minor amendments.**

**25/140 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2026**

None

**To be noted**

**25/141 COUNCILLORS**

- **Clerk to advertise the vacancy**

Clerk continues to advertise the vacancy

**To be noted**

- **To sign new updated Acceptance Forms**

New acceptance forms signed, ready to be checked by the Internal Auditor

**To be noted**

- **Take Photos of Councillors for website**

Clerk to take photos of all Councillors for uploading on the website

**To be noted**

- **New Councillor Course**

All of the new Councillors have signed up to either on-line training with Mulberry or training in person with HALC. Essentials for Councillors: Roles, Responsibilities & Working Relationships. Gaining a solid foundation in the role of a councillor.

Topics include:

- ✓ Understanding parish councils – Structure & purpose
- ✓ Roles & responsibilities – Clerk, Chair, and councillors
- ✓ Member Code of Conduct – Legal & ethical obligations
- ✓ Building effective relationships – Within the council & community

**To be noted**

## **25/142 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£107,650.70
Lloyds Account 10	£103,979.03
Total =	£211,629.73

**To be noted**

### **- Budget Monitoring to 31.12.25**

Clerk produced budget monitoring income and expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026 and forecasted outturn to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026. A spreadsheet is attached to these minutes.

**To be noted**

### **- Final Budget 2026/2027**

Clerk updated the draft budget with the changes agreed at the previous council meeting and included actual payments for the year to January 2026. Five Councillors approved the precept increase of 5% increasing the precept to £119,484; one Councillor abstained from the vote.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the precept increase and budget**

Cllr Horrill gave an update from Hampshire County Council which included:

1. Sir John Moore Barracks under discussion;
2. Barton Farm - Park & Ride to be built once 950 homes are occupied;
3. Popham: 4,250 homes to be built;
4. National Planning Policy Framework Consultation to 10<sup>th</sup> March

- NPPF revision;
5. Proposal to WCC that Local Elections proposals should take place.

Clerk asked about when the park & ride will be completed and the closure of Andover Road. Current understanding is that Andover Road will shut once Junction 9 works are completed.

Cllr Jordan asked about the poor mobile phone connectivity in central Winchester.

## 25/126 PLANNING

### - Applications to be considered.

Reference	25/02436/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-14527740
Application Received	Mon 01 Dec 2025
Application Validated	Sun 07 Dec 2025
Address	10 Groves Close South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3EP
Proposal	Erection of a single storey rear extension
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Comment	See below

The additional extension will follow the building line to the rear however, it does not run on from the party wall from the existing building. There appears to be no overlooking concerns, The back entrance faces onto the smaller area of back garden.

### - Decisions by WCC

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 Ham

Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
<b>Decision</b>	<b>Application Permitted</b>

### To be noted

**Appeal Ref: APP/TPO/L1765/10445 6 Norris Gardens, South Wonston, Hampshire, SO21 3TA** • The appeal is made under regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 against a grant of consent to undertake work to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) subject to conditions. • The appeal is made by Mr M Griffiths against the decision of Winchester City Council. • The application Ref is 24/01747/TPO. • **Consent was granted & the following condition removed**

The condition in dispute is No 5 which states that: Following the removal of the Ash trees hereby consented – three (3) extra heavy standard trees of 14/16cm girth size shall be planted in the tree planting season November – February, immediately following the approved removal. The replacement trees shall be planted on the land owned by the applicant/owner of the tree, and within 5m of the site of the removed subject tree. The replacement tree shall be selected from the following tree types: 1. Field Maple ‘Elegant’ – *Acer campestre* ‘Elegant’ 2. Elm ‘New Horizon’ – *Ulmus* ‘New Horizon’ 3. Sweet Gum – *Liquidambar styraciflua*

### - Enforcements Open

An update on the open cases has been received for January which was shared with Councillors. There is currently one open case 24/0021/COU.

### - Local Plan

#### **Winchester City Council Consultation**

Consultation on Main Modifications to our Local Plan 2020-2040 closes next Friday 16 January. The Main Modifications consultation follows last year’s public examination hearings on our Local Plan 2020-2040, and is one of the final stages in Local Plan development.

The proposed Main Modifications, as well as supporting documents and guidance on how to take part in the consultation, are available on our dedicated Local Plan website.

Cllr Ann Peal gave a verbal update on the comments made about the Main Modifications. Topics covered in the Parish Council’s submission were the inclusion of disused railway corridors and farmland in NE4, the emphasis on the Statement of Community Involvement, public/wastewater network reinforcement delivery and phased occupation and the deletion of H2 (the delay developing greenfield sites).

### **- Village Design Statement**

Cllr Jordan gave a verbal update to Councillors and thought Council should consider budget costs for mapping, printing and consultant services. Agreed to increase budget to £4K.

Next Public meeting to be arranged for - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March @7.30pm

**To be noted**

## **25/127 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS**

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

Clerk has written to Worthy Down asking if the tenant farmer will be continuing with his lease.

**To be noted**

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

WeCAN is looking to co-ordinate a local recycling directory. If your group has compiled a list for your area and is happy to make changes as and when they occur, get in touch with Kim at [kim.blakeway@winacc.org.uk](mailto:kim.blakeway@winacc.org.uk). Hampshire County Council has agreed to host a link to the directory from their [waste and recycling pages](#).

## **SOUTH WONSTON SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATION TEAM MEETING**

**7.30pm – 9.00pm, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026, The Pavilion**

### **MINUTES**

0. Apologies for absence: Nickey Turner, Kim Blakeway, Neil Roper, Phil Oram
1. Attendees: Sonia Roper, John Cooper, Sally Taviner, John Smith, Lillie Holmes, Stephen Godfrey
2. Agree minutes from previous meetings and matters arising
  - . A Board and netting poster. A Board to be Repair Café all dates poster – John sent to PC Clerk. Netting poster still being developed.
  - a. Support for WeCAN – Is there a WeCAN project in need of support. Stephen to contact WinACC director Jo Crocker.

- b. Website and social media support. Sonya Dibben to start working with Lillie in next weeks.
  - c. Food Waste Collection - <https://www.winchester.gov.uk/waste-recycling/recycling/food-waste-faqs> - more information to follow. Stephen to share poster and guidance.
- 3. Parish Council – Update and briefings
  - Update from December meeting
  - Volunteers for litter-picking. John, Sally, Stephen initial volunteers.
- 4. Review recent events
  - MP's Christmas Party – 4<sup>th</sup> December. No takers on the day.
- 5. Forthcoming events
  - Repair Café – 31<sup>st</sup> January, 28<sup>th</sup> February and 28<sup>th</sup> March.
  - Social Event - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 7.30pm Sustainability Social to include RC volunteers.
  - South Wonston School Climate Action Plan
- 6. Sub-Group Updates
  - Travel
  - Circular economy – Repair Cafe
  - Energy - Sally producing new Thermal Camera poster for distribution.
  - Food Group – Food Waste Challenge 9-13 March. Sam and Nickey to suggest activity.
- 7. Communications
  - Monthly Newsletter – RC Poster for January plus Thermal Imaging Camera, Food Waste, bra collection and sweet box collection.
  - Website/Social Media – Website Renewal - £187.81 to be refunded to Lillie.
  - West Dever News items
  - Coordination Team – Add Sonya Dibben, Sally Taviner and John Smith to distribution list - Stephen
  - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

### **Sustainability Catch up meeting – Cllr Stephen & Rachael Jones didn't take place**

#### **- Air Quality**

Cllr Jordan submitted a report which has been shared with Councillors and is on the website. He gave a verbal update on the data collected which is showing good air quality, but this is a good time of year. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

#### **To be noted**



### **- Solar Panels feasibility Study**

Cllr Sheppard gave an update on the solar PV and battery storage: revised feasibility report from WinACC. The report is attached as a separate document at the end of the minutes.

It was agreed that Richard Mould (WinACC) should attend the February Parish Council meeting to answer questions raised from his report.

### **To be noted**

#### **- Anaerobic Digester**

Clerk will contact the company to request a visit of the site as it should be now fully functional.

The Parish Council has now started to receive complaints from residents in Orchard Close and Lower Road on the pungent smell that hangs in the air. Cllr Godfrey earlier in the meeting suggested notifying Environmental Health.

Cllr Jordan to attend the grant meeting and has been asked to raise the following points:

1. Visit by the PC to the AD
2. Smell
3. Grant to spend on solar panels.

### **To be noted**

## **25/128 RIGHTS OF WAY**

### **- Lower Road**

Lower Road is currently recorded on the List of Streets as an F-road, indicating it is a publicly maintainable 'Right of Way'. Additionally, it is designated on the Definitive Map as a 'Restricted Byway'. This confirms that the route is publicly maintainable to a sufficient standard to ensure that it is passable by the lawfully permitted user. Private rights of access may also exist.

To ensure transparency and avoid future ambiguity, the supply of materials to residents has been recorded in the Council's CAMS (Countryside Access Management System). **Upon request by the Parish Council, the County Council will supply gravel, which residents may use to fill any surface defects.**

The current contact for this arrangement is [PROW@hants.gov.uk](mailto:PROW@hants.gov.uk), for the attention of Andrew Aitkin, Area Access Manager.

Clerk to follow up with Cllr Berry as no gravel has been delivered and a resident of Lower Road has asked about maintenance

**To be noted**

- **Ox Drove**

Highways have met with Cllr Perrins and agreed that the tree is within the resident's boundary of Hawthorns on West Hill Road South and therefore their responsibility to have removed.

**To be noted**

**25/113 PAVILION & RECREATION**

The meeting is due to take place later in January.

**To be noted**

- **Football**

Cllr Stu Tucker would like us to formally send an email and meet with the Secretary of Swifts to understand their plans for the next season. Clerk to send email and include introducing Cllr Stu Tucker

**To be noted**

**25/114 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

- **To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors**

**Email from HCC Highways to Cllr Warwick**

Residents can contact our team at [southernwater@unitedinfrastructure.com](mailto:southernwater@unitedinfrastructure.com).

I understand that our team has been in contact with Ian Ackerman and a resident of South Wonston

A further letter is being sent to the local community when the works reach the section of the road where South Wonston residents will be affected. I understand that this letter, along with an additional one regarding the reopening of the road over Christmas, will be shared shortly.

For your information, we have now completed over 600 metres in total across both mains on Old Stoke Road. As the two mains run side by

side, they are being installed in tandem. We are aiming to progress at approximately 300 metres per week up to the Christmas break period.  
Nick Davis

**To be noted**

- **M3 junction 9 improvements project**

Updates shared with the Parish Council and put on Facebook.

**To be noted**

- **Salt Bins**

Councillors to check that all salt bins in the village can be accessed and have salt available to be used.

**To be noted**

- **Speed Detection Unit**

Cllr John Berry & Cllr Zac Hussain have not been able to organise charging the SDU's. Greg Talt has agreed to maintain charging and supply monthly data to Council for £100 per month.

**It was RESOLVED to approve this expenditure**

**25/115 GENERAL AMENITIES**

- **Litter Picking Christmas Hill & Alresford Drove**

Deferred to next meeting and email correspondence

**To be noted**

- **Hampshire Minerals and Waste Policy Partial Update Main Modifications Consultation Response**

Cllr Peal commented on a closer link to the National Planning Policy Framework, meeting carbon neutrality at the latest by 2050, climate change assessments for development proposals, avoiding loss of mineral resources by non-mineral development, setting metric tonnage per annum to ensure an adequate supply of aggregates after amounts declined during Covid and new transport routes to be supported where there is no adverse impact on the environment and the local community. Micheldever Sidings, which were included in the Regulation 19 representation, a suitable option for a potential rail depot in the update, has a number of constraints: an SPZ (Source Protection Zone),

protected plants, a listed building (the station), a PROW (Public Right of Way) and very concerned residents.

**To be noted**

**25/116 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:**

19/12/25 – A resident of South Wonston – Drop Kerb hole

8/12/25 through to 19/12/25 – numerous emails from residents of South Wonston

22/12/25 – A resident of South Wonston – Maintenance of bushes in Lovell Close

**To be noted**

**-Community Engagement Role**

Cllr Jordan gave an update on the job description he shared with the Councillors prior to the Parish Council meeting. Is the role valuable to the village? Would it help the Clerk with her workload?

Clerk to contact the surrounding Parish Councils to see what they currently do.

**To be noted**

**- Website & Social Media Update**

The website continues to be updated with relevant statutory information.

Clerk & GT Digital are working together to create a social media post and poster for the A Board showing “What’s On” in the pavilion.

Monthly emailed Village Newsletter to be started. Cllr Hussain agreed to work with Greg Talt and liaise with groups in the village who will create editorial for it.

**To be noted**

**- Social Media Update**

Meta have changed how they report “Reach”; it’s now called “Views” and is meant to be a more realistic interpretation of how many people actually view content.

Social media management for December

Facebook – 23, posts, 38 stories. Followers (637 November, 649 December)

Created 3 pieces of content

Instagram – (73 November, 81 December)

Instagram is now up and running

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

**To be noted**

**25/117 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025** at 7.10pm at the South Wonston

**The meeting closed at 9.59pm**