



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 9th February 2026 at 7.30PM

To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion

The Parish Council meeting started earlier to meet with Richard Mould of WinACC to discuss his feasibility report with regarding solar panels being fitted to the pavilion roof. He will help by putting together a list of installers and suitable grants. It should be noted that different suppliers offer different exports and outputs and therefore different savings.

Cllr Sheppard supported the option of 35 panels which requires no planning permission. Cllr Perrins said that 35 would be the optimum. We should look at moving from SSE to reduce our bills as we are currently on the variable rate and note that this quarters RHI grant refund is £800. Cllr Tucker asked about the suggested monitoring and maintenance. The panels should be cleaned every 10 years and you should closely monitor the system so you can check the outputs. Cllr Jordan asked about the costs and savings. The payback periods are based on one-year costs. The asset life time is 25 years. Warranty is 25 to 30 years. Inverters / batteries last at least 10 years and therefore payback should be within 10 years. The system is controlled by an APP which needs to be programmed and checked. It was agreed that suppliers be reviewed by Clerk and Richard to help decide on a new supplier.

Present: Chair Perrins, Cllrs Peal, Jordan, Hussain, Tucker, Sheppard & Berry, County Cllr Warwick & City Councillor Godfrey and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

25/151 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Horrill and Lt Col Janet Johnston

25/152 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

25/153 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Reverend Jo Criscenti introduced herself to the Parish Council and talked about the wishes of local people who were holding on to their loved ones' ashes for a place to deposit and remember them. She referred to the importance for the grieving process of a local place for ashes and a local church service. Cllr Perrins outlined the history of the Parish Council's search for a dedicated area and confirmed that MP Danny Chambers was trying to help. She asked if this local case could be used to achieve our project. Reverend Criscenti agreed. Names in support could form part of an article for The Chronicle and the MP's petition would be discussed. The Clerk will contact the Reverend to look at how this can be progressed.

25/154 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE

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

- District and County Elections will take place on 7th Ma. The Mayor's elections will be brought forward;
- Would parish councils like to align their elections with the unitary elections? There should not be any additional costs;
- Food Waste starting to be collected on February 26th to be transported to the Basingstoke or Dorset anaerobic digester;
- Draft budgets being built to include council tax increasing by just under 3% and parking charges to rise later in the year. A balanced budget and increased reserves are intended;
- Small Grants funds to close Thursday 12th February;
- M3 will be closed for the next weekend, the last major closure for some time;
- River Park Leisure Centre has 12 different expressions of interest. Views are being collected and proposals should be made by Summer 2026;
- The licence from the MOD specifically enables Mr Rowsell to farm land belonging to Worthy Down on a three-year financial lease. Could this can be ended at any time? We need to be mindful of any changes;
- Attended the village school for a Climate Action Plan Workshop. Suggested setting up a School Gardening Club;
- Repair Cafes are going well.

DEVOLUTION & REORGANISATION

Information from Winchester City Council

The government has recently written to us asking for views on the future timing of parish council elections, and we want to hear your views:

“Would you prefer for any parish council elections to be aligned with elections to the new councils?”

The election cycle for the new unitary councils will be 2027, 2032, 2036 – a four year, all out election.

Our parish elections are on a 3 yearly cycle, currently 2026, 2027, 2028.

Although we don't know all the detail of how parish election cycles could change, if the parish and unitary elections are aligned, **all** parish elections would be held in those years in that unitary council. Other district councils like Test Valley, New Forest and East Hampshire, have all out district elections and all parish elections in the same year.

In thinking about your parish, do remember that at the moment some of the costs of parish elections are shared with either the county or city council as they take place at the same time. Where parish council elections do not align to the dates of the elections for the new councils, the cost of the election is likely to fall to the parish council. As an example, a recent by-election in a large parish cost in the region of £10,000.

Option 1 and 1a

This option (option 1 - left hand image below) for a new unitary council is based on the footprint of the districts of Winchester, New Forest, Test Valley and East Hampshire.

Option 1a (right hand image below) proposes some boundary

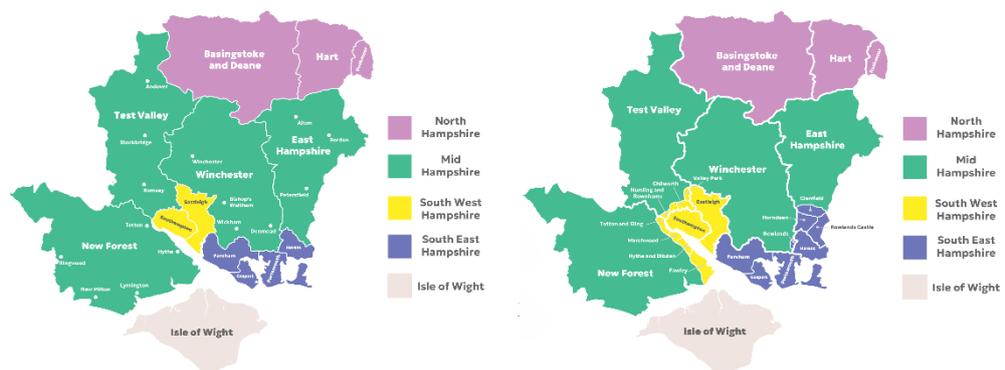
changes to Option 1, which affect the parishes of Totton & Eling, Marchwood, Hythe & Dibden and Fawley, Nursling & Rownhams, Valley Park and Chilworth, Clanfield, Horndean and Rowlands Castle and Newlands in the Winchester district.

Test Valley, East Hants and New Forest have 'all out' elections for their Parish Councils in 2027.

To align the elections, this means the 2026 elections would have to change so they would be at the same time as the 2032 all out unitary council elections.

Options for Winchester in this scenario for a decision by government could include:

1. Postponing 2026 elections to 2027
2. Holding the 2026 elections and having a 4 year plus 2 year term to align with all out elections in 2032



Option 2

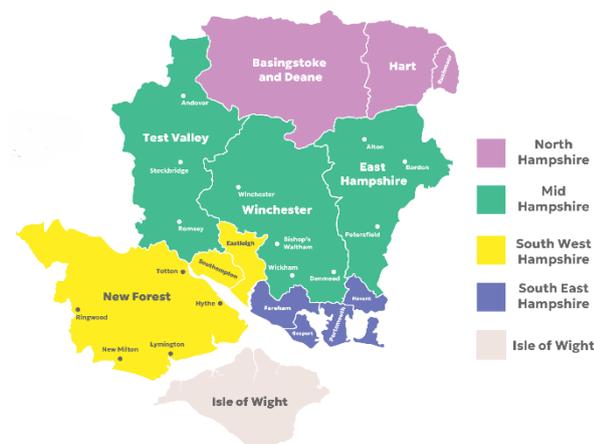
As a reminder this proposal (image below) creates a unitary council based on the footprint of Test Valley, Winchester and

East Hampshire. This is the Winchester City Council preferred option.

~~Test Valley 2027~~ East Hants have 'all out' elections for their Parish
 To align the elections, this means the 2026 elections would have to change so they would be at the same time as the 2032 all out unitary council elections.

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1. Postponing 2026 elections to 2027
2. Holding the 2026 elections and having a 4 year plus 2 year term to align with all out elections in 2032



Option B2

As a reminder, this was the option put forward by Hampshire County Council and East Hants District council (image below) and is based on the footprint of Basingstoke & Deane, Hart, Rushmoor, East Hants and Winchester.

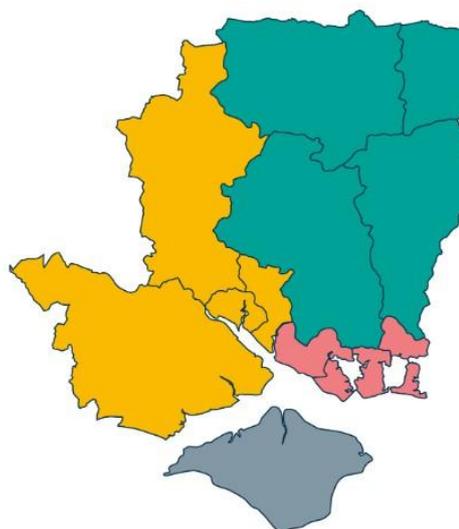
East Hants has all out elections for their Parish Councils in 2027 . Basingstoke & Deane, Hart, Rushmoor and Winchester’s current election arrangements for parish and town councils are in a three year cycle.

Options for Winchester in this scenario for decision by government could include:

1. Retaining the three year cycle of elections (but remember you may have to pay the cost of the election if your election is in a different year to other elections)
2. Aligning all Parishes to an all out model to align with the 2032 all out election – this would be a combination of 4 year plus 1 year and 4 year plus 2 year terms.

They would be organised into the following areas:

Mid-North	Incorporating Basingstoke and Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, Rushmoor and Winchester. Population of around 656,000.
West	Incorporating Eastleigh, New Forest, Southampton, and Test Valley. Population of around 707,000.
South-East	Incorporating Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth. Population of around 533,000.
Isle of Wight	Population of around 141,000.



Would you prefer for parish council elections to be aligned with the elections in the new councils?

Please let us have your views as soon as possible for each of the options and **by 9am on Friday 13th February. Use the button below to reply or email:**

LGR-PMO@WINCHESTER.GOV.UK

Hampshire County Council

No update

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

25/155 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2026. 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.

25/156 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th JANUARY 2026

To be noted

25/157 COUNCILLORS

- Clerk to advertise the vacancy

Clerk continues to advertise the vacancy

To be noted

- To sign new updated Acceptance Forms & Register of Interest Forms

Cllr Berry to sign the new acceptance form, and Cllrs to update and sign new Register of Interest forms. Clerk to email after the meeting to be brought back for signing at the March Parish Council meeting.

To be noted

- New Councillor Course

Feedback from Cllrs Tucker and Hussain on the online Mulberry course was positive. It covered what they see the Parish Council carry out and reiterated:

- ✓ 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

FINANCE

- Recent Transactions

A spreadsheet of recent transactions was provided for all Members.

25/158 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 January 2025 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£107,218.70
Lloyds Account 10	£101,915.21
Total =	£203,133.91

To be noted

- Bank Accounts & Banking Procedures

Clerk is now making all payments from the Lloyds account and Cllr Perrins has completed the forms to become the second authoriser on-line. Implementation of this will cover the internal auditor's recommendation.

To be noted

25/159 PLANNING

**Wind Turbine - Planning Application 25/02576/AVC – Headbourne Worthy.
Councillor Perrins has submitted a response on behalf of the Parish Council**

The South Wonston Parish Council registers its strong objection to the installation of a 59m advertising Wind Turbine which will be located immediately adjacent to the A34 and the A272-major arterial roads and the nearby the South Wonston village.

We believe that an advertising Wind Turbine of this height and dominant position will cause drivers to become distracted and as a result could cause accidents in fast flowing traffic.

We believe that it serves no real benefit to Instavolt in terms of advertising its facility as the site is clearly visible and well advertised already and therefore the advertising Wind Turbine serves no purpose and will only result in being a negative feature in the landscape.

We agree with our residents that planning decisions must balance harm against public benefit and we must at all costs protect our countryside which has already been impacted in the area concerned.

The South Wonston Parish Council understands that the application was not fully circulated and therefore it does not appear that public consultation has been thoroughly sought at the outset.

For the reasons mentioned above we recommend that this application be refused

- Applications to be considered.

Reference	26/00075/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-14628576
Application Received	16 January 2026
Application Validated	13 February 2026
Address	9 Orchard Close South Wonston Winchester Hamp
Proposal	T3 - Remove eastern stem down to approximately 12m to just below the area of necrotic bark (prune to appropriate side branch) ? see enclose image. Remove any poorly attached deadwood greater than 50mm in diameter.
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins

Comment	No Comment
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Reference	26/00065/FUL
Alternative Reference	PP-14616426
Application Received	15/01/2026
Application Validated	29/01/2026
Address	Land North Of Bridge Bungalow Lower Road South Wonston Hampshire
Description	Resubmission of 23/01172/FUL refused in December 2023 Temporary Rural Worker's dwelling, retention of mushroom production facility. Agricultural lodge, greenhouse, polytunnel, potting shed, three amenity ponds, use of land for mixed use agriculture and a forest school (revised proposal).
Inspected By	Cllr Ann Peal
Comments	See below

26/00065/FUL Temporary Rural Worker's dwelling, retention of mushroom production facility. Agricultural lodge, greenhouse, polytunnel, potting shed, three amenity ponds, use of land for mixed use agriculture and a forest school (revised proposal).

The application (submitted 15/01/2026) is a resubmission of 23/01172/FUL refused in December 2023 and dismissed at appeal for "adverse landscape issues" (the visibility of the dome and its impact on the character and appearance of the area). The temporary rural worker's dwelling (the dome) remains on site. The family have been living there for the last two years. At the appeal, the Inspector was satisfied that the agricultural business (Myndful Mushrooms) was soundly based and there was still a need for an essential worker to live on site as set out in Local Plan Part 2 DM11 Housing for essential rural workers. This policy provides for permission for three years, after which the needs of the site will be reviewed. Temporary permissions are not normally renewed as it is expected that a permanent dwelling will replace the temporary one. The Inspector also had no objection to the forest school and other

aspects of 23/01172/FUL., but did raise concerns about the effect on protected species.

The temporary rural worker's dwelling, also described as a mobile home in 26/00065/FUL, is classed by the applicant as a self-build/custom build project which isn't subject to a Biodiversity Gain condition. It is a two-bed residential unit built of timber with a pitched felt roof, 154 sqm floor space, measuring 9x4x3m approximately and sited between the mushroom facility and the ground mounted solar panels on the north side of the site. It has a central double door under a gable and two large windows on the south side, no features on the east, two small windows on the north and a large window on the west. Accommodation consists of one large bedroom, one smaller one and an open kitchen/dining room. There are compost toilets inside and outside and the building also benefits from a package treatment plant for waste water.

The Case Officer's report (28/01/2025) notes that new boundary details are required, preferred treatment being post and rail fencing and hedging, changes in the layout including a second mushroom facility (a shipping container), requirement for an updated Preliminary Ecological Assessment, requirement for biodiversity enhancement and details of nutrient mitigation prior to occupation, and potential need for an s106 agreement for the package treatment plant (a legally binding contract between the Local Planning Authority and the developer, also described as a planning obligation, which can secure developer contributions for infrastructure etc to make a development acceptable).

RECOMMENDATION

The Parish Council should offer no further comments regarding the site so long as all details and obligations are imposed and met.

- Decisions by WCC

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
	Application Permitted

To be noted**- Enforcements Open**

An update on the open cases has been received for February which was shared with Councillors. 26/00013/COU (unauthorised use of land at Land North of Bridge Bungalow (sauna and its use)) has been added and 24/00214/COU is closed after the requested submission of a new planning application 26/00065/FUL (Temporary Rural Worker's Dwelling etc) was made.

- Local Plan**SW01 West Hill Road North- Email Received from Cllr Godfrey**

Before a planning application is submitted, an applicant has to complete any surveys and assessments that have been identified as necessary for a particular site. Some of these might come as a result of discussion with the planners and some are specified in the Local or National Plan. It looks to me like the surveys being performed this week would fit this pre application model. We will not know the results until the application is submitted (which is unlikely to be until after the new Local Plan is adopted later this year). Additional surveys, such as for bats and other protected species, maybe required by the planners after the application is submitted.

To be noted

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

- Ground water flooding in Littleton and Hursley is making permanent repair of potholes difficult;
- Pavement parking is being consulted upon but is difficult to legally prosecute;
- Looking at charging utility companies unreasonably extending work at road closures;
- Emergency powers are being used in a non-emergency situation by Southern Water so they don't have to complete the work in a timely way;
- Southern Water works on Alresford Drove scheduled for mid-February. Meeting planned with Laurence Gosling of Southern Water to discuss which sections of Alresford Drove will be affected;
- Meeting on site on Wednesday to look at Lovell Close hedge issues with Clerk and Cllr Godfrey.

- Village Design Statement

Cllrs Jordan & Peal gave a verbal update on the current draft of the Village Design Statement. Councillors have been forwarded the draft and asked for comments. Cllr Peal is currently tying up the VDS in line with the local plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Advertising has started and banners have been ordered. It was suggested that flyers could be made and left in the local shop for handing out. Cllrs Peal and Jordan were unable to attend the next Repair Café but might be available for future sessions to chat with attendees.

To be noted

25/160 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS

MP Danny Chambers has asked in his recent survey whether residents are in favour of a burial ground for South Wonston. Cllr Batho has requested a meeting with Councillors.

- 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, 2nd February 2026, The Pavilion

DRAFT MINUTES

Apologies for absence: Phil Oram, Neil Roper

Present: Nickey Turner, Vibeke Fennell, Kim Blakeway, Lillie Holmes, John Smyth, Sally Tviner, John Cooper, Sonia Riper, Stephen Godfrey

Agree minutes from previous meetings and matters arising

Netting poster outline – Sonia to circulate tag lines

Support for WeCAN – contact Jo Crocker – Stephen still to make contact

Food Waste Challenge activity – Week in March 9th-15th. Promote use of food waste diaries. Sonya and Nickey to develop and circulate some messages.

Website Renewal cost refund. Agreed by PC

Parish Council – Update and briefings

- South Wonston Parish Newsletter. Lillie to respond positively to PC. Regular and schedule of articles to be planned by Lillie. Expect to produce same newsletter content for PC and Group newsletter.

- Food Waste Collection – update on bin delivery

Review recent events

- Repair Café – 31st January. Busiest so far in January – 17 customers, with 14 repairs. 378kgs CO2 emissions avoided. WinACC energy saving and Thermal Camera stands worked well.
- Social Event - 15th January 2026 – Worthwhile.
- SW School Climate Action Planning Workshop - 26th January 2026. CPD event attended by 12 teachers – good level of involvement. 6 eco-warriors planning activity – bug hotel, hedgehog highways, recycling, composting, plant-based options in menus? Jen Gale to produce draft action plan that will be aligned to curriculum. Eco-Warriors went to a climate conference last week – notes circulated. Request to start a Gardening Club in school – any volunteers?

Forthcoming events

- Repair Café – 28th February and 28th March. School Uniforms to be fed in over next 4 months? Vibeke to see what might be demand. Seed sale in February Café. Plant Sale outside in 30th May café. On Point in March and April cafes.
- SW PC Village Design Statement Public Workshop – 23rd March 2026
- South Wonston School Climate Action Plan – date yet to be scheduled
- School Summer Fund Day – 16th May 11-1. Scalextric from WinACC – Kim to check.
- WeCan Network Event 10 Mar – St Lawrence Hall. Kim to demo at next meeting on screen.
- Community Led Energy Generation Planning Workshop – Weeke Community Centre 7pm 12th February – register via Facebook link.

Sub-Group Updates

- Travel – Continue to promote bus travel.
- Circular economy – Repair Cafe
- Energy – 6 takers for the thermal camera in February. 50 households used camera so far. John to research new camera options. Could camera be used in school – hide and seek, etc?
- Food Group – Yes to Plant Sale. National plastic count 9-15 March to find ways to reduce packaging – Nickey to send round sign up forms. WI provided vegan and gluten-free options at Repair Café.

Communications

- Monthly Newsletter – Articles to Nickey by 10th February
- Website/Social Media – Instagram access proving problematic, so focus to be on Facebook. Sonya making great impact on Facebook numbers.
- West Dever News items – Repair Café and Food Waste

- G: Drive – Needs to be weeded out – Stephen and all members with access to check documents to ensure we are not keeping information unnecessarily.
- Summer Fete Grant – Monies available for sustainability activity (e.g. for whole village community). Ideas to be brought to next meeting. Date of next meeting – 2nd March 2026, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

Sustainability Catch up meeting – Cllr Stephen Godfrey & Rachael Jones did not meet as it was felt that there was nothing new to be discussed

- Air Quality

Cllr Jordan submitted a report which has been shared with Councillors and is on the website. He will give a verbal update on the data collected, which is still showing as good.

To be noted

- Pavilion Solar Panels Feasibility Study

Richard Mould attended the PC meeting to answer questions on the revised feasibility report - 6th January 2026 (WinACC). This has been minute at the start of the meeting.

Cllr Shepherd agreed to be the project manager and Cllr Jordan agreed to write a project plan.

To be noted

- Anaerobic Digester

Cllr Jordan gave feedback from the funding meeting. There is competition for £20,000 this year from Crawley, Littleton and Harestock, and Headbourne Worthy Parish Councils. The current cut-off date for this year's funding is 31st March 2026. Councillors agreed that they would like to put in an application for funding the solar project. The application form is very large. Are we looking for match-funding i.e. £10,000?

To be noted**25/161 RIGHTS OF WAY****- Lower Road**

Clerk has emailed the resident from Lower Road and asked if they can organise and speak to residents in the road to share spreading the gravel and/or if they would be happy to do it on their own.

Clerk and Cllr Perrins to meet the new HCC ranger.

To be noted**25/162 PAVILION & RECREATION**

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE 14/1/26

PRESENT: CLLRS Perrins (Chair), Peal and Hussein and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND

The Parish Council would have to dip into the Vandalism Budget to repair the "Community Bench" next to the Pavilion. John Taylor was dealing with repair to broken slats at the back. There had also been a fire caused by burning text books on the floor, but he had been able to clear this up. Members needed to know the cost. They decided at Cllr Hussein's suggestion that Mr Taylor's quote and the cause of the damage should be posted on council social media by Greg Talt as soon as photographic evidence could be supplied.

A CCTV camera sign had been removed; Clerk had spares for replacement. It was reported that the outside toilet was also in a bad state. Clerk had been locking the facility at around 5pm. Cllr Hussein suggested a further post about reporting damage to 101 and notifying residents of the cost of repairs.

Members discussed upgrading the CCTV as the system was 10 years old and present devices were bound to be more sophisticated and give a clearer view of registration plates and people especially on dark nights for identification of those misbehaving in line with GDPR rules.

It was noted that trip lighting had been installed for safety and security but not all lighting was satisfactory. Members proposed seeking specialist advice.

Clerk had arranged to order a green windbreak 2 metres in length for the tennis/pickleball court. Pickleball play was due to start in February. The windbreak could be used for local advertising at a charge. The padlock on the court gate had disappeared. Members debated the complications of coded locks, locking or leaving open, improvement to the booking system and leaving a pickleball kit box on the court. It was agreed that practices at Sutton Scotney and Littleton should be

investigated and that the pickleball organiser should have charge of the equipment.

Clerk raised the need for new chairs in the Parish Room. It was decided to keep the best of the old ones and order about 50 in a neutral shade, probably of the stacking variety. The agreed budget was £500.00.

Clerk referred to a playhouse on stilts for the playground. Three quotes would be sought from Duncan and Grove, Kopan and Ava Recreation to cover both supply and groundworks.

Tidal Current (electrician) had returned to put a light in the handyman/caretaker's cupboard for £140.00. A quote had been sent for triggered bollard lighting on a daylight system for the car park including groundworks for £2,500.00. This would be a job for a qualified commercial electrician.

The tree planting season was imminent. C&D would supply a list of suitable native species.

ADVERTISING

Greg Talt had been working on a "What's On" feature. Cllr Hussein suggested boards or banners could be placed when needed at the junction of Downs Rd and the C234 and the junction of Downs Rd and West Hill Roads North and South to advertise facilities and events. The A board shared with the Repair Café would show "What's On" on one side and their own events on the other. The proposed windbreak for the tennis/pickleball court could also be used to display banners for local features or attractions.

FINANCE

Members were concerned about income generation from Parish Council assets in the light of income loss from the departure of Happy Days. Financial information was being kept up to date by Clerk via her regular reports.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

11th February 2026.

To be noted

- Football

Clerk has sent Cllr Stu Tucker's email to meet with the Secretary and Chairman of Swifts to understand their plans for the coming year.

To be noted

POLICIES

– Grievance Policy

A new policy has been written for approval by Cllr Peal

- Disciplinary Policy

A new policy has been written for approval by Cllr Peal

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the policies

25/163 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors

1. Southern Water Works

Residents can contact our team at southernwater@unitedinfrastructure.com.

A further letter has been sent to the local community when the works reach the section of the road where South Wonston residents will be affected.

To be noted

2. Potholes

Cllr Berry offered to log all the pot holes in the village with HCC.

To be noted

- M3 junction 9 improvements project

Updates shared with the Parish Council and put on Facebook and Instagram.

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

Cllr John Berry would like to discuss the agreement made at the January PC meeting. To date neither SDUs have been charged or working since early December. There was a debate about what data the Parish Council would like to receive and Clerk was asked to share what Wonston Parish Council do regarding speed detection data.

To be noted

25/164 GENERAL AMENITIES

- Litter Picking Christmas Hill & Alresford Drove

RRT Charity would like to support the annual litter pick, Sustainability has put forward three volunteers and the Reverend Criscenti offered to help. The litter picks to be carried out in March. Ideally 2 people go out together. Clerk can arrange high viz, litter picks and the area on

Christmas Hill to clear. Councillors have been asked to email Clerk on their availability.

To be noted

Meeting was agreed to continue after 9.30pm

- South Wonston Park Yoga

Clerk would like to organise park yoga ideally on a Saturday / Sunday morning from May to September. This has successfully run at the Leisure Centre in Winchester with an average weekly take up of 150 people. Clerk to share the club information by email.

- Do we join the park yoga club or run it ourselves?
- How much do we pay the teacher? The teachers are paid £75x16 = £1200
- Do we have enough yoga teachers that wish to get involved?
- Would this be a good way of community engagement?

Councillors were only keen to progress this if the teachers were able to run this on a voluntary basis.

To be noted

- Grant – PTA

The Parish Council would consider a grant towards the PTA Summer Fete of £250 if a grant form is submitted

To be noted

25/165 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:

- 14/1/26 – A resident of South Wonston – Drop Kerb/ pot hole
- 18/1/26 – A resident of South Wonston – SW702 path damage (x3)
- 21/1/26 – A resident of South Wonston – SW702 path
- 1/2/26 - A resident of South Wonston – Antisocial Motor Cyclists

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 posters, banners and A board posters showing “What’s On” at the pavilion, Village Design Statement, Councillor Vacancy

The first meeting has taken place to plan the monthly emailed Village Newsletter. Clerk has contacted the groups within the village who should be sharing information and disseminating to residents. Emails have been passed to Cllr Hussain who will now take on the role of liaising with the groups and GT Digital who will produce the newsletter. GT Digital is working with the Vision ICT web provider so that a pop up will appear when you open the website to ask if they would like to sign up to the newsletter.

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 – 18, posts, 29 stories. Followers (649 December, 653 January)

Created 4 pieces of content

Instagram – (81 December, 81 January)

Started work on the South Wonston emailed Newsletter

To be noted

Community Engagement

Clerk would like to create a Communication Strategy and Cllrs Peal and Jordan have offered to write one. This would draw attention to the different methods used to share information and will focus us on considering things we currently don’t do.

To be noted

25/166 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 9th March 2026** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston

The meeting closed at 9.50pm