



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 9th March 2026 at 7.30PM

To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion

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

25/167 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from County Cllr Warwick and Cllr Horrill.

25/168 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

25/169 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Grish Lohani spoke to Council and gave a brief background on her career working on county highways, living in the village and wish to rejoin the Parish Council.

25/170 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE

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

- Budget has been set for 2026-27, including a 2.95% rise for

WCC's council tax. The County Council tax has been raised to 4.99%. Car parking fees will be raised in November;

- Local Government review: still waiting to hear from central government, which may be following a different timetable;
- Creation of a new Parish Council in Winchester has been put forward only for unparished areas;
- Kings Barton will have its own Parish Council separate from Headbourne Worthy;
- The new Local Plan after modifications has not been adopted as unfortunately the inspection has not completed her modifications report. The formal adoption could now happen in Mid-May and, after indications that the plan has been found to be sound and will carry weight, developers can begin to work with it, with implications for Policy SW01 (West Hill Rd North) ;
- Cllr Godfrey has been put forward as deputy Mayor.

DEVOLUTION & REORGANISATION

Information from Winchester City Council

No update

Hampshire County Council

No update

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

25/171 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 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.

25/172 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2026

None

To be noted

25/173 VACANCY & CO-OPTION

Grish Lohani applied for the role of Councillor and was unanimously voted to join the Council. Clerk handed her notes and she was asked to join the council table.

25/174 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 28th February 2026 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 87,324.22
Lloyds Account 10	£106,632.96
Total =	£193,957.18

To be noted

- Financial Systems Risk Assessment 2025/26

Deferred until the next meeting but will be shared by the end of the week. Needs to be checked by the internal auditor

To be noted

- Asset Register 31st March 2026

To approve the changes during the financial year 25/26.

It was RESOLVED to approve the document

25/175 PLANNING

- Applications to be considered.

Reference	26/00349/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-14714579
Application Received	Fri 20 Feb 2026
Application Validated	Fri 20 Feb 2026
Address	53 Downlands Way South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3HS
Proposal	Single storey rear extension & internal redesign to consist of an enlarged kitchen/ dining/ social

	room overlooking the rear garden.
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins
Comments	The new single storey extension appears not to over reach into the rear garden area, the only concern would be any impact to amenity of the neighbouring property.

- Decisions by WCC

None

To be noted

- Enforcements Open

An update on the open cases has been received for March which was shared with Councillors. There has been no change from February.

To be noted

- Local Plan

No further update on site allocation SW01 West Hill Road North.

To be noted

- Village Design Statement

Cllr Jordan and Peal gave an update to Councillors. The next Public Meeting is on Monday 23rd March at 7.30pm. Slides are being produced for the event.

Advertising

- posters on noticeboards and banners at either end of Downs Road as suggested by residents who attended the previous VDS meeting.
- South Wonston Parish Council Facebook stories and Instagram posts on regular rotations
- South Wonston Eye Facebook posts

To be noted

25/176 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS

Chair June Perrins and Clerk are due to meet Cllr Batho. Date and time are being agreed

MP Danny Chambers has included a “burial ground” in his recent survey and asked whether residents would like to have a place to inter ashes. Clerk to ask about the outcome of the survey

To be noted

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

SOUT SOUTH WONSTON SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATION TEAM MEETING

7.30pm – 9.00pm, 2nd March 2026, The Pavilion

MINUTES

Apologies for absence. Kim Blakeway, Stu Mills, Nickey Turner, Sonia Roper.

Attendees: John Smith, Sally Taviner, John Cooper, Lillie Holmes, Stephen Godfrey

1. Agree minutes from previous meetings and matters arising
 - . Netting poster outline – circulated. Design concepts to be sought and text to be tested with village. Designed Poster quoted at £45. Bring back in April
 - a. Support for WeCAN – Stephen still to contact Jo Crocker
 - b. Food Waste Challenge activity – circulated in newsletter (not yet received by attendees). Includes diary for all members to complete if possible
 - c. Newsletter – regular schedule of triggers to be developed over next meetings.
 - d. Food Waste Collection – Promising start
 - e. OnePlanet platform demo – held over to next meeting
 - f. National Plastic Count 9-15 March – info and forms circulated on WhatsApp
 - g. G: Drive Review – Questionnaire documents will need to be checked by Repair Café team. May need to make more use of G Drive as main repository
 - h. Summer Fete Grant – carried forward
1. Parish Council – Update and briefings
 - WiFi password for pavilion would be useful for Repair Café
 - No new volunteers for First Aid Training yet.
2. Review recent events
 - Repair Café –28th February – Quieter event. 10 customers, 8 items fixed. 29kgs waste prevented, 225kgs CO2 equivalent production avoided. In 15 months, 246kgs waste prevented, 1046kgs CO2 equivalent production avoided.

- Community Led Energy Generation Planning Workshop – 12th February POSTPONED.
3. Forthcoming events
- WeCan Network Event 10 Mar – St Lawrence Hall - Any volunteers?
 - Repair Café – 28th March, 25th April and 30th May. On Point knife sharpening service on 28th March and 25th April. Plant Sale on 30th May
 - School Summer Fun Day – 16th May 11-1. Stu Mills to provide solar-powered demonstration kit (Scalextric?) and home energy information to the Fun Day.
 - SW PC Village Design Statement Public Workshop – 1930 23rd March 2026. All welcome.
 - South Wonston School Climate Action Plan – no update on plan
4. Sub-Group Updates
- Travel – Kings Barton access update
 - Circular economy – Repair Café. School uniform swap – should we support more? Avril Burt follow up session to provide gardening advice – not publicised event (safeguarding), but welcome emails via Sustainability and passed on to Avril. Lillie to set up. Should a Swap/Give event be considered?
 - Energy – Good month, with all camera slots taken up. No interest from advert in WDN. Use camera at School Fun Day?
 - Food Group
5. Communications
- Monthly Newsletter – articles required to go to Nickey by 8th March
 - Website/Social Media – Improving engagement. Lillie and Sonia developing plan.
 - West Dever News items – Repair Café and Food Waste reduction.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th April 2026, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

- Air Quality

Cllr Jordan submitted a report which has been shared with Councillors and is on the website. It is currently showing that air quality is good at the pavilion. He will speak to WCC and look to have the meter moved into the village, hopefully near the village school.

To be noted**- Pavilion Solar Panels Project Plan**

Cllr Shepherd talked through the Project Plan that was shared with Councillors prior to the meeting, including installers and providers. The sample tender document was discussed plus grants available to support the project.

Clerk to contact Octopus to see what tariffs are available and what the savings would be compared to the current SSE contract. This will support the annual savings.

To be noted**25/177 RIGHTS OF WAY & AMENITY LAND****- Lower Road**

Clerk has had a reply from the resident in Lower Road who have offered to help spreading of the gravel. Cllr Berry has been forwarded their details so that he can make the relevant arrangements with HCC. The current contact for this arrangement is PROW@hants.gov.uk, for the attention of Andrew Aitkin, Area Access Manager.

- HCC Ranger

Clerk, Cllr Perrins & Cllr Berry met the new HCC ranger and looked at Lower Road/Ox Drove running alongside the Parish grounds. The path is starting to disappear in width and there are large patches where the surface has run away to leave exposed stone or left deep water grooves over the fields to Worthy Down. Cllr Perrins has now reported this on the HCC website. Signage is still required to stop vehicles following their sat navs along the restricted byway. The Ranger suggested getting a volunteer group to do this going forward. She is happy to help the Parish Council get this up and running, but the Councillors discussed the idea of having the work done by volunteers and didn't support it.

To be noted**- Amenity Land on Lovell Close**

Clerk was contacted by a resident in Lovell Close about cutting back the amenity bushes and shrubs around the sub-station. The Lengthsmen felt that this was too big a job as it required a chipper. This work has now been carried out by WCC but it should be noted it required a visit from WCC, HCC, Cllr Warwick, Cllr Godfrey, Clerk and an email to

Campbell Williams.

Email From Winchester City Council

This work was completed Thursday 12th February. It should be noted that WCC are only responsible under an Agency Agreement to face off the shrub bed back to the curb/ path to a height of 2.5m and note to top or attend to any trees within the shrub bed. I requested the team on site to hit the shrub bed harder than specified and ensure the 2.5m height has been met. I do have to hold my hands up to the 2.5m height face off being nearer 2m but the crew were due for their scheduled visit.

To be noted

- Lengthsmen Work

The Lengthsmen carried out their quarterly work on Ox Drove, widening the path and clearing foliage.

To be noted

25/178 PAVILION & RECREATION

No meeting took place between Parish Council meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday 11th March 2026.

To be noted

- Football

Clerk has re-sent Cllr Stu Tucker's email to meet with the Secretary and Chairman of Swifts to understand their plans for the coming year and chased them to agree a meeting.

To be noted

GRANT

- South Wonston School PTA

A request has been received from the PTA for £250 towards their family day

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve the grant

25/179 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors

Clerk to contact Jan Warwick about details of the bus stop scheme.

1. Southern Water Works

Residents have written in commenting on Face Book about the road closure on Alresford Drove. It is inconsistent with the signs that are permanently up in South Wonston and King Worthy.

To be noted

2. Potholes

Update received from Cllr Berry regarding the potholes. Cllr Lohani explained that they need to be more than 40mm deep to qualify for being reported.

3. Lighting on Downs Road

There have been 2 accidents this year in the dark. Nothing has been recorded with HCC since 2018 so they are unaware of any dangers. An email from HCC explained that there are many roads in Hampshire that have parked cars with no street lighting. They recognise that in many areas there is no off-road parking, or that the demand for parking exceeds that which is available off-road, and residents then park their vehicles on the road. With the change to part-night lighting it is even more important to ensure that, if residents park over-night on the road, they do so in accordance with the requirements of the Highway Code to ensure their vehicle is visible to other road users. Cllr Lohani agreed to look back to the previous correspondences about upgrading the lights.

4. Parking in Church Lane

Cllr Berry said that he has spoken to the resident who wrote in as it was a vehicle parked by his arrangement.

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 Jordan has created a report using data collected from 2022 as an example of what can be produced. To date neither SDU's have been

charged or working since early December so more up to date data wasn't available.

Cllr Perrins discussed about getting the SDUs charged and working again. Cllr Berry agreed to give the chargers to Greg Talt who will take on this role including producing reports.

To be noted

25/180 GENERAL AMENITIES

- Litter Picking Christmas Hill & Alresford Drove

Thank you to the RRT Charity which undertook to do a litter pick from the roundabout joining the A34 on Christmas Hill to the entrance of the village, also to Andrea and Adrian Priddle who have cleared Alresford Drove.

Clerk is now organising dates during March to clear Christmas Hill to Sutton Scotney.

To be noted

25/181 COMMUNITY UPDATES

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:

11/2/26 – A resident of South Wonston – Stainers Field & Lack of Lighting Downs Road

16/2/26 - A resident of South Wonston – Alresford Drove Southern Water works

1/3/26 – A resident of South Wonston – Car parked in Church Lane

2/3/26 – A resident of South Wonston – VDS Agenda

9/3/26 – A resident of South Wonston – Request for EV Charging Point in pavilion car park

To be noted

- Annual Parish Council Meeting

Cllrs to discuss Agenda items and guest speakers to be invited. Ideas for guest speakers needed.

- Local Plan – WCC 1.

- National Highways – A34/ M3 Junction 9 – update with last year's speakers

- Worthy Down – Chinook Helicopter or DIO Estates (Barton Stacey Annual meeting)
- Anaerobic Digester –
- Devolution – Jan Warwick 2
- Future of TV - Public Affairs 3

Suggested Dates – Monday, Tuesday, Friday 14/4, 17/4, 20/4, 21/4, 24/4, 27/4, 28/4. 1/5, 5/5, 8/5 or last week of May when the hall is free on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, but this is half term.

To be noted

- Website

The website continues to be updated with relevant statutory information. Cllr Stu Tucker has offered to support the Clerk with developing the website and updating the photos.

To be noted

- Social Media Update

Meta has 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 February

Facebook – 22, posts, 49 stories, 2 reels. Followers (653 January, 658 February)

Created 7 pieces of content

Instagram – (81 January, 82 February)

South Wonston emailed Newsletter (9 February,)

Clerk & GT Digital have worked together to create posters, banners and A board posters showing “What’s On” at the pavilion, Village Design Statement, Councillor Vacancy. Further banners are being created to go around the tennis court windbreak.

To be noted

- Village Newsletter.

Clerk has contacted the groups within the village and GT Digital has worked with Vision ICT web provider so that a pop up now appears when you open the website. Cllr Hussain will now take on the role of liaising with the groups and GT Digital will produce the newsletter. **Can all Councillors please sign up to the newsletter.**

South Wonston emailed Newsletter subscribers (9 February,)

To be noted

Community Engagement

Cllr Sam Jordan and Cllr Ann Peal have written a Communication Strategy which includes:

1. Communication philosophy
2. Communications strategy

*3. **required next step** - a detailed communications plan that meets the objectives set out in the strategy. – to be written by Clerk once the strategy is voted on and adopted.*

This was deferred due to time until the April meeting

25/182 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 13th April 2026** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston

The meeting closed at 9.55pm