



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 13th July 2026 at 7.30PM

To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion

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

26/049 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Jordan and City Councillor Adams

26/050 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Perrins declared an interest regarding the Dever Singers' grant application

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

26/051 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A resident from South Wonston asked about the Speed Detection Units' usage in the village and also about the overgrown land on West Hill Road.

26/052 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE

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

- The first meeting of the constituent bodies of the Mid Hampshire Authority took place today to formalise the structures to be placed;
- The review of new Local Plan will be completed within 2.5 years.
- New SHEELA information has been collected and will be published by the end of September depending on a judicial review;
- The Cabinet will consider the preferred bidder for River Park before the end of August.
- More detailed plans from Jigsaw re: Silver Hill project
- Chesil Street multi storey currently closed for one week;
- Southern Gas Network vans will be driving around looking for gas leaks during the night;
- Missed bin collections. Remind residents to report;
- Micheldever are looking to offer residents a “cool hub”;
- Wonston are working with HCC to get Dragons Teeth, to discourage residents from driving over the grass.

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

- Meeting with Acorn about traffic to and from the Anaerobic Digester. Cllr Perrins will be invited to represent the Parish Council;
- LGR assessment with Parish Councils regarding assets to be transferred;
- Thanks for Biffa for keeping the bin collections going in this extreme heat.

Lt Col Janet Johnston gave an update from Worthy Down which included events being held on 16th July and 24th July.

DEVOLUTION & REORGANISATION

Information from Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council – no update

The Chair resumed Standing Orders**26/053 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JUNE 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.

26/054 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th JUNE 2026

None

To be noted

26/055 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 30th June 2026 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 109,074.49
Lloyds Account 10	£ 122,568.61
Total =	£ 231,643.10

To be noted

- Project List

An updated Project List was presented to Councillors for discussion

To be noted

26/056 PLANNING

- Applications to be considered.

None

- Decisions by WCC

Reference	26/01148/TPO
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Alternative Reference	Not Available
Application Received	Thu 14 May 2026
Application Validated	Thu 14 May 2026
Address	Skyfall 124 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO2
Proposal	beech -trim back 2/3m from just the trees that encroach on roof of 124, up to the sky.
Inspected By	Cllr Perrins – No Comment
Decision	Application Permitted

- Enforcements Open

An update on the open cases has been received for July which has been shared with Councillors. There are currently no enforcements.

To be noted

- Local Plan- Update from Winchester City council

SW01 West Hill Road North- on the market for £3 million
Land at South Wonston 1.8 hectares (4.5 acres) On the Northern edge of the village Matthew Green on 01235 773408 or matthew.green@greenand.co.uk. Full details attached to the minutes

Cllr Peal noted that two details in the description were incorrect: the open fields are not designated National Landscape and the village surgery is not a primary healthcare centre but the Gratton Surgery, of which it is an offshoot, is.

Earlier this week our Cabinet called for greater clarity from Government to be able to plan effectively for the new Mid Hampshire Council area, given the significant changes to councils brought forward by Local Government Reorganisation.

We [adopted our Local Plan 2040 in March 2026](#), against the backdrop of new planning legislation requiring our next Local Plan preparation to begin immediately, and to a 30-month timetable.

We're committed to ensuring that the district continues to benefit from an effective and up-to-date Local Plan. However, since the Government announced planning policy reforms and a new Local Plan timetable for Winchester, it has also confirmed the reorganisation of councils across

Hampshire which would replace the city council with a new Mid-Hampshire council covering the current council areas of Winchester, plus parts of Test Valley, the New Forest and East Hampshire in April 2028, which is before the 30-month Local Plan period.

In the absence of Government guidance for transitional arrangements and as we were legally required to, [we published our Notice of Intention on 30 June 2026](#) for the current district boundary.

Additionally, we are engaging with other Mid Hampshire councils to explore opportunities for collaborative or joint plan-making and shared evidence gathering for the proposed Mid Hampshire geography. This includes engagement with the councils in the proposed South-East Authority as, under the new plans, the parish of Newlands, currently in the Winchester district, would become part of this council.

To be noted

- Village Design Statement

Council update from Cllr Peal

Now we know that Supplementary Planning Documents of which our previous VDS is one, will be replaced by Supplementary Plans which don't include locally created VDSs, I suggest that we publish the current draft as a manifesto of village demands regarding new development design. The manifesto could contain a brief introduction and background, the points raised by public consultation and links to the approved Local Plan, the latest version of the National Planning Policy Framework due to be passed this summer and the National Design Guide as updated 2021. If a planning application arises, our representation could include the manifesto's relevant points and copies could be given to developers, planning officers and the WCC Planning Committee with the proviso that we expect it to be taken into account.

Cllr Horrill said that this is what WCC are suggesting all Parish Councils should do.

To be noted

26/056 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS

Cllr Perrins gave an update on the trail to try and buy some land to carry out this project.

1. Persimmon land owner on Alresford and agreed that there would be no need for access and would be for the community. He suggested that the Parish Council should put in an offer. The next step is to get an agent to get a valuation for the agricultural land.
2. The other parcel of land is the land adjacent to the pavilion car

- park which MP Danny Chambers will take to PM Question Time
3. Amenity Land on West Hill Road transferring ownership to the Parish Council.

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, 6th July 2026, The Pavilion MINUTES

0. Apologies for absence: Phil Oram, John Cooper
1. Present: Lillie Holmes, Kim Blakeway, Stephen Godfrey
2. Agree minutes from previous meetings and matters arising
 - . Netting poster outline – Erected and working
 - a. Summer Fete Grant – Initial ideas to be put to Clare – Stephen sent details, awaiting response – will follow-up
 - b. Pull up banner funding requested; Design ideas?
3. Parish Council – Update and briefings
4. Review recent events
 - Repair Café – 27th June. Quiet café, with only 4 customers (warm weather seems to be attracting people outside!). Estimates for the June café are: Waste prevented: 12 kg CO₂; 192kg CO₂ equivalent emissions prevented. The cumulative figures for our cafes so far are: Waste prevented: 337kg CO₂; 3152kg CO₂ equivalent emissions prevented
5. Forthcoming events
 - Sustainability and Repair Café Social Event – 23rd July
 - Community Brainstorm Meeting – 21st September. Platform promotion with Winchester Green Week website. Kim to provide some ideas for the structure of workshop. Group to come up with ideas for discussion on engaging villagers, e.g. teenager projects?
 - Repair Café – 26th September – Anything for Green Week?
 - South Wonston School Climate Action Plan - draft report being reviewed
 - WeCan 29th July 7pm Winchester – Community Energy led by Stu Mills plus related topics.
6. Sub-Group Updates
 - Travel
 - Circular economy
 - Energy
 - Food Group
7. Communications
 - Monthly Newsletter – regular schedule?
 - Website/Social Media

- West Dever News items – Repair Café Stats. Brainstorm Date of next meeting – Monday 7th September 2026, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

To be noted

- Air Quality

Cllr Jordan is still unable to collect the data at present.

To be noted

- Pavilion Solar Panels Project Plan

Cinergi were awarded the contract and the deposit has been paid. Currently awaiting a start date. A suggested date was 22nd September

Clerk will look to see what other grants are available and Councillor Horrill said that the grant scheme has opened at WCC.

County Councillor Batho also has a grant scheme available.

To be noted

26/057 PAVILION & RECREATION

No meeting has taken place

To be noted

- Football

Cllr Tucker gave an update on the discussions with Swifts about the forthcoming football season.

To be noted

26/058 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors

- Alresford Drove Tractors

Cllr Batho gave an update on the tractor use of Alresford Drove

To be noted

- Lower Road

Hampshire County Council Countryside have approved for materials to be delivered in August. Cllr Berry is unable to organise residents in the road to spread the stone due to holidays.

Cllr Lohani will speak to Highways to see if the material is delivered could they arrange for it to be spread

To be noted

- M3 junction 9 improvements project

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

Clerk has raised with City, County Councillors and the contactors (Balfour Beatty) about the severe problems when travelling South from South Wonston and exiting from Winnall roundabout at junction 9 to enter onto the A34 heading north.

Clerk's other concern is the weekend closures and what the diversions will be, along with all the road works which are currently taking place across Winchester. Cllr James Batho has emailed to say that he is able to give an update on this

Email from Balfour Beatty

We appreciate the concerns that have been raised about the traffic light phasing from A34 southbound.

The current traffic light phasing has been set following detailed assessment by the traffic management team and is based on a clear order of priorities:

- First priority: the M3 slip roads
It is critical that traffic does not queue back onto the M3 main carriageway. Queuing on the motorway presents a serious safety risk and could lead to wider network disruption should there be an incident as a result.
- Second priority: the A34
The A34 must be kept moving to avoid queues forming close to the limits of the free recovery zone and the temporary CCTV coverage area. If congestion were to extend beyond this zone and an incident occurred, there would be limited visibility and reduced ability to respond quickly.
- Final priority: Easton Lane
While we recognise the local impact, Easton Lane currently has

the least flexibility within the constrained junction layout. Increasing green time here would directly reduce capacity on either the M3 slip roads or the A34, which would increase the risk of motorway queuing or wider congestion and heightened safety risks.

We understand the concern about short green phases, however, as above the green time phases are set to the most appropriate with the A34 being second priority. Amending the levels while the traffic management layout is as it is currently will have a detrimental impact elsewhere on the network and could worsen overall congestion and safety outcomes.

However, we are looking at what changes can be made to the traffic light phasing following the weekend closures. When the new much longer southbound exit slip road becomes operational, this will allow for more traffic to queue on the slip, meaning more green times could be implemented elsewhere.

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

GT Digital has taken over the running, charging and reporting of data from the two SDU's. He has supplied some basic data for the Councillors to look at. Clerk is suggesting that he attends the PC meeting in September as there will be more 2 months of newer data to compare.

To be noted

- Brown Signs

Cllr Lohani gave an update to Council

- A request has been raised with the Traffic Management Team for the installation of a directional sign to the Shops and Village Hall, South Wonston, on an existing sign post located on Christmas Hill. The proposal aims to improve wayfinding for visitors and residents while utilising existing infrastructure and avoiding additional street furniture. It has been noted that there are currently two redundant sign posts at this location which may provide an opportunity for improved village signage. Awaiting assessment and feedback from Traffic Management regarding the feasibility of the request, the approval process, and any requirements needed to progress the scheme.
- A follow-up request has also been made for an update on the previously submitted proposal for a "Dead End" sign on Drove Links Road, South Wonston.
- Further updates will be provided once a response has been received from the Traffic Management Team.

To be noted**The Chair suspended Standing Orders.**

Cllr Batho gave an update from Hampshire County Council which included:-

- Met with the head of South Wonston Primary School, Cllr Godfrey and Cllr Adams;
- Visited with Highways to look at the bollards on Alresford Drove. To replace on both sides;
- HCC travel planning team meeting to work with the school to get a bike scheme;
- £5K grants scheme now open, please contact;
- Looked at tractor movements in and out of the village;
- Meeting with Acorn to look at tractor movements;
- Talked through his report which is attached at the end of the minutes

Cllr Batho discussed the A34/M3 weekend road closure (31/7 – 3/8) and the roadworks in central weekend.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders.**26/059 AMENITIES****- Amenity Land to Transfer Ownership****Email received from Winchester City Council**

The owner of this land has approached WCC asking if it would like to take a transfer of these parcels of land. The answer is yes, however, before we proceed, we should ask the parish council if the owner should transfer the land to it, rather than WCC.

Clerk to notify WCC of the decision

It was RESOLVED that The Parish Council would like to take on ownership of this parcel of land and take on maintenance.

- Amenity Land Requires Maintenance

Lovell Close & Bramblings have individually written to the PC requesting maintenance work to be carried out by WCC

To be noted**- Winchester Hospice Clothing Bank**

Clerk has arranged for a clothing bank to be delivered.

To be noted**- Grant Received from the Dever Singers**

A grant application has been received from the Dever Singers for a grant of £280, which is needed to keep the club running. Although they meet in Micheldever a number of their members live in South Wonston.

It was RESOLVED to approve the grant.

26/060 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:

8/6/26 – A resident of South Wonston - Airfield Boundary Marker
 9/6/26 – A resident of South Wonston – Lower Road Maint
 10/6/26 – A resident of South Wonston – Are we holding a summer fete?
 11/6/26 – A resident of South Wonston - Museum artifact removal from field
 10/6/26 - A resident of South Wonston - Lib Dem interest in south wonston
 17/6/26 (x3) – A resident of South Wonston - Tractors using Drove Links Road
 25/6/26 - A resident of South Wonston - Let's Ride
 26/6/26 – A resident of South Wonston – Overgrown By Bramblings
 29/6/26 - A resident of South Wonston - Pickleball markings
 30/6/26 - A resident of South Wonston – Sign left by Southern Water
 2/7/26 - A resident of South Wonston - Pump Track Support
 10/7/26 (x5) – A resident of South Wonston - Alresford Drove Tractors
 10/7/26 A resident of South Wonston – Hedge Trim added to WCC schedule
 10/7/26 - A resident of South Wonston - Use of Muga on Thursday
 13/7/26 - A resident of South Wonston – use of fire pitt for BBQ

To be noted**- Website**

The website continues to be updated with relevant statutory information.

To be noted**- Social Media Update**

Social media management for June

Facebook – 28, posts, 31 stories, 0 reels. Followers (661 April, 666 May, 672 June)

Created 7 pieces of content

Instagram – (92 April, 91 May, 97 June)

Further banners are in the pipeline.

To be noted

Community Engagement – Councillor Peal updated Council

Cllr Tucker has kindly provided some amendments to the Communications Strategy (CS) which I have incorporated into the previous version.

1. Social Media Additional Guidance and reference to Social Media Policy can be found under CS
2. 2: Strategic Objectives item 3. 2. Principles of Communication (New Section) appears under CS3
3. 3: Principles of Communication. 3. New Paragraph to be added to Monitoring and Review is located under CS 9: Performance Monitoring and Review.

It was RESOLVED to approve the strategy.

- Village Newsletter.

Cllr Hussain gave an update on the newsletter.

Greg has suggested that we really need at least one article each month with a photo about something happening in the village, rather than just adverts.

South Wonston emailed Newsletter subscribers (9 February, 34 March 68 April, 77 May, 94 June), with a 45% open rate.

To be noted

- Liberal Democrats Petition

We call for the Ministry of Defence to free-up land for a memorial garden for South Wonston residents.

To complete the petition, copy the link below
www.winld.org.uk/campaigns

Councillor Batho said that they have received 55 replies to the petition.

Cllr Perrins commented that this isn't many and asked if Clerk can have this added to the newsletter and shared on social media.

To be noted

- HALC awards – Village of the Year

Clerk & Chair would like to enter the PC for this award under the banner of Community Engagement. We feel we have developed our network of working with the resident in the village by starting the annual awards scheme, community café, social media – Facebook & Instagram, electronic Village Voice newsletter.

To be noted

26/061 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 14th September** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston

The meeting closed at 9.45pm