



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 14th September 2026 at 7.30PM

To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion

Present: Chair Perrins, Peal, Hussain, Tucker, Sheppard, Lohani, Lt Col Janet Johnston, City Councillor Godfrey, Councillor Horrill & Clerk Mrs R Jones

26/062 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Berry, County Cllr Bathu, County Councillor Andrews

26/063 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

26/064 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of residents attended but raise any questions.

26/065 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE

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

- Reorganisation is currently on hold and it is unsure when they will come up with a new proposal, but it will take around a year. There will be city council elections in May 27. A review is in

progress and will take until Christmas with further consultation after that;

- There is a new 75 bus timetable.
- New planning application for Friarsgate;
- St Peters car park is looking to become 42 affordable homes;
- The River Park site has accepted a preferred bid of a lido, including café;
- Green week starts Saturday 19th September, noting that there are plans around the village for Saturday, Sunday and Monday;
- The next Repair Café is Saturday 26th September;
- Co-Ordinating meeting 2nd November, which will show a National Emergency film @7.30pm.

Lt Col Janet Johnston gave a further update from Worthy Down which included:-

- There is a piece of land which is designated a sink, which they have asked for a report;
- The airfield marker has not yet been retrieved;

Cllr Bathu sent his apologies and submitted his monthly report.

Cllr Adams sent his apologies

DEVOLUTION & REORGANISATION

Information from Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council

On Monday 7th September the government advised the Council that its decision on Local Government Reorganisation for Hampshire (alongside four other areas announced in March) has been withdrawn.

The Government has said this decision follows legal advice and will allow it to review the evidence and consider how the proposals meet the ambitions of the new Government. At this stage, there is no further detail about what this means for Hampshire, the timetable for reorganisation or the next steps, although the government has indicated it intends to do a rapid review.

In the meantime, local elections will be reinstated for May 2027. There is a from Jim McMahon, Minister for Local Government, Devolution and Regional Growth.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

26/066 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th JULY 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.

26/067 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13th JULY 2026

**26/057
- Football**

Cllr Tucker sent an email in June (follow up to the meeting with Swifts in April) and is awaiting a reply about whether the teams below will be playing, and whether goals are need to be purchased.

2026/27 Teams

- Under 8
- Under 10
- 2 Sunday Teams
- Possible Under 18 – made up from under 16 above + Littleton + Kings Worthy
- Possible Under 13 girls team from Andover

The Parish Council needs to plan for the utilisation of the recreation ground and set expectations around the costs for hiring the pitches. No reply to the email was received from Swifts

To be noted

26/068 RESIGNATION & VACANCY

Cllr Jordan has resigned due to relocation. There is now a vacancy which Clerk needs to advertise.

26/068 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 31th July 2026 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 110,209.71
Lloyds Account 10	£ 103,367.71
Total =	£ 213,577.42

The Bank Balances as at 31th August 2026 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 109,517.55
Lloyds Account 10	£ 91,633.34
Total =	£ 201,150.89

To be noted

- Staffing

2026/27 staffing salaries from 1st April 2026:-

- Caretaker / Cleaner = £12.71ph. This is inline with Government minimum wage and implemented in the April pay.
- Clerk/RFO = £22.94. The National Joint Council has agreed a 3.3% increase in local-government pay rates and allowances for 2026/27, effective from 1 April 2026. Back pay is due on the next payroll run.

To be noted

- Insurance

To approve the annual public liability insurance, noting the Fixed Asset change in value. A 3-year policy was approved in October 2025

The solar panels have been added to the asset register and will form part of the building, which has increased the building sum insured by £29,000 to reflect the additional value.

No additional premium is due.

To be noted

- Advertising Policy

Cllr Peal has written an advertising policy for approval.

It was RESOLVED to approve the Policy. All aspects of social and

environmental values have been considered. A copy is appended to these minutes.

- Project List

Cllr Perrins updated the project list for review, and talked through the items on the list, in particular the pump track which the Parish Council is looking to obtain match funding from Winchester City Council Community Infrastructure Levy money and the purchase of football goals to support junior football. To grow the game of junior football, investment is needed by the Parish Council but costs and local football team demand need to be worked out in detail as part of obtaining a grant from the Football Foundation.

To be noted

26/069 PLANNING

Appeal Ref: 6005463 South Wonston Social Club, 62 Downs Road, South Wonston, Winchester, Hampshire SO21 3EW

The appeal is made under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) against a grant of planning permission subject to conditions. The appeal is made by Mr Graeme Whitlock against the decision of Winchester City Council. The application Ref 25/00654/FUL was approved on 4 December 2025, and planning permission was granted subject to conditions. The development permitted is the Proposed 3 x open sided, detached wooden structure (pergola) to existing frontage b, grounds / garden of the Social Club to be used as covered external seating area. The proposed permanent structure will occupy the exact same location as our existing temporary gazebo and have the same overall dimensions as the existing gazebo. This application simply seeks to replace the current gazebo with a more permanent structure, without altering its footprint or positioning. The condition in dispute is No 05 which states that: The external seating structure hereby approved shall not be used between the hours of 22:00 and 09:00 on any day.

For the reasons given above, I conclude that the planning permission should be varied as set out in the formal decision, and can open later in the evening.

- Applications to be considered.

Reference	26/01452/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-15082545
Application Received	Tue 14 Jul 2026
Application Validated	Tue 14 Jul 2026

Address	114 Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3EW
Proposal	T1 Sycamore - Fell and grind stump in the interests of highway safety following recent limb failure T2 Pine - Fell and grind stump due to increased wind exposure following removal of T1
Inspected By	Cllr J Perrins
Comment	No comment

Reference	26/01461/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-15073889
Application Received	Wed 15 Jul 2026
Application Validated	Wed 15 Jul 2026
Address	Box House 89A Downs Road South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3EW
Proposal	G001 Beech - crown lift to 4m. Selective crown reduction of 2-4m with emphasis of line of garage) Tree works specification agreed with Ben Lewis on site
Inspected By	Cllr J Perrins
Comment	No comment

Reference	26/01717/TPO
Alternative Reference	PP-15171225
Application Received	Wed 19 Aug 2026
Application Validated	Fri 21 Aug 2026
Address	3 Rowan Close South Wonston Winchester Hampshire SO21 3JA
Proposal	G1 Hawthorn and Elder Group TPO Works Justification The group comprises predominantly Hawthorn and Elder and is heavily overgrown and extensively dominated by Ivy. The vegetation appears to have historically functioned more as a managed hedgerow or

	screening feature rather than a formal line of individual trees and has subsequently been allowed to become unmanaged. The group is now so heavily encumbered by Ivy that it is not reasonably practicable to remove or cut out the Ivy whilst retaining the existing branch structure. The Ivy dominates and obscures the underlying branch framework and, as a result, the original structure of the group. The proposed works are therefore to reduce and face back the overhanging growth over the garden boundary, removing the excessive Ivy-laden growth and encroachment into the garden whilst retaining sufficient live growth to maintain the established screening function. The intention is not to remove the group, but to undertake proportionate works to retain its existing contribution to visual amenity, screening and privacy. The works will also help prevent further encroachment and allow the group to be more appropriately managed in the future. All works will be undertaken in accordance with BS3998: 2010 ? Tree Work Recommendations, with cuts made to suitable growth points wherever practicable and with care taken to retain the principal stems and viable live growth.
Inspected By	Cllr J Perrins
Comment	No comment

- Decisions by WCC

Reference	26/00632/HOU
Alternative Reference	PP-14806344
Application Received	Tue 24 Mar 2026
Application Validated	Tue 24 Mar 2026
Address	3 Markson Road South Wonston Winchester Ham
Proposal	Proposed Side Extension and Garage Conversion to Create a Disabled Living Accommodation
Inspected By	Cllr June Perrins
Decision	Application Approved

- Enforcements Open

An update on the open cases has been received for September which has been shared with Councillors. A new case has been added for September. 26/002117/TREE Land adjacent to 2 Alresford Drove.

To be noted

The Chair suspended Standing Orders

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

- New government grant to move from heating oil to heat pump;
- New update of electoral register;
- Green Week at The Ark this Saturday;
- Hampshire changes started. Chief Exec in place and starting to work. Waiting to hear when the mayor will be in place;
- Badger Farm Road and Olivers Battery has new junction work;
- Nation Planning Framework is out and the local planning policy is being looked at;
- At the start of the next local plan, currently unsure due to LGR.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

- Local Plan- Update from Winchester City council

SW01 West Hill Road North is now sold Subject to Contract. (It was on the market for £3 million)

Land at South Wonston 1.8 hectares (4.5 acres) On the Northern edge of the village

To be noted

- Village Design Statement

Council update from Cllr Peal

The Village Design Manifesto as we now have to call it is nearly ready in draft written form. I need to incorporate details from the most up to date version of the VDS and include links to the Local Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework 2025 and the National Design Guide 2021. The final job will be to create maps and illustrations and make the whole thing look professional, for which I look to June for help. I hope to have the final draft ready for October or November depending on work-load.

Plan to advertise a Public Consultation to be held towards the end of the year.

To be noted

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, 7th September 2026, The Pavilion

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence: Phil Oram,
2. Present: Lillie Holmes, John Cooper, Kim Blakeway, Sally Tevenir, John Smith, Stephen Godfrey
3. Agree minutes from previous meetings and matters arising
 - a. Summer Fete Grant – Waiting for response from Clare
 - b. Pull up banner funding requested; Design ideas? Sally to pass draft energy poster to Lillie for finalising.
4. Parish Council – Update and briefings
5. Review recent events
 - Sustainability and Repair Café Social Event – 23rd July. Considered worthwhile
 - WeCan Community energy – 29th July. Lillie attended and circulated notes – good session.
6. Forthcoming events
 - Winchester Green Week – 19th-26th September. Link to our events on website
 - Jumble Sale Safari – 20th September. c30 stalls booked in. All to support on social media in the run up to the day.
 - Community Brainstorm Meeting – 21st September. Travel – John; Energy – Sally, Bio-Diversity – John; Food Group - ?? (Sam?); Circular Economy – Kim/Phil??
 - Share your ideas to help the village/community towards a more sustainable future.

- Whiteboards and paper? Stephen to provide flipchart paper and refreshments?
- Intro (SRG); break out to topic tables; move tables; review feedback; prioritise ideas; next steps.
- Repair Café – 26th September and 31st October
- South Wonston School Climate Action Plan - draft report being reviewed – can Stephen circulate the draft to the team?

7. Sub-Group Updates

- Travel – no updates this month
- Circular economy – Repair Cafe
- Energy – Planning schedule for thermal camera
- Food Group

8. Communications

- Monthly Newsletter – regular schedule?
- Website/Social Media – prepare for Green week activity.
- West Dever News items. National Emergency Briefing (if possible), Repair Café and snip on thermal camera.
- Should we have a screening of National Emergency Briefing? Hold in pavilion. Date to be 2nd November.

Date of next meeting – Monday 5th October 2026, 7.30pm in South Wonston Pavilion.

To be noted

- Air Quality

Clerk to take over this role. Need to contact WCC to collect the data from their air quality meter.

To be noted

- Pavilion Solar Panels Project Plan

Installation is due to start on Monday 21st September for the whole week.

A grant has been approved by Acorn for £5K, but a further grant to SSEN was refused.

To be noted

26/071 PAVILION & RECREATION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PAVILION AND RECREATION
GROUND COMMITTEE 22/07/2026

PRESENT: Chair Cllr June Perrins, Cllrs Ann Peal and Zac Hussein and
Clerk Mrs Rachael Jones.

APOLOGIES: None.

PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND

Refurbishment work on the Pavilion has been completed. Chair proposed entering the Village of the Year Competition in the Communication category. All approved. Entry involves a visit from the judges to tour the Recreation Ground and be given a presentation. Pictures will be sourced from South Wonston Voice.

Members discussed putting the QR code from the Liberal Democrat representatives' petition (recently circulated) concerning a burial ground/memorial park for South Wonston on the Parish Council's social media channels and creating a flyer inviting feedback about the above project and the provision of a pump track to be delivered to every home in the village. A designer with local connections will be invited to provide an impression of the proposed memorial park for the flyer.

The bench with a memorial plaque for the late handyman Frank Cannon is on its way. This together with a bench in memory of the late Cllr Street may replace two existing benches in poor repair, without family in the village or inconveniently positioned. New lidded bins, four in number, will be ordered and placed on the Recreation Ground. Locations have yet to be decided. Handy Kirley will install them on concrete bases. It was noted that the play park hedge should be trimmed in September. A gas-powered air pump in the garage was of concern as it was sited next to a lithium battery and should be moved. The football pitch nearest the Pavilion had recently been marked up but members did not know whether this was for a match or practice. Members decided the large board displaying "What's On" should be in place outside the Pavilion before the competition judges' visit.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

23rd September 2026

To be noted

- Football

Minutes

Tuesday 25th August 2026
The Pavilion, South Wonston

Present: Chair June Perrins (JP), Cllr Anne Peal, Cllr Zac Hussain (ZH), Emily Compton (EC), Guy Bewick (GB), Jeff Stevens (JS), Ryan Brown (RB) & Clerk Rachael Jones (RJ)

Minutes: Rachael Jones

The meeting began at 7.15pm and finished at 8.40pm

1.	Apologies for absence Cllr Stu Tucker, Emily Compton	
2.	Introductions of Roles	
3.	Sponsorship /Commercial Banners It was agreed for the football season 2026/27 – Aug to Dec 3 of the new banners will be put up on the car park side of the tennis court, plus a Swifts Banner. Jeff & Rachael to organise with Greg Talt and PC to pay. Size to be decided. - Drovers banner on match day will be fixed to the metal barrier at the front of the pavilion 2 banners from 2025/26 will be put back onto metal barriers by the goals.	Action
4.	Financials:- Swift Teams 2025/26 = £1,370 Annual Grass Cutting & Maintenance 2025/26 = £6,389	
5.	Swifts Teams 2026/27 & Costings 2x Junior Teams - £ ? 2x Sunday Adult Team - £ ? Green Smile – line marking costs for Season (Sept – Apr) 11 v11 £125 initial (£35) every 2 weeks : £125 + 17 wks x £35 = £590. Swifts paid £720 for 25/26 9 v 9 £100 (£30) : £100 + 17 wks x £30 = £510 per season 7 v 7 £75 (£25) : £75 + 17 wks x £25 = £425 per season Swifts paid £300 for 25/26 5 v5 £50 (£20) : £50 +17 wks x £20 = £340 + £50 = £390 per season. Swifts paid £300 for 25/26	Action

	Costs to be produced by the PC. To include with or without line marking and use of Swifts own goals. To be invoiced monthly	
6.	Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund (Football Foundation) Clerk to share the information from Winchester City Council and look to set up the grant with the Football Foundation	Action
7.	Football Use at the Recreation Ground Junior Football Provision - Several local junior teams have expressed interest in playing in South Wonston. - A feasibility review shows that two new pitches can be created at the bottom end of the recreation ground. - A specialist company would: ○ Set up the pitches ○ Handle ongoing line marking • These pitches will be hired out and booked online as Pitches 3 and 4 but would not be available for Swifts to play or practice on. Clerk with liaise with the 4 football managers to arrange their fixtures to be added to the on-line booking system and a date that no further booking can be made after. This principal will continue throughout the football season The Parish Council will arrange to hire out the junior football pitches and purchase a set of 12x6 goals. Clerk to contact Green Smile and arrange line marking of the junior pitches.	Action s

Parish Council Meetings with Worthies Junior and Littleton FC.

Cllr Tucker, Perrins, Hussain and Peal, plus Clerk met with Worthies junior and Littleton FC, whereby the Council carried out a scoping exercise to find out what the local demand is for junior pitches. Both clubs expressed an interest in 9x9 and 11x11 junior pitches and in particular floodlit pitches.

Green Smile visited the recreation ground and met with Cllr Tucker and Clerk to look at how pitches can be line marked for Swifts teams and other hires. Costs and diagram to be emailed.

To be noted

- Pump Track Survey

Results of the survey have been published to date. Clerk to share with the school and put posters up around the park

To be noted

- Hedge Cutting

Annual hedge cutting and maintenance is being carried out around the park and Lower Road. To agree a spend of up to £3,000.

It was RESOLVED to approve the spend.

26/072 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from City Council Warwick and Councillors

- Lower Road

Repairs works have now taken place. The Parish Council commented that this was well organised with the lengersmen and Countryside. A number of residents have written to thank us for this. It was agreed that we should look to do this piece of work again if Countryside can get the material.

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 and attended the Parish Council meeting to talk through the results.

To be noted

- M3 junction 9 improvements project

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

To be noted

- Bus Service

To note the new increased bus service that started from 30/8/26. The timetable has been shared on facebook, Instagram and an article in the West Dever News.

To be noted**- Definitive Path**

THE HAMPSHIRE (CITY OF WINCHESTER NO.60) (PARISH OF SOUTH WONSTON AND PARISH OF KINGS WORTHY) DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2026

The above named Order made on 16 July 2026, if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by recording four footpaths in the parishes of South Wonston and Kings Worthy, as follows: • SU 4621 3563 to SU 4627 3547 – South Wonston Footpath 503 - commencing at a junction with South Wonston Restricted Byway 703 and proceeding southwards to a junction with Footpath 506; • SU 4652 3564 to SU 4649 3552 – South Wonston Footpath 504 - commencing at a junction with South Wonston Restricted Byway 703 and proceeding south-south westwards to a junction with Footpath 506; • SU 4676 3564 to SU 4677 3549 – South Wonston Footpath 505 – commencing at a junction with South Wonston Restricted Byway 703 and proceeding generally southwards to a junction with Footpath 506; • SU 4625 3552 to SU 4698 3547 – South Wonston Footpath 506/Kings Worthy Footpath 518 – commencing at a junction with Footpath 503 and proceeding generally eastwards to a junction with Kings Worthy Bridleway 517. A spur runs between SU 4631 3552 to SU 4627 3547, also connecting this path to Footpath 503

Ann – what is the next step after the notice?

To be noted**26/073 AMENITIES****- Halloween / Fireworks**

The annual fireworks event was initially cancelled for this year but a number of Councillors were disappointed to see this happen and think this is a great event for the village. A budget of £500 was approved and dates were discussed.

It was RESOLVED to approve a budget of £500.

- Poppies

The disbanded Fete committee would like to offer money to buy some poppies to go on lamp posts around the village. Cllr Lohani pointed out that you are not suppose to hang anything on highways lamp posts. Clerk will contact the fete committee to suggest buying poppies to be put in gardens instead.

To be noted

26/074 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:-

To be Added, but verbally updated

To be noted

- Website

The website continues to be updated with relevant statutory information. Photos are being added by Vision ICT

To be noted

- Social Media Update

Social media management for August

Facebook – 26, posts, 31 stories, 0 reels. Followers (661 April, 666 May, 672 June, 682 August)

Created 6 pieces of content

Instagram – (92 April, 91 May, 97 June, 103 August)

Banners have been produced and are around the tennis court.

To be noted

- Village Newsletter.

Cllr Hussain gave an update on numbers and when the current newsletter is due to be issued.

Greg has suggested that there should be at least one article each month with a photo about something happening in the village, rather than just adverts. Sustainability have been asked to do it for next month and Vikki (yoga) was the article for September.

South Wonston emailed Newsletter subscribers (9 February, 34 March 68 April, 77 May, 94 June, 113 August), with a 47% open rate.

To be noted

- Memorial / Ash Intern Liberal Democrats Petition Competition

The Liberal Democrats have started a petition on their website. The Parish Council has started to publicise. An update has been requested to Cllr Bathu

To be noted

26/075 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 12th October** at 7.30pm at the South Wonston

The meeting closed at 9.52pm