South Wonston Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 12th October 2026 at 7.30PM

To be held at South Wonston Sports & Recreation Pavilion

Present: Chair Perrins, Cllrs Peal, Hussain, Tucker and Sheppard, City Councillor Godfrey, City Councillor Horrill & Clerk Mrs R Jones

26/076 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from County Cllr Batho, County Councillor Andrews, Cllrs Lohani and Berry and Lt Col Janet Johnston.

26/077 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No interests to be declared.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders.

26/078 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

26/079 REPORTS FROM LOCAL COUNCILLORS, MOD and POLICE

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

- Unsure yet of exact dates for mayoral and Local Government Reorganization elections;
- Received annual breakdown of Citizen Advice Bureau activity in

the Wonston Ward;

- Changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. This affects documents like Village Design Statements which will no longer play a part in the planning process. Smaller developments will be decided by planning officers alone and larger ones will go to the Planning Committee. It does mean that the Parish Councils comments need to be specific and detailed to ensure comments are taken into account;
- Green Week was well supported by holding a jumble sale of 32 stalls around the village. There are plans to do this again around Easter;
- Community Brainstorming session created a fifty-item list;
- The monthly Repair Cafe is still very successful and runs on the last Saturday of every month;
- Emergency Briefing video informing our MP what constituents think about climate change will be shown at the next monthly Sustainability meeting;
- Regarding the Fireworks event can we ensure residents are reminded to bring their own cups and take rubbish home and will the Parish Council consider quiet fireworks for next year?

Lt Col Janet Johnston was unable to attend and sent apologies

Cllr Batho and Adams were unable to attend and sent in their report.

The Chair resumed Standing Orders

26/080 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 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.

26/081 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2026

None

To be noted

26/082 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 September 2026 were:

Co-op Deposit Account 7	£ 109,385.19
Lloyds Account 10	£ 137,831.42
Total =	£ 247,216.61

To be noted

- Budget Monitoring to 30th September 2026

Income and expenditure to 30th September against the set budget

To be noted

- External Audit & Completion 2025/26

Find attached the external audit report, along with the conclusion notice which was posted online before 30th Sept.

External Audit Note - Minor scope for improvement
There was one note from the external auditor: the asset register didn't balance with the working notes. The working notes didn't balance with the asset register. To rectify this, Clerk had to show the correct figure on the AGAR and write restated beside it. This now matches with the Fixed Asset Register.

The invoice (£420.00) will be paid following the Parish Council meeting.

All documents posted on the website by 30th September

It was RESOLVED to approve the External Audit report

26/083 PLANNING

- Applications to be considered.

None

- Decisions by WCC

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
Decision	**Application Refused**

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 on no greater than 50mm prun e wound diameter and retaining a SE spread of 6.5m (to edge of line of garage) Tree works specification agreed with Ben Lewis on site
Inspected By	Cllr J Perrins
Decision	**Application Permitted**

- Enforcements Open

An update on the open cases has been received for October which has been shared with Councillors. 26/00217/TREE has been closed, which leaves no open cases.

To be noted

- Local Plan

SW01 West Hill Road North - Land at South Wonston 1.8 hectares (4.5 acres) On the Northern edge of the village, has sold Subject to Contract

Cllr Peal Update on Local Plan
WCC's Scoping Consultation September 2026 is the first step in preparation for the next Local Plan 2026-2044. It ensures the plan focusses on the right priorities and reflects what matters most to the community and how the community would like to be involved. There are very technical questions as the consultation is primarily aimed at the statutory stakeholders and general consultees but is open to all. The results will eventually appear after collation and feedback on the Local Plan website. I completed and returned this to the best of my ability and have attached my answers to those questions I felt able to tackle. I had difficulty with Question 28 which didn't record my priorities correctly.

To be noted

- Village Design Statement

Cllr Peal Update – Design Manifesto
I'm now working on the Design Guidelines based on consultation, linking them to the relevant items in WDLP 2020-2040, the NPPF 2026 and the draft Design and Placemaking PPG 2026 which is set to replace the NDG 2021. After this come the acknowledgements and maps and illustrations and final edit.

Cllr Peal will send to The Chair the suggested maps to be presented.

To be noted

The Chair suspended standing orders

Councillor Horril gave an update from Winchester City Council which included:

- Winchester Careers Event at The Nutshell in Winchester;
- Half Term football at River Park and Stanmore;
- Reminder about new bin calendar. You can sign up for a reminder;
- Christmas lights turn on dates and start of Christmas market;
- Community Cohesion meeting 24th November about building connected communities.

The Chair resumed standing orders

26/084 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORCHARD & ALLOTMENTS
- 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, 5th October 2026, The Pavilion

MINUTES

1. Apologies for absence. Kim Blakeway, Phil Oram.
2. Present: Sally Taviner, John Smith, John Cooper, Lillie Holmes, 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 passed for finalising order to be placed and funding requested.
    c. South Wonston School Climate Action Plan - can draft be circulated to the team?
4. Parish Council – Update and briefings
5. Pull up banner for Insulation Campaign funding requested – up to £120
6. Repair Café Insurance to be invoiced - £221
7. Review recent events
    a. Winchester Green Week 19th – 27th September
    b. Jumble Sale Safari 20th September. Well-received, particularly nearer East end of village. Next safari in Easter holidays with date to be set in February 2027.
    c. Community Brainstorm 21st September
        i. Filtering/Prioritisation
        ii. Post-meeting activity
    d. Repair Café 26th September – very busy. Booking form was useful in recording item details. Stats to follow.
8. Forthcoming events

- Repair Café – 31st October and 28th November. On-Point Sharpening and Energy Group attending October café. 2027 dates to be set in next few weeks.
- Social Event in January 2027

- People's Emergency Briefing – 2nd November about 2 hours running time including introduction, running and questions. Discussion Guide crib sheet and instruction sheet on NEL website.
- Film booking – Lillie booked download.
- Technology – test on 19th October or as soon as received.
- Introduction – Stephen to ask MP (or suggest substitute) to.
- Questions – to be sent out in advance as part of ticketing – Lillie to investigate.
- Advertising/Tickets. Advert in WDN and on NEL website. Ticketing required – Lillie to set up. More social media promotion, including South Wonston Voice. Lillie to send posters to put up at same time as Repair Café poster.
- Refreshments – John to speak to WI, otherwise Stephen

9. Sub-Group Updates

- Travel
- Circular economy
- Energy
- Food Group

10. Communications

- Monthly Newsletter – regular schedule?
- Website/Social Media
- West Dever News items – Repair Café and full list from Brainstorm.

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

A list of ideas has been created from the Sustainability Brain Storming meeting held on 21st September which is an attachment to the minutes of pc meeting.

To be noted

- Air Quality

Clerk is in contact with WCC to arrange data collection from air quality meter in the park

To be noted

- Pavilion Solar Panels Project Plan

Cllr Sheppard gave a verbal update on the project. The solar was installed by the end of September along with a handover to Councillors and Clerk. There is a minor problem to be resolved regarding the hot water tank being linked to the solar panels as this has never worked effectively.

Currently waiting for the DNO from Cinergi before contacting Octopus to agree the new electric tariff to include selling back to the grid.

To be noted

26/085 PAVILION & RECREATION

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2026
PRESENT: Chair J. Perrins (JP), Cllrs Hussain and Peal and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.
APOLOGIES: None were received.
PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND
Members discussed and formally approved the costs and contract for Swifts Football Club which were to be sent out that day, Wednesday 23rd September. Also considered were the level of commitment to hire our facilities of The Worthies and Littleton clubs and it was noted that the 11x11 pitch was currently marked out but pitches were not to be marked if they were not to be used. Floodlights also formed part of the conversation and it was suggested that the new solar power generation could be used to charge any lights acquired which then might be usefully sited on the higher parts of the recreation ground.
Grass and Grounds' tractor had unfortunately broken down before "spiking" could take place. Clerk had decided that Complete Weed Control should be asked to "feed and weed" and "spiking" could be carried out once the tractor was mended. Members agreed.
The solar panels would be installed on the Pavilion from Thursday 24th- Monday to Monday 28th September (not Sunday 27th). On Monday available members would be briefed on system control.
A member of the public had reported damage to the lower gate of the playground. Mr J. Taylor would be consulted about repair. The cause of the damage was not clear, but nails had been exposed.

Clerk confirmed that the Hospice Clothing Bank would be emptied on Thursday 24th October. There had been problems both with emptying and access to the bank. After the meeting members debated getting a second bank.

ADVERTISING
Members discussed issues with the October advertisement and the non-coincidence of the Parish Council meeting and the magazine deadline. JP commented that if material was not ready by the 10th of each month, it was not worth contributing but "What's On" notices had to be submitted. Clerk agreed to send the article in by 10th October.
FINANCE
Figures would be brought up to date and the end of year income forecast settled once agreement had been reached with Swifts.
DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: 14th November 2026.

To be noted

- Football

Cllr Perrins has written a business case that is attached to the notes which explains the need to expand the football and looks at the cost V income

The Parish Council arranged for Green Smile to have the robot mark out lines for a 11x11 pitch with a 9x9 pitch at the far end of the recreation ground. This means that all 4 of the Swifts teams for the current season can be run within an area that they time manage themselves.

Worthies Juniors have agreed to source goals if they can use the pitch on a Saturday morning for 9x9 matches. The goals were delivered, built and rolled to the hedge line and locked up prior to their first match on Saturday 5th October. The Parish Council has agreed a contract with Worthies Junior which equates to 2 matches per week for 28 weeks (not including ½ terms) totalling £1,400. Invoice to be paid upfront and a weekly booking on the on-line system.

Littleton FC have indicated that they would like to use the pitches on an ad-hoc basis on a Sunday.

For the remainder of the season Green Smile will visit every 2 weeks to line mark 9x9 at a cost of £30 per visit.

Clerk to email Littleton and Winchester re: Sunday football pitch hire.

Swifts contract needs to be agreed with/ or without line marking

To be noted

- Pump Track Survey

Cllr Perrins asked for other Councillors to help complete the application framework to obtain Community Infrastructure Levy money from WCC. Cllr Sheppard and Hussain offered to help do this piece of work.

Councillor Horrill said that the deadline is mid-December and offers by the end of January

Cllr Horrill will send the application and details to the Council and Clerk to ask Greg Talt for an update of the pump track survey.

To be noted

26/086 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT

- To receive updates from Councillors

Cllr Lohani: Re: FW: Signpost on road from Three Maids Hill
This has already been reported under reference 21917982.

Email Received from Cllr Batho re Alresford Drove – 12/10/26
The latest I have from Highways is 'the engineer has reviewed the site and confirmed that the damage to the bollards does not currently meet the safety criteria, as defined within the Highways Safety Inspection Manual (page 19). Therefore, works are not being considered at this time.' This refers to the bollards on the corner, however there was a report from Caroline that these had been repaired.

I have requested that additional bollards are installed on the left-hand side of the Alresford Drove and that the section of verge is reinstated. I have not had a reply so have repeated the request through the reporting system.

Southern Water have arranged to hold a meeting in the village hall to discuss the works being carried out on Stoke Charity Road/Alresford Drove.

- **LowerRoad**

Clerk to contact Alison in Countryside to request a further delivery of stone and then arrange for works to be carried out by the Lengthsmen

To be noted

- Speed Detection Unit

GT Digital has taken over the running, charging and reporting of data from the two SDUs. He has supplied some data for the Councillors to look at.

To be noted

- **M3 junction 9 improvements project**

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

To be noted

- **Email from Stagecoach - New Extended Time Bus Service**

I wanted to send a quick note to thank you for including the recent improvements to service 75 on your Facebook page.

Initial customer numbers for the new later evening journeys have been encouraging, and we're hopeful that these numbers will continue to grow to a stage where we are able to make further improvements in future.

Your assistance in helping spread the word is very much appreciated**.**

To be noted

26/087 AMENITIES

- **Halloween Event - Saturday 31st October**

Still waiting to hear Maddie Thorpe from the Miracle Bus. We may need to postpone this event. The Drovers are advertising a Halloween Family Disco from 6.30pm.

Keen to work with The Miracle Bus after winning a runner up award for Best Young Initiative.

To be noted

- **Fireworks – Saturday 7th November**

Clerk gave a verbal update. Volunteers recruited, stall holders being contacted and pallets being organised to be dropped the week beforehand. The plan is to build the bonfire on 31/10.

Parish Council insurance checked.

Fireworks will cost more this year to run a similar display to last year, but to support collecting in more donations a Sum Up contactless machine has been ordered

To be noted

26/088 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:-

14/9/26 - A resident from South Wonston - Use of car park overnight for Scouts
17/9/26 - A resident from South Wonston - Locking Gate
20/9/26 - A resident from South Wonston - Clothes Bin
22/9/26 - A resident from South Wonston - Allotment Group Archive Docs
25/9/26 - A resident from South Wonston – Wood for Bonfire
29/9/26 - A resident from South Wonston - Alresford Road Bollards
1/10/26 - A resident from South Wonston - Poppies & Thanks Bus Stop Repaired
3/10/26 - A resident from South Wonston – use of Fire pit for Scouts
10/10/26 - A resident from South Wonston -use of Fire pit for Scouts

To be noted

- **Website**

The website continues to be updated with relevant statutory information, including external audit year end and Advertising Policy.
Photos to be added by Vision ICT

To be noted

- Social Media Update

Social media management for September
Facebook – 21, posts, 31 stories, 0 reels. Followers (661 April, 666 May, 672 June, 682 August, 703 September)
Created 5 pieces of content
Instagram – (92 April, 91 May, 97 June, 103 August, 106 September)

Banners being produced for Fireworks.

To be noted

- **Village Newsletter.**

Cllr Hussain gave a verbal update. Greg has suggested that we really need at least one article each month with a photo about something happening in the village, I'm happy to do this month. Cut off date?

South Wonston emailed Newsletter subscribers (9 February, 34 March 68 April, 77 May, 94 June, 113 August, 128 September), with a 45% open rate.

To be noted

- **Memorial / Ash Internment Liberal Democrats Petition**

The Liberal Democrats petition as of the 30th September had 78 signatures. This needs further media posts.

Cllr Perrins has written to the local MP Danny Chambers.

To be noted

26/089 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 9.30pm