



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30PM**  
**Virtually via Zoom**

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**Present:** Cllrs Peal (Chairman), Perrins, Street, Coleman, Hawes, Cooper and Selby, City Councillor Godfrey and Clerk Mrs R. Jones.

**20/110 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from County Cllr Warwick & City Cllr Horrill

**20/111 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No interests to be declared.

Brian Neville has resigned as a Parish Councillor and there is now a vacancy which the Council will be advertising

**The Chairman suspended Standing Orders.**

**20/112 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A resident complained that the new path between Worthy Down and South Wonston (the yellow brick road) is now sticky due to the weather, and should the horses be using it? As it is a footpath, horses should not be using it.

He also pointed out that work is needed on the Parish Website and offered to help with it as a volunteer.

Several residents spoke about the drains that are in desperate need to be cleared in the village and gave several examples of where properties are being flooded and have sand bags at the ready. Cllr Warwick has been

emailed the problem and is trying to help with the residents and Hampshire County Council (HCC) are programming in cleaning the gullies for the whole village. One of the residents suggested setting up a South Wonston Drainage Facebook page to put more pressure on HCC to ensure the work is carried out. Cllr Peal asked about the Facebook page that might be created to show the evidence and hopefully get the problem resolved. Social Media is an incredible tool to help resolve this sort of problem and perhaps the topic should be shared on South Wonston Eye to get more followers.

## 20/113 Reports from Local Councillors, MOD and Police

### **Email Received from Rhys Griffiths (PCSO)**

Nothing to update you currently. I have had no complaints made to Police other than being copied into the odd email by a resident in Alresford Drove. This is something I am keeping an eye but no further interventions have needed to be made since my last one regarding works at the nearby railway line which I understand has since been resolved.

### **Email from Jan Warwick who was unable to attend the meeting**

**Subject:** HCC Report for South Wonston Parish Council

I am pleased to attach my January HCC report for your meeting next week. I have been asked to speak at the Winchester Rotary Club next Monday evening on Climate Change so I'm afraid I won't be able to join your Zoom meeting in person. Please accept my apologies.

There are a few local updates following my meeting with the Highways Team yesterday afternoon

#### 1. South Wonston drains and gullies

The gullies across South Wonston are on a regular routine maintenance timetable however all have been prioritised for clearance now. We looked at the mapping system yesterday and so far only the eastern end of Downs Rd has been done. Last week most of the Highways staff were pulled across to help with gritting duties following the sub-zero temperatures across the county as a significant number of their staff are also affected with COVID19.

However we checked with the contractor and the western end of Downs Road has been re-scheduled for clearance next week and so far this is on track. The remainder of the roads leading off in both directions will be completed by March this year.

2. I was able to update the new officers on the history and safety concerns with Alresford Drove. Highways have already made some suggestions about signage and the damaged bollards and will report back to me. We were able to discuss options for the potential

pedestrian refuge/walkway and HGVs in excess of the weight limit using this road as a cut through. HCC officers can also contact the owners of these vehicles if reported to them via me.

3. Waste and Concrete Recycling Planning Application at Three Maids Roundabout, Littleton,; the Parish Council wrote to object to this application in December. I spoke at the meeting and requested a site visit before a decision. The matter was deferred at the December meeting and will be subject to a virtual site visit including to the nearby Littleton Stud on 18<sup>th</sup> January. This is ahead of a committee decision on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January from 1000am. You can follow the meeting live and I will forward the link once it is published.

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

- Rob Humby (HCC) has said that there is now a new machine to help clean the drains;
- New plan for new houses, based on the new government planning changes;
- Consultation will start next month on where these houses will go;
- There should be no development outside of the current boundary;
- Hampshire Hospital Trust are delaying their consultation on where to put the new hospital until restrictions are eased;
- £2.5 million has been given to WCC to help businesses in the current lockdown.

Cllr Hawes asked about the plan about moving the Sir John Moore Barracks. Cllr Godfrey said that the MOD is looking at the current consultation about outline development of the camp.

LT Col Stu Allen gave an update from Worthy Down which included:

- Some training is being held on site;
- Gone down to minimum training as most is on-line;
- Spoken to Martin Goff as bus service was removed to enable Worthy Down children to walk to school. The path is unsuitable as the surface is dirty and messy;
- Community Engagement Officer joining next week – Nicola Day.

Cllr Street asked about signage at the Connaught Road junction when joining Christmas Hill.

### **The Chairman resumed Standing Orders**

## **20/114 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

**It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes as a true record of the**

meeting following minor amendments.

**20/115 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

Subject to a couple of spelling amendments.

**To be noted**

**20/116 FINANCE**

**- Recent Transactions**

A spreadsheet of recent transactions was provided for all Members.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the transactions. A copy is appended to these minutes.**

**- Account Reconciliations**

The Bank Balances as at 31<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were:

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Co-op Deposit Account 7 | £ 145,255.81 |
| Lloyds Account 10       | £ 67,005.27  |
| Total =                 | £212,261.08  |

The balances were noted and each reconciliation sheet will be signed by the Chairman once all cash books have been brought up to date, to confirm the Council's monitoring role.

Allocated Expenditure to 31<sup>th</sup> December 2020 not yet paid through the bank accounts, plus agreed reserves policy.

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Reserves                                 |                |
| Insurance Reserve                        | £2,555         |
| Pavilion Management & Maintenance        | £30,600        |
| General Reserves – 6 months exp 2019/20  | <u>£37,700</u> |
|  | £70,855        |
| Project List – Committed Exp £47K - £50K | £50,000        |
| Bird Guard                               | £ 350          |
| Fencing                                  | £5,330         |
| Community Bench                          | £4,834         |
| Picnic Benches                           | £3,020         |
| Noticeboards                             | £3,000         |
| Exp to 31.3.21 (Dec to Mar)              | <u>£25,000</u> |
|  | £ 91,534       |

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>£162,389</b> |
| <b>Unallocated Funds</b> | <b>£49,900</b>  |

Remaining Balance Owed to the Public Works Loan Board £57,150.

### **To be noted**

#### **- Revised 2020/21 and Draft Budget 2020/21**

Clerk annotated the budget monitoring position to 31.12.20.

The Budget 2020/21 was reviewed by the Cllrs and following a discussion of projects over the coming year and the potential of reduced income due to COVID-19 it was agreed by a vote to increase the precept by 2% = £2,125. Total =£108,385

An action plan needs to be put with the budget to justify the current reserves and prior year reserves of £49,900.

**It was RESOLVED to approve the Final Budget 2021/22**

## **20/117 PLANNING**

### **Development of an Inert Waste Recycling Facility at Land at Three Maids Hill, off A272, Winchester SO21 2QU (application number 20/01765/HCS)**

This application was heard at the Regulatory Committee last Wednesday. The decision was to defer to the January meeting in 2021 and will include a site visit for the Regulatory committee before the meeting. There was particular concern raised in discussion around the impact on the Littleton Stud (the committee have been invited to visit) , the safety of an HGV entrance for 70+ HGV daily movements onto the tree line, fast A272 as well as the principle of industrial development in the countryside (contrary to Local Planning Policy).

I write to inform you that the above planning application will be considered by the Regulatory Committee on Wednesday 20 January 2020 at 10.00am. The meeting is virtual, and will be broadcast live. You will be able to observe the meeting via the link below

<https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=191&MId=6434>

If you have any queries on the meeting please contact Democratic and Members Services (DAMS). If you wish to speak at the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council you should write to the Chief Executive - for the attention of Business Advice and Member Support ( [members.services@hants.gov.uk](mailto:members.services@hants.gov.uk) ) at Hampshire County Council, The

Castle, Winchester SO23 8UJ. The letter must be received by her on the Thursday before the meeting of the Regulatory Committee at the latest.

### **Sir John Moore Barracks**

The barracks on Andover Rd are due to be vacated by 2022-24 and will be redeveloped as a link between Littleton and Harestock. Cllr Peal said that there is interesting material if you search for John Moore Barracks Public Consultation. The current consultation is due to finish at the end of January, which is the initial stage of the masterplan design leading to outline development and dealing with the mix of housing and other land uses. It is likely to become an interest to the Parish Council as it will affect the cycle path as Andover Road will have increased traffic from the barracks and Kings Barton and cycle movements for the barracks themselves, a potential new Park and Ride on site and any affordable housing in the mix. Cllr Peal said a response should go in, if only to point out our concerns.

### **- Applications**

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Reference             | 20/02245/FUL  |
| Alternative Reference | PP-09104592   |
| Application Received  | Wed 14 Oct 2020   |
| Application Validated | Wed 14 Oct 2020   |
| Address               | Land Off Chaucer Close South Wonston Hampshi  |
| Proposal              | Erection of three detached dwellings (2 no. 2 bed and 1 no. 3 bed), alteration to existing access and associated landscaping and parking on land to the west of Canterbury Cottages, Chaucer Close. |
| Status                | Decided   |
| <b>Decision</b>       | <b>Application Withdrawn</b>  |
| Decision Issued Date  | Fri 08 Jan 2021   |
| Inspected By          | Cllr Peal   |

Due to the deadlines, responses have been submitted for the applications below:

### **- Decisions by WCC**

**NO DECISIONS WERE MADE DURING DECEMBER**

### **- Enforcements**

An update on the open cases has been requested from WCC but has not been received to date.

**To be noted**

**20/118 RECREATION GROUND – Maintenance & Repairs**

- **Clearing Trees running along the bottom of the recreation ground.**

Approved the C&D Trees quote for £ 520 and awaiting a date.

- **Resident email on playground ideas.**

A few ideas to consider for revamping the park;

- We would all love a splash park,
- Zipwire,
- Playhouse/Den
- Sandpit

We also like the thought something natural like a bamboo maze?

**To be noted**

**Agree to Continue Meeting to 10pm**

**- COVID-19 Closure of Outdoor Amenities**

In line with the new Government Guidelines the Caretaker has closed the Tennis Court, MUGA, Skate Park and Adult Gym.

Clerk has put laminated posters around the recreation ground highlighting the areas that are closed and new posters for the children's playground which is remaining open to remind users of hygiene and social distancing.

The outside toilet has been temporarily closed while the infection and death rate is high and the new variant is easier to transmit. The cleaner only works in the morning and therefore it isn't cleaned enough to ensure transition isn't made through this facility.

**To be noted**

**- Lengthsmen Visit**

The next Lengthsmen visit is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January. Their work schedule includes:-

- Cutting back the bushes on the corner of Wrights Way / Close
- Spreading of bark along Ox Drove
- Spreading of bark at the bottom of the playground area and going up the slope.
- Clearing / tidying of Church Lane.

**To be noted**

**20/119 PAVILION**

THE MEETING ON TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER WAS CANCELLED;  
THEREFORE THERE ARE IS NOTHING TO REPORT.

**To be noted**

**- Ensure the building is COVID-19 compliant**

The building continues to be monthly deep cleaned and the daily cleaning rota maintained.

Due to the new lockdown rules the building is remaining open for the before and after school club for key workers children. To help support the community this is being offered free of charge as the numbers are low and the group will not cover the salary costs. It also ensures the building is kept open which will be easier for when restrictions are reduced.

**To be noted**

**20/120 HIGHWAYS**

**- To receive an update on highways**

PROW85167 – Rights of Way

The barriers either side of the pavilion car park entrance have now been repaired

**To be noted**

**- Alresford Drove**

**Email received from Cllr Warwick regards Alresford Drove**

Cllr Warwick sent in an update on Alresford Drove whereby she will liaise with Andy Smith but doesn't think metal bollards are a good idea due to the potential for damage to vehicles (and the bollards). She will speak to Andy and come back with a plan and is chasing up Cllr Perrins' walkway idea in the capital programme list.

**To be noted**

**- Gully Cleaning**

Cllr Warwick gave an update on the gully position. Only half of the gullies along Downs Road have been done (the half nearest the main road is outstanding). Last week a significant number of HCC crews were moved to help with gritting as several staff have contracted COVID however the second half of Downs Rd is expected to be cleared next week and the rest of the village will be completed in March.

**To be noted**

## 20/121 GENERAL AMENITIES

### - Woodland Trust

Several residents have come forward as volunteers and Lesley MacKinnon has emailed in about the role of volunteer Tree Warden.

Clerk has met with C&D Trees and now has a list of all the trees/ bushes delivered and what size the trees will be.

### To be noted

### - Safe Cycling to Winchester

Cllr Selby gave a verbal update to the Council as the nominated cycle champion for South Wonston and checked that no one had an objection to the footpath diversion. He has visited the water treatment plant and ladder and put a proposal in that when you get to the ladder if you can run along the hedge with a path you could come onto the road at a flat level instead of at height. The next step is to do a survey on the road to get a safe cycle route into Winchester from the water treatment plant. This could be very different if Andover Road is chosen to remain open.

Cllr Cooper said that what has come out of tonight's meeting is that a yellow brick road may not be the best material for the path.

An email has been shared from Mike Caldwell of Cycle Winchester  
I'm sure that you / Cycle Winchester are well aware of the latest WCC plans for the CWR area. I've been following this closely for several years and took part in the public consultation back in 2017, out of which the Special Planning Document was produced.

I'm involved with the Winchester Deserves Better group ( <http://winchesterdeservesbetter.org/> ) and our group does have several misgivings about the current proposals. I have always been very keen on better cycling provision through Winchester and my particular concern with the latest proposals is that cycling - and access through the site - is decidedly woolly to say the least.

I was wondering what Cycle Winchester's feelings are about the current proposals? I note from your website reaction to the recent County Council funding for improving cycling provision, but I'd be keen to hear what your thoughts are on these latest CWR plans.

An email has been shared from Sue Coles of Safe Cycling Group  
My concerns date back to the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) This document has pictures of pedestrians and cyclists coexisting safely on many of the streets However, the text only referred to pedestrian access and although we asked for cyclists to be specifically included in

the text, this was not done.

This is being perpetuated in the new development proposals because there is extensive reference to the SPG.

The current proposals are very much outline and as you say the movement panel is vague to say the least.

“Consideration has been given to ensure safe routes for cyclists”

but it does not provide any detail as to what those routes are.

I have not yet responded to the consultation but I plan to raise these issues and also ask for the plans to include a commitment that cyclists will be able to **cycle (i.e. not dismount), to, from and through the site and that this will be designed from the outset rather than retrofitted at a later date.**

In particular, two-way cycling is needed in the Broadway, Middle Brook Street, High Street past M+S. If any bus lane is provided in Friarsgate this should be available to cyclists.

Cyclists should be able to cycle to the fully pedestrianised areas of the development from Silver Hill where there should also be cycle parking, including some under cover. The Riverside Walk along the eastern edge should be for both cyclists and pedestrians. These spaces should be designed from the outset to accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians

No doubt the City Council will say that it is too early for such detail but we need to use every opportunity to reiterate our concerns given the ambiguity in the SPG.

### **To be noted**

#### **- Litter Picking**

Cllr Street gave an update to Council on this year’s annual litter pick.

Clerk put an advert in the West Dever News and has several responses.

### **To be noted**

#### **- Grant**

Greg Talt has started running a voluntary laptop exchange project to ensure local children have laptops to do their current home learning. His time is being offered for free but perhaps the Parish Council would like to help cover his travel costs and any other expenses.

**RESOLVED to approve a grant of £150, plus the Parish Council would like to commend him on his help in the community.**

## **POLICIES**

**20/122 - REVIEW OF RETENTION POLICY  
- REVIEW OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION & PUBLICATION &  
MEDIA  
- DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

**It was RESOLVED to approve the policies**

**20/123 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondences were received from:-

Multiple Correspondences (x7) – A resident of South Wonston –  
Highways Situation on Alresford Drove

18/12/20 – A resident of South Wonston – Near Miss on Alresford  
Drove

19/12/20 – A resident of South Wonston – Wooden Barriers

21/12/20 – A resident of South Wonston & WCC – Driver Ignoring  
Signs

22/12/20 – A resident of South Wonston / PCSO – Removal Van  
Misuse of Alresford Drove

23/12/20 – A resident of South Wonston – Gully Cleaning

All emails and responses were forwarded onto Council

**20/124 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7.30pm &  
Cllrs are reminded that Affordable Housing will be on the agenda for  
February.