



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 19:00  
MICHAEL KING PAVILION, RECREATION GROUND, MAIN ROAD,  
COLDEN COMMON, SO21 1RR**

**Present:** Cllr Maggie Hill (Chair)  
Cllr John Pearce  
Cllr John Boyes  
Cllr Ian King  
Cllr Alex Loughran  
Cllr David Martin  
Cllr Geoffrey Scardthomas  
Cllr Brian O'Neill  
Cllr Hazel Crosthwaite

**Apologies:** Cllr Jacqui Hadley

**In attendance:** Debbie Harding (Clerk)  
Becky Pickles (Assistant Clerk)  
Cllr Sue Cook

**FPC47/24 To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies were noted as above.

**FPC48/24 To receive any declarations of interest to subsequent agenda items**

No interests were declared.

**FPC49/24 To resolve to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Full Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 as an accurate record of the meeting**

Some typographical errors were corrected.

***Subject to these changes, it was resolved to approve the minutes of the Full Parish Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 as an accurate record of the meeting, proposed by Cllr John Boyes, seconded by Cllr John Pearce and carried.***

**FPC50/24 To receive any questions from members of the public relating to any matters on the agenda, or ask questions to District and County Councillors**

Two members of the public were present.

One member of the public gave an update on Speedwatch. Speedwatch sessions have commenced again after summer break. Another volunteer has come forward and will be able to take part once she has completed her Police training.

Both members of the public were interested in the update on the emerging Winchester City Council Local Plan.

**FPC51/24 To receive updates from the elected District and County Councillors**

Cllr Sue Cook gave an update on the following:

Kiln Lane, Brambridge will be undergoing patch resurfacing, it will be resurfaced fully at a later date.

Southern Water have completed all the surveying in the village to establish to what extent surface water drainage is incorrectly connected to the sewer network. The report is yet to be published.

Southern Water are continuing to monitor weather patterns to appropriately manage the sewage levels at Brambridge. Southern Water have changed the management of tanker traffic which will mean that traffic lights on Highbridge Road will no longer be required.

A resident of Spring Lane has contacted the Clerk regarding parking and speeding cars in Spring Lane. Cllr Cook is liaising with Hampshire Highways regarding a safety survey on the footpath entrance West of the Methodist Church.

Cllr Sue Cook has been notified that Cllr Rob Humby has resigned as our elected County Councillor with immediate effect. There will be an election in due Course. Arrangements have been made to cover Cllr Humby's division casework during this period through the Leader's office at the County Council. This will be managed through [jackie.waldron@hants.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.waldron@hants.gov.uk)

Cllr Cook provided a list of the key contact details for reporting issues.

<b>NATIONAL HIGHWAYS</b> Reporting Line 0300 123 5000	<b>SOUTHERN WATER 24/7 service</b> 0330 303 0368 Report all leaks or running water, take the name of the Call Handler and the Ref Number.	<b>M3 JUNCTION 9 IMPROVEMENTS</b> National Infrastructure Planning Helpline 0303 444 5000	<b>HAMPSHIRE HIGHWAYS</b> 0300 555 1388 Mon-Fri 08.30-17.00
<b>ROAD FLOODING</b> To report a flooding or drainage problem <a href="http://www.Hants.gov.uk">www.Hants.gov.uk</a>	<b>WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL</b> 01962 840222 <a href="mailto:Customerservice@winchester.gov.uk">Customerservice@winchester.gov.uk</a>	<b>SOUTHAMPTON AIRPORT</b> Reporting Noise from Flights Regarding Tel No 0344 4817777 24/7 service	<b>POWER CUTS</b> Call 105

You can also report airport noise online at

<https://www.southamptonairport.com/about-us/aircraft-noise/#anchor-sou-form-noise-complaints>

## **Police - 101 Police**

They have an out of Hours Number for Highways to report all types of Incidents including Accidents, Flooding, Trees on Carriageways or traffic lights not working.

The Police are extremely helpful, and they call the out of hours highways team immediately.

## **WARD COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Sue J Cook	<a href="mailto:SJCook@winchester.gov.uk">SJCook@winchester.gov.uk</a>	07884 111916
Cllr Hannah Greenberg	<a href="mailto:HGreenberg@Winchester.gov.uk">HGreenberg@Winchester.gov.uk</a>	07866 935556

## **FPC52/24 To receive an update from the Clerk on matters (for information only)**

The biennial tree safety surveys have taken place. The Clerk is working through the work required.

The Clerk is collecting the deeds from storage to all retaining land not registered with the land registry on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Surrey Hills solicitors have been appointed to register the land on behalf of the Council.

The Clerk is depositing original minutes in the records office. HCC Records Office are obliged to fund a proportion of their core budget from income generation, of which donations form a part. It was discussed whether to make a donation or not and it was agreed in principle to make a one off payment.

The buildings insurance has been increased to cover the solar panels from immediate effect with no additional premium for this year. The renewal for 2024-25 has been received and the Clerk will be reviewing the cover in due course.

The Clerk will be readvertising the vacancy for co-option in due course for co-option in November.

Works to refurbish the phone box in New Road are ongoing. £1000.00 towards the cost of the refurbishment is in the CCCP budget, however, this will only cover some of the total cost which will be significantly more.

The Solar panel installation at Colden Common Park starts on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The Clerk is still chasing Highways improvements through use of section 106 money

The planned silt removal from Church Pond is still ongoing. The Clerk is research funding opportunities. A positive DNA result for possible great crested newts has complicated the permissions that may be required. Permissions may have a significant cost due to the use of an appropriate ecologist.

The footpath from Spring Lane to the Green has still not been adopted by Hampshire County Council.

Football teams have been asked to sign a pitch agreement contract.

## **FPC53/24 To receive the minutes from the Planning Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Cllr Maggie Hill gave an overview of the Planning Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The minutes are available on the Parish website.

**FPC54/24 To update on the Winchester District Local Plan 2020 – 2040 (Emerging) and timescale for regulation 19 consultation and submission to the Planning Inspector.**

Update from Cllr Maggie Hill

**WINCHESTER CITY LOCAL PLAN**

Cllr Hill attended the Winchester City Council cabinet meeting on the 19th August as did Cllr Sue Cook. Both spoke on behalf of Colden Common Parish Council. You can view the meeting on Winchester City Council's YouTube channel.

At this meeting The WCC legal adviser, Andrew Fraser Urqhart, outlined the reasons for the WCC proposal to push ahead with the current local plan with all possible speed. The new Labour Government<sup>1</sup> will require an up to date, working, local plan and will then require local authorities to start work immediately on the next local plan. That is, without any delay between the two.

If an up to date local plan is not in place, any new applications will carry a heavy bias for agreement except in the most unusual circumstances. This means that all planning permissions would be developer led with every presumption of success in gaining permission; and that the only recourse to local authorities would be to challenge the decision by appeal to a planning inspector. The costs and heavy workload of this, and the delays in getting an inspector's decision, together with the inability to have any control over local planning presents a nightmare scenario. It would result in planning by appeal.

Therefore, WCC have revised their Schedule 19 process to try to prevent this happening. It does mean that the process has had to be compressed. However, in response to some accusations from the public gallery that the public consultation was flawed by taking place over the summer holiday period, Martin Todd (Leader WCC) reminded them that there had been considerable publicity in previous months which they were confident met the requirements of a sound democratic process. Comments need to be in by 29 August followed by a 6 week consultation period.

Then, as soon as the current local plan has, hopefully, been agreed by the planning inspector, work will immediately start on a new local plan, with new housing allocation numbers for a plan period to 2040. It is possible that during this stage the current local plan could be amended. The situation looks bleak, but to do otherwise looks worse.

Andrew confirmed that WCC's proposed process had met with favourable responses from the Minister for Housing, the Deputy PM and the Inspectorate so they felt confident that they were adopting the right approach.

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<sup>1</sup> New government has revised the housing targets, WCC had a previous target to build 676 houses per year and the new target is 1099. This is for 1099 houses in the Winchester District but excludes the SDNP which is approx. 50% of the district

## Duty of Co-operation

This is the duty of authorities to take on some of the development figures their neighbouring authorities have been given by Central Govt, if they cannot accommodate them. WCC, for example, would have to be able to demonstrate an audit trail to the inspector showing that they had tried to agree an accommodation. The legal duty is to show that they have tried to agree, not that they must agree; but examination is thorough.

Andrew confirmed that WCC were well advanced in working with neighbouring local authorities on the Duty to Co-operate and that no approaches had been received from north Hampshire (Basingstoke) for WCC to take any of their allocation. The pressure is mostly on the southern part e.g. Portsmouth. There was no mention of any pressure from Eastleigh this time. Information on this will be shown shortly on the website.

## Other Issues

There was discussion about Southern Water with whom WCC have to work on a Statement of Common Ground. Adrian Fox reported that Southern Water construction of a new pipeline includes a policy on sewage; but that this won't be completed until 2030. He suggested that planning permissions might possibly be refused until conditions were complied with – or that they could not come forward until Southern Water have complied with conditions. This would be at the planning application stage.

Public transport was discussed, and Martin Todd explained that they could only lobby HCC and providers of bus services and had no other levers to engage. He confirmed that active travel would form part of the review of the local plan. There will be a change for the concept of sustainable travel to change from 15 minute travel to 20 minute travel. This was only a glancing reference as the meeting was focussed on hearing comments from Parish Councils and then the rest of the meeting was devoted to agreeing textual details in the draft local plan before its agreement.

## **The new timescales for the Local Plan are as follows:-**

Regulation 19 Local Plan will open for a 6 week consultation on the 29<sup>th</sup> August

That following Publication, the Winchester District Proposed Submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) and supporting documents will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination for inspection.

Cllr Maggie Hill explained that an email has been received from Croudace who are interested in developing land East of Highbridge Road. A response will be discussed at the next planning meeting

## **FPC55/24 To receive a recommendation from the Finance Committee to award and grant applications.**

Cllr Hazel Crosthwaite gave an overview of the Finance meeting that took place on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024 where grant applications were discussed, and it was resolved to award the following grants.

**To award the following grants:-**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount recommended to award</b>
Kingfishers Pre-School	£ 628.00	£ 628.00
Citizens Advice	£ 459.00	£ 459.00
Community Association	£ 271.96	£ 271.96
9 <sup>th</sup> Winchester Scouts	£ 575.00	£ 200.00
CCCA (accessible toilet project)	£1500.00	£1500.00
	<b>£3433.96</b>	<b>£3058.96</b>

***Proposed by Cllr Hazel Crosthwaite, seconded by Cllr David Martin and carried. Cllr Brian O'Neill abstained due to a declaration of interest.***

**FPC57/24 To receive an update on the Parish Council solar panel project**

The panels have been installed on the roof of the Michael King Pavilion. The batteries are on site but are waiting to be connected. The cage for the batteries has not yet been installed.

**FPC58/24 To receive an update from 9th Winchester Scouts on progress in relation to a firework event in the village**

The last communication from 9<sup>th</sup> Winchester was that it is unlikely that a firework event will take place in 2024. The Clerk is chasing the Group Scout Leader for a final decision on the fireworks event and hopes that a joint statement can be published to residents. This will enable residents to make alternative arrangements. The Clerk has written to 9<sup>th</sup> Winchester with a proposed draft copying in Cllr Brian O'Neill in his capacity of a trustee of the Scouts.

**FPC59/24 Councillors' information and question time**

Cllr Ian King asked about the recurring water main bursts in Colden Common. The Clerk confirmed that a letter was written to Southern Water who responded that they had several areas in the South that were being monitored and they were working on a hierarchy for replacement.

Cllr Ian King highlighted several commercial vans parking in St Vigor way between Alder Close and Hazel Close. The Clerk responded that if they are taxed and MOT there is little that can be done, the Police are responsible for parking safety near junctions.

Cllr Brian O'Neill noted from the local planning meeting that the Christmas Tree has been cancelled and asked why this was the case. Cllr Maggie Hill explained it was not budgeted and the Parish Council does not have the money for it.

Cllr Brian O'Neill confirmed that 9<sup>th</sup> Winchester Scouts are not a registered charity and that the Colden Common Youth Centre Charity is not affiliated with the Scouting movement.

Cllr John Boyes mentioned that the Post Office counter was not opening in the co-op. The Clerk confirmed that all Post office services were available over the main counter as all staff were trained in Post Office matters.

Cllr John Boyes has emailed Danny Chambers MP to ask for his support with a cycle way over the pipeline from Havant to Otterbourne. Although it seems like it was a creative and sensible suggestion Cllr Alex Loughran asked the same question to Southern Water and was informed that the area would be reinstated to the same as it was before which means it is unlikely that this will be possible.

**FPC60/24 To raise any items for the next agenda**

No matters were raised.

**FPC61/24 To receive the opinion of the external auditor for the financial period 2023-2024.**

*Proposed by Cllr John Boyes, seconded by Cllr Hazel Crosthwaite and carried.*

**FPC 62/24 To approve accounts for payments by Colden Common Parish Council retrospectively**

Accounts for payment made between 17<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 were circulated prior to meeting.

*Proposed by Cllr Geoffrey Scardthomas, seconded by Cllr Brian O'Neill and carried.*

**FPC 63/24 To resolve to close the meeting to members of the public to discuss a matter in relation**

The continued unreliability of the rising bollards at Colden Common Park was discussed. It was agreed to engage a solicitor to commence formal proceeding against the contractor in regard to fitness for purpose .

*The parameters for a non-prejudicial settlement offer was discussed and agreed by Cllrs and delegated to the Clerk to accept.*

*Proposed by Cllr Maggie Hill, seconded by Cllr John Boyes and carried.*

The Council noted the caretakers resignation. Councillors discussed whether to recruit a replacement or employ a contract cleaning company.

*It was resolved to commence recruitment of a cleaner at the current caretaker's rate of pay for 7 hours per week on the standard Local government contract with Hampshire Local Pension scheme benefits.*

*Proposed by Cllr Maggie Hill, seconded by Cllr John Boyes and carried.*

**FPC64/24 The meeting closed 20:40**