

# SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 17 November 2022 7.30pm

Cllr Sue Wood (Chairman)	P
Cllr John Little (Vice-Chairman)	P
Cllr John Cooper	P
Cllr Andrew Osmond	
Cllr Nigel Reid	P
Cllr Lynne Gibson	P
Cllr David Brown	P

P = present at the meeting

In attendance Nicky Breen (Clerk), Cllr Warwick, Cllr Horrill, Cllr D Killeen - Chair of Hursley Parish Council.

Two representatives from South Lynch Solar Farm for agenda item 22/23-67 and

7 members of the public for agenda item 22/23-67.

- 22/23 – 55 Apologies**  
To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence  
Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllr Osmond.
- 22/23 – 56 Co-option of new councillor**  
Councillors have approached members of the parish regarding the two vacant positions but have not had any interest as yet.
- 22/23 – 57 To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interests (DPI's) and Other Significant Interests (OSI's) from members concerning specific items on the agenda**  
None declared.
- 22/23 – 58 Minutes of Meeting of 20 October 2022**
- **To approve and sign the minutes**  
The minutes had previously been circulated and were approved and signed by the Chair.
  - **To deal with any matters arising not on the agenda**  
No matters arising.
- 22/23 – 59 Public Participation**  
Members of the public arrived later in the evening for 8.30pm for the South Lynch Solar Farm presentation held in the main hall. Please see 22/23-67.  
The proposed solar farm is in Hursley Parish however it is on the Sparsholt border. Questions were taken.  
The main concerns were on the visual impact and whether it was possible to move the panels to an alternative location which would not have such a visual impact from the road.
- 22/23 – 60 Questions on the County and City Councillor Reports**  
Cllr Warwick and Horrill's reports had been circulated prior to the meeting with no questions arising.  
When asked if Cllr Warwick could help with the missing road mirror on the Stockbridge Road she highlighted that this would not have been put in place by Hampshire Highways as they do not support these mirrors – statistics indicating that they do more harm than good.  
Additional to her report, Cllr Horrill mentioned that a bin officer is to assess the litter bins in the playground following concerns from a parishioner.
- 22/23 – 61 Portfolio Reports**  
The Portfolio report is attached and had been circulated prior to the meeting with no questions arising.
- Highways  
See attached report
  - Footpaths and Open Spaces and Climate Change  
See attached report
  - Playground  
See attached report
  - Sparsholt Memorial Hall  
No update
  - Sparsholt School  
No update
  - Sparsholt Shop  
Villagers are reminded to make use of the shop.
  - Communication including items for next newsletter  
See attached report

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- Security  
No update
- Transport  
See attached report

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## Horse Sign

Cllr Brown has done a full survey of signs in the village and is to meet with Hampshire Highways to discuss the proposed Horse Signs, as well as other new signs and existing signs that need adjusting.

**Action: Chair/Cllr Brown**

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## Local Plan

Proposals for changes to the Local Plan are open for public comment until 14 December. Councillors are to consider their comments and an extraordinary meeting has been scheduled for Monday 12 December in order to discuss the comments to be submitted by the Parish Council.

**Action: Councillors**

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## Planning (see below)

- To review and comment on planning applications

## New Applications

06/07/2022	22/01492/FUL	Shedding Oaks Ham Green	Adaptation and conversion of two linked containers to form 1 bed holiday let	Current
<i>Sparsholt Parish Council does not support this application</i>				

## Current Applications

02/11/2021	21/02824/FUL	Watley Farm Locks Lane Sparsholt Hampshire	Change of use of an existing equestrian building to a workshop and associated alterations; demolition of 4 no. redundant equestrian buildings; erection of 4 no. replacement buildings comprising classic car storage, storage for site management equipment and machinery, stables, equine storage; landscaping; access improvements; and associated works	Current
<i>Following suggested changes Sparsholt Parish Council supports the application</i>				
29/1/2021	21/02640/FUL	13 & 14 Woodman Close Sparsholt	Erection of additional residential accommodation on land to the rear of no.13 & 14 Woodman Close consisting of 2no. detached 2 Bedroom Bungalows & 3no. 1 bedroom terraced houses	Current
12/11/2020	20/02491/LDC	Greenacre Caravan Park Stockbridge Road	Caravan Site	Current

## Recent Decisions

07/07/2022	22/01508/NMA	Ashridge Home Lane Sparsholt	REPLACEMENT OF RUSTIC TIMBER CLADDING WITH COMPOSITE CLADDING AS DETAILED	Permitted
30/06/2022	22/01433/PNHOU	Little Deane Dean Lane Sparsholt	Flat roof single storey rear extension	Permitted
25/02/2022	22/00426/LIS	Crabwood Farm House Sarum Road	New widened window in ground floor kitchen north-east elevation, new window in existing opening in ground floor WC south elevation, new window in existing opening in first floor bathroom north-east elevation.	Permitted
27/07/2022	22/01673/FUL	Christmas Cottage Home Lane Sparsholt	Demolition of existing dwelling and annexe buildings and the provision of a replacement dwelling with new access, similar to that approved under 21/02352/HOU	Permitted
25/07/2022	22/01656/HOU	Crabwood Lodge Sarum Road	Replace existing gate at the main entrance to the property.	Permitted

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- To note any enforcement matters  
Enforcement matters were noted.

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## Finance Recommendations as set out in the Finance Subcommittee report

The report had been circulated prior to the meeting and is attached.

- Accounts Update for November 2022  
The accounts all reconcile and there were no anomalies to highlight on this occasion.
- Budget for 2023-2024  
The YE estimate was reviewed and updated. However, there are still some unknowns such as Footpath maintenance and training. For next year's budget the suggested inflation figure of 9% has been applied to most items. Most items of expenditure are similar to this year with the exception of Playground Maintenance where a large increase is recommended to cater for replacement equipment. Coupled with the transfer of further amounts from Reserves we could cover one or two significant replacements next year. Nothing is suggested for Ham Green - expecting any expenditure to come from the significant Reserves already held. The subcommittee agreed that it would be a good idea to have a professional review of Ham Green to identify any further tree works/replacements. The Clerk is to speak to Malcolm Hewson about obtaining a quote from Hampshire CC. **Action: Clerk**
- Precept 2023-2024  
The overall impact of the budget recommendations would be to increase the precept by £1,800 which is 9.18% (subject to any changes in council tax payers). This gives a precept figure of £21,408. **Action: Clerk**  
Councils unanimously approved this increase.
- Publications Schedule and Records Management Policy/Retention Scheme  
These had been circulated prior to the meeting.  
Publications Schedule – This has been updated to show that items available on the website are not offered for printing/emailing by the Clerk. **Action: Clerk**  
Records Management Policy – A new policy has been drafted based on NALC guidance. Councillors approved both documents. **Action: Clerk**

Payments to approve

Date	Ref	Payee	Description	Type	Amount
01/11/2022	PV34	CPRE	Annual membership 1.11.22-31.10.23	Countryside Alliance	£40.00
01/11/2022	PV35	Banham Security	Shop service contract 1.11.22-31.10.23	Well House Maintenance	£97.28
01/11/2022	PV36	N Breen	Salary - October	Clerk's Salary	£516.57
01/11/2022	PV37	HMRC	PAYE October	Clerk's Salary	£115.60
01/11/2022	PV38	Victim Support	Grant donation	Grant	£50.00
01/11/2022	PV39	N Breen - Microsoft reimb	Annual Subscription 6.11.22-5.11.23	General Admin	£59.99
02/11/2022	PV40	Hursley Parish Council	SLR April21-March 22 7 movements	Speed Limit Reminder	£700.00
01/11/2022	PV41	Citizens Advice Wincheste	Grant donation	Grant	£150.00

Receipts  
None

Councillors approved payments PV34-PV41 and noted the summary.

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## Annual Calendar of Meetings

Proposed dates had been circulated and were agreed as follows:

Full - Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Planning - Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Full - Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>  
 Planning – Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Annual Parish Meeting – Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> To be confirmed  
 Full - Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>  
 Planning - Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Full - Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>  
 (no meeting August)  
 Full - Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>  
 Planning - Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Full - Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>  
 (no meeting December)

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## South Lynch Solar Farm – Nicola Jones

The meeting moved to the Main Hall where 7 members of the public joined the meeting.

Two representatives from Innova gave a presentation for the proposed solar farm. This is in Hursley parish but on the Sparsholt border

The proposal is for a 20MWp solar development, to be positioned on land north of South Lynch Farm and comprises of approximately 58 acres of land. The proposal will provide the equivalent to power approximately 4,722 households and save approximately 4,054 tonnes of CO2 per year.

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A pre-application request has taken place with Winchester City Council where no major concerns were raised. The planning application was to be submitted prior to Christmas but will now be delayed until the New Year when the concerns raised at this meeting will be taken into consideration and hopefully addressed.

Questions were taken throughout the presentation – the primary concern was the visual impact from the Sarum Road.

The meeting closed at 10.10pm. The next meeting is on Thursday January 2022 at 7.30pm.