

SPARSHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 20th February 2025 7.30pm

Present Cllr John Little (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr John Cooper
Cllr David Brown
Cllr M Himbury
Cllr S Culhane
Cllr Nigel Reid

Apologies Cllr Sue Wood
Cllr J Walthoe

In attendance Becky Pickles (Clerk), Cllr Horrill WCC, James Payne, 6 Members of the public

24/25 – 86 Apologies: To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence
Apologies noted as above

24/25 - 87 To receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest (DPI's) and other significant interests (OSI's) from members concerning specific items on the agenda
None noted.

24/25 - 88 Minutes of Meeting of 16th January 2025

- **To approve and sign the minutes**
The minutes had previously been circulated, one change was agreed to be made, subject to this amendment the minutes were approved to be signed by Cllr John Little.
- **To deal with any matters arising not on the agenda**
There were no matters arising.

24/25 - 89 Public Participation

6 members of the public were present from West View Road and Dean Lane, all were interested in Planning Application 24/02737/OUT - Land West of Lanham Lane
Cllr Horrill gave some context to the application regarding the Local Plan that is in place, the emerging Local Plan and Regulation 19 that was submitted in November 2024. According to these plans there is nothing that would give this application the green light. The Outline planning application is to find out how it will be received in the community. There was a meeting in St Barnabas last week and around 300 people attended. There are 100's of objections on the system, however, it is not about the number of objections and more about the context of the objections.
Cllr John Little asked members of the public for their input before the Councillors discussed the matter taking their views into consideration.
One member of the public stated that they were concerned about the Parish boundary and once it was broken it would set a precedent, including in Salters Lane. They are looking for protection along Lanham Lane as the field has ecologically rare soil. Another member of the public suggested that Sparsholt Parish Council put forward a settlement gap. Cllr Nigel Reid stated that the Local Plan says it is the countryside, and building cannot take place in the countryside. Another member of public was concerned about the impact on the village itself, roads, single track lanes, increased traffic, footpaths being damaged and the impact on the local schools. Another member of the public mentioned employment and that many people who live in Winchester do not work in Winchester and planning policy is clear there must be employment with the development.
All members of the public left the meeting.

24/25 – 90 Traffic Plan and Road Safety Plans (Cllr Walthoe)

Cllr Walthoe was unable to attend tonight's meeting

Action: Include on the agenda for the next meeting

24/25 – 91 Resilience Plan

James Payne from Sparsholt College shared his experiences of Resilience Planning at the college. Large maps of the college site were displayed and James Payne explained how, over the last couple of years, he has worked hard with the college to change the campus to make it more resilient. Sparsholt college Resilience plan was discussed and will be helpful to forming the parish council plan. James Payne had put together a short document for the council which included a series of ideas to put in place and use in the councils' resilience plan, he left copies for the council.

Cllr Cooper stated that when considering the Parish Council Resilience plan, they looked at storms, floods, traffic accidents etc and then moved onto more unlikely events such as a plane coming down which left them unsure where to cut it off. James Payne said that if you put together plans for the top 5 incidents everything else will naturally fall into place with these plans. Cllr Horrill asked about traffic and accidents particularly along Stockbridge Road where she recently saw a student walking along the very dangerous road. James Payne replied that the college is doing everything that they can to educate the students and they chauffeur the students so that they do not have to walk along Stockbridge Road. Cllr Brown stated that the Parish was having a

consultation on speed limits in the village as surrounding lanes have national speed limits, which the council believe should all be 30mph. James Payne asked if the Parish had their own Speed watch team. Cllr Little replied that it had been discussed but the parish do not have one. Cllr Horrill asked if the college had talks with Stagecoach as buses have broken down on the speed humps. James Payne replied that they have had conversations, and certain drivers are not lifting the hydraulics of the suspension up, however there are 22 coaches that come onto site with no problems. Cllr Himbury asked if it was worth publishing a footpath route? James Payne replied that he would love to be able to cycle or walk to work if the off-road infrastructure could be improved. Cllr Little asked for advice on the Councils resilience plan as all who work on it are volunteers which means it is tough finding time, knowing where to start and what to do. James Payne said that he hopes the document he provided will help and to look at risk and mitigation. He offered to read through the draft once it is completed. Cllr Little thanked James Payne for attending the meeting.

24/25 - 92

Village Litter Pick Date

Saturday 22nd March 2025 was agreed for the Village Litter Pick

Action: Cllr John Little advertise in the newsletter and inform the school and the college.

24/25 – 93

Ownership/responsibility of verges

It was agreed to carry this item over to the next meeting.

Action: Include on the agenda for the next meeting

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Finance Recommendations as set out in the Finance Subcommittee Report Points:

- a) Current Financial Year and Year End Estimates – add info from
The Council noted the year-to-date summary and the year-end estimate.
The Council noted the Bank Reconciliation
Councillors approved payments PV55-PV59 and noted the receipts.
- b) Playground – inspections/repairs – The repair work on the playground has been completed, earlier than expected except for the netting for the climbing frame which should be replaced week beginning 24th February. A breakdown for painting costs has now been received. The bin liners have eventually arrived and have been inserted into the bins.
- c) SLCC – membership
Councillors agreed in principle to pay for the Clerk to become a member of SLCC
- d) CiLCA
Councillors agreed to pay half the costs of the CiLCA qualification for the Clerk with Colden Common Parish Council
- e) SLR camera
Councillors noted the information regarding the SLR camera
- f) VAT return 1.4.24-31.12.24 £736.86
Councillors noted the money received from the VAT return
- g) Risk Assessment – see 24/25 49d. Not minuted in Nov meeting.
Councillors noted that the Risk Assessment has been reviewed.
- h) Arnold Baker on Local Council Administration Book
Clerk to contact Crawley Parish Council Clerk regarding the purchase of this book
- i) Governance Documents – review
Records Management Policy
All councillors agreed to update this policy with the two recommended changes
Winchester City Council Code of Conduct
All Councillors approved the adoption of the new Winchester City Council Code of Conduct with two minor changes to make it specific to Sparsholt Parish Council and noted the existence of the guidance document from Winchester City Council.

24/25 - 95

Planning (see below)

- To review and comment on planning applications
- To note any enforcement matters
- To consider and where possible comment on applications received after publication of the Notice

Land West of Lanham Lane

The Councillors discussed this planning application in depth, taking into consideration the objections from the public, see 24/25 – 89, covering the following points

- Totally changes the character of Sparsholt Parish
- massive 50% increase in housing
- Urban rather than ‘hamlet’ grouping
 - Effectively redefines boundary of Sparsholt Parish as any new residents would have greater connection with the City
 - Need for a Settlement Gap between City and Sparsholt Parish as requested on numerous occasions during the development of the Local Plan – Gap between Dean/Sparsholt /where public came from and Parish (Hamlets)
 - Specific site was considered during Local Plan and refused – including on objection to the rejection by the developer
 - Development in the countryside – Primary policy objection – totally against policy

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- Greenfield rather than preferred Brownfield or Greyfield
- Totally against existing Local Plan policy MTRA4
- Totally against new Local Plan policy
 - Loss of local visual amenity
 - Overdevelopment of the site
 - Excessive Impact on local traffic

Action: Clerk to organise the points listed above into an objection and send to all Councillors for agreement before emailing Sparsholt Parish Councils objection to Winchester City Council Planning on Monday 24th February 2025

New Applications

10/02/25	25/00266/TPO	Woodbine House Home Lane Sparsholt SO21 2NN	T1 Cherry tree crown lift to 4m over drive by removal of secondary growth only. To allow better vehicle access	Current
Sparsholt Parish Council has no comment and leaves the decision to the Winchester City Tree Officer				
23/01/25	24/02737/OUT	Land West of Lanham Lane Winchester	Outline planning permission for up to 188 houses including Custom and Self Build housing with all matters reserved except for access	Current
Sparsholt Parish Council object to this planning application. See above				
23/01/25	25/00129/TPO	Mayfield House Home Lane Sparsholt SO21 2NN	Prune - remove overhanging branch from: T1 Sycamore T2 Scots Pine	Current
Sparsholt Parish Council has no comment and leaves the decision to the Winchester City Tree Officer				
14/01/25	25/0074/TPC	Woodbine House Home Lane Sparsholt SO21 2NN	T1 - Covered on TPO application 25/00077/TPO T2 - Pear - Raise crown by reducing low branches close to fabric of buildings & adjacent Apple tree (t1), reduce & thin out congested branches to improve form & habit. T3 - Ash - Fell poorly-formed & suppressed tree leaning over public footpath, showing signs of decline associated with infection by Cholera Ash dieback disease. T4 - Oak - Raise crown by removal of low primary branch at 1.4m to improve future form & habit.	Current
14/01/205	25/00077/TPO	Woodbine House Home Lane Sparsholt SO21 2NN	T1 – Apple – Reduce crown in stages (over 4 years) to restore crown habit and undertake annual summer and winter pruning as required to rejuvenate/improve fruiting	Current
Sparsholt Parish Council has no comment and leaves the decision to the Winchester City Tree Officer				

Current Applications

07/01/25	24/02648/HOU	Sparsholt Manor Woodman Lane Sparsholt SO21 2NW	Proposed alterations to the South and West garden terraces, forming part of the grounds designated as Grade II on the list of Registered Parks and Gardens, with the following objectives: - To restore the existing Inigo Triggs garden back to its former glory in terms of planting and maintenance - To re-instate elements lost over time - To create new garden spaces accommodating changes to the building reflective of modern life in which large bodies of household staff do not exist and families use the interior of houses in a different way to the early 20th century	Current
07/01/25	24/02649/LIS	Sparsholt Manor Woodman Lane Sparsholt SO21 2NW	As above	Current
21/11/24	24/02684/HCS	Crabwood Sarum Road Winchester Hampshire SO22 5QS	Consultation copy - To change the use of land east of Lanham Lane from agricultural land to a dog walking facility (Sui Generis Use Class) at Crabwood, Sarum Road, Winchester, Hampshire SO22 5QS	Current – Obj raised PlanCom March

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25/11/24	24/02554/DIC	Sparsholt Manor Woodman Lane Sparsholt	Discharge of condition 7 (landscaping) of application 23/02097/LIS.	Current
29/11/24	24/02598/HOU	The Woodman Woodman Lane Sparsholt	Two storey and single storey rear extension with internal alterations.	Current
29/10/24	24/02348/HOU	Elizabeth Vaine Cottage Church Lane Sparsholt	External alterations - the installation of two mechanical extract ducting through thatch on the front elevation, and a drill hole for cooker extraction.	Current
29/10/24	24/02349/LIS	Elizabeth Vaine Cottage Church Lane Sparsholt	Internal alterations and upgrading together with minor external alterations.	Current

Recent decisions

13/12/24	24/02718/HOU	Keepers Cottage Dean Lane Sparsholt	Single storey rear extension, single storey front extension with porch roof.	Permitted
18/12/24	24/02757/LIS	Lainston House Hotel Stockbridge Road Sparsholt	Internal redecoration and application of decorative features to some existing spaces within the hotel	Permitted
22/11/24	24/02515/TPC	Wheathill Church Lane Sparsholt	T1 - Maple, Crown lift to approx 5m. T2 - Beech, Crown lift by raised beds to 5m and cut back by 2m. T3 - Hornbeam, Crown lift to 3-4m. T4 - Ash, Fell T5 - Field Maple, Crown Lift to 5m	Permitted
6/11/24	24/02411/DIC	Sparsholt College Westley Lane	Original application: 23/02322/FUL Condition: 9 (External Lighting) Please find attached separate covering letter outlining the information being submitted for approval	Permitted

The meeting closed at 21:10 pm.

Date of next meeting - Thursday 20th March 2025 at 7.30pm.