

Wherwell Parish Council



**A meeting of the Parish Council took place on
Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 6:30 pm, at the Colonel Jenkins
Memorial Hall.**

Minutes

Apologies – Cllr Bryant and Cllr Broadbent

Public – none

Interests – none

Minutes – Bus stop – outstanding , spoken to Wherwell Historical Group who keen to develop concept with PC.

Public Participation

Peter Cresswell – it with sadness we heard of Peter’s passing and our condolences to Peter’s family and friends for their loss. The PC would like to acknowledge the huge effort Peter put into the Wherwell solar panels planning application and we are truly grateful for his dedication and hard work. He was a regular visit to PC meetings and his presence at our meetings and in the community will be greatly missed.

Notice board needs upgrading with regular PC communications.

Finance

- Spreadsheet – children play – still waiting on contractor to complete work. Cllr Hutton to chase [ACTION Cllr SH](#)
- Payments due - £960 boiler refurb at playing fields. Not a grant application. Need to circulate by email [ACTION Clerk](#)
- Tree works in church to remove Ash trees – Cllrs agreed grant to complete work
- SIGNATORIES – Cllr Newell can make it work. Cllr Blazdell contacted bank, but clerk needs to approve access. Cllr Broadbent unable to access system too. [ACTION Clerk](#)

Planning

- Riverside House – granted permission. Sent in photos, most trees are dead ash, want to see samples of cladding.
- Fallen Willow – granted
- The Woodland – granted

- Old Malt House – granted

Applications still with TVBC

- War memorial – Cllr Bryant to respond to case officer. [ACTION Cllr PB](#). Cllr Drew – spoken to M.Bennett, doesn't want it refurbished too often. Listed because captures who fought.
- Cllr Newell asked if latest comments – will these be attached to minutes and attached to website? [ACTION Clerk](#)

Special Projects

- Nigel Waters asked Cllr Hutton if received grant from church – Cllr Hutton not received any acknowledgment. [ACTION Clerk](#)
- Speed indicators – paid £300. Contract – not received, need to chase Mayur Patel [ACTION Clerk](#)
- Conservation - Village Shop/ Shepherds Cottage – Cllrs asked M Bennet discussed how owners of listed buildings can let them fall into disrepair. What is TVBC's duty on listed buildings? Cllr Drew to ask this question. [ACTION Cllr DD](#)
- Shepherds Cottage - contacted highways to notify them the hedge spilling into the road, got a reference number. No response to date. [ACTION Cllr SH](#)
- Jane's corner – need bollards replaced. Contractors visited, took bollards away. No further action. [ACTION Cllr SH](#)
- Wherwell Playing Fields / School – laser fireworks planned for 2026. Challenge will be parking. This year we did ask village residents not to set off fireworks messages via Village WhatsApp. Cllrs agreed to send thank you notice.

Portfolios

- Cllr Newell attended Pan Parish River Pollution (PPRP) Forum – Southern Water agreed and 14 sondes to be placed along Rover Test. Good for Wherwell, 2 sondes placed either side of Mayfly. Each sonde monitor chemical pollution before Mayfly and any pollution coming from Fullerton sewage work, which means can compare the two. Data will be available on PPRP forum online. Attach Cllr Newell email to minutes [ACTION Clerk](#)
- Cllrs do participate in various consultations and wish to share this with the residents via website. Cllrs agreed to add Environment / Biodiversity section on website [ACTION Clerk](#)
- Future project to get volunteers to look at biodiversity all the way down the River Test. Leckford Estate are looking for volunteers. Cllr Newell expressed interest to get involved and keep PC up to date.

- No feedback on Local Nature Plan. Cllr Drew believes received all that has been created but offered to chase again..
- SW Main Drain Winchester to Andover - Consultation from Southern Water on proposed main water link from Winchester to Andover. Cllrs expressed project should not be transporting heavy machinery through village to A30, question is how to stop this occurring. Building recovery plant south of Winchester, will pump water up from Southampton. Proposed Solution – to install cameras to capture HGVs. HCC not able to make developer make the system work in past when used this action in building Mega Shed. ANPR systems work very in parking in car parks for too long or untaxed vehicle. Cllr Newell to submit through the consultation and cc Cllr Drew. [ACTION Cllr DN](#)
- Veolia Grant – proposed solar panels / battery for playing fields – had so little support from Wherwell residents. Worth talking to local residents in 2026 to gain more interest. Cllr Drew confirmed there is funds available from TVBC climate change grants still available. Email Jenny Blane to ask feasibility [ACTION Cllr DN](#). Agreed PC unlikely to have time to generate 3 quotations before Christmas. Plus, need residents to demonstrate their support through questionnaire, previous response was 6 responses. We know the users will benefit.
- Playing fields – sport maintenance going, very well. Thruxton Cricket Club discussing amongst members if they incorporate Wherwell in their name. Well used facility.
- School – over subscribed in each class. Another open day 12/11/2025. Picking pupils from poorly rated school Smannell and Enham Church of England Primary School in Andover is facing proposed closure, with HCC citing low pupil numbers and financial unsustainability as reason.
- A lot of refurb, some completed by volunteers, thank you to those who are willing to give up their time and investment in the school and other refurbishment financed for.
- Pupils beautifully behaved at the Memorial on 11/11/2025 to show their respects to those who fought for us and to remind children “For your tomorrow, we gave our today.”

County and District Councillor

- Food waste – First week 80 tonnes collected. Target is 4000-5000 tonnes in year, on plan to achieve this. Few missed bins. Cllrs believe brilliant project to dispose waste safely.
- Lights theatre – new location, the plans are impressive. Got all permissions. Asbestos checks completed. 250 seats up to 400 seats, consultants involved to make sure right size. Positive outcome for the town.
- Private foster carers – hugely important to give children best start in life. More to read in Cllr Drew’s report
- Flood – ground water level below normal levels because dry summer
- Post-16 Transport Policies – parents have been asked to provide feedback on HCC Post-16 Transport policies, for those who meet national eligibility criteria and a Post-16 service for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Expect cost to rise to £100m in next few years to cover home to school transport. Free to everyone, no

means of providing contribution – means testing not allowed. More to read in Cllr Drew’s report

- SEND provision – increasing numbers available, provisions are being made. More to read in Cllr Drew’s report
- HCC Children Services – recognised in national awards, received Gold Award for its inspiring teamwork. More to read in Cllr Drew’s report
- Timeline for gov reorganisation – proposals have been submitted. End of Nov 2025 process commences to consult residents on proposals. 10 weeks thereafter before we are able to have our say – will be written to as an individual, then after assessment government decide what to do. County elections in 2026. At this stage, don’t expect any changes to boroughs and districts boundaries so as to avoid challenge.

Correspondence

- Cllr Newell to follow up on google maps correspondence – google maps app and provide feedback not to access the village. ChatGPT says may take a while. [ACTION Cllr DN](#)
- CPRE offering whips for hedging. Look at application and review to feedback. [ACTION Cllr SH](#)

Next meeting – Tuesday 13th January 2026

New councillors email - Councillorbarnes@gmail.com

These minutes are a true representation of the meeting.

Signed: Date: