



Wherwell Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of Wherwell Parish Council took place on
Tuesday 14th July 2026, beginning at 6:30pm
at the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall.

Minutes

1. **Present:** Cllrs Sean Hutton (chair), Sue Blazdell (vice Chair), Cheryl Barnes, Peter Bryant, Ali Young and Victor Fauvelle
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Philip (Clerk).
3. **Declaration of Interests** – Cllrs confirmed there were no changes
4. **Public Participation:**
No members of the public attended the meeting
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2026 were approved.
6. **Casual Vacancy:**
Victor Fauvelle was formally co-opted to Wherwell Parish Council
 - i. Declaration of Acceptance of Office (**Action - Clerk to administer**)
 - ii. Register of Interests (**Action - Clerk to Administer**)

It was reported that The Council still has one Casual Vacancy to fill and councilors will look for candidates willing to serve
7. **Finance:**
Finance report had been circulated and there were no questions.
Cllr Barnes has agreed to become a banking signatory (**Action - Clerk to organise**)
8. **Planning Matters:**
 - a. **Permissions granted by TVBC**
 - i. **Wherwell Priory** 24/01173/FULLN Erection of rural workers dwelling, replacement stables and refurbishment and repairs to stable building and hay barn/foaling barn

- ii. **Riverside House**, Fullerton Road 26/00687/FULLN Construction of access, erection of garage, alterations to north side of elevation, including new windows and roof alterations, erection of fence
- iv. **2 Lime Tree**, Fullerton Road 26/00952/TREEN (T1) Cherry - Removal of Cherry tree in the rear garden
- v. **Chestnut Cottage** 26/00965/TREEN(T1) Ash - Dismantle to ground level

b. Applications received since the last WPC meeting.

- i. **Land At Fullerton Farm** 26/00882/CLEN

Application for lawful development certificate for the lawful commencement of planning permission 21/02701/FULLN (Construction of treehouses etc) **Supported**

- ii. **South croft**, Fullerton Road 26/01041/FULLN Single storey rear and side extensions, retaining wall with inbuilt garden store, and widening of existing access **Supported**
- iii. **Dublin Farmhouse** 26/01071/FULLN Replacement and re-siting of heating oil storage tank and tank base **Supported**

9. Special Projects:

- a. **Speed Indicator Devices** The process of getting Hampshire highways to erect the necessary posts on their land has proved to be an extremely drawn out process, the council is now going to arrange for the posts required at Wherwell playing fields to be installed by local contractors so that the speed indicator devices can be erected.
- b. **War Memorial Restoration.** Cllr Bryant reported that planning permission has finally been granted after 6 years and the replacement stone has been ordered.

10. Updates on Councilors' portfolios:

- a. **Website** Cllr Young has explored 5 different providers, her shortlist is between My Parish Council and NetWise. My Parish Council is more expensive but offers more support and guidance is is probably offers the best service for our needs. Further analysis to be undertaken.
- b. **Bus Shelter reuse** Cllr Hutton reported that the cost of materials for repairs and internal cladding of the shelter to cost £250 to £350 which was agreed. Cllr Hutton to get the works done in September
- c. **Cllr Hutton** reported that the bench at Chant Close is beyond repair and has been removed. A decision on placement has been deferred as funds are not available. It was also proposed to obtain permissions from local land owners to put natural benches in the form of oak trunks add to walking routes within the parish.
- d. **A discussion** took place regarding the ongoing diversion of traffic through the village while works are taking place on other parts of the network infrastructure. It transpires that these diversions RB conducted by the Highways Agency who are ignoring the

recommendations and unsuitable for HGV's signage put in by Hampshire Highways. This has been raised to the highest level to try to stop the diversions. It transpires that other villages within the local area are also experiencing similar problems including long parish.

e. Lengthsman - Cllr Hutton Report it that the administration being supplied by Stockbridge Parish Council has deteriorated significantly over the past year, this has resulted in the contractor either not receiving or missing job sheets because they are no longer collated centrally by the Stockbridge clerk. Given that they take 10% of our allocated fee to administer the scheme it is felt we should seriously consider opting out when the agreement comes up for negotiation next year.

f. Playing Fields

i. Cllr Hutton reported on the excellent condition of the playing fields which is maintained wholly by the users.

ii. He also reported that Ninny's House Nursery will be opening at the pavilion in September. In addition to using the pavilion they will be taking over 1/4 of the implement building to create an Art Room, this will allow existing morning users for dog training and yoga to continue using the pavilion.

iii. Cllr Hutton Also reported that the Hampshire Pathways scheme which develops young cricketers for the future from inner cities is using the cricket facilities. As part of this Hampshire Cricket Club are now maintaining the square, the work's been managed buy one of their former county players.

11. To receive report from County & District Councilor Drew:

Cllr Drew made his report to the council And gave an explanation of the differing responsibilities of district and County Council, and progress of the local plan.

12. Parish Administration & Correspondence: There was no correspondence reported However it was noted that several residents had allowed their hedging to encroach on the road throughout the community and it was their responsibility to cut them back.

13. Date of next scheduled Meetings:

a. Parish Council - Tuesday 8th September 6.30pm 2026.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:55 pm.

These minutes are signed as a true representation of the meeting.

Signed: **Role:** **Date:**