Wherwell Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on
Tuesday 8th Sept 2026, beginning at 6:30pm at the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall.

Minutes

1. **Present:** Cllrs Sean Hutton (chair), Sue Blazdell (vice Chair), Ali Young and Philip Warner(Clerk).

2. **Apologies for Absence: Cllrs** Cheryl Barnes, Victor Fauvelle and Peter Bryant

3. **Declaration of Interests –** Cllrs confirmed there were no changes

4. **Public Participation:**
   One member of the public attended the meeting

11. **To receive report from County & District Councilor Drew:**
    Agenda item 11 was bought forward - Cllr Drew made his report to the council with particular note that:
    - **a.** The current Local Government review proposal has been withdrawn by the government. As a result, TVBC elections will now go ahead next year, and possibly a Hampshire Mayoral election too.
    - **b.** HCC have identified £15m for road repairs. Cllr Hutton noted that in relation to traffic through the village, HGV traffic has significantly reduced with the temporary "Unsuitable for HGV's" sign on the A3057 Romsey Road & Winchester Road junction. Cllr Drew was asked to approach HCC Highways to make this sign permanent.

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
   The minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2026 were approved.

6. **Casual Vacancy:**
   Victor Fauvelle was unable to attend and will need to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests at the next meeting **(Action - Clerk to Administer)**
   The Council still has one Casual Vacancy to fill.

7. **Finance:**
   - **a.** Finance report had been circulated and there were no questions.
   - **b.** Cllr Young is to be a banking signatory along with Cllr Barnes **(Action - Clerk to organise)**
   - **c.** It was agreed that the Insurance for 26/27 due 1st Oct could be paid by bank transfer, this being yr 2 of an agreed 3 year contract.

8. Planning Matters:

a. **Permissions granted by TVBC**

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)

ii. **Southcroft, Fullerton Road** 26/01041/FULLN
Single storey rear and side extensions, retaining wall with inbuilt garden store, and widening of existing access

iii. **Dublin Farmhouse** 26/01071/FULLN
Replacement and re-siting of heating oil storage tank and tank base

b. Applications Withdrawn

i. **The Mill House** 26/01573/FULLN & 26/01574/LBWN
Re-building/re-instatement of Mill House and former Mill Building following fire and install solar panels on roof

c. Applications received since the last WPC meeting.

i. **Riverside House** 26/01607/TREEN
Follow survey schedule guidance as per report, but with these specific amendments: Tree 8, Mulberry - Crown lift up to 5m and reduce in height and spread by up to 3m

ii. **Outbuilding At The Old Railway Cottages, Fullerton** 26/01592/FULLN
Conversion of a former outbuilding into a one-bedroom dwellinghouse with associated works

iii. **Riverside House** 26/01927/TREEN
(T1) Ash tree - Fell (T2) Mulberry - Reduce in height and spread by 3-4m (T3) Birch - Crown lift to 5.3m

Cllrs had no objections to any of these applications

9. Special Projects:

a. **Speed Indicator Devices** – HCC have completed their work on upgrading signposts around the village and so the SID's will now be installed by local contractors by 17th Sept. Cllrs agreed that the 2 devices will be initially installed on Fullerton Road and on the High Street by the phone box. They will then be rotated every 3 months to new positions.

b. **War Memorial Restoration** – work is at last proceeding with the contracted stone mason.

10. **Updates on Councillors' portfolios:**

a. **Website** – The preferred option at this stage is with My Parish Council and Cllr Young will be reviewing a webinar and will feed back.

b. **School** – Considerable work was done over the summer break, and new double glazed windows are due to be fitted to all windows except for the old Edwardian part of the school

which is listed, and these windows will be refurbished, in order to improve efficiency, climate resilience and sustainability.

c. **Playing Fields**
    i. Huge amount of work has been done to prepare for Ninny's House Nursery to move into the pavilion this month, including turning part of the implement building into an Art Room for the nursery, allowing existing morning users continue using the pavilion. The rental agreement will provide much needed income for the playing fields.
    ii. The Playing fields is to become part of the Hampshire Pathways program developing young cricketers for the future. 60% of players are currently women. Hampshire Cricket will help maintain the ground and pay for the maintenance equipment. The program is to be run by Tony Middleton, ex Hampshire player.
    iii. This season, 180 young people are playing at the fields with Shooters FC who help maintain the pitches during the football season.

b. **Bus Shelter** – Cllr Hutton will be recladding the interior with marine ply and the exterior with feather edged boards in preparation for Wherwell History Group to install some displays.

11. **Report from County & District Councilor Drew: -** Item moved to start of meeting – see above.

12. Parish Administration, Correspondence & Other Business:

a. Dog Fouling – villagers are reminded to "pick up" **Action** - Cllr Young will send a message on the Village WhatsApp.

b. Hedges – villagers are reminded they have a legal responsibility not to let their hedges impede the highway and that this is particularly dangerous for pedestrians where there are no pavements. **Action** - Cllr Young will send a message on the Village WhatsApp.

c. A charity bingo evening is being planned at the Home Guard Club on Saturday 3rd October to support the organ restoration at St Peter's Church.

13. **Date of next scheduled Meetings:** Parish Council - Tuesday 10th November 6.30pm 2026.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

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

Signed: ……. Role: ……. Date: …….