Wherwell Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council took place on
Tuesday 10th Nov 2026, beginning at 6:30pm at the Colonel Jenkins Memorial Hall.

Minutes

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

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

3. **Declaration of Interests –**there were none

4. **Public Participation:**
   One member of the public attended the meeting and thanked Cllrs that the new Speed Awareness Signs have now been installed. He raised some questions about the sighting of the devices and about how often they would be moved to maintain their deterrent effect and avoid driver habituation.
   Cllr Hutton responded that there are 8 approved locations
   1. B3048 Longparish Road (Playing Fields incoming traffic)
   2. B3048 Longparish (Playing Fields outgoing traffic)
   3. B3420 High Street (Toll Cottage)
   4. B3420 High Street Wherwell (Phone Box)
   5. Fullerton Road Wherwell (opposite Aldings)
   6. Fullerton Road opposite and (east of Bickerstaffe)
   7. Fullerton Road (west of Well House)
   8. B3420 Winchester Road Wherwell (Opposite Hill Cottages)

   The devices will be moved at 3 monthly intervals as there is a cost to engage a local contractor to move them and the budget is limited. It was agreed that the PC would consider reversing the devices to face the opposite direction on a more frequent basis rather than moving them.
   Cllr Blazdell also noted that this is a new venture and the PC will monitor over the coming months and review the effectiveness and the schedule of moving.

   It was also noted that the Long bridge is in a poor state of repair. The Clerk has already reported this to HCC and it should be followed up.
   Action: Clerk to contact Alison Hellyer - Community Engagement Ranger for the North West Area Access Team at HCC

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
   The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2026 were approved and there were no matters arising.

6. **Casual Vacancy:**

a. Victor Fauvelle was unable to attend to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Register of Interests **(Action - Clerk to Administer in preparation for the next PC meeting)**

b. Jeremy Hudson has agreed to be co-opted to the remaining Casual Vacancy.
Cllr Blazdell proposed, Cllr Young seconded, all Cllrs present agreed to co-opt Mr. Hudson as Cllr.

7. **Finance:**

a. Finance report had been circulated and there were no questions.

b. Cllrs reviewed the underspends and contingencies and agreed:-

i. The remaining funds allocated to the war memorial restoration be used to renew the wooden posts around the green. **(Action – clerk to approach Andrew Hampson for a quote)**

ii. Consider replacing the bench at chant close **(Action – Clerk to investigate costs and ask Chilbolton PC where they have sourced their metal benches on Chilbolton Cow Common)**

iii. Review updating of Defibrillators in the village **(Action – Clerk to seek quotes for either buying or leasing defibrillators and potential grants for next meeting)**

iv. Bus shelter –being refurbished at WPC expense for displays by Wherwell History Group in the coming weeks as previously agreed. **(Action – Chair to organise refurb)**

c. Clerk & RFO reported that he is progressing with getting Cllrs Barnes & Young registered as signatories for the PC's Lloyds bank account.

8. **Planning Matters:**

a. **Permissions granted by TVBC**

i. **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

ii. **Freelands** 26/01971/TREEN
(G1) - 6 small Conifers (Laylandii) Fell (G2) - 6-7 Large dead Pine trees - Fell (G3) - All tree species along Fullerton road. Crownlift to highways spec 5m (T1) Horse chestnut - Reduction on one large limb rubbing on healthy pine tree.

b. Applications received since the last WPC meeting.

i. **Land W Of Romsey Road** 25/00799/FULLN
Amended plans and supporting documents to reflect revised red line site boundary

Cllrs noted their previous objections to the site access under this proposal which would be on a blind brow of the hill on the B3057

ii. **The Mill House** 26/01924/LBWN & 26/01922/FULLN
Re-building/re-instatement of Mill House and former Mill building and installation of solar panels on roof

iii. **Toll Cottage** 26/02045/LBWN
Replace single glazing panes with double pane vacuum glazing in existing frames on South East, South West and North West elevations

iv. **Toll Cottage** 26/02167/VARN & 26/02168/VARN
Vary condition 2 and remove condition 9 of 24/00841/FULLN for reduced extension footprints and massing, creation of passage and retaining wall, alterations to fenestration, enlarged shed and exclusion of flint wall.

v. **The Spinney** 26/02393/TREEN
T1 and T2 - Ash – Fell

Cllrs had no objections to any of the other applications

9. Special Projects:

a. **Speed Indicator Devices** – discussed already in the public open session

b. War Memorial Restoration – Cllrs noted that the works have now been completed. Blackwell & Moody have done a wonderful job, and Cllr Bryant was thanked for his perseverance with TVBC Planning to secure approvals. There will be an act of remembrance tomorrow at 11 am to mark Armistice Day which will be attended by pupils from Wherwell school.

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

a. Website – Cllr Young reported on the preferred website provider My Parish Council. Costs will be £300 set up including migration, and £250 p.a. Cllrs agreed that Cllr Young should progress with contracting them and migrating the website as soon as possible. **(Action Clr Young to progress and liaise with the RFO about setting up a DD payment)**

b. **Playing Fields –** Ninny's House nursery have been frustrated by the delays with Ofsted issuing them with their registration. This means they have been unable to open and are not likely to open till December. Cllr Hutton has agreed to delay the implementation of their full rent for a further 3 months due to this delay.

c. **Resilience** – Cllr Barnes reported on her attendance at the Local Resilience Forum. The biggest unknown being the recent government Be Ready initiative advising short-term household resilience and stocking up of essential items. Cllrs agreed that the PC should focus on community resilience planning with a focus on providing a safe emergency hub at the playing fields Pavilion. They noted that the Pavillion would be a warn space for those in the village needing somewhere to go in an emergency. It has a generator for independent power and a bore hole and pump for water, and toilet facilities with a cess pit.

11. **Report from County & District Councilor Drew: -** Cllr Drew presented his report which had been previously circulated by email.
This focused on cost savings that HCC is having to make, including an additional pressure of £28m due to the loss of central government funding.
Councils are still waiting the government to decide on how local councils will be reorganized. In the meantime TVBC elections will proceed next year.

TVBC will be introducing separate household collections of small electrical equipment including batteries and vapes. This is in response to a series of bin lorry fires caused by inappropriate disposal of lithium batteries, especially in used vapes.

12. Parish Administration, Correspondence & Other Business:

- **a.** WPC is sponsoring a £30 Award for the Danebury School prize giving on 19th Nov.
- **b.** Cllrs reviewed the response to PC messages posted on Village WhatsApp
  - **i. Dog Fouling** – this continues despite messaging.
  - **ii. Hedges** – some villagers have taken note of the message about not letting their hedges impede the highway and have cut back their hedges.
  - **iii. Other business –** Cllrs discussed parking, especially along the high street and outside the school. Villagers and parents are reminded to be considerate and to not cause obstruction, especially for pedestrians where there are no pavements.
  - iv. Cllr Hutton reported that Acorn is now putting together a working group to make decisions on projects for their Community Benefit Fund for the anaerobic digestion plant being built on Cowdown Lane. Chaired by Cllr Hasselmann, it will include representations from all the surrounding communities, i.e. the Clatfords, Wherwell and SP20. Cllr Hutton has agreed to represent Wherwell.

13. **Date of next scheduled Meetings:** Parish Council - Tuesday 12th January, 2027 at 6.30pm.
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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

Signed: ……. Role: ……. Date: …….