

**OWSLEBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON
9th February 2026
COMMENCING AT 7:00 IN THE OWSLEBURY PARISH HALL COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present: Parish Councillor Astrea Hurlock (in the Chair).
Parish Councillors Guy Baldwin, Mark Egerton, John Foster, Yassir Mahmood, Chris North, and Paul Simmons

In Attendance: Juanita Madgwick (Clerk) District Cllrs Neil Bolton and Jerry Pett and County Cllr Jonathan Williams

Also in Attendance: 6 members of the public was present.

128/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

129/25 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

None.

130/25 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 12 JANUARY 2026

Councillors noted their acceptance of the Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 12 January 2026, and the Council **Resolved**, unanimously, that they were a true record.

131/25 PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Planning:

Marwell:

The Applicants spoke about the planning application – Marwell are working with the University of Southampton to put in 5 car ports with Solar panels and a battery, to power 9 EV Charge points. This experiment is to see if the chargers can be powered completely off grid. There will be a back up generator. There will be minimal impact on the area and will be easy to decommission. It will use standard PV panels, and the life span would be around 10 years.

The Chapel:

The Applicants went through the application and advised that the garage would be away from the Chapel and it can't be seen from the road.

Other Agenda Items:

None

132/25 PLANNING

a) **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

SDNP/25/04799/FUL	Marwell Wildlife, Thompsons Lane, Owslebury, Hampshire, SO21 1JH
Proposal	Installation of off grid electric vehicle charging system using solar panels and generator backup. We are requesting temporary permission for a period up to 3 years.
PC Comment	The Parish Council have no comment to make on this planning application

SDNP/26/00284/HOUS	The Chapel, Baybridge Lane, Owslebury, Hampshire, SO21 1JN
Proposal	(Retrospective) New detached single garage and parking area including walls.
PC Comment	The Parish Council have no comment to make on this planning application

b) PLANNING DECISIONS

25/02303/HOU – Winchester	Lowhill Farm Portsmouth Road Fishers Pond Eastleigh Hampshire SO50 7HF
Proposal	Single storey side extension
Decision	Approved

SDNP/22/02461/FUL	Land to The East of Whites Hill Owslebury Hampshire
Proposal	Construction of a secure storage barn to house agricultural equipment.
Decision	Approved

SDNP/25/04515/DCOND	Kids Love Nature Kindergarten Marwell Zoological Park Thompsons Lane Owslebury Hampshire SO21 1JH
Proposal	Discharge of condition 4 of planning consent SDNP/25/02708/FUL
Decision	Approved

The planning decisions were received and noted.

133/25 RECEIVE THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

The Clerk had circulated the District Councillors report, which included information on the local elections, the 5-year supply of sites for Gypsy and Traveller communities, and the food waste collections which was received and noted (Appendix 1).

County Councillor Williams spoke about the new cycle path that the South Downs National Park (SDNP) are trying to put in place from Winchester to Twyford and Colden Common. The SDNP advised that a survey will be going out soon regarding the Cycle way from Winchester to the outlying villages.

The County Cllr advised that the County Councillor elections will be going ahead this year and the County Council budget will be out soon.

The District Cllrs advised that Parish Councils need to be aware that if there is a contested election this year the Parish Councils will be expected to pay for this which could run into the £10,000's. They spoke about the roll out of the food waste.

They advised that as Winchester did not have a 5-year land supply for Gypsy and Traveller sites any that go through the planning process will more than likely be approved.

134/25 RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM GROWS

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Cllr Simmons gave a verbale update on GrOWs, 41 Elm trees have been distributed and planted in the village. GrOWs would like to thank the Forest Partnership for these trees and they hope there will be more available next year.

A couple of members of the GrOWs team went to Buriton environmental association last week and came back with some fresh ideas which will be discussed at the GrOWs meeting next week. There is a couple of gaps in the community garden which are being offered to residents. The first repair café is scheduled on 28 February and a litter pick on 7th March. GrOWs held an event in the pub on 17th January about my home made better. On the 19th January a resident from Colden Common came to talk about how they had made their home net zero. There was a great article in this weeks Newsletter on the Connect Community Bus.

GrOWs will be looking at traffic levels in the village in March and April.

135/25 DISCUSS THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk had circulated a report on how the Council could improve the Annual Parish Meeting to get more people attending to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 2).

The Clerk advised that the council could get a keynote speaker, ask the school choir to come and sing or have a community awards ceremony to get more people to come along. There was some discussion on which of these would best suit the village and the council liked the idea of having community awards and having drinks and nibbles. The Chairman asked the councillors to think of some categories for the community awards.

The Chairman asked for this to be put on the next agenda.

Action	By Whom
To think of some categories for community awards	All

136/25 AGREEMENT ON THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE MAYORS COMMUNITY AWARDS 2026

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to nominate Ms Hand and Mrs Archibald for their help in organising the Scarecrow trail every year.

137/25 HIGHWAYS

a) RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON BEECH GROVE PATHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Clerk advised that they had still not heard back from the landowner on how that would like to proceed.

b) RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR FOSTER ON THE SID

Cllr Foster gave a verbal report to the council on the current SID and on purchasing a new SID. Cllr Foster advised that the current SID is no longer able to download the data but is still operational as a warning sign.

The SID could be upgraded with Bluetooth, which may help the with the data download problem and solar panel to power the unit. To upgrade to Bluetooth the SID would need to be sent back to the manufacturer. The cost to install Bluetooth is £450.00 plus VAT plus £55 postage each way, a portable solar panel is £875.00 plus VAT and a replacement sign would be £4,318.00 plus VAT.

Cllr Foster advised that he contacted some of the other Parish Councils in the area and some were using the Evolis Vision SID which was much lighter and easier to fix to the poles than the councils existing one. The cost of this unit is around £3,000.00, with an extra cost for a Solar unit and bracket. Cllr Foster was waiting for a rep to call him with the exact costs.

There was discussion on purchasing 3 new units for the village that could be put up around the village at the same time. There was discussion that if the village gates were not purchased that the money would be better spent on buying new SID's.

The Council asked Cllr Foster to cost out 3 new Evoilis SID's with solar panels and Bluetooth for the next meeting. The Council asked the Clerk to contact Hampshire Highways to grant permission for more sites for the SID's, particularly Longwood Road.

Action	By Whom
Cost out 3 new SID's	Cllr Foster
Ask for more sites for SID in village	The Clerk

c) AGREEMENT ON THE VILLAGE GATES

The Clerk had circulated a report on the village gates and where they can be installed in the village to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 3).

There was discussion that the money would be better spent going towards 3 new SID than to install the village entrance gates.

The Council **Resolved** unanimously not to go ahead with the installation of the village gates.

138/25 OPEN SPACES, RECREATION AND PLAYGROUNDS

a) AGREEMENT TO GET QUOTES TO LEVEL OUT AN AREA IN THE PLAYGROUND AND CONCRETE IT TO PLACE THE NEW WENDY HOUSE

The Clerk advised that the Wendy House that was ordered in the Summer has recently been delivered, however it needs to be sited on level ground. The council asked the Clerk to get 3 quotes to level the ground and install mulch under the Wendy house.

There was also discussion on installing a mini MUGA at the playground, which would have a football goal, cricket stumps and a basketball hoop, which would also house the Table Tennis Table. The council asked the Clerk to get 3 quotes for a Mini MUGA in the playground.

Action	By Whom
To get 3 quotes to level the ground and resurface it to site the Wendy House	The Clerk
To get 3 quotes for a Mini MUGA	The Clerk

139/25 RIGHTS OF WAY

a) UPDATE ON CYCLE ROUTE FROM OWSLEBURY TO WINCHESTER

At the last meeting Cllrs Mahmood and Egerton volunteered to plot a map of where the cycle route could go from Owslebury to Winchester to send to the Rights of Way officer at the South Downs

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National Park. Cllr Mahmood showed the council the rights of way map and went through the proposed route.

The Council **Resolved** unanimously agreed to the route and to send it to the SDNP Rights of Way Officer.

140/25 FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND STATUTORY MATTERS

a) TO NOTE PAYMENTS MADE SINCE THE LAST MEETING AND NOTE RECEIPTS AND TO APPROVE PROPOSED PAYMENTS

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to approve the following payments and authorised Councillor Mahmood and Councillor Simmons to finish the payment process.

Payments:

PAYMENTS	Amount (£)	Payee	Payment Type
178	913.53	Swanmore PC	YM/PS
179	1,000.00	St Andrews Grant for Church Yard	YM/PS
180	7.63	3 Phone	DD
181	3.60	IONOS - Managed Word Press	DD
182	46.20	SLCC - Training	
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184	4.25	Bank Charges	DD
185	90.00	Sentry Storage	
186	1,564.74	TTS - Wedny House	
187	6.00	IONOS - Wordpress Hosting	DD
188	135.78	Phil Space - Toilet	
189	90.00	Parish Online	
190	559.00	Clerks Salary	SO
191	182.07	HMRC	
192	29.01	OPHMC - Meeting Expense	
193	49.00	Amazon - Printer	CC
194	195.00	WCC - Dog Bins - Q3	
195	273.00	EM Arts	
196	25.00	Ben Leach - PAT Test	

Receipts:

Voucher	Amount (£)	Payee	
RECEIPTS			
34	2.23	Cashback Credit Card	
35	149.27	CCLA Interest	
36	442.00	Ecclesiastical - Insurance for stolen toilet	

37	50.00	Xmas Lights - Donation	
38	50.00	Xmas Lights - Donation	
39	50.00	Xmas Lights - Donation	
40	100.00	Xmas Lights - Donation	
41	250.00	Xmas Lights - Donation	
42	3,620.99	VAT Return	

b) TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE JANUARYS BANK RECONCILIATION BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Council **Resolved** unanimously for the Chairman to sign Januarys Bank Reconciliation.

c) AGREEMENT ON THE COUNCILS RESPONSE TO WINCHESTER CITY COUNCILS CONSULTATION ON THE STATEMENT OF LICENCING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE VEHICLES, DRIVERS AND PRIVATE HIRE OPERATORS

The Clerk had circulated the consultation on the statement of licencing policy with respect to Hackney Carriages and private vehicles, drivers and private hire operators, to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 4).

The Council **Resolved** unanimously not to comment on the consultation on the statement of licencing policy with respect to Hackney Carriages and private vehicles, drivers and private hire operators.

d) REVIEW AND APPROVE THE DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCE POLICY

The Clerk had circulated the Discipline and Grievance Policy to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 5).

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to approve the changes to the Discipline and Grievance Policy and place a copy on the website.

e) REVIEW AND APPROVE FILMING AND RECORDING OF MEETINGS HELD IN PUBLIC POLICY

The Clerk had circulated the Filming and Recording of Meetings Held in Public policy to the Parish Council to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 6).

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to approve the changes to the Filming and Recording of Meetings Held in Public policy and place a copy on the website.

f) REVIEW AND APPROVE THE VEXATIOUS POLICY

The Clerk had circulated the Vexatious Policy to the Parish Council to all prior to the meeting (Appendix 7).

The Council **Resolved** unanimously to approve the changes to the Vexatious Policy and place a copy on the website.

141/25 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

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None

142/25 TO NOTE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 9 March at 7pm in the parish hall committee room

There being no further business the meeting closed at pm.

Chairman:

Date:

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