

**MINUTES OF THE OTTERBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
21 MARCH 2023 AT 7.30 PM IN THE BIANCHI SUITE, VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllrs Smith (C); Stansbury; King; Green; Moody; Gilbert.

In attendance: County and District Cllr J Warwick; District Cllr H Williams; District Cllr B Laming
Dr Keith Smith; Mr Paul Valteris; 3 Parishioners; Clerk.

1. **Declaration of Interest:** Cllrs Smith and Gilbert Item 10 Allotments
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Weymes had tendered his resignation. He was thanked for his support and progress on matters during his time in office.
3. **Minutes of Meeting:** to approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 17 January 2023. The Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting and were taken as read. There being no amendments, they were agreed as a true record for signing.
4. **Action Points and Matters arising from Minutes**
All items had been actioned or would be reported on in the meeting, except for the following:
12 f) i) Lengthsman's contract for 2023: further information awaited from the administrator.
5. **County Councillor's Report**
Circulated prior to the meeting and as attached.
6. **District Councillors' Report**
Circulated prior to the meeting and as attached.
7. **Local Crime Report**
Crimes reported within Otterbourne to 18 March include: 1 x attempted dwelling burglary; 2 x criminal damage; 1 x theft of clothing; 1 x drugs related incident; 1 x ASB; 6 suspicious incidents. Also, within parishes of Compton & Shawford and Hursley: 2 x ASB; 1 x theft of motor vehicle; 2 x criminal damage; 1 x non-dwelling burglary; 7 x theft from motor vehicle
8. **Open Session for Parishioners (meeting closed for this item)**
Two parishioners asked for an update report about an Enforcement Case. The latest information was provided and District Cllr Laming offered to take forward with WCC.
9. **Parish Elections**
The Nomination Pack was on the parish website and notices had been placed on the parish boards and website encouraging parishioners to stand for election on 4 May 2023. Nomination Forms had to be received in person at WCC by 4 April.
10. **Representatives to Various Bodies**
Southampton International Airport (SIA)
Dr Keith Smith updated the Council. Otterbourne had written two letters with detailed reports to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) highlighting the lack of community engagement and transparency by SIA in conducting its Stage 2 process for developing routing Options and requesting that the submission from SIA to move to Stage 3 be rejected. The CAA had given a brief response and subsequently approved progress to Stage 3. Dr Smith advised that the Air Navigation Guide and Legislative framework required community interests to be taken into account and that this was relevant for all stages of the CAP1616 process and not limited to the Stage 3 consultation by which time the Options for routing would be limited and in SIA's favour for operational purposes rather than for noise

minimisation to affected communities. Discussions with WCC had taken place regarding its statutory responsibility as a consultation body and input to-date in challenging SIA at Stage 2 and it was hoped WCC would take a robust stance to the routing Options presented at Stage 3. Steve Brine MP had also been approached for involvement in regard to assessment of whether the CAA had met its Legislative obligations and response was awaited. The approved runway extension had potential to increase noise disturbance from 13,000 people to 45,000. SIA had restricted invitation to its Noise Forum as part of the Stage 3 process to only Twyford and Colden Common parishes. The importance of all Winchester parishes north of the airport and WCC to come together and present combined challenge to SIA for best routing Options at Stage 3 in order to minimise noise disturbance across Winchester for the future was stressed.

Allotments Association

The rent increase commencing 1 April 2023 as approved in 2022 from £2.80/rod to £3.50/rod with a 50% reduction for pensioners was noted and notices had been posted on site. The garage/store door was in the process of being repaired by a local, retired carpenter.

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| To advise details of Carpenter and expenses | Cllr Moody | 18 April |
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Patient Participation Group

Paul Valteris advised that he had become the local representative for Twyford and Colden Common Surgeries.

11. **Community Projects and Events**

i) Tribute to Queen Elizabeth II – to receive update.

The laurel hedge at the site on Cranbourne Drive had been removed and the ground would be levelled and reseeded. Cllr Green had put forward an initial design for the area with proposal for the tree planting and a formal opening/blessing in the autumn. Cllr Warwick was thanked for her HCC grant award of £600 towards the bench.

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| To extend invitation to the Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire for the opening and to progress the tribute area to completion | Clerk/ Cllr Green | ongoing |
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ii) Coronation of HM King Charles III – to receive update

A big picnic lunch was being jointly planned with Allbrook Parish Council for Sunday 7 May on Otterbourne Common. A grant application to WCC of £725 had been successful for purchase of equipment. A road closure order had been approved for the ‘one way’ road off Otterbourne Hill exiting at the Chapel Lane junction with Boyatt Lane. Otterbourne Brass had confirmed taking part and the Scouts for assistance and provision of tents. Arranging further activities for children and liaising with other groups continued.

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| To check insurance for loan of scout equipment. To liaise with Otterbourne School and Scouts. To draft publicity notices, inform local residents and take forward plans | Clerk Cllr Moody Cllrs King, Smith | ongoing |
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iii) Village Litter Pick

Notices had been placed on the website and parish boards for a village litter pick on 1 April. Volunteers were requested to meet at the village hall at 10 am. High visibility vests, litter picks and bin bags would be provided.

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| To arrange for equipment with idVerde and oversee on the day | Cllr Moody | 1 April |
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iv) Otterbourne in Bloom – to receive update.

It was agreed that the two flower beds at the recreation ground and opposite the village hall would be returned to grass after the spring bulbs had finished.

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| To arrange for completion | Cllr Moody | 18 April |
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12. **Report of the Planning and Highways Committee**

a) Planning Applications, Decisions, Enforcements

Schedule as attached. One Enforcement Case had been closed following a retrospective planning application. A progress report from WCC had been received on the Kiln Lane Case.

b) Strategic – to receive report on SHELAA OT04 site (Park Farm and Kiln Lane).

Cllrs Smith and Green had met with the agents for the site. The plans included forming a new footpath to the south of Elderfield House enabling sight lines for access off Kiln Lane. There was an area included for public open space which was open for discussion. The agents were advised that they would need to progress with WCC as the Parish Council had already made its submission to WCC in order to meet Regulation 18.

c) HCC Draft Guidance on Planning Obligations and Infrastructure Requirements

There was no comment received from Councillors to this consultation.

d) Southern Water Draft Water Resources Management Plan – to report submission.

The Plan's multiple layered approach included efficient use of water and minimising wastage across society; new water sources that would provide resilient and sustainable supplies; a network that could move water around the region and catchment and nature-based solutions that would improve the environment. Cllr Green had compiled a report circulated to all Councillors and approved prior to submission date of 20 February. The report included support for the overall strategy in order to increase water supplies over the next 50-year period and to avoid potential shortfall by 2030. However, it raised concern that although the water recycling project had a role to play in securing water supplies, the timing of its development was questionable in view of the Havant Thicket Reservoir and new pipeline project for which costs (as will be passed on to Southern Water customers) had increased dramatically. It was recommended that the decision to proceed with the water recycling project should be postponed until 2030 which aligned with the uncertain population growth in the planned area and the Adaptive Planning Approach of the Plan. Feedback also included that the forecast to reduce water leaks by at least 50% when there was scope to achieve 62% using new technology and replacing old mains lacked ambition.

Southern Water Response to Water Loss

Cllr Smith had written to Southern Water (SW) requesting information about the periods of water loss and its responsibility to supply customers on its vulnerable list. Southern Water had responded advising that one incident had related to winter temperatures causing a burst main and the other was a filtration problem caused during routine maintenance at the Otterbourne plant. During the course of the incidents the list vulnerable people on the Priority Services Register (PSR) had almost doubled to 5,000. The register was managed by the Customer Services Team and SW was investigating why some PSR customers did not receive bottled water deliveries. Customers can register at any time on the website: southernwater.co.uk or call on 0800 027 0800 9 am-5 pm Monday to Friday or email heretohelp@southernwater.co.uk

e) Highways – to receive any matters arising.

There were no matters to report.

13. Report of the Recreation and Amenities Committee

a) Oakwood Park Recreation Ground

i) Play and Youth Facilities – to receive update.

A meeting with the play park path tarmac contractor had taken place and a proposal for repair and date for works was anticipated. A replacement seat end had been fitted to the youth facilities bench. Completion of the 2022/23 weekly inspection report was noted.

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| To progress with the tarmac contractor | Cllr Gilbert | ongoing |
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ii) Pavilion – to receive progress report.

The plumber had been contracted to upgrade the pipework from copper to plastic at Parish Council expense. The insurance claim had been started for substantial repair work. Cllr Stansbury was thanked for overseeing the project.

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| To progress the repair work with contractors | Cllr Stansbury | 18 April |
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b) CCFC – to discuss request for additional home matches on 6 and 20 May.

The matches were outside of the lease agreement, but had had to be rescheduled due to the pavilion repair work. Council approved with caveat that the pavilion use ended at 1830.

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| To advise CCFC outcome of decision | Cllr Smith | asap |
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c) Common – to report damaged bank and ground surface.

Cllr Smith had made report to Southern Water regarding damage to the bank on Boyatt Lane by a water tanker. Cllr King had made report to HCC for a replacement ‘no through road’ sign at the track off Boyatt Lane and for the tarmac portion to be repaired.

d) Open Spaces – ratification of expenditure for tree work at village hall and open space area. Expenditure approved by Council for the Priority 1 work identified the Tree Survey Report.

e) Street Amenities – to approve extension of cleaning contract for 2023/24

Cllr King reported that the work undertaken in the initial contract had been a very good standard and Council approved the contract extension for a further year.

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| To issue extended contract letter to contractor | Clerk | 18 April |
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14. Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

a) Parish Accounts, Payments and Receipts, Quarterly Reconciliation and Budget Analysis Schedule as attached. The Analysis had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and showed under budget end of year forecast without the unexpected pavilion pipework repair. It was agreed that this would be covered by using the Parish CIL account.

b) 2022/23 Audit – to note Internal Audit date 14 April 2023.

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| To make CIL report to WCC and Internal Audit report to Council | Clerk | 18 April |
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15. Risk Assessment and Management: no matters arising.

16. Notification of events and new items for the next meeting: Annual Assembly 2 May.

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| To print and deliver notice to Cllrs for delivery | Clerk | 10 April |
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17. Date of next Parish Council meeting: 18 April 2023 at 7.30 pm. Meeting closed 9.40 pm

Planning Report February and March 2023

Planning Applications

- Case No. 23/00291/TPO 6a Sparrowgrove, Otterbourne
 Crown lift both maples to 7m from ground to allow more light into garden. Head back from house to natural target pruning points to give approx 4-5m clearance to prevent damage and increase light.
Objection raised: The property was built on a site with known TPO's: i) the trees and branches/canopies were not considered sufficiently close to the property at 2 metres distance to warrant the work; ii) the trees continued to form the character of the entrance to Sparrowgrove balancing the copse on the northern side; iii) the trees were visible from Main Road and provided public amenity.
- Case No. 23/00326/HOU Myrtle Cottage, Main Road, Otterbourne
 Case No. 23/00327/LIS 1.6m rear extension creating an enlarged kitchen and utility room. A dormer structure with a Sussex hip creating a Master en-suite. Change of roof from concrete tiles to a plain clay tile. Plus, two conservation rooflights, and associated works. **Neutral: the proposals appeared to have little impact upon the Listed Building status.**

Planning Decisions

- Case No. 22/02086/HOU Skirr, Poles Lane, Otterbourne
 Demolition and relocation of existing double garage with connecting one and a half storey link to rear of property. Replace roof tiles, windows, doors. **Application permitted**
- Case No. 22/02315/HOU Deansleigh, 81 Cranbourne Drive, Otterbourne
 Oak framed porch, front facing dormer and fenestration alterations
Application permitted

Enforcement Cases

Four Cases were under investigation in the parish.

Statement of Parish Accounts February and March 2023

Bank Statements at 28/02/23

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| Lloyds Treasurer's account | £13,662.39 |
| 6 month fixed term account to 23 June at 2.7% | £30,000.00 |
| 32 day notice account to 24/03/23 at 1.7% | <u>£16,948.69</u> |
| | £60,611.08 |

Payments from Lloyds Treasurer's Account February 2023

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| OB Mrs J Ayre – salary and office allowance Jan | £ 1,038.53 |
| OB NEST – pension employer and employee | £ 71.16 |
| OB NEST – NJC salary award backdated to April 2022 | £ 803.40 |
| OB Cllr Moody – reimbursement for plant bedding items | £ 48.75 |
| OB Dek Graphics – laminated notices youth facilities bins | £ 4.80 |
| OB Kompan Ltd – youth facilities replacement bench end | £ 120.96 |
| OB Melon Engineering – Speed sign movement | £ 141.67 |
| OB Signway Supplies – village hall sign | <u>£ 121.20</u> |
| | £ 2,350.47 |

Payments from Treasurer's Account for January Charge Card

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| Amazon 2 x black printing inks | £ 33.90 |
| HCC County Supplies – printing paper | <u>£ 25.69</u> |
| | £ 59.59 |
| <u>Total payments February</u> | <u>£ 2,410.06</u> |

Payments from Lloyds Treasurer's Account March 2023

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| OB Mrs J Ayre – salary and office allowance February | £ 1,038.53 |
| OB Mrs J Ayre – 1/4ly expenses broadband/telephone/travel | £ 86.15 |
| OB NEST – pension employer and employee | £ 71.16 |
| OB HMRC – 1/4ly NI and Tax payments employer/employee | £ 141.80 |
| OB NET Tree Care – Village Hall and Open Spaces | £ 1,300.00 |
| OB Dek Graphics – copying | £ 32.58 |
| OB Martin Farmer – bus shelter cleaning March | £ 90.00 |
| OB Cranbury Park – kickabout annual rental | £ 1.00 |
| OB Albert Barton-Hide – planting flowerbed and leaflet delivery | £ 47.96 |
| OB Royal Mail Group – annual PO Box fee | £ 396.00 |
| OB Melon Engineering – SLR sign movement + village hall sign | £ 166.67 |
| OB Dek Graphics – copying | <u>£ 7.58</u> |
| | £ 3,399.61 |

Payments from Treasurer's Account for February Charge Card

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| Padlock for new youth facilities bin | £ 7.18 |
| Red/white tape for cordoning off areas | <u>£ 13.00</u> |
| | £ 20.18 |
| <u>Total payments March</u> | <u>£ 3,419.79</u> |

Update from Hampshire County Council

March 2023

Budget: Hampshire County Council's expenditure for 2023/24 includes a £2.6bn annual revenue budget and covers all the services delivered by the council for 1.4 million residents, including supporting its most vulnerable children and adults. Capital budget projects totaling £645.3m over the next three years include:

- £175m investment in new and extended school buildings to provide school places for children in Hampshire, giving a total of 18,874 new school places by September 2025.
- £142m for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges.
- £103m of Integrated Transport Plan schemes including £58m of schemes focused on walking and cycling improvements.
- £0.3m funding towards the County Council's Flood Risk and Coastal Defence Programme as part of our response to the challenge of climate change.

Hampshire County Council's council tax precept for the financial year beginning 1 April 2023, will increase by a total of 4.99%, of which 2% will go specifically towards adults' social care, in line with Government policy. This equates to an annual charge of £1,460.25 for a Band D property – an increase of £69.45 per year or approximately £1.34 a week.

England's Chief Medical Officer, Prof Sir Chris Whitty visited Hampshire this month to discuss work by the Hampshire Public Health team working alongside the NHS to help support a healthier old age. Preventing falls, being travel confident, better mental health and connecting through libraries will be part of the Live Longer Better programme launching soon. www.hantsiowhealthandcare.org.uk

Traffic Management from 1st April 2023 the county council will take back traffic management and on-street parking functions from the District/Borough Councils. On street parking functions within the City of Winchester will revert to the county on 1st October and off-street parking will remain the responsibility of the District/Boroughs.

Coronation Grants -a new grant window for Hampshire County Councillors will open from 1st to 21st April. Called 'Member's Grants for the Coronation' will offer grants up to £1k to support local events. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/grants/grants-list/county-councillor>

Increased police numbers announced The Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Donna Jones, has presented her budget plan for the years 2023-24. She had previously pledged to increase police numbers by 600 and is on track to recruit these by the end of March. Her new budget has added an additional 50 officers to these numbers, to be funded through the police precept of council tax.

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Winchester City Councillor District Report March 2023

Large Scale Renewable Energy benefits district's Zoo

Because of a partnership between the zoo and the neighbourhood council, the animals and tourists at Marwell Zoo are benefiting from renewable, clean energy. As part of its goal to going greener more quickly, Winchester City Council has invested in a sizable solar energy project in the Winchester neighbourhood. In 2021, the council installed 250 solar photovoltaic (PV) panels onto the rooftops of Marwell Zoo's buildings, with the generated power sold to the zoo at a discounted rate per kilowatt hour. The innovative approach to supplying renewable power in Winchester was developed after securing funding from the Enterprise M3 Clean Growth Pilot Programme. The Sustainability team at the council secured £120,000 match funding from the Local Enterprise Partnership (Enterprise M3 LEP), which made the launch and completion of this project possible. The 250 PV panels have been installed on the rooftops of three buildings at Marwell Zoo – Wild Explorers building, Café Graze, and the Energy Centre. The panels will last 20 years and generated 86,680 kWh per year in the first year of operation, reducing the annual carbon emissions by over 17 tonnes of CO₂e per year, or 350 tonnes CO₂e over the lifetime of the project.

Enchanted Light Garden to take place in Winchester this February

The enchanting Enchanted Light Garden transformed Abbey Gardens from February 11 through March 5, according to the Winchester City Council. The popular city centre park will be transformed with exhibits of light-up tunnels, fairytale creatures, and floral pleasures, building on the popularity of the 2022 "Lights in the City" event. The lights were accompanied by free interactive entertainment on February 18 and 19. Throughout the late afternoon and early evening, walkabout performers will wow audiences with their lite shows at specific periods. The greatest time to view the lights will be as night falls, but daytime visitors will still be able to appreciate the displays enhancing the natural beauty of their surroundings. Entrance to view the lights is free.

New roadmap underpins council's commitment to be greener faster

A new roadmap commissioned by the council provides the evidence base and ranges of measures needed for the Winchester district to be carbon neutral by 2030. Since declaring a climate emergency in 2019, the city council has positioned the climate emergency as its overarching priority, ensuring that the climate emergency sits at the heart of its decisions and strategies. A carbon neutral action plan was developed and many of the interventions highlighted in the Roadmap that are within the scope of the council – such as electric charging points, PV solar panels and improving energy efficiency of homes - are already underway. However, the Roadmap has highlighted the need to increase the scale and pace of the interventions with greater cross organisation working, if the district is to be carbon neutral by 2030. The Roadmap was developed following workshops with a number of stakeholders including Winchester Action on Climate Crisis (WinACC), in-depth interviews with Hampshire County Council officers and Wessex Green Hub and a session with a wide range of stakeholders including Cycle Winchester, Friends of the Earth, Sustrans, Hampshire & IoW Wildlife Trust, Winchester BID and many more. The Roadmap modelled 16 interventions covering: domestic, commercial, industrial, transport, land use and waste. Critical to the success of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030 will be the contributions made not only by the council, but the County Council, the district's businesses and its residents – there is a role for everyone.

£300,000 pot of funding opens for communities in the Winchester district

As part of Winchester City Council's Community Infrastructure Levy, communities in the Winchester district will receive £300,000 in funding for community infrastructure projects in 2023. Parish councils

and other community organisations are now asked to make proposals in favour of brand-new or enhanced facilities that will benefit locals and lessen the burden of future development. environment. strategies. Submissions are being accepted by the council through March 31. Funding between £10,000 and £200,000 is available to fully or partially fund projects that enhance infrastructure for things like walking, bicycling, and active transportation, educational institutions, sporting and recreational facilities, healthcare facilities, and cultural facilities, among others. The levy is funded by payments from new construction in the area, and over £1.5 million has already been distributed as part of the levy to 38 different community-led projects since 2019. The money has helped to part-fund projects across the district, including an upgrade to the sports pavilion in Colden Common, a new pedestrian crossing point in Durley and improved playground facilities at Wickham Recreation Ground.

Voter Identification Requirements

The Elections Act 2022 was granted Royal Assent and passed into law on 28th April 2022. The new legislation includes changes to absent voting rules, EU citizens' voting rights, accessibility, voter identification and 'votes for life' for overseas electors. You can find out more about the Elections Act 2022 on GOV.UK and on the Electoral Commission.

- You must bring photographic identification with you to vote in person in the May 2023 elections
- You are now required to show photographic identification at polling stations before you can be given a ballot paper.
- This will affect all voters across the district of Winchester who vote in person or by proxy, at the next local election on Thursday 4 May 2023.
- If you choose to vote by proxy, then the person who you have trusted to vote on your behalf will have to take their own photographic identification to be issued a ballot paper.
- Postal voters will not be affected and will be issued with their postal ballot papers as usual.
- Voters must bring a suitable form of photographic ID to their polling station. Please see the acceptable list of ID.

Acceptable photographic identification

- Only original documents will be accepted; scanned images or copies will not be accepted. However, expired documents are acceptable if the photo is still a current likeness.

No suitable photographic ID?

If you do not have any of the accepted forms of photographic identification, and you want to vote at the polling station, you will need to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. This is a new document which Electoral Registration Officers (ERO) will be required to provide, free of charge, to any eligible elector who applies for one.

You will be able to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate online, by paper application form or in person from Monday 16 January 2023. See Voter Authority Certificate section below for more information on how to apply. We recommend that you apply for a Voter Authority Certificate in good time. The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate in time for the local elections on Thursday 4 May 2023 is 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2023. Voters who do not produce valid photographic Identification or a Voter Authority Certificate will not be able to vote on polling day. Our team at the polling station have no discretion to allow you to vote so please ensure you have an acceptable form of valid photographic identification or a Voter Authority Certificate with you.

The Voter Authority Certificate

You only need to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate if:

- you do not have accepted Photographic Identification
- you no longer look like the photo on your Photographic Identification
- the name on your Photographic Identification is different to your name on the electoral register.

You will be able to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate in the following ways: online, via paper form or in person.

- You will be able to use the Voter Authority Certificate to vote in person in some UK elections and referendums, however, it cannot be used as proof of identification for any other reason.
- The deadline for application for a Voter Authority Certificate ahead of the next local elections on Thursday 4th May 2023 is 5pm Tuesday 25th April 2023.
- If you apply for a Voter Authority Certificate after the deadline, then you will be unable to receive a Voter Authority Certificate in time for polling day. We will not be able to determine your application until after polling day.
- However, your application will be determined after polling day so that you can participate in future elections.
- Temporary Voter Authority Certificates and emergency proxies due to voter identification will not be available if you have applied for a Voter Authority Certificate after the deadline.

Online - This will be the easiest and simplest way to apply. You will be required to upload a digital photograph. If you are unable to provide a digital photograph you can attach a physical photograph to a paper application form or make an appointment to complete your application in person where a photo will be taken for you - please see below.

Paper Form - The form can be downloaded.

We will also be able to post a form to you. Please contact us via

- Email - ereg@winchester.gov.uk
- Phone - 01962 848125

To return the completed form you can either

- Scan as a PDF and email to ereg@winchester.gov.uk
- Post the form back to us using the freepost address Electoral Services Unit, Freepost RTLH-LSAG-HASX. City Office, Colebrook Street, Winchester, Hants, SO23 9ZZ
- Hand the form into our reception at city offices in Colebrook Street Winchester SO23 9LJ between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday or post it in the post box
- In person - You can request an appointment to complete your application with one of our team at the City Offices. Help will also be available to check hardcopy application forms and to take free photos where needed. Please email ereg@winchester.gov.uk or phone 01962848125

For every method of application, you will be asked to provide

- Your full name
- Your address at which you are registered
- Overseas electors and service voters will need to provide their declaration and present address
- Your Date of Birth
- Your National Insurance number

Development partner announced for Central Winchester Regeneration

Winchester City Council has announced the appointment of Jigsaw Consortium trading as Partnerships & Places to bring forward its Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR) project in the city centre. Following extensive public engagement and community consultation, the city council's Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) sets out a vibrant regeneration in a circa four-acre area of the city with a wide-ranging mix of uses including flexible work and creative spaces, food and drink offerings, a hotel and new high-quality public spaces. The proposals also include new homes to suit people of all life-stages, with a range of tenures available including private sale, homes for rent and affordable housing. Committed to bringing social and economic value to the city, Jigsaw Consortium is a partnership between Genr8 Kajima Regeneration Limited (Kajima and Genr8 Developments) and PFP igloo (PFP Capital and igloo Regeneration.) The consortium has assembled its team from the best creative talent in the UK, including architectural practices, urban designers, engineers, landscape architects, and specialist archaeologists and is also committed to drawing in additional local expertise as the project develops. Collectively, the partnership has the vision, expertise, track-record, and financial means to work in partnership with the city council to deliver the benefits of the CWR project to Winchester and the district. Jigsaw Consortium is committed to working closely with local people and businesses in Winchester throughout the life span of the project, bringing both social and economic value to the area. In the last five years, the council has built its reputation for delivery. Only last week, work began on the new St Clements Surgery in Middle Brook Street. Before that, Chesil Lodge – an award-winning extra care development – a new £40 million leisure centre, new industrial units in Bishop's Waltham, flood defences for the city, play parks, skate parks, pavilions, a network of solar PV panels and EV charging points and an unwavering commitment to build more affordable homes for residents across the district to the highest green credentials.

Winchester City Council receives Local Authority Housing Fund grant

Winchester City Council has been awarded a government grant of just over £2.7 million pounds to help mitigate expected pressures on homelessness and social housing resources.

The grant has been awarded as part of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' Local Authority Housing Fund which is designed to ensure humanitarian schemes offering sanctuary via a safe and legal entry route to those fleeing conflict have safe, longer-term accommodation.

The fund is in place so that areas that have generously welcomed substantial numbers of Ukrainian refugees are not disadvantaged by the increased pressures on the existing housing and homelessness systems.

For Winchester, the grant will be used to provide a total of 17 additional homes by purchasing and converting houses that are currently operating as houses of multiple occupation (HMOs) on our estates back into individual family homes. These additional homes are over and above the 1000 new homes the council has already committed to provide between 2020 and 2030 and will be used to help prevent homelessness for those seeking refuge from conflict in our district.

Cllr Laming, Warwick and Williams