

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th February 2024 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr David Price,
 In attendance: Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Georgina Tibbetts (from 7.35pm).
 Public: WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.
 Clerk: 4
 Jocelyn Jenkins

2228	1.1	Apologies for Absence HCCllr Jackie Porter.	Closed	
2229	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Parker declared an interest in respect of the land at Brightlands which has been included in the updated SHELAA.	Closed	
2230	1.3	Minutes of the meetings of 10 th and 17 th January 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2231	1.4	Co-option One member of the public attended to observe the meeting with a view to being co-opted at the March meeting.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: No reports.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which draws attention to HCC consultations on Future Services, the Minerals and Waste Plan and the Local Nature Recovery Strategy. The 'Hampshire Together' hospital consultation is also ongoing.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that he had met Hayley Goodsell, the new Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer, and has raised local issues, such as speeding, with her. Hayley attended the recent rural crime meeting and is aware of rural issues. When on duty, she will try to attend parish council meetings. Next week the City Council will be setting their budget for the coming year. This will include a 3% increase in the City Council part of the Council Tax. The HCC increase will be 5%. The City Councillors attended a tour of the Sir John Moore barracks arranged by the developer of the site. WCCllr Godfrey noted that the success of this site will affect other areas around Winchester. The Basingstoke and Deane Regulation 18 (Local Plan) includes an allocation of 3000 homes on Popham Airfield. This is a very significant development and has implications for Micheldever Station New Town. WCCllr Godfrey has met with the Dever Society and councillors from the neighbouring borough. Comments on the Regulation 18 need to be made by 4 th March. The hospital consultation continues until 15 th March.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill noted that over eight thousand responses were received to the waste and recycling consultation. The responses have led to a request to HCC for households to have one combing bin (for all recyclables) which would then be sorted by HCC. A food waste collection is to start from March 2026. Specific vehicles are needed which is delaying the introduction until 2026. No further decisions will be taken on the Winchester regeneration projects until after the elections in May. Archeological work is currently being undertaken on the Friarsgate site. The recent Government announcement about brown field sites will be reflected in the Local Plan as it progresses. Cllr Parker asked if there are any plans for a bus station in Winchester. WCCllr Horrill responded that there is no current plan for this.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2232	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2232.1	3.1	HALC Conference, 20th March 2024 – Details to be circulated to all councillors.	Closed	
2232.2	3.2	Speeding on Bullington Lane – A resident has raised concerns. It was agreed to contact Ian Janes (HCC Safer Roads) to see if a suitable site for the SID could be found on Bullington Lane.	Clerk	
2232.3	3.3	PC Hayley Goodsell – As at 2.3 above, Hayley is the new Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer. It was agreed to send Hayley the dates of future meetings.	Clerk	
2232.4	3.4	Burial Ground – A request has been received to site a bench on a reserved burial plot. This was refused although temporary seating can be used as long as it is removed after each visit.		

		Matters arising from the minutes of 10th and 17th January 2024. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2233	4	General Matters		
2233.1	2219.1	Gratton Trust – The Trust are reviewing their risk assessment in respect of the river and raised a number of points with the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Trust, as the operator/manager of the site, are considered by the Parish Council to be responsible for carrying out the risk assessment and taking effective action as necessary. It was noted that the ROSPA guide, 'Managing Safety at Inland Water Sites', provides very useful and up to date guidance on risk management and this will be drawn to the attention of the Trustees.		
2233.2	2219.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – Following the Extraordinary meeting held on 17 th January, Steven Mills attended the meeting to update on the action points raised and allocated to the Flodd Action Group (FLAG). He noted as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HCC are clearing the drains along Oxford Road this week. 2. He confirmed that Environment Agency advice on sandbags has changed and that they cannot therefore re-accredit the plan drawn up in November 2014. 3. The Environment Agency have carried out maintenance/clearance work at Bogmoor Sump but are investigating ownership which they still consider to lie with HCC (the Highway Authority) as historic records appear to show the sump being created as part of a highways scheme in the 1950's. A final answer on ownership is expected shortly. 4. A private quote of £900 has been provided for the jetting of the pipes at Bogmoor Sump and Stoke Charity. A camera survey would cost £3,000 but would provide information on the condition of the system. Steven noted that HCC may have included a camera survey in the work being carried out this week and this will be investigated. 5. A grant of £500 was requested from the Parish Council to allow FLAG to begin to purchase equipment. It was agreed to make an immediate grant of £500 available and to provide for a further £500 in 2024/25. The funds will be transferred to a reserve held by the Parish Council. FLAG should submit invoices (of up to £500 net) to the Clerk for payment. <p><u>Community Emergency Plan</u> A new template has been received from HCC for the updated plan. Councillor Kevin Maunder has worked on updating the details and the draft plan will be reviewed this month by a small working group.</p>	Clerk	
2233.3	2219.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – The Chairman and Councillor Polak attended FRESK training held at East Stratton in January. It was agreed that this was useful and well presented and that it may be possible to hold a session in the Parish in the future if there is sufficient demand.		
2234	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:		
2234.1	2220.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection No new issues identified.	Clerk	
2234.2	2220.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues identified. The condition of the slide unit continues to be monitored. <u>Soakaway</u> – WCCllr Horrill will contact the agent again to request an update.	Clerk	
2235	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:		
2235.1	2221.1	Footpath 7 Access – HCCllr Porter is investigating why the HCC grant for the accessible gate was refused.		
2235.2	2221.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The proposal to change the route of Footpath 24 is to be modified slightly to allow it to cross a drier part of the field. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to support the revised route, with the slight modification.		
2235.3	2221.3	Noticeboards – No new issues were identified.		
2235.4	2221.4	SID – The device was in Stoke Charity during January and the data shows that speeds were lower on this occasion than in June 2023 when the device was in the same location.		
2235.5	2221.5	Oxford Road – No responses have been received following the description of the gateway proposals which was included in the February edition of the West Dever News. The Community Funded Initiative application form has been completed and submitted. £5,823.99 of Parish funding is already held by HCC, the balance would be paid directly by the Parish Council.		
2235.6	2221.6	Bridge & Path at Hunton – It is understood that the landowners are applying for a grant from HCC. Off agenda.		
2235.7	New	Lengthsman – The next visit is scheduled for 1 st March. The Clerk will liaise with the Lengthsman to see if they can clear the ivy which has come down near the railway bridge on Stockbridge Road East.		

2236	7	PLANNING																															
		New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:																															
2236.1	716	2 Beggars Drove, Sutton Scotney.	Maple to crown reduce and reduce over-hanging branches by up to 2m.	24/00278/TPO No comment																													
2236.2	2222.1	Winchester Local Plan – WCCllr Horrill advised that Adrian Fox (WCC Lead on the Local Plan) has written to Southern Water and the promoters/developers of the sites at Brightlands and opposite the Victoria Hall. WCCllr Horrill has requested that these responses are shared with the Parish Council and has suggested that the Parish Council meet to discuss these before being invited to a meeting with Adrian Fox. This course of action was agreed by the parish councillors.																															
2236.3	2222.2	Village Design Statement – The survey data is currently being reviewed.																															
2236.4	2222.3	Southern Water Pipeline – See 2236.2 above.																															
2237	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																															
2237.1	2223.1	Balances: As at 31/01/24 General Reserves are £88,515.49 but after Earmarked Reserves of £76,755 are £11,760.24. Payments for February (detailed below) totalling £1799.95 were agreed by the Council.			Closed																												
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2237.2	New	Parish Council laptop It was agreed to purchase a new laptop as the current model will no longer be able to run the HMRC payroll software from 2024/25.																															
2238	9	Other Council Matters																															
2238.1	2224.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – SID data from Stoke Charity, CFI gateways, grant to FLAG and sump/pipe clearance.																															
2238.2	2224.2	Risk Management – See 2233.1 above re the river at the Gratton.																															
2238.3	New	Parish Assembly, 9 th May 2024 – It was agreed to ask Margaret Sandford whether she wished to make a VDS presentation at the assembly. It was also agreed that refreshments should be purchased locally from Dever Stores.																															
9.15pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 13 th March 2024 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																															
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