

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.40pm on Wednesday 14th June 2023 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr David Price.
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.
Public: 1
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

		Minutes		R
2148	1.1	Apologies for Absence WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.	Closed	
2149	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. None.	Closed	
2150	1.3	Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of 10 th May 2023 and the Parish Assembly of 11 th May 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.	Closed	
2151	1.4	Co-option No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted that the County Councillor's Grant scheme is open again until 28 th February 2024 or until the funds have all been granted. She also noted changes to the arrangements at Hampshire County Council and improved pedestrian and cycle path plans on Worthy Road. Jackie advised that since sending her report HCC have begun their budget consultation which includes some severe budget cuts. The consultation can be seen at https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/budgetconsultation And runs until 23 rd July 2023. It was agreed to add this to the agenda for the July meeting.		
	2.2	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill commented on the success of the Freedom of the City parade which took place recently and was attended by the Princess Royal. Bus prices are to remain at £2 until September and will then be held at £2.50 for a further 12 months. A capacity study for the Station Approach area of the City, which includes the Cattle Market car park, is being reviewed. A developer has been appointed for the Central Winchester Project. The Hat Fair is taking place on Friday 30 th June and Saturday 1 st July and a food festival, centred around the Cathedral is to be held from 14 th to 16 th July. Donna Jones, the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner has advised that new Police recruits will no longer be required to have a degree and there will be a return to neighbourhood policing. Some Police stations may also be re-opened. DCllr Horrill noted that she sits on the new Local Plan Committee which has replaced the Local Plan Advisory Group.		
	2.3	The Public: No reports.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2152	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2152.1	3.1	Victim Support grant request It was agreed to make a grant of £200 in July.	Closed	
2152.2	3.2	Olive Branch Counselling Service grant request It was agreed to make a grant of £200 in July.	Closed	
2152.3	3.3	WCC New Grants Available Small Grants of up to £1000 and Project Grants of up to £5000 are now available. A Small Grant may be suitable to purchase a laptop for the VDS project and it was agreed to add this to the July agenda for consideration.		
2152.4	3.4	WCC Parish Liaison Meeting 28th June The Clerk will attend and details will also be sent to Councillors Polak and Pauline Maunder.		
2152.5	3.5	Ecogen Liaison Panel Minutes Councillor Parker represented the Parish at the meeting.		
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 10th May 2023.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2153	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2153.1	2142.1	Gratton Trust – In respect of the proposed new mower, the Gratton Trust have proposed that the Parish Council purchase their preferred mower (John Deere X940) at a cost of £16,005.25 (net) and that the Trust then repay the cost over four years,		

		The proposal was discussed and it was agreed that councillor Polak would speak with the Chairman of the Trust to establish whether other quotes have been obtained, the warranty that would be included with the purchase and how the old mower will be traded in or sold. The Clerk will draft a loan agreement but it was noted that rather than making repayments (of £4000 pa) the annual grant made by the Parish Council to the Gratton Trust would be reduced by this amount.				
2153.2	2142.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – HCCllr Porter is continuing to press for clearance work to take place at Bogmoor Sump.			Clerk	
2153.3	2142.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – It was noted that wildflower areas can be established in partnership with WCC/HCC and potential sites will be reviewed.				
2154	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2154.1	2143.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection Councillors Parker and Kevin Maunder will visit the play area to review any possible risk mitigation in respect of the Annual Inspection points noted about the slide.			Clerk	
2154.2	2143.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – The slide unit has now been painted but Councillor Kevin Maunder noted that he is not happy with the quality of the work undertaken. He will send photographs to show where insufficient preparation work has been done prior to re-painting and the Clerk will then contact AVA. Soakaway – No further update has been received about the Soakaway.			Clerk	
2155	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2155.1	2144.1	Footpath 7 Access – A grant has been applied for from HCC towards the cost of the accessible gate.				
2155.2	2144.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman cleared the path in Egypt from Fair Acre up the hill but only then had time to clear a small part of the Beggars Drove to Harding Close path.				
2155.3	2144.3	Noticeboards – Options for repairs to the Wonston board are being considered.				
2155.4	2144.4	SLR – The reports for April and May were considered and an item will be included in the August Dever with a commentary on the results. HCCllr Nick Adams-King has confirmed that Wonston will be included in the list of villages to be considered if HCC expand the 20mph zones.				
2155.5	2144.5	Bins – A further response is awaited from WCC about how they will record the overpayment and whether they will issue statements showing the reducing balance.				
2155.6	2144.6	Litter-pickers – Two risk assessments remain outstanding. Councillor Kevin Maunder will chase these.				
2155.7	2144.7	Roundabout sign, Oxford Road – The sign request has been passed to the HCC Traffic Management Team and a response is awaited.				
2156	7	PLANNING				
		New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:				
2156.1	694	The Gables, Alexandria Road, Sutton Scotney	Loft conversion involving extension of the existing roof slopes to create a pitched roof where there is currently a flat roof.	23/00875/HOU No comment The Chair of planning visited close neighbours and spoke with those who were available. No concerns were expressed.		
2156.2	695	The Old Rectory, Weston Down Road, Stoke Charity.	Large sycamore – reduce by half in order to retain and make safe.	23/01273/TPC No comment.		
2156.3	696	Sutton Springs Trout Fishery, Bullington Lane, Sutton Scotney.	To remove Condition 7 of permission 22.01014/FUL restricting tourism use of Fisherman's Lodge to no more than 6 months in a calendar year.	23/01116/FUL Agreed to contact Case Officer to discuss concerns over enforcement of conditions before commenting.		
2156.4	2145.2	Winchester Local Plan – An update on the responses received to the Regulation 18 consultation is awaited.				
2156.5	2145.3	Village Design Statement – A second successful VDS meeting was held on 7 th June with a WCC Planning Officer in attendance to explain the process and answer questions. Margaret Sandford will now lead the project, focusing on Sutton Scotney.				
2156.6	2145.4	Southern Water Pipeline – No further information has been received about the pipeline and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Toby Swindells (Carter Jonas) .				
2157	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT				
2157.1	2146.1	Balances: As at 31/05/23 General Reserves are £80,337.39 but after Earmarked Reserves are £757.39. Payments for June (detailed below) totalling £1,051.02 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	

		<p>Judith Polak Allotment padlock 8.31</p> <p>HMRC 1st Quarter PAYE 146.40</p> <p>Hants Pension Fund May contributions 188.36</p> <p>Jocelyn Jenkins May expenses 95.00</p> <p>Jocelyn Jenkins June salary <u>612.95</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>1051.02</u></p>		
2158	9	Other Council Matters		
2158.1	2147.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – SID reports and a piece from Councillor Parker on the Ecogen Liaison Panel.		
2158.2	2147.2	Risk Management – See 2154.1 above re the slide at Stoke Charity play area.		
2158.3	2147.3	Bottle Bank – HCCllr Porter advised that she had agreement for a bottle bank. The Clerk will check with the Gratton Trust that they are in agreement to this being sited in the car park at the Gratton.		
2158.4	2147.4	Parish Assembly – It was agreed that the Parish Assembly had been very successful and asking the VDS group to make a presentation (possibly combined with their first consultation) was considered for 2024. Off agenda.		
2158.5	2147.5	Allotments – It was agreed to carry out an inspection this week. The Squirrels are visiting the allotments on Monday 26 th June.		
9.10pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 12th July 2023 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.		
Signed: Chairman dated.....				