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| **MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)**  **Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th February 2018 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney**  Present: Lucy Dowson, Andrew Wheeler, Chris Whitehouse, Clive Cook, Judith Polak.  In attendance: WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.  Public 5  Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | **Minutes** | | | |  | R | |
| **1544** | **1.1** | **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Douglas Johns, HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Caroline Horrill. | | | | Closed |  | |
| **1545** | **1.2** | **Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed**. Cllr Polak – Gratton Trust (NPI), Cllr Dowson – planning application 532 (1551.1 below)(NPI). | | | | Closed |  | |
| **1546** | **1.3** | **Minutes of the** meeting of 3rd January 2018 were **agreed** and signed. | | | | Closed |  | |
|  | **2** | **Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.** | | | |  |  | |
|  | **2.1** | **The Public:**  **Kerry Evans – Speedwatch for Wonston and surrounding villages** Kerry noted that speeding in Wonston and neighbouring villages and the increase in larger lorries and vehicles being re-directed by sat-navs down small village roads has made it increasingly dangerous for pedestrians. She has been liaising with Steve Brine, MP, and is seeking traffic calming measures and to set up a local Speedwatch group. Kerry attended the Parish Council meeting to explain how a Speedwatch scheme could operate in local villages and to apply for financial support from the Parish Council.  It was **agreed** to add this item to the March agenda.  **Alistair Black, Chairman of the Victoria Hall Committee** attended the meeting to advise the Parish Council of the committee’s intention to upgrade the kitchen at the hall. He estimates that the total cost will be between £15,000 and £20,000. The committee are fundraising and reviewing other grant sources.  It was **agreed** to add this item to the March agenda.  **Brian Ward** advised that the Dever Valley History Group are looking for a new member from the Wonston Parish area.  He also noted that the entrance to the Old Station Yard development is looking very messy following the removal of shrubs.  **Belinda Ward** attended the meeting to ask about progress on a crossing point for Oxford Road and why nothing has yet been done. She suggested that signs, before the Texaco roundabout, warning of pedestrians crossing would be a cost effective way of improving safety.  The Clerk will contact Neville Crisp of WCC about signage. No date has yet been advised for the commencement of drainage works and the installation of a crossing point at the Texaco roundabout. | | | | March agenda  March agenda |  | |
|  | **2.2** | **The Police:** No report. | | | | Closed |  | |
|  | **2.3** | **Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter:**.HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which drew attention to the proposed 5.99% increase in Council Tax, the proposals for M3 Junction 9 (comments can be made at [www.highways.gov.uk/m3j9](http://www.highways.gov.uk/m3j9)) and other local issues including a proposed meeting about the Lengthsman contract. | | | | Closed |  | |
|  | **2.4** | **Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey:** WCCllr Godfrey advised that WCCllr Caroline Horrill is currently interviewing for new senior managers at WCC. He drew attention to the City Council’s ‘call for sites’ as part of the Local Plan review and noted that whilst the County Council are proposing the maximum allowed increase to Council Tax of 5.99%, the City Council are only proposing an increase of less than 3%. The City Council’s waste collection contract is due for renewal and it may now be affordable to have a roadside glass collection.  In respect of flood mitigation, it was noted that the ditch at the far side of the garage, which takes water from the village to the Dever, needs to be cleared by the Lengthsman with a mini digger in dry weather and that grips need to be dug on the verge by the footpath from the bridge to the allotment entrance to the Gratton. | | | |  |  | |
|  |  | The meeting resumed after reports. | | | |  |  | |
| **1547** | **3** | **Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.** | | | |  |  | |
|  |  | The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues: | | | |  |  | |
| **1547.1** | **3.1** | **HALC Annual Conference 21/3/18 –** The focus this year is on ‘Fit for the Future’. No attendee available at present. | | | | Closed |  | |
| **1547.2** | **3.2** | **S.East Employers – Review of Councillors Allowances –** The content of the independent review was noted. Wonston Parish Council will continue to pay necessary travel and subsistence expenses only. | | | | Closed |  | |
|  |  | **Matters arising from the minutes of 3rd January 2018.**  The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues: | | | |  |  | |
| **1548** | **4** | **General Matters** | | | |  |  | |
| **1548.1** | **1538.1** | **Gratton Trust** :  Fields in Trust Registration – The application has been postponed pending reaching a boundary agreement with the Gratton Surgery.  Boundary with the Gratton Surgery – A response is awaited about the surgeries extension plans. | | | | Clerk |  | |
| **1548.2** | **1538.2** | **Oxford Road Crossing** – No update was available from HCCllr Porter. | | | | JP |  | |
| **1548.3** | **1538.3** | **Affordable Housing:**  **Hyde Housing –** A further report has been received of a large vehicle incorrectly entering Beggars Drove and this has been reported to Hyde. A new larger sign has now been installed at the entrance to Beggars Drove to deter delivery vehicles from entering.  **Mrs Toogoode Trust –** The City Council are undertaking a review of potential exception sites in the Parish. | | | | Clerk |  | |
| **1548.4** | **1538.4** | **Wonston Lane** – No update was available from HCCllr Porter. | | | | JP |  | |
| **1548.5** | **1538.5** | **Emergency Plan –** The 2015 plan requires updating and adding to the website. The Flood Plan also needs to be finalised and linked to the Emergency Plan. It was **agreed** to forward both plans to all councillors and to then formulate a plan to update and finalise these. | | | | Clerk |  | |
| **1549** | **5** | **PLAY AREAS**  Council discussed and agreed actions for the following: | | | |  |  | |
| **1549.1** | **1539.1** | **Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) –** **Monthly/Annual Inspection –** It was **agreed** to wait until the drier weather before clearing mould off the play equipment. | | | | Clerk |  | |
| **1549.2** | **1539.2** | **Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection** – No new issues. An update is awaited on whether the issues with the soakaway have been resolved. | | | | Clerk |  | |
| **1549.3** | **1539.3** | **Open Spaces Balance** – The Open Spaces balance, claimed towards the cost off grass-lock matting at Stoke Charity play area, has been received. Off agenda. | | | | Clerk |  | |
| **1550** | **6** | **HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc**  Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following: | | | |  |  | |
| **1550.1** | **1540.2** | **Noticeboards –** Carried forward to the March meeting. | | | | DJ/PM |  | |
| **1550.2** | **New** | **Benches –** It was **agreed** to order the new bench to be situated near the new noticeboard on the green area by Gratton Close, and to ask Neil Soutar to install.  New benches were also considered for opposite the garage after the drainage works have been completed and at Kitsons Clump. The Clerk will seek the appropriate consents. | | | |  |  | |
| **1551** | **7** | **PLANNING** | | | |  |  | |
|  |  | **New Applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:** | | | |  |  | |
| **1551.1** | **532** | Wonston Lodge, Wonston Road, Wonston. | Change of use and conversion of barn to four bed house with garage and garden. | **17/03160/FUL**  **Support** | | Closed |  | |
| **1551.2** | **533** | Rose Cottage, Wonston Road, Stoke Charity. | To fell diseased sycamore. | **18/00142/TPC**  **No comment** | | Closed |  | |
| **1551.3** | **534** | 4 South View Close, Sutton Scotney. | Two storey side extension. | **18/00199/HOU**  **Decision delegated to Cllr Cook** | |  |  | |
| **1552** | **8** | **ACCOUNTS/Audit** | | | |  |  | |
| **1552.1** | **1542.1** | **Balances:** As at 31/1/18 General Reserves are £66,561.26 but after Earmarked Reserves are £36,726.26. Payments for February (detailed below) totalling £983.35 were agreed by the Council. | | | | Closed |  | |
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| **1552.2** | **1542.2** | **Reserves & CIL Monies –** The second instalment of CIL money remains outstanding and the Clerk will query this.  An estimate of the cost of installing a crossing point near the Victoria Hall is awaited.  The running costs of the current SLR sign, at over £600 per year, were considered excessive and the Clerk will explore whether this agreement could be terminated whilst also investigating the cost of solar powered speed awareness signs and where they could be installed. | | | | Clerk |  | |
| **1553** | **9** | **Other Council Matters** | | | |  |  | |
| **1553.1** | **1543.1** | **Allotments –** One rent remains outstanding. | | | | Clerk |  | |
| **1553.2** | **1543.2** | **2018 Parish Assembly** – The hall has been booked for Thursday 10th May. The Clerk will contact the Watercress Way and invite them to make a presentation at the assembly. | | | | Clerk |  | |
| **1553.3** | **New** | **2018 Grass Cutting Contract –** It was **agreed** that the contract remain with Grass & Grounds for a further year subject to any price rise being no greater than inflation. | | | | Closed |  | |
| **10.00pm** |  | **Next meeting – Wednesday 14th March 2018** | | | |  |  | |
| **Signed: Chairman …..…………….…………….....** **dated.........................................................** | | | | | | | | |