

**MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)**  
**Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney**

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr David Price,  
 Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Georgina Tibbits (following co-option at 7.40pm).  
 In attendance: None.  
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2181	1.1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>	Closed	
2182	1.2	<b>Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed.</b> Cllr Parker declared an interest in respect of the land at Brightlands which has been included in the updated SHELAA.	Closed	
2183	1.3	<b>Minutes of the</b> meeting of 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 were <b>agreed</b> and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2184	1.4	<b>Co-option</b> Georgina Tibbits, a resident of Stoke Charity, attended the meeting with a view to being co-opted onto the Parish Council. It was <b>agreed</b> unanimously to co-opt Georgina and she was provided with the necessary forms for completion.		
	2	<b><u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u></b>		
	2.1	<b>The Public:</b> <u>John Holt</u> attended the meeting to request an update on the section of road at Hunton which was damaged when a tree came down. He noted that there is now significant wear to the road surface on both sides of the road. Cllr Polak will report this again, with photographs, to HCC. <u>Bob Brewer</u> drew attention to the bus shelter on Bullington Lane which needs cleaning and where nettles and overgrowth are encroaching. Cllr Kevin Maunder will clear any rubbish and the Lengthsman will be asked to cut back the overgrowth on his next visit in January 2024. Bob also noted that roots are causing damage to the pavement surface on this stretch of Bullington Lane. Cllr Polak will report this to HCC. It was further noted that the grass cutting in the churchyard at Holy Trinity was to a poor standard. Cllr Pauline Maunder will speak to Sarah Hobhouse about this.		
	2.2	<b>Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter:</b> HCCllr Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which drew attention to the forecasted budget deficit at HCC, bus improvement grants and changes to on street parking which has been taken over by HCC.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2185	3	<b><u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u></b>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2185.1	3.1	<b>WCC Draft Licensing Policy</b> Comments on the draft policy can be made to <a href="mailto:licensing@winchester.gov.uk">licensing@winchester.gov.uk</a> until 22 October 2023.	Closed	
2185.2	3.2	<b>WCC Statement of Community Involvement</b> Details are on the Local Plan website and comments can be made until 21 November 2023. It was <b>agreed</b> to circulate the details to all councillors so that they could respond individually if they wish to do so.	Closed	
2185.3	3.3	<b>Gigaclear</b> A request has been received for a meeting with the Parish Council but the details of the project are unclear and it was <b>agreed</b> that the Clerk should contact Gigaclear for clarification.		
		<b><u>Matters arising from the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</u></b> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2186	4	<b><u>General Matters</u></b>		
2186.1	2175.1	<b>Gratton Trust</b> – Toby Bunce has quoted £850 to reduce the damaged goat willow by up to 50%. A second, lower quote, was provided verbally to the Chairman by Jeremy Walsh of Reliable Garden Services but no reply has been received to a follow up email sent to Jeremy and it has not been possible to trace his business or phone number on-line. As it has not been possible to contact Jeremy, and the tree work needs to be carried out promptly, it was <b>agreed</b> to accept the quote from Toby Bunce.		
2186.2	2175.2	<b>Emergency &amp; Flood Plans</b> – The Flood Action Group (FLAG) met on 3 <sup>rd</sup> October and Stephen Mills has provided a comprehensive summary of the agreed actions and their priority. HCCllr Porter has been tasked, as a high priority, to establish whether the pipes under the A30 have been cleared or inspected recently. The Parish Council have been asked to consider a regular budget allocation towards flood prevention activities in the Parish and this was discussed in respect of the 2024/25 budget setting later in the meeting. (See 2190.2 below).	Clerk	

2186.3	2175.3	<b>Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency –</b> Micheldever Parish Council are considering booking a Climate Fresk session. This is a free session lasting up to 3 hours and teaches the fundamental science behind climate change. Micheldever have asked whether any councillors from Wonston might be interested in attending and it was <b>agreed</b> that details should be circulated if the course is arranged.																																					
2187	5	<b>PLAY AREAS</b> Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:																																					
2187.1	2176.1	<b>Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&amp;H) – Monthly Inspection</b> No new issues identified in this month's inspection.			Clerk																																		
2187.2	2176.2	<b>Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area –</b> AVA have agreed to cancel the invoice for the repainting of the slide unit but have noted that it requires repairs or possible replacement. Due to the ongoing situation with the soakaway and the possibility that the pipes may need to be accessed it was <b>agreed</b> not to get quotes at present but to continue to regularly inspect the equipment for any further deterioration. <b>Soakaway –</b> No update has been received since last month.			Clerk																																		
2188	6	<b>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc</b> Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:																																					
2188.1	2177.1	<b>Footpath 7 Access –</b> HCC have refused a grant but this is based on there being no stile to be replaced. The Clerk has contacted them to advise that there was previously a stile at this location and a further response is awaited.																																					
2188.2	2177.2	<b>Footpaths &amp; Bridleways –</b> No issues have been reported this month.																																					
2188.3	2177.3	<b>Noticeboards –</b> Cllr Kevin Maunders has re-varnished the Wonston noticeboard.																																					
2188.4	2177.4	<b>SLR –</b> A replacement key is awaited for the mobile post. Issues with the SID display appear to have been resolved.																																					
2188.7	2177.7	<b>Roundabout sign, Oxford Road –</b> Initial designs and a preliminary quote are awaited.																																					
2189	7	<b>PLANNING</b> New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:																																					
2189.1	708	Applegarth, Wonston Road, Sutton Scotney	1 pear to remove and 2 <sup>nd</sup> to reduce. Hawthorn to reduce to height of hedge.	23/02162/TPC No comment																																			
2189.2	709	Moldon Farm Bungalow, Bullington Lane, Sutton Scotney	Single storey rear extension, car port to front.	23/01951/HOU No comment																																			
2189.3	710	The End House, 1 Millers Yard, Sutton Scotney	Various tree works.	23/02298/TPC No comment																																			
2189.4	711	Lower Norton Farm House, Norton, Sutton Scotney	Erection of detached outbuilding.	23/02109/HOU No comment																																			
2189.5	2178.7	<b>Winchester Local Plan –</b> WCCllr Horrill has supplied the registered housing need figures for Wonston Parish. This shows a total of 28 (19 x 1 bedroom, 4 x 2 bedroom, 4 x 3 bedroom and 1 x 4 bedroom). Cllr Parker has carried out a review of 'sustainable development' in respect of Wonston Parish which has been circulated to councillors.																																					
2189.6	2178.8	<b>Village Design Statement –</b> The draft VDS questionnaire was reviewed. Two suggestions for minor changes will be sent to Margaret.																																					
2189.7	2178.9	<b>Southern Water Pipeline –</b> Richard Kirk (Southern Water Project Manager) has confirmed that they are still working towards the pipeline being operational by December 2024. It is likely however, that Southern Water will remain on site until April or May 2025 to complete non-essential works associated with the project. Richard is not aware of the date when other residents might be able to connect to the pipeline (via Saddlers Close or Gratton Close).																																					
2190	8	<b>ACCOUNTS/AUDIT</b>																																					
2190.1	2179.1	<b>Balances:</b> As at 30/09/23 General Reserves are £95,255.26 but after Earmarked Reserves of £78183 are £17,072.26. Payments for October (detailed below) totalling £4894.80 were agreed by the Council.			Closed																																		
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<b>2190.2</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>2024/25 Budget &amp; Precept</b> – The draft budget was considered and it was <b>agreed</b> that the precept should remain at £38,000. An allocation of £1000 has been included for flood prevention costs but could be increased from the emergency reserve if the flood risk increases.		
<b>2191</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Other Council Matters</b>		
<b>2191.1</b>	<b>2180.1</b>	<b>Publicity &amp; Communications</b> – <u>West Dever News item</u> – Margaret to be asked if she wishes to include an item about the VDS questionnaire, SID.		
<b>2191.2</b>	<b>2180.2</b>	<b>Risk Management</b> – Within the play area inspections, particular attention will be paid to the slide unit at PHY.		
<b>2191.3</b>	<b>2180.3</b>	<b>Bottle Bank</b> – Details on the size of the banks is awaited.		
<b>2191.4</b>	<b>2180.4</b>	<b>Allotments</b> – Renewals are currently underway and there are now likely to be at least 7 half plots available to those on the waiting list.		
<b>2191.5</b>	<b>2180.5</b>	<b>Remembrance Parade</b> – The road closure notice has been received.		
<b>9.35pm</b>		<b>Next meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.</b>		
<b>Signed: Chairman .....</b> <b>dated.....</b>				