

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held virtually (via Zoom) at 7.35pm on Wednesday 10th March 2021

Present: Cllr Lucy Dowson (Chairman), Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr Kitty Wakefield, Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr David Price (following co-option at 7.45pm), Cllr Kevin Maunder (following co-option at 7.45pm).

In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.

Public: Chris Whitehouse (Virgin Media), Claire Savage and 3 others.

Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

Minutes				R
1892	1.1	Apologies for Absence. WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.	Closed	
1893	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
1894	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 10 th February 2021 were agreed . These will be sent to Cllr Dowson for signing.	Closed	
1895	1.4	Co-option David Price and Kevin Maunder, having both completed the necessary paperwork, were formally co-opted to the Parish Council at 7.45pm and welcomed by the Chairman. Claire Savage attended the meeting to observe, with a view to being co-opted at the April meeting. The Chairman welcomed Claire to the meeting.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: <u>Chris Whitehouse (Virgin Media)</u> Chris attended the meeting to advise that he was aware of the community internet project in Wonston under the DCMS voucher scheme and that if Openreach were to turn down this application, Virgin Media would be prepared to make an assessment and potentially take the scheme forward. This would lead to some building work and disruption during installation but this would also be the case if Openreach take on the scheme. HCCllr Porter noted that HCC scrutinised the gigabit scheme last week and looked at why it is progressing so slowly. She advised that an alternative provider may be a good idea. Cllr Price asked whether the scheme was for Wonston village or for the whole of Wonston parish. Chris Whitehouse advised that it would be for the whole parish but might not extend to some outlying homes. It was agreed by all councillors that the Parish Council would support Virgin Media taking the scheme forward if Openreach do not.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and drew attention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations currently running (HCC Active Travel Consultation, Local Plan Consultation) and consultations which will commence after the elections in May (HCC's Minerals & Waste Plan, Hampshire Hospitals Consultation, M3 Junction 9 Improvements) • Flooding work which is continuing across the division. A report is awaited from Tom Calloway following his visit to Sutton Scotney this week. • HCC are funding WW (formerly Weight Watchers) places for residents. HCCllr Porter will forwards the poster for noticeboards. 		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill drew attention to the Strategic Issues & Priorities Consultation and noted that some of the options under consideration for the allocation of new homes could impact on the parish. Local Elections are to go ahead on 6 th May for the Police & Crime Commissioner, City Councillors and County Councillors. Safety measures will be in place. Purdah will commence at the end of March. The City Council budget is being set this month and will see an increase of just over 3% in council tax. Some cost savings, including staff cuts and the delaying of major projects has been necessary. The new sport and leisure park is due to open in May and will include specialist hydrotherapy facilities. Under the project for central Winchester, approval was given today for demolishing the Friarsgate surgery.		

		The meeting resumed after reports.			
1896	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>			
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:			
1896.1	3.1	Gratton Trust grant request re outdoor table tennis – following the decision at last month's meeting the Trust have noted that they are not able to apply for a Small Grant from WCC as they have already made a successful application this year under the scheme. It was agreed to make a grant for the whole £1000 originally requested.			
1896.2	3.2	Virtual Event 'How can local shops survive?' March 18th at 6pm – The Clerk will send details to Cllr Pauline Maunder.			
1896.3	3.3	WCC Biodiversity Action Plan launched – The focus of the Plan is on the operations of WCC. The Parish Council are registered to receive updates.			
1896.4	3.4	Large lorries in Wonston and Stoke Charity – The frequency of large lorries arriving from Sutton Scotney appears to have increased significantly and their attempts to turn around once they realise that the route is unsuitable present a risk to pedestrians and property. The Clerk has advised HCCllr Porter and HCC Highways and requested that signage is reviewed, particularly around the junction of Oxford Road and Wonston Road.			
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 10th February 2021.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:			
1897	4	<u>General Matters</u>			
1897.1	1886.1	Gratton Trust: Lease – A response on the proposed change to the draft lease is awaited from the Gratton Trust.		Clerk	
1897.2	1886.2	Affordable Housing: Letters have been sent to the agents for the two pieces of land considered to have potential as exception sites to ask whether they would consider selling any land for a small development of affordable homes for local people.		Clerk	
1897.3	1886.3	Emergency & Flood Plans – Cllr Dowson attended the virtual Flood Action Group (FLAG) meeting and noted that whilst recent drier weather has helped, there are still properties who are needing to continue pumping. HCC applied to the DEFRA Innovations Scheme and have now been able to recruit a dedicated flooding engineer. The possibility of raising the kerb by the Victoria Hall, to assist the flow of any flood water, is being considered. The possibility of a chalk bund on the land managed by BCM has also been discussed but would depend upon consent being received from BCM. The Environment Agency are to do clearance work at the other end of Oxford Road,		Clerk	
1897.4	1886.4	Village Greening Campaign – It was agreed to consider signing up for the campaign if the reduced £50 charge is still applicable.			
1898	5	<u>PLAY AREAS</u> <u>Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:</u>			
1898.1	1887.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly/Annual Inspection Matt Gardner has quoted £284.50 to repair the fence and replace eight posts. It was agreed to accept this quote subject to the work being undertaken within 6 weeks. Grass cutting will commence this month and the Lengthsman will be asked to clear the brambles around the football pitch on his next visit.		Clerk	
1898.2	1887.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection Matt Gardner has quoted £402.70 to sand and re-paint the slide and swings and £386.00 to remove the elder tree growing between the two fences. It was agreed to accept both quotes subject to the work being undertaken within the next 6 weeks.		Clerk	
1899	6	<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc</u> Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:			
1899.1	1888.1	Footpath 7 Access – There has still been no response received from BCM.			
1899.2	1888.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – It was noted that another tree has fallen on the footpath between Beggars Drove and Harding Close. This will be reported to HCC but, if not cleared before the Lengthsman's next visit, he will be asked to do this after dealing with the brambles at Stoke Charity play area.			
1899.3	1888.3	Noticeboards & Benches – Matt Gardner has quoted £222.00 to repair the noticeboards at Gratton Close and the Wonston Arms. It was agreed to accept this quote subject to the work being undertaken within the next 6 weeks. Matt has quoted £322.50 to restore the bench at the Burial Ground but it was decided to explore replacing this bench with a recycled plastic bench which would not require regular maintenance. The Clerk will provide images and quotes for the April meeting.			
1900	7	<u>PLANNING</u>			
		<u>New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:</u>			
1900.1	620	Lavender Mead, Wonston Road, Wonston	To remove beech and horse chestnut identified as unsafe.	21/00479/TPC No comment	
1900.2	1889.3	<u>Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites (SHELAA)</u> – The Strategic Issues & Priorities Consultation, which forms part of the Local Plan process, runs until 12 th April 2021. Responses to the consultation will determine the City Council's development strategy to 2038.			

		The consultation has eleven main questions and these were researched and considered by different councillors prior to the meeting. The draft answers were discussed and any revisions considered and agreed upon. The Clerk will adjust the draft and then submit the Parish Council's response to the consultation. Parish councillors can also submit a response on their own behalf and residents are to be encouraged to consider responding. Not all questions need to be answered in order to submit a response and it was noted that residents may wish to consider question 6 in particular as it seeks the preferences of respondents on how new home building is allocated across the District.																							
1900.3	1867.4	Village Design Statement Carried forward to the April meeting.																							
1901	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																							
1901.1	1890.1	Balances: As at 28/02/21 General Reserves are £73,564.89 but after Earmarked Reserves are £33,748.89. Payments for March (detailed below) totalling £1537.13 were agreed by the Council.	Closed																						
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1902	9	Other Council Matters																							
1902.1	1891.1	Publicity & Communications – The Strategic Issues & Priorities Consultation has been advertised on the noticeboards and Facebook but a further attempt will be made to engage residents and encourage them to consider responding to some, if not all of the questions. Attention will be drawn in particular to question 6 (as noted at 1900.2 above).																							
1902.2	1891.2	Risk Management – The 2021/22 Risk Management report and Coronavirus Risk Assessment, which had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting, were approved.																							
1902.3	1891.3	Bottle Bank – The Clerk will continue to seek an answer about additional glass collections.																							
9.25pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 14th April 2021 This will be a virtual meeting (via Zoom) and full details will be displayed on the website and Facebook by Friday 9 th April 2021.																							
Signed: Chairman dated.....																									