

**MINUTES of the EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING of
WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)**
Held at 6.00pm on Friday 27th May 2022 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Lucy Dowson (Chairman), Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr David Price,
Cllr Kevin Maunder.
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.
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Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

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2039	1.1	Apologies for Absence. None.	Closed	
2040	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
2041.1	2036.6	<p>Winchester Local Plan & Housing Growth – It was agreed that a letter containing the following text would be sent to Adrian Fox, Strategic Planning Manager at WCC, and also displayed on the website and Facebook page.</p> <p><u>Response to Housing Growth proposal for Sutton Scotney</u></p> <p>Wonston Parish Council have engaged with residents at two meetings and sought additional feedback via requests on our website and through social media. The response of the Parish Council to the Housing Growth proposals therefore reflects the opinions and concerns of residents.</p> <p>The Parish Council <u>strongly opposes</u> the proposal to allocate additional new housing to the Brightlands site in Sutton Scotney.</p> <p><u>Primary concern – Sewerage</u></p> <p>Sutton Scotney, and particularly Saddlers Close residents, have already suffered three miserable years of noise and odour nuisance. The current tankering of waste from three sites in the village is entirely unacceptable.</p> <p>It was with some astonishment that the Parish Council discovered that Strategic Planning appeared to be unaware of these issues.</p> <p>Southern Water have already taken considerably longer than originally promised to present a ‘solution’ to the issues at Saddlers Close and Gratton Close. Note that their ‘solution’ only covers these sites.</p> <p>They are now suggesting that a solution will be in place in 2024/25 – almost 6 years after the problems began <u>but</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we know that they will meet this timescale when they have failed to meet their own previous timescales? • No approaches have yet been made to landowners on the proposed route of a pipeline which they suggest will be completed in two and a half years’ time – are they being unrealistic/overly optimistic? • No explanation has been provided on how the future capacity figures have been calculated and these do not appear to take into 		

		<p>account other STP's in Sutton Scotney which are already failing or at capacity. A survey of existing sites would appear prudent so that any existing or future need from current dwellings could be accommodated before future development is considered.</p> <p><u>Other concerns</u></p> <p>There is a general lack of infrastructure in Sutton Scotney to support additional homes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgery – Over 90% of those responding to the Parish Council consultation have expressed concern about adding additional patients to a surgery which is already seen to be struggling to meet demand from current patients. • No regular or affordable public transport and no local employment. • Already a significant shortage of school places at the only school (South Wonston) which has a school bus service. • Flooding and highways issues around the site at Brightlands. <p><u>In conclusion</u></p> <p><u>Wonston Parish Council is opposed to any further development in Sutton Scotney until Southern Water commences construction work to rectify the escalating problems with sewage in the community.</u></p> <p>Southern Water have failed, to date, to meet their obligations or any of their own timescales and the Parish Council has lost trust that they will now deliver the promised scheme in the timeframe which they have given. Experience suggests that they will not.</p>		
2042.1	2034.2	<p>Pigeon House Yard – Confirmation has been received today that the soakaway at Pigeon House is no longer able to operate effectively and the agent is now considering options whilst tankering of waste continues. It was agreed to update Strategic Planning at WCC.</p>		
6.25pm		<p>Next meeting – Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.</p>		
<p>Signed: Chairman dated.....</p>				