

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th January 2024 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Judith Polak,
 Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Georgina Tibbetts.
 In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2214	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr David Price, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.	Closed	
2215	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Parker declared an interest in respect of the land at Brightlands which has been included in the updated SHELAA.	Closed	
2216	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 13 th December 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2217	1.4	Co-option No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: <u>Tony Langridge, Wilder Villages</u> In March 2020 a meeting was to have been held to discuss nature recovery. Tony is now looking to call a meeting in March this year and noted that he may apply to the Parish Council for a grant towards printing costs and hall hire.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which drew attention to the HCC Future Services consultation which runs from 8 th January to 31 st March and seeks the views of residents on 13 proposals to make savings. In respect of flooding, HCCllr Porter noted that HCC are liaising with the Environment Agency about the pipes under the road near Bogmoor Sump and are committed to having them cleared. The proposal for 20mph in rural villages (without pavements) will be approved by HCC on Monday but HCCllr Porter advised that as it is currently written Parish Councils will be expected to meet the costs of installation, including legal costs. HCCllr Porter is continuing to pursue fast broadband for the 5% who still do not have this.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that the latest edition of Parish Connect gives details of grant funding available from WCC. Small grants (of up to £1,000) are available again and there are green grants available for community groups and businesses. Home insulation grants are also available for homes not on mains gas where the household income is below £31,000. The Hampshire Hospitals Trust consultation remains open until mid March. On 28 th January (2pm-4pm) the South Wonston Sustainability Group are hosting an event at the South Wonston Pavilion. The Flood Action Group (FLAG) meeting was well attended last night. Ground water levels rose last week and are still rising but the Bogmoor Sump appears to be flowing correctly. The meeting resumed after reports.		
2218	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2218.1	3.1	HCC Future Services Consultation – See 2.2 above. Circulated to all councillors.	Closed	
2218.2	3.2	HCC Minerals & Waste Consultation – Open until 5 th March 2024. Circulated to all councillors.	Closed	
2218.3	3.3	Hants Police Public Meeting 12th January – To be held at the Candover Valley Club, Brown Candover and to discuss rural matters in Basingstoke, Winchester and Hart Districts. Noted.	Closed	
2218.4	3.4	Gigaclear – The signed copy of the Network Access Agreement has been received, Noted.	Closed	
2218.5	3.5	Mayor of Winchester's Community Award - Details will be sent to Councillor Polak.	Clerk	
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 13th December 2023.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2219	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2219.1	2208.1	Gratton Trust – The Trust are considering installing solar panels to the pavilion if grant applications are successful but have requested a letter from the Parish Council, as the landowner, confirming that they support the project.		

		The weight of solar panels and the expected remaining life of the pavilion were discussed. It was agreed to provide a letter stating that the Parish Council would support the installation of the panels subject to a structural assessment showing that the building can bear the weight and that the lifespan of the building is similar, or longer, than that of the panels. The Trust will also be asked whether the possibility of panels on the ground (rather than on the building) has been explored.		
2219.2	2208.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – See also 2.3 above. A request from FLAG (Flood Action Group) was received after the agenda was issued. The request is for grant funding for sandbags, waders and drain keys. Due to the size of the potential grant, the risk issues which could potentially arise and the necessary research needed before a decision could be made, it was agreed that an extraordinary meeting would need to be called as soon as was practicable.	Clerk	
2219.3	2208.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – Climate FRESK training is taking place at East Stratton Village Hall on Monday 22 nd January (6.30pm-9.30pm). Councillors will seek to attend.		
2220	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:		
2220.1	2209.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection Repairs are needed to the gate and fence but the gate is currently very swollen and it was agreed to wait until it has dried out before seeking quotes. The annual inspection has been booked through WCC. <u>2024 Grass Cutting</u> Grass & Grounds Ltd (the current contractor) will be increasing their prices by 5.5% for the 2024 season. It was agreed to renew the contract for a further year.	Clerk	
2220.2	2209.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues identified. The condition of the slide unit continues to be monitored. The annual inspection has been booked through WCC. See 2220.1 above re 2024 grass cutting. <u>Soakaway</u> – No update has been received.	Clerk	
2221	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:		
2221.1	2210.1	Footpath 7 Access – HCC Countryside Services have confirmed that grant funding will not be awarded for the accessible gate. HCClr Porter asked that the details be sent to her so that she could check the rationale for this decision.		
2221.2	2210.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – A report has been received that the path from BCM to the War Memorial requires some clearance work. This will be checked and, if necessary, the Lengthsman will be asked to work here on his March visit.		
2221.3	2210.3	Noticeboards – No new issues were identified.		
2221.4	2210.4	SLR – The SID was sited on Stockbridge Road in December (40mph speed limit). The largest number of vehicles were recorded at between 40 and 45mph but 34% of vehicles were travelling in excess of this speed.		
2221.5	2210.5	Oxford Road – A site meeting was held on Monday to review options for additional, or changed, signage on Oxford Road. The aims were to make it clearer to motorists (at both ends of the village) that they are entering a residential area, to re-enforce the 30mph speed limit and to improve safety for pedestrians, particularly those crossing the northern end of Oxford Road close to the roundabout. Options are limited due to the narrowness of the verge in some areas and the number of parked cars which could potentially obscure signage but the following measures are possible and will be considered further by the Parish Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A village gateway feature (usually white and with a message such as 'Welcome to Sutton Scotney, please drive carefully') on the left-hand verge as cars approach the roundabout at the northern end of Oxford Road. This would not carry a speed reminder as the speed limit prior to the roundabout is 40mph and only becomes 30mph once cars enter Oxford Road but it would be very visible on this section of verge and, with a 'slow' marking also painted on the road it is hoped that it would slow vehicles turning onto Oxford Road and improve safety for pedestrians. A village gateway feature half way down the hill into Sutton Scotney on the approach from South Wonston. This would need to be on the right hand side of the road but would be angled to make it visible to motorists and could have a 30mph roundel incorporated with the message. The Parish Council have also asked if it would be possible to have further 'rumble' strips painted on the descent into the village. <p>The gateway features would be paid for using Community Infrastructure Levy monies which have been received following development in the village. These details will be included in the February edition of the West Dever News with an invitation for residents to comment or to attend the February meeting.</p>		
2221.6	2210.6	Bridge & Path at Hunton – It is understood that the landowners are applying for a HCC grant towards the costs of restoring the footpath.		
2222	7	PLANNING		

		No new applications were received this month.																					
2222.1	2211.2	Winchester Local Plan – The publication of the revised policies and allocations is awaited.																					
2222.2	2211.3	Village Design Statement – The review meeting held earlier this evening was very successful and attended by 53 residents. There have been 335 responses from residents to the survey The next stage is to complete the assessment of the characteristics of the other villages in the Parish and to update and publish the results of the survey.																					
2222.3	2211.4	Southern Water Pipeline – No further update had been received in respect of the pipeline.																					
2223	8	<u>ACCOUNTS/AUDIT</u>																					
2223.1	2212.1	Balances: As at 31/12/23 General Reserves are £90,220.67 but after Earmarked Reserves of £76755 are £13,465. Payments for January (detailed below) totalling £1932.79 were agreed by the Council.		Closed																			
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2224	9	<u>Other Council Matters</u>																					
2224.1	2213.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – The item for February has already been submitted. Margaret Sandford to be asked to submit a VDS update for the March issue.																					
2224.2	2213.2	Risk Management – No new issues identified.																					
2224.3	2213.4	Allotments – All the allotments have now been allocated. Full plots becoming available have been split to create two half plots. Four people remain on the waiting list. Off agenda.																					
2224.4	New	Any other business <u>Parish Council Laptop</u> The Clerk advised that the current laptop will no longer be able to be used for the HMRC Basic PAYE Tools payroll from April 2024. It was agreed that a new laptop would be purchased and this will be added to the February agenda.																					
8.55pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																					
Signed: Chairman dated.....																							