

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th July 2023 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr David Price.
 In attendance: WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2159	1.1	Apologies for Absence HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Caroline Horrill, Cllr Judith Polak.	Closed	
2160	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. None.	Closed	
2161	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 14th June 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2162	1.4	Co-option No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which drew attention to the HCC Budget Consultation (see 2164.4 below), the risk of flash flooding, boundary changes and the need to report road, footway and countryside access issues via the HCC website.		
	2.2	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey observed that a number of major city council projects are slowly moving forward. A master planning partner is being sought for the station approach project, where it is aimed to include more high quality offices, affordable or student housing and to retain parking but as a multi-storey rather than surface parking. The City Council are also seeking to establish community energy generating projects. There have been a significant number of fly tipping incidences recently in the area. Cllr Godfrey has reported four and noted that all cases should be reported and will be investigated. Cllr Godfrey noted that he has attended a number of meetings recently concerning sewage and is aware of six groups of residents in the ward affected by failing sewage treatment plants.		
	2.3	The Public: No reports.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2163	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2163.1	3.1	HCC Countryside Access Team – Contact details provided for each of the area teams.	Closed	
2163.2	3.2	HALC Clerk's Update Tuesday 12th September – the Clerk will attend.	Closed	
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 14th June 2023.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2164	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2164.1	2153.1	Gratton Trust – The Gratton Trust have confirmed that they obtained three quotes for a new mower and that a maintenance plan will be purchased with the new mower. The existing mower is working well and will be used for the remainder of this season before being sold privately once a valuation has been explored. The timing of the purchase of the new mower has not yet been agreed. A draft loan agreement was reviewed for potential use with the Gratton Trust.		
2164.2	2153.2	<i>Emergency & Flood Plans</i> – <i>Daniel Beasant, HCC Assistant Highway Manager (North), has reviewed the responsibility for Bogmoor Sump and advised as follows:</i> <i>The section of pipe and open ditch in question are part of the main river network and having taken advice from our Flood and Water Management team, the Environment Agency are the managing authority for main rivers but aren't always the people responsible for maintenance. In general terms responsibility usually sits with whomever owns that stretch of watercourse or the land which it is in (unless there is documentation to state otherwise). Having checked land registry, although Hampshire County Council are the Highway Authority and have Highway rights over the land, we are not the landowner. The land seems to be unregistered with Land Registry. This usually means ones of two things, either no one owns the land or the adjacent landowners own up to the centre of the road but over time the title plans have been changed to match current property boundaries. This is often the case where land was previously owned by an estate.</i>	Clerk	

		<p><i>Therefore, although it appears HCC may have cleared this previously on a 'without prejudice' basis, it seems as there is no registered land owner, the Environment Agency are responsible for its management. I've checked the EA's asset website and this does show on there so I would suggest if there are any issues with it, the parish council report these to the EA in the first instance. I've included the weblink below for checking EA assets and the weblink for reporting issues to them in the hope this will make it easier for the parish council to move forward with this issue.</i></p> <p>The Clerk has contacted the Environment Agency to report the issues with the build up of silt and vegetation.</p>				
2164.3	2153.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – Winchester City Council are running a Carbon Literacy training course on Saturday 16 th September and the Chairman will seek to attend.				
2164.4	New	HCC Budget Consultation 2023 It was agreed that the councillors would respond individually and advise the Clerk, by 20 th July, of any areas on which they held very strong views. These responses will be used to formalise the Parish Council's response to the consultation which closes on 23 rd July.				
2165	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2165.1	2154.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection Cllr Kevin Maunder and Cllr Parker have examined the slide in light of the points noted in the annual review. The bolts which were raised as a potential risk have not changed from previous years when concerns were not raised. No suitable action could be taken to mitigate the potential risk but the situation will continue to be monitored.			Clerk	
2165.2	2154.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – The poor quality of the work undertaken on the slide unit has been advised to AVA and the invoice has not been paid whilst a response is awaited from them. Soakaway – Following two virtual meetings with HCCllr Porter, WCCllrs Horrill and Godfrey, representatives from Environmental Health, the Parish Council and the agent for PHY, it has been determined that the water leaving the play area could be from sources other than the soakaway which may be acting as a low point for water in the area. The agent arranged for an engineer to attend the site today but he was unable to send a camera down the pipes due to a manifold being in the way. A report is awaited from the agent on the pipe system and how both rainwater and dirty water are dealt with.			Clerk	
2166	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2166.1	2155.1	Footpath 7 Access – A grant has been applied for from HCC towards the cost of the accessible gate.				
2166.2	2155.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman will be asked to cut the worst bits of the Buddlesgate path on his next visit.				
2166.3	2155.3	Noticeboards – Carried forward to the September meeting.				
2166.4	2155.4	SLR – It was noted that it may be useful to have the SID located in Wonston when the fete takes place next year.				
2166.5	2155.5	Bins – WCC were unable to produce statements to show the over-payment and have therefore repaid the sum in full. Off agenda.				
2166.6	2155.6	Litter-pickers – All responses to the risk assessment have now been received. Off agenda.				
2166.7	2155.7	Roundabout sign, Oxford Road – Cllr Parker will attend a meeting with Ian Janes, HCC Highways Officer, to discuss the possible changes to signage.				
2167	7	PLANNING New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:				
2167.1	697	The Limes, Grange Road, Wonston	Single storey rear extension.	23/01206/HOU No objection but concern over the loss of another small property.		
2167.2	698	3 Pigeonhouse Cottages, Pigeonhouse Yard, Sutton Scotney.	Single storey rear extension.	23/01309/HOU No comment		
2167.3	2156.4	Winchester Local Plan – An update on the consultation responses is awaited.				
2167.4	2156.5	Village Design Statement – Carried forward to the September meeting.				
2167.5	2156.6	Southern Water Pipeline – It was agreed to sign forms consenting to Southern Water (and their contractors) accessing the Gratton and these were signed by the Chairman.				
2168	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT				
2168.1	2157.1	Balances: As at 30/06/23 General Reserves are £81,800.37 but after Earmarked Reserves are £2220.37. Payments for July and August (detailed below) totalling £3398.75 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	
		Olive Branch Counselling Grant			200.00	

		Victim Support Grant 200.00 Grass & Grounds Ltd May grass cutting 322.08 WCC Dog bins 130.00 Victoria Hall Rentals 561.25 S E Inglis SID movements 300.00 Hants Pension Fund June & July contributions 376.72 Jocelyn Jenkins June expenses 83.00 Jocelyn Jenkins July salary 612.75 Jocelyn Jenkins August salary 612.95 3398.75		
2168.2	New	Clerk's Hours It was agreed that in light of the increased workload the Clerk's weekly hours would be increased from 10 to 14 with effect from 1 st July 2023.		
2169	9	Other Council Matters		
2169.1	2158.1	Publicity & Communications – West Dever News item – Advertise re handy man/woman for small repair jobs in the Parish plus co-option and note Wonston, Stoke Charity , Hunton and Norton not currently represented.		
2169.2	2158.2	Risk Management – See 2165.1 above re the slide at Stoke Charity play area.		
2169.3	2158.3	Bottle Bank – The Gratton Trust are happy to have a bank sited in the Gratton car park. The Clerk will liaise with Jackie Porter over the size of the bank before an exact location is agreed.		
2169.4	2158.5	Allotments – An inspection was undertaken last month by Cllr Polak with assistance from Bob Brewer. Two plots were found to be in poor condition and both of these will be available to those on the waiting list from September.		
9.10pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 13th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.		
Signed: Chairman dated.....				