

**MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)**  
**Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney**

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

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| 2192   | 1.1    | <b>Apologies for Absence</b> WCCllr Caroline Horrill.  | Closed |  |
| 2193   | 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 |  |
| 2194   | 1.3    | <b>Minutes of the</b> meeting of 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 were <b>agreed</b> and signed by the Chairman.  | Closed |  |
| 2195   | 1.4    | <b>Co-option</b> No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.   |        |  |
|        | 2      | <b><u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u></b>  |        |  |
|        | 2.1    | <b>Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter:</b> HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and drew particular attention to the Ecogen planning application for Three Maids Hill which is due to be heard at HCC on 15 <sup>th</sup> November and to current HCC consultations which include adult social care and school transport. The consultations can be viewed on the HCC website.  |        |  |
|        | 2.2    | <b>The Public:</b><br><u>Residents of Beggars Drove</u> attended the meeting to draw attention to their concerns over the intention of Gigaclear to lay cables in Beggars Drove.<br>It was noted that where BT infrastructure already exists, Gigaclear will use this to install their cable. This can be via posts or through existing ducts.<br>The Clerk will seek to obtain more detail on Gigaclears plans but residents were also urged to engage with Gigaclear.  |        |  |
|        | 2.3    | <b>Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey:</b> Cllr Godfrey noted that South Wonston Parish Council have received a Council of the Year award from HALC.<br>The Local Plan is continuing to progress and information on site allocations and revised housing figures should be published before Christmas. Proposed revisions to policies have been reviewed by the City Councillors and will be publicised soon.<br>The City Council budget setting has begun.<br>The latest flood update from the Environment Agency shows that groundwater levels are now higher than last year and that flooding is likely if the wet weather continues. The Flood Action Group (FLAG) are meeting again this month. |        |  |
|        |        | The meeting resumed after reports.   |        |  |
| 2196   | 3      | <b><u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u></b>   |        |  |
|        |        | The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:   |        |  |
| 2196.1 | 3.1    | <b>Sunshine Club</b> – Grant request for £402 to cover hire costs at the Victoria Hall.<br>It was <b>agreed</b> to make a grant but to ask whether this could be done automatically by making payments directly to the Victoria Hall as is done for other hall users.  | Closed |  |
| 2196.2 | 3.2    | <b>Hampshire Forest Partnership</b> – working with local communities to boost tree planting. The ‘Shoots Along The Routes’ project supports tree planting along A and B roads in Hampshire, including within parts of Wonston parish. Details to be forwarded to Councillors (Pauline) Maunder and Polak to explore the project’s suitability for the Parish.  | Closed |  |
| 2196.3 | 3.3    | <b>Warmer Homes Scheme</b> – Posters will be displayed on noticeboards to promote the scheme which can provide support for improvements where households, without gas heating, have an EPC rating of D, E, F or G and an income below £31,000.   | Closed |  |
| 2196.4 | 3.4    | <b>CAB Winchester District</b> – Details of additional advice and support services available from CAB. Noted.  | Closed |  |
| 2196.5 | 3.5    | <b>Wessex Rivers Trust</b> – Details of the weir removal and habitat improvement project being undertaken at Mill House. The project is designed to improve fish passage and habitat quality. It has been hydraulically modelled for potential flood risk and received a permit to undertake the work.   | Closed |  |
|        |        | <b><u>Matters arising from the minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</u></b><br>The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:  |        |  |
| 2197   | 4      | <b><u>General Matters</u></b>  |        |  |
| 2197.1 | 2186.1 | <b>Gratton Trust</b> – Work has been completed on the damaged tree.  |        |  |
| 2197.2 | 2186.2 | <b>Emergency &amp; Flood Plans</b> – See 2.3 above. The Clerk will contact Fergus Reid (Environment Agency) again about Bogmoor Sump and ask whether the planned tree  | Clerk  |  |

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|        |        | clearance (from the river) has taken place. He will also be asked why the Victoria Hall sump receives regular maintenance whilst the Bogmoor Sump does not.   |  |                            |        |  |
| 2197.3 | 2186.3 | Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – Micheldever Parish Council are hosting Climate Fresk training on the evening of 12 <sup>th</sup> December. The Chairman and Clerk will attend.   |  |                            |        |  |
| 2197.4 | New    | Gigaclear – See 2.2 above. As part of their project to expand full fibre ultrafast broadband to Sutton Scotney, Gigaclear are seeking permission to access the Gratton. This is to utilise existing Openreach poles. The Network Access Agreement has however been made out incorrectly and could not therefore be signed. The Clerk will contact Gigaclear to seek further clarification of the access required at the Gratton and to have a revised agreement supplied for signature.   |  |                            |        |  |
| 2198   | 5      | PLAY AREAS<br>Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:   |  |                            |        |  |
| 2198.1 | 2187.1 | Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection It was noted that the gate is not closing correctly. Councilior Kevin Maunder will seek to repair if possible or advise if quotes will need to be sought if the issue is not easy to resolve.  |  |                            | Clerk  |  |
| 2198.2 | 2187.2 | Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues identified. The condition of the slide unit continues to be monitored.<br>Soakaway – WCCllr Horrill is seeking an update from the agent.   |  |                            | Clerk  |  |
| 2199   | 6      | HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc<br>Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:   |  |                            |        |  |
| 2199.1 | 2188.1 | Footpath 7 Access – HCC are re-considering the grant application. A response is awaited.  |  |                            |        |  |
| 2199.2 | 2188.2 | Footpaths & Bridleways – No issues have been reported this month.   |  |                            |        |  |
| 2199.3 | 2188.3 | Noticeboards – No new issues were reported.   |  |                            |        |  |
| 2199.4 | 2188.4 | SLR – Data from October was reviewed. The HCC review of 20mph limits for rural villages was discussed as it is felt that this would be a far more appropriate limit for Wonston. The report from HCC is awaited.  |  |                            |        |  |
| 2199.5 | 2188.7 | Roundabout sign, Oxford Road – The Community Funded Initiative application form was discussed and it was <b>agreed</b> that more information is needed on what might be achievable in Sutton Scotney before an application could be made. A further site meeting will be requested.   |  |                            |        |  |
| 2199.6 | New    | Bridge & Path at Hunton – HCC Countryside Services, with assistance from Sparsholt students, have been upgrading the boardwalk in Hunton. John Holt has drawn their attention to the very steep steps on the bridge and they have agreed that these and a further section of boardwalk require attention. However, they have insufficient funds and have suggested that the Parish Council might be able to apply for grant funding. It was <b>agreed</b> that this is a well-used walking route and that a grant application would be considered. The Clerk will request more information from Countryside Services. |  |                            |        |  |
| 2200   | 7      | PLANNING  |  |                            |        |  |
|        |        | New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:  |  |                            |        |  |
| 2200.1 | 712    | Caledon House, Old Stoke Road, Stoke Charity  | Two beech trees in rear garden to crown lift to 5m and shorten lateral limbs.                | 23/02468/TPC<br>No comment |        |  |
| 2200.2 | 713    | Naomi House, Stockbridge Road, Sutton Scotney   | 3 x Norway maple to remove. 1 x Norway maple to remove deadwood and tip dieback.             | 23/02497/TPC<br>No comment |        |  |
| 2200.3 | 714    | 2 Wickham Cottages, Stockbridge Road, Sutton Scotney  | Application to vary approved plans 19/02239/HOU to allow for alterations to approved garage. | 23/01642/FUL<br>No comment |        |  |
| 2200.4 | 2189.5 | Winchester Local Plan – See WCCllr Godfrey's report at 2.3 above.   |  |                            |        |  |
| 2200.5 | 2189.6 | Village Design Statement – The survey has been uploaded and is currently being tested before going live later in November. The Terms and Conditions for the prize draw were considered and one small change agreed. The Terms and Conditions will now be added to the website.  |  |                            |        |  |
| 2200.6 | 2189.7 | Southern Water Pipeline – No further updates have been sought or received this month.   |  |                            |        |  |
| 2201   | 8      | ACCOUNTS/AUDIT  |  |                            |        |  |
| 2201.1 | 2190.1 | Balances: As at 31/10/23 General Reserves are £91,338.49 but after Earmarked Reserves of £77243 are £14095.49. Payments for November (detailed below) totalling £2552.04 were agreed by the Council.  |  |                            | Closed |  |
|        |        | Toby Bunce                      Tree work at the Gratton                      850.00<br>Grass & Grounds Ltd           September grass cutting                      322.08<br>Dever General Store Ltd       Vouchers for VDS survey prizes              225.00<br>Hants Pension Fund            October contributions                      263.71  |  |                            |        |  |

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|                                   |        | Jocelyn Jenkins   | October expenses | 66.60           |  |  |
|                                   |        | Jocelyn Jenkins   | November salary  | <u>824.65</u>   |  |  |
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| 2202                              | 9      | Other Council Matters   |                  |                 |  |  |
| 2202.1                            | 2191.1 | Publicity & Communications –<br>West Dever News item – VDS survey, litter picking – reports welcome etc   |                  |                 |  |  |
| 2202.2                            | 2191.2 | Risk Management – No new issues identified.   |                  |                 |  |  |
| 2202.3                            | 2191.3 | Bottle Bank – HCCllr Porter has raised the request for a bottle bank with WCC but due to the home collections they do not consider a bank to be needed. Off agenda. |                  |                 |  |  |
| 2202.4                            | 2191.4 | Allotments – The renewals are now complete. Seven half plots are now being allocated to those on the waiting list.  |                  |                 |  |  |
| 2202.5                            | 2191.5 | Remembrance Parade – Due to illness a further traffic marshal is needed for Sunday. Cllr Kevin Maunder volunteered to carry out this role.                          |                  |                 |  |  |
| 9.05pm                            |        | Next meeting – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.   |                  |                 |  |  |
| Signed: Chairman ..... dated..... |        |   |                  |                 |  |  |