

**MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)**  
**Held at 7.40pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney**

Present: Cllr Lucy Dowson (Chairman), Cllr Kevin Maunders, Cllr David Price (from 7.40pm).  
 In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.  
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

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1962	1.1	Apologies for Absence. Cllr Kitty Wakefield, Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Pauline Maunders.	Closed	
1963	1.2	<b>Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed.</b> No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
1964	1.3	<b>Minutes of the</b> meeting of 13 <sup>th</sup> October were <b>agreed</b> and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
1965	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>The Public: Babette Bond, Chairman of the Gratton Trust</b> Babette noted that the boardwalk project is to commence in the Spring. It has also been agreed to plant a community orchard of 8 fruit trees and a Go Fund Me page will be set up from January to fund the project. One trustee has sadly died recently. Recruitment of new trustees will commence soon. A defibrillator will be installed at the pavilion once the secure cabinet arrives. The recent Halloween event was well attended. Babette supplied the Clerk with a copy of the Schedule of Condition Report in respect of the Gratton Pavilion undertaken in August 2021.		
	2.2	<b>Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter:</b> HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and noted in particular that she is trying to find the Community Fibre Partnership number for the Wonston/Stoke Charity scheme. Her written report also drew attention to the uncertainty around the Lengthsman Scheme, HCC budget cuts and some additional spending for Children's Services and Highways.		
	2.3	<b>Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey:</b> Cllr Godfrey noted that the City Council are currently budget setting but that there is a lot of uncertainty around the amount of Government funding which will be available and the plans are therefore cautious. It is intended to raise charges and Council Tax and to use reserves in order to balance the budget. A long lease on the old leisure centre is to be sold to Southampton University for a facility which will have a publicly accessible exhibition and performance space. The Local Plan is to be extended to 2039 (1 further year) and an indication of the selected development option is expected next month. Dawn Adey, WCC Director of Place, is to tour the ward with the City Councillors and view areas of concern. The Planning Enforcement Team are now fully staffed and have a good mixture of skills and experience. Dates will be circulated shortly for a Flood Action Group (FLAG) meeting. John Holt has reported that the level of the Dever is higher than usual for this time of year. WCCllr Godfrey will remind the Environment Agency of the need to clear the sump at the Victoria Hall car park. The Clerk will report the Bogmoor Sump to HCC and HCCllr Porter will report that the pipes under the road also require clearing.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
1966	3	<b><u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u></b>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
1966.1	3.1	<b>Resignation of Cllr Wakefield –</b> Cllr Wakefield has been forced to retire from the Parish Council due to ill health. The Chairman accepted her resignation with deep regret.	Closed	
1966.2	3.2	<b>WCC Virtual Local Councils' Briefing 25<sup>th</sup> November –</b> The Clerk will attend.	Closed	
1966.3	3.3	<b>Southern Water –</b> The 'Risk & Value' meeting in respect of Saddlers Close is now likely to take place on 22 <sup>nd</sup> November and Southern Water have been asked to send a representative to the next Parish Council meeting, on 8 <sup>th</sup> December, to provide an update from this meeting. See also 1968.2 below re Pigeon House Yard.	Closed	
1966.4	3.4	<b>Local Plan Workshop 16<sup>th</sup> November, focusing on Market Towns &amp; Rural Areas –</b> the Clerk will attend.	Closed	
1966.5	3.5	<b>WCC Community Grants information session, 16<sup>th</sup> November –</b> the Clerk will attend and forward any relevant information to the Gratton Trust.	Closed	

1966.6	3.6	<b>Bespoke Biking</b> – the scheme trains men to repair bicycles which are then given to local children. Details will be added to the Facebook page.		Closed	
		<b>Matters arising from the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021.</b> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:			
1967	4	<b>General Matters</b>			
1967.1	1956.1	<b>Gratton Trust:</b> <u>Lease</u> – The lease has now been signed by the Parish Council and Gratton Trust. <u>Management Agreement</u> It was <b>agreed</b> to sign the Management agreement which has been drawn up between the Gratton Trust and the Parish Council.		Clerk	
1967.2	1956.2	<b>Emergency &amp; Flood Plans</b> – See 2.3 above. The Clerk also updated councillors on the HCC Community Preparedness Event which she attended virtually on 9 <sup>th</sup> November. The event included speakers on flooding, highways winter preparedness, natural flood management and forecasting in relation to severe weather events.		Clerk	
1967.3	1956.3	<b>Village Greening Campaign</b> – To be carried forward to the January 2022 meeting.			
1967.4	New	<b>Queen's Green Canopy</b> – The tree planting scheme was discussed but it was noted that there is no real scope to plant further trees on parish council land. The matter will be further discussed in December when Cllr Polak will be in attendance.			
1967.5	New	<b>Allotment fence</b> – The fence was previously on the agenda from September to December 2019. In December 2019 it was noted that the fence did not present a health and safety risk at that time but that the situation would be reviewed in 6 months. The Clerk apologised that the matter had not been returned to the agenda in June 2020. The Lengthsman is replacing the post on the allotment gate this month and the councillors will seek to view the fence again to ensure that it does not now present a health and safety risk. It was noted that the test on council expenditure is that the direct benefit is commensurate with the expenditure (Arnold Baker 22.19). It was agreed that the cost of replacing the fence would not meet this test and that only necessary repairs to minimise risk would be considered.			
1968	5	<b>PLAY AREAS</b> Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:			
1968.1	1957.1	<b>Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&amp;H) – Monthly/Annual Inspection</b> The rota-bouncer has now been repaired and returned to the play area. Further 'No fouling' signs will be put up to seek to address the issue with dog waste.		Clerk	
1968.2	1957.2	<b>Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection</b> The new infant swing will be installed this week. <u>Soakaway</u> The agent for PHY has advised that grey and black water is being tankered away rather than repairs being undertaken on the soakaway as residents prefer this much cheaper option. This is apparently working at present but it is likely that investigative work will be undertaken on the soakaway next year. The implications of tankering at PHY, in addition to the operations at Saddlers Close, was discussed and the Clerk will ask for details on the number of vehicles accessing the site and the times of day at which they are operating.		Clerk	
1969	6	<b>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc</b> Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:			
1969.1	1958.1	<b>Footpath 7 Access</b> – HCCllr Porter checked with HCC but they have confirmed that permission from the landowner is necessary to fit an accessible gate. The Clerk will write a further letter to BCM.			
1969.2	1958.2	<b>Footpaths &amp; Bridleways</b> – The Footpath 11 post which was reported to HCC last month has not been fixed. Cllr Price and the Clerk will report again on the HCC website.			
1969.3	1958.3	<b>Noticeboards</b> – Repairs to the Wonston Arms board are awaited.			
1969.4	1958.4	<b>SLR</b> – The Clerk is meeting Ian Janes (HCC Traffic, Safer Roads Team) again on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> and specifications of signs suitable for Wonston will be discussed.			
1970	7	<b>PLANNING</b>			
		<b>New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:</b>			
1970.1	638	Spindleberry, 1 New Cottages, Oxford Road, Sutton Scotney.	Holly tree to fell.	<b>21/02823/TPC</b> <b>No comment</b>	
1970.2	639	10 Taylors Yard, Sutton Scotney.	Extension of existing 2.2m wall for 3.9m along line of existing fence then a further 3.6m in line with chimney stack.	<b>21/02534/HOU</b> <b>No comment</b>	
1970.3	640	Bridge Cottage, Wonston Road, Sutton Scotney.	White willow to re-pollard, Yew to reduce to ground level and replacement yew to be planted away from property.	<b>21/02864/TPC</b> <b>No comment</b>	
1970.4	1959.4	<b>Winchester Local Plan 2036 &amp; Call for sites (SHELAA)</b> See 2.3 and 1966.4 above.			

1970.5	1959.5	<u>Village Design Statement</u> Carried forward to the January 2022 meeting.																	
1971	8	<u>ACCOUNTS/AUDIT</u>																	
1971.1	1960.1	<b>Balances:</b> As at 31/10/21 General Reserves are £82,843.08 but after Earmarked Reserves are £32737.08. Payments for November (detailed below) totalling £1106.55 were agreed by the Council.	Closed																
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1972	9	<u>Other Council Matters</u>																	
1972.1	1961.1	<b>Publicity &amp; Communications</b> – The Booking Secretary for the Victoria Hall is resigning in the New Year. It was agreed to offer to advertise for a volunteer on the Parish Council Facebook page.																	
1972.2	1961.2	<b>Risk Management</b> – No new areas of risk were identified.																	
1972.3	1961.3	<b>Bottle Bank</b> – Carried forward to the December meeting.																	
1972.4	New	<b>Parish Assembly 2022</b> -It was <b>agreed</b> to hold the Parish Assembly on Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May. It is hoped that a speaker from the South Wonston recycling group can be invited to attend. Cllr Kevin Maunder will seek to contact them.																	
9.05pm		<b>Next meeting – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.</b>																	
Signed: Chairman ..... dated.....																			