

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held virtually (via Zoom) at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th February 2021

Present: Cllr Lucy Dowson (Chairman), Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr Kitty Wakefield, Cllr Judith Polak.
 In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
 Public: 3
 Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

		Minutes		R
1881	1.1	Apologies for Absence. WCCllr Caroline Horrill, WCCllr Patrick Cunningham.	Closed	
1882	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
1883	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 14 th January 2021 were agreed . These will be sent to Cllr Dowson for signing.	Closed	
1884	1.4	Co-option David Price and Kevin Maunder attended the meeting to observe, with a view to being co-opted at the March meeting. The Chairman welcomed them both to the meeting.		
	2	Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.		
	2.1	The Public: No reports.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and drew attention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Transport Plan consultation which is on the HCC website and runs until 28th February. The Worthy Down to Winchester bridleway which it is hoped will be in place by September this year. Revised HCC Minerals and Waste Plan which is being reviewed by cabinet on 9th February. The inert waste recycling application at Three Maids Hill has been rejected. Connect 4 Communities has funds available for the establishment of school holiday play schemes (with lunch). Contact Suzanne.smith2@hants.gov.uk County Council budget to be approved this month – 4.99% increase to Council Tax (3% specifically for social care). Flood Action Group meeting 19th February – HCCllr Porter and WCCllr Godfrey to attend. HCC officer managing local flooding issues is Thomas Calloway. 		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that elections are to go ahead on the 6 th May for city councillors, county councillors and the Police & Crime Commissioner. An emergency proxy mechanism will be in place for those who are unexpectedly unable to attend on the day. The City Council budget is being planned and presents a significant challenge as income from parking, Government grants and business rates is unknown. The consultation on the Local Plan Strategic Issues and Priorities starts on 15 th February and WCCllr Godfrey emphasised how important it is for parishes to comment. WCCllr Godfrey and WCCllr Horrill sat on the small grants panel on Monday and heard, amongst others, from the Gratton Trust who were awarded a grant towards tree planting. Community groups can contact the city councillors for advice on applying for a small grant. It is expected that the application for a solar farm at Three Maids Hill will be permitted. Discussions are being held to consider what further action can be taken to mitigate the risk of flooding. The recent dry spell has helped and all drains are currently working adequately. Actions which might be taken to the south to mitigate flooding from the fields and to the north around the Texaco garage are under consideration. It was noted that the works to alleviate the A303/Overton Road flooding were halted due to a covid outbreak but will now be re-starting. An electric pump is to be installed in March. Cllr Dowson asked how many responses are needed to the Local Plan consultation and what happens if insufficient responses are received. WCCllr Godfrey noted that 2000 people attended events during the 2010/11 consultation period and that the aim is to try to achieve a similar response. HCCllr Porter noted that a film has been made and the press, TV etc have been invited to share this. Wave FM are being used to try to reach those without internet access and the		

		dedicated website aims to make responding quicker and easier with weekly messages and mini polls. The consultation is split into nine topics and individuals can respond to one or more topic.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
1885	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
1885.1	3.1	WCC – Small electrical or electronic waste items and batteries can now be left out to be taken with weekly rubbish collection. Noted.		
1885.2	3.2	Next Generation Winchester – The campaign is seeking the views of 18-35 year olds on how to increase housing opportunities for them in the future. Posters will be displayed on noticeboards and Facebook page.		
1885.3	3.3	Gratton Trust grant request re outdoor table tennis table – The Trust have asked the Council for the balance of £1000 towards the table. It was agreed to ask the Trust to make an application to WCC for a Small Grant (up to £500) first and that the Council would then pay the remaining £500 or consider a larger grant if the application to WCC is unsuccessful or the grant made is less than £500.		
1885.4	3.4	Footpath through the wooded area SE of Oxford Road roundabout – A resident has drawn attention to the informal path which is uneven and may present a risk to users. HCC had agreed to surface this last year and a reminder has been sent to this effect.		
		Matters arising from the minutes of 14th January 2021.		
		The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
1886	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
1886.1	1875.1	Gratton Trust: <u>Lease</u> – The solicitor has responded to the proposed changes to the lease and this has raised a couple of further points which the Clerk will raise with the Gratton Trust before a final draft of the lease is produced.	Clerk	
1886.2	1875.2	Affordable Housing: Letters, similar to the draft provided by Hampshire Homes Hub will be sent to the owners of the sites identified as having potential as exception sites.	Clerk	
1886.3	1875.3	Emergency & Flood Plans – Cllr Dowson will temporarily act as the Parish Council representative on the Flood Action Group (FLAG).	Clerk	
1886.4	1875.4	Village Greening Campaign – It was agreed to consider signing up for the campaign if the reduced £50 charge is still applicable.		
1887	5	<u>PLAY AREAS</u> Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:		
1887.1	1876.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly/Annual Inspection Matt Gardner has been asked to quote for the fence repairs.	Clerk	
1887.2	1876.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection Matt Gardner has been asked to quote to sand and re-paint the slide platform.	Clerk	
1888	6	<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc</u> Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:		
1888.1	1877.1	Footpath 7 Access – There has still been no response received from BCM.		
1888.2	1877.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman carried out further clearance work on the Beggars Drove footpath this month. BCM have noted that whilst they are allowing public access at present to unofficial footpaths, this will not continue once lockdown is eased and notices will be erected.		
1888.3	1877.3	Noticeboards – Further quotes will be sought for repairs to the noticeboards at Gratton Close and the Wonston Arms.		
1889	7	<u>PLANNING</u>		
		New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:		
1889.1	618	Elmbrook, Wonston Road, Wonston	Discharge of Condition 8 of planning permission 18/01003/FUL	20/00274/DIC No comment
1889.2	619	The Wonston Arms, Wonston Road, Wonston	Wooden pergola with felt roof.	20/02658/FUL No comment
1889.3	1867.3	<u>Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites (SHELAA)</u> – Cllrs Dowson and Wakefield and the Clerk attended a virtual presentation by WCC about the Strategic Issues and Priorities Consultation which commences on Monday 15 th February. A new dedicated website will also be launched on the 15 th . See also 2.3 above. The slides from the presentation will be circulated to all councillors and a response discussed at the March meeting.		
1889.4	1867.4	<u>Village Design Statement</u> Carried forward to the March meeting.		
1890	8	<u>ACCOUNTS/AUDIT</u>		
1890.1	1879.1	Balances: As at 31/1/21 General Reserves are £74,795.71 but after Earmarked Reserves are £34,979.71. Payments for February (detailed below) totalling £1359.92 were agreed by the Council.		

		Neil Soutar	Repair to Stoke Charity bench	525.00			
		Hants Pension Fund	February pension payment	180.32			
		Jocelyn Jenkins	January expenses	75.95			
		Jocelyn Jenkins	February salary	<u>571.55</u>			
				<u>1359.92</u>			
1891	9	Other Council Matters					
1891.1	1880.1	Publicity & Communications – Details of the Local Plan consultation will be added to Facebook once it launches on 15 th February. The Next Generation consultation re housing for younger residents will also be added.					
1891.2	1880.2	Risk Management – No requests have been received by Winchester Villages Trust and the volunteer group have received few requests.					
1891.3	1880.3	Bottle Bank – WCC have noted that changes were made to the number and location of bottle banks following a review of their locations and average use. Whilst the bottle bank in Sutton Scotney has been removed, they have been retained in Micheldever and South Wonston. As household glass collection has been introduced the loss of the bottle bank may not be felt fully until events resume at the Victoria Hall and Gratton. The Clerk will enquire whether one-off collections can be booked after events.					
9.25pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 10 th March 2021 This will be a virtual meeting (via Zoom) and full details will be displayed on the website and Facebook by Friday 5 th March 2021.					
Signed: Chairman dated.....							