

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.40pm on Wednesday 10th May 2023 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr David Price (following co-option at 7.50pm).
 In attendance: WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

		Minutes		R
2137	1.1	Apologies for Absence None.	Closed	
2138	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed.	Closed	
2139	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 12 th April 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2140	1.4	Co-option David Price attended the meeting with a view to co-option and it was agreed unanimously that he should be co-opted onto the Parish Council.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	<p>Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that elections took place last week with photo ID required for the first time. He advised that there were very few reports of voters being turned away because they did not have suitable ID.</p> <p>There was a 48.8% turnout in Wonston and Micheldever, one of the highest turnouts in the country. Caroline Horrill was re-elected to the City Council for the ward and the Chairman congratulated her.</p> <p>One Green Party councillor now sits on Winchester City Council and there is one less Conservative councillor. The Liberal Democrats continue to control the City Council.</p> <p>The Mayor Making will take place next week. Councillor Angela Clear has already acted as Mayor for 3 months following the resignation of the previous Mayor but will now begin her full year in office.</p> <p>On the morning of 1st June there will be a Freedom Parade for the Royal Logistic Corps who have moved to Worthy Down. There will be 500 troops marching with bands and drums, followed by a service at the Cathedral.</p> <p>Fly tipping issues continue to be highlighted by the City Councillors and the Your Winchester app has been changed to make reporting easier. All reported instances of fly tipping will be investigated.</p> <p>Colonel Fraser Dowling, from Worthy Down, is interested in assisting to support children at the South Wonston school. He has no specific funds available but could help with manpower. WCCllr Godfrey will seek to arrange a meeting which Cllr Pauline Maunder will attend on behalf of Wonston Parish Council.</p>		
	2.2	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill noted her regret that she would be unable to attend the Wonston Parish Assembly on 11 th May.		
	2.3	<p>The Public:</p> <p><u>John Holt</u> attended the meeting to ask for assistance with two highways issues in Hunton:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In February 2022 a tree fell across the river at Hunton and the roots took up the edge of the road. Six months later the tree was removed and barriers put around the roots. No further action has been taken but the report to HCC is showing as closed. 2. Twenty years ago a sign was put up by the zig zag section of road near Box Cottage to warn of ducks in the road. The ducks remain but the sign disappeared about a month ago. Residents would like the sign returned. <p>The Clerk will refer both matters to HCCllr Jackie Porter for further investigation.</p> <p><u>Gerald</u> lives in Pigeon House Yard and attended the meeting in respect of the STP there. Details were given of the Parish Assembly (to be held tomorrow evening, 11th May) at which there will be representatives from Southern Water who can give general advice and will also pass on more complex questions in relation to sewerage problems in Sutton Scotney.</p>		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2141	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2141.1	3.1	Mayor's Sunday Service, 21st May 2023 Details noted but no representative available to attend.	Closed	

2141.2	3.2	WCC Social Inclusion Partnership & Digital Inclusion Project Board – Council tenants are being sought to join the two groups. Details will be added to the Parish Facebook page.			Closed	
		Matters arising from the minutes of 12 th April 2023. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:				
2142	4	General Matters				
2142.1	2131.1	Gratton Trust – The trustees are considering the Parish Council's offer to provide a loan for the purchase of a new mower. Carried forward to the June meeting.				
2142.2	2131.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – A new volunteer may have been found for the Plan.			Clerk	
2142.3	2131.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – No new matters were raised.				
2142.4	2131.4	Watercress Way Grant Request – The balance of grant funding has all now been used. Off agenda.				
2143	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2143.1	2132.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly/Annual Inspection The Annual Inspection has given an overall moderate risk for the play area due to issues with the slide. Cllr Kevin Maunder will review the points raised so that any possible action can be taken to mitigate the identified risks.			Clerk	
2143.2	2132.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – The Annual Inspection has given an overall low risk. Painting of the slide unit is awaited. Soakaway – The Clerk has spoken again with the agent for PHY. Fencing will be installed to section off the grass area. Considerable work has been undertaken to seek to identify and resolve issues with the treatment plant but connection to either Saddlers Close or Gratton Close now appears to be the only solution.			Clerk	
2144	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2144.1	2133.1	Footpath 7 Access – A grant is being sought from HCC to assist with the cost of installing the accessible gate.				
2144.2	2133.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman will be asked to clear the footway towards the cattery and the footpath between Beggars Drove and Harding Close.				
2144.3	2133.3	Noticeboards – The noticeboard outside the Wonston Arms needs re-varnishing. Options to be researched and considered at the June meeting.				
2144.4	2133.4	SLR – Data has been supplied for this month but the Clerk will ask for the summary as this is more useful for informing residents.				
2144.5	2133.5	Bins – A bin near the play area on the Gratton is badly damaged and the Clerk has asked Andrew Turner (WCC) how a replacement can be obtained. WCC do not think that they can provide zero invoices to show the previous overpayment being used to cover future invoices. The Clerk will ask if a statement could be provided instead.				
2144.6	2133.6	Litter-pickers – The majority of signed risk assessments have been returned. Cllr Kevin Maunder will speak to those who have not yet responded.				
2144.7	New	Roundabout sign, Oxford Road – Fly posting is taking place on the back of the sign and is unsightly. The Clerk will ask HCCllr Porter whether it would be possible to add a 'Welcome to Sutton Scotney' sign on the rear and who should be contacted about this.				
2145	7	PLANNING New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:				
2145.1	693	2 New Cottages, Wonston Road, Wonston.	Front porch, window to side elevation & skylight on rear elevation.	23/00875/HOU No comment		
2145.2	2134.4	Winchester Local Plan – An update on the responses received to the Regulation 18 consultation is awaited.				
2145.3	2134.5	Village Design Statement – The community meeting held on 19 th April was very successful and there are now around 16 volunteers willing to help with the VDS project which is really encouraging. The next meeting will be on 7 th June and it is hoped that a WCC Planning Officer will be able to attend to provide more guidance to the volunteers. Benn Hitchen has also provided very useful advice about setting up an email account for use by contributors to the VDS and Councillor Parker will liaise with Benn about this.				
2145.4	2134.6	Southern Water Pipeline – Representatives from Southern Water, Clancy and Carter Jonas will be at the Parish Assembly tomorrow evening to answer questions about the pipeline.				
2146	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT				
2146.1	2135.1	Balances: As at 30/04/23 General Reserves are £83,618.79 but after Earmarked Reserves are £3,663.79. Payments for May (detailed below) totalling £3,281.40 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	
		BHIB Council Insurance 2023/24 insurance (Year 3 of 3) 845.37 WCC Annual play inspections 103.00 Sarah Hobhouse Café Signs (from grant) 186.00				

		Fair Account	2022/23 internal audit fee	390.00		
		HALC	2023/24 Affiliation, NALC levy & HR	671.38		
		Hants Pension Fund	April contributions	188.36		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	April expenses	284.34		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	May salary	<u>612.95</u>		
				<u>3281.40</u>		
2146.1	New	Annual Return 2022/23 - Section 1 Annual Governance Statement It was agreed to accept the Annual Governance Statement and this was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.				
2146.2	New	Annual Return 2022/23 – Section 2 Accounting Statements It was agreed to accept the Accounting Statements and these were signed by the Chairman.				
2147	9	Other Council Matters				
2147.1	2136.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – The deadline for June has passed but Councillor Pauline Maunder will seek to get an item accepted. The Clerk will write a report on the Parish Assembly and the SID for the July edition.				
2147.2	2136.2	Risk Management – No new risks were identified.				
2147.3	2136.3	Bottle Bank – HCClr Porter will attempt to draw attention to this request.				
2147.4	2136.4	Parish Assembly – Arrangements were discussed.				
2147.5	New	Allotments – There have been a number of petty thefts and acts of damage at the allotments. Councillor Parker has made a report to the Police and asked that they try to include the allotments in their patrols. It has been reported that the padlock is missing from the allotment gate. Councillor Polak will order a replacement and fit this as soon as it arrives.				
9.25pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 14th June 2023 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.				

Signed: Chairman dated.....