

**MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING  
of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)**  
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Rob Parker.  
In attendance: None  
Public: Steven Mills (Flood Action Group).  
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

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2225	1.1	Apologies for Absence. DCllr Stephen Godfrey, Cllr David Price, Cllr Georgina Tebbitts.	Closed	
2226	1.2	<b>Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed.</b> Cllr Kevin Maunder is the Parish Council representative on the Flood Action Group.	Closed	
2227	2.1	<p><b>Emergency and Flood Plans</b> – The meeting was convened to consider a request from the Flood Action Group (FLAG) for assistance in purchasing flood damage mitigation equipment.</p> <p>The request is for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sandbags (Osmo Flood Shield) to use to construct a sandbag wall in Oxford Road, Sutton Scotney as per the plan drawn up by HCC/WCC in November 2014 (£6k-£9k).</li> <li>2. Waders x 5 pairs (£300).</li> <li>3. Drain keys x2 (£140).</li> </ol> <p>In addition to the above requests, a quote is being sought to check the underground pipes in Sutton Scotney and pressure clear these as necessary. It was noted that there is also a pipe under the road in Stoke Charity which may require clearing and Steven will seek to have this included in the quote. It was confirmed that the Parish Council would, subject to the value of the quote, be prepared to consider paying for this work to be undertaken as repeated requests to HCC have not been effective to date.</p> <p>The sandbag plan was discussed and it was noted that this is now ten years old. In 2020 the Environment Agency (EA) withdrew their sandbag guidance (Sandbags and how to use them for flood protection). Steven will seek to discover why the guidance has been withdrawn. The concern of the Parish Council is that if they were to support the sandbag plan they could become liable to claims if it altered the natural flow off the water and caused flood damage elsewhere. Steven will also seek to have the current plan endorsed by HCC/EA or a revised plan produced by them. The suggestion was made that a smaller quantity of the Osmo sandbags (or similar) could be purchased and, in the event of imminent flooding, be supplied to affected residents (on a needs basis) rather than the entire wall being constructed.</p> <p>A risk assessment for the use of waders and drain keys will be carried out and grant funding from other sources also explored.</p> <p>Steven was asked to carry out the above actions and present a revised application to the Parish Council at the next scheduled meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024. In the event of the flood risk rising before this date it was <b>agreed</b> that a further Extraordinary meeting would be called.</p>		
8.20pm		<b>Next meeting – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.</b>		

**Signed: Chairman .....** **dated.....**