

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th March 2023 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker.
 In attendance: WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
 Public: Babette Bond (Chair of the Gratton Trust).
 Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

		Minutes		R
2117	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr David Price, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.	Closed	
2118	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
2119	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 8 th February 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	<p>The Public: Babette Bond, Gratton Trust Chairman attended the meeting and outlined the events planned by the Gratton Trust for this year. These include: a car boot sale, dog show, Grattonbury, a fun run and a circus. Babette drew attention to the pot hole at the entrance to the car park but in view of the fact that Southern Water will be carrying out the installation of the pipeline at the Gratton in August, it was decided to wait until after these works were complete before undertaking any repairs. The Gratton Trust are fundraising for a new mower which is anticipated to cost £18,000. A grant of £5000 has been applied for, £631 has been raised from donations and the proceeds of this year's events will be added to this along with any grant provided by the Parish Council. Various options for the Parish Council to assist the Gratton Trust were considered, including the possibility of purchasing the mower and allowing the Gratton Trust to repay this amount over more than one year. The matter will be added to the agenda for the April meeting.. It was agreed that apple tree saplings could be added at the Gratton to replace some of those lost from the community orchard.</p>		
	2.2	<p>Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that South Wonston are holding a Coronation event on Sunday 7th May. Winchester City Council have agreed a budget which will increase Council Tax by 3%, council house rents by 7% and other charges and fees by 10%. Increases in parking charges will take effect from October. A public meeting is to be held at East Stratton Village Hall on Wednesday 15th March with the Police and Crime Commissioner (Donna Jones) and the local Police Commander (Jon Turton). The meeting will cover rural crime and specific local issues. The City Councillors met with the Police and Crime Commissioner and local Police Traffic Commander recently to discuss speeding and trap racing issues. WCCllr Godfrey noted that WCCllr Horrill was not present this evening as she is attending a Local Plan Advisory Group meeting which is looking at the responses to the Regulation 18 consultation. She will be raising concerns about the very forceful attempt to have land at Micheldever Station added to the plan. WCCllr Godfrey noted that he has been contacted by residents at Pigeonhouse Field about the issues with their aging sewage treatment plant. The Chairman noted concerns raised about children at the South Wonston school whose parents were struggling with the cost of school snacks and other additional charges. She will investigate this further and any action that the two Parish Councils can take will be considered in April.</p>		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2120	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2120.1	3.1	WCC re Warmer Homes Scheme – Grants of up to £25k are available until the end of March for home owners or private renters who have a household income of less than £30k and an EPC rating of E-G. The details will be circulated to all councillors.	Closed	
2120.2	3.2	Lengthsman Scheme – The scheme has been extended for 2023/24. Each parish in the group will receive 5 visits during the year.	Closed	
2120.3	3.3	Community First & WCC – A Funding Fayre is being held on Friday 17 March. Free training on financial stability and recruiting volunteers is also being provided for not for profit organisations. Details will be forwarded to the Gratton Trust.	Closed	

2120.4	3.4	HCC – A public consultation is being undertaken on new draft Guidance on Planning Obligations and Infrastructure Guidance. Noted.			Closed	
2120.5	3.5	HCC – From 1 st April 2023 HCC will take back responsibility for on-street parking and traffic management which was previously delegated to WCC. Noted.			Closed	
2120.6	3.6	Footpath 256/22/1 (Wonston) – A resident has noted that the deterioration of the stiles on the footpath is making the entrance dangerous as this also provides vehicular access for homes. The Clerk has passed the enquiry to the HCC Rights of Way Officer.			Clerk	
2120.7	3.7	WCC re Parish Council Election 2023 – Nomination papers have been issued for completion by those wishing to stand as Parish Councillors from 4 th May 2023. An election will take place if more than eight candidates complete and submit nomination papers by 4 th April 2023.				
		Matters arising from the minutes of 8th March 2023. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:				
2121	4	General Matters				
2121.1	2111.1	Gratton Trust – See 2.1 above.				
2121.2	2111.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – Cllr Kevin Maunder will review the Parish archive papers on flooding and copy any items useful to the updating of the emergency plan.			Clerk	
2121.3	2111.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – No new matters were raised.				
2121.4	2111.4	Watercress Way Grant Request – Details on the HCC Countryside Access grants have been passed to the Watercress Way as this may be a suitable source of funding for the proposed information boards.				
2122	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2122.1	2112.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly/Annual Inspection Minor issues have been identified with the fence and one of the stepping stones. These continue to be monitored. The annual play area inspection is awaited.			Clerk	
2122.2	2112.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection AVA have confirmed that the refurbishment of the multiplay unit will commence shortly and that they will carry out repairs to the gate without charge. The annual play area inspection is awaited. Soakaway – WCC Environmental Health will request that the agent installs proper fencing to section off the grassed section of the play area and writes to residents to advise them of the risks from the water which is running from the play area onto the footpath and parking area. The agent will also be encouraged to proceed with a longer-term solution which is likely to be to apply (possibly in conjunction with Pigeonhouse Field) to Southern Water to connect to either Saddlers Close or Gratton Close and the pipeline			Clerk	
2123	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2123.1	2113.1	Footpath 7 Access – A grant is being sought to assist with the cost of installing the accessible gate.				
2123.2	2113.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – See 2120.6 above.				
2123.3	2113.3	Noticeboards – No new issues identified.				
2123.4	2113.4	SLR – February data is now available but it has been noted that the positioning of the device near Beggars Drove has led to it recording vehicles as they slow to turn. When it is next located here the device will be installed facing in the opposite direction.				
2123.5	2113.5	Bins – WCC have confirmed that the Parish Council are now being invoiced for the two dog bins which are in the Parish. However, invoices have charged for three bins for at least the last 9 years and a considerable sum has therefore been overcharged. A response is awaited from WCC.				
2124	7	PLANNING				
		New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:				
2124.1	688	6 Taylors Yard, Sutton Scotney.	Single storey rear extension.	23/00019/HOU No comment.		
2124.2	689	2 New Cottages, Wonston Road, Wonston.	Double storey extension to side of property and single storey extension to rear of property.	23/00180/HOU No comment.		
2124.3	2114.5	Winchester Local Plan – An update on the responses received to the Regulation 18 consultation is awaited.				
2124.4	2114.6	Village Design Statement – A meeting is to be held in late March or early April with those who have volunteered to assist with the production of the VDS.				
2124.5	2114.7	Southern Water Pipeline – A site meeting was held at the Gratton on 27 th February with representatives from Southern Water, Carter Jonas, the Parish Council and the Gratton Trust. The proposal is to convert the sewage treatment plants at Saddlers Close and Gratton Close into pumping stations and to pump from Saddlers Close to Gratton Close and then to the sewer in South Wonston. Southern Water agreed to share their data on the catchment area and capacity of the pipeline and confirmed that it presented no environmental risk to water courses. It is estimated that the section of pipeline from Saddlers Close to Gratton Close will take 3 months to install. The first flows are scheduled for December 2024 and the pipeline should be fully operational by February 2025.				

		Southern Water will aim to fit around Gratton Trust events and the work may be scheduled for August. Updated plans for the Gratton are anticipated to be available in April and hopefully in time to be considered at the 12 th April Parish Council meeting. Southern Water have been invited to attend the Parish Assembly on 11 th May and to engage with residents about their proposals.																							
2125	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																							
2125.1	2115.1	Balances: As at 28/02/23 General Reserves are £80,517.17 but after Earmarked Reserves are £9,280.17. Payments for March (detailed below) totalling £1,479.14 were agreed by the Council.	Closed																						
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2126	9	Other Council Matters																							
2126.1	2116.1	Publicity & Communications – West Dever News item – SID figures for January and February, Watercress Way Dawn to Dusk, Parish Assembly.																							
2126.2	2116.2	Risk Management – No new issues were identified.																							
2126.3	2116.3	Bottle Bank – HCClr Porter will attempt to draw attention to this request.																							
9.05pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 12 th April 2023 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																							
Signed: Chairman dated.....																									