

**MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)**  
**Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney**

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr David Price.  
 In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.  
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

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2127	1.1	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> None.	Closed	
2128	1.2	<b>Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed.</b> Councillors Pauline and Kevin Maunder declared an interest at 2133.6 below and did not participate in the discussion or decision on the gifts to be given to the litter-pickers. Councillor Rob Parker declared an interest, as a close neighbour, in planning application 692 and did not participate in the discussion or decision taken on this application.	Closed	
2129	1.3	<b>Minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were agreed</b> and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	<b><u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u></b>		
	2.1	<b>The Public:</b> None.		
	2.2	<b>Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter:</b> HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted the issue of potholes. £5.95 million of extra funding has been received from Government which it is anticipated will enable approximately six months of increased repair activity. Flooding issues requiring road closures to deal with the underlying causes also continue to be reported. Advance warning is given of road closures but weather conditions can lead to cancellations and delays.		
	2.3	<b>Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey:</b> WCCllr Godfrey noted that he had seen three articulated lorries parked on the verge between Sutton Scotney and South Wonston. HCCllr Porter will report this, and the verge damage, to HCC. The City Councillors toured the ward with Sharon Evans, the new WCC Legal Officer. Sharon will be the primary point of contact for parish councils and can provide advice and guidance. Fly tipping was seen and reported during the tour. All fly tipping should be reported to WCC and will be investigated, whether on public or private land. The Police and Crime Commissioner, Donna Jones, attended a recent Police liaison meeting in Micheldever and was keen to promote HantsSnap to which videos can be uploaded to report crime. Local elections take place on 4 <sup>th</sup> May and one of the City Council seats in the Ward will be contested. Photo ID will be required if voting in person. 26 <sup>th</sup> April is the last date to apply for an ID card. Changes for postal voters will be introduced next year.		
	2.4	<b>Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill:</b> WCCllr Horrill note that Sharon Evans (WCC Legal Officer) will be carrying out a boundary review and introducing a new Code of Conduct which will be offered to parish councils for adoption. The Police and Crime Commissioner is providing a surveillance camera for use on the A33. Officers will also be encouraged to complete administration tasks from their vehicles, rather than returning to Police stations, to provide a more visible presence. The speed of traffic, particularly through Wonston, has been raised to the City Councillors whilst canvassing for the election. HCCllr Porter will contact Nick Adams-King, HCC Cabinet Member for Highways, about the possibility of attending a Parish Council or public meeting.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2130	3	<b><u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u></b>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2130.1	3.1	<b>Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney – Quiz night on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May.</b> Noted and added to website and Facebook.	Closed	
2130.2	3.2	<b>Ecogen Liaison Panel – The first meeting is to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June from 6.15pm.</b> Councillor Parker will attend on behalf of Wonston Parish Council.	Closed	
2130.3	3.3	<b>The Royal Logistic Corps 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception, Winchester Cathedral – The Chairman will represent the Parish Council at the event on 1<sup>st</sup> June.</b>	Closed	
2130.4	3.4	<b>Test and Dever Way launch, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Details noted.</b>	Closed	
		<b><u>Matters arising from the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023.</u></b> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2131	4	<b><u>General Matters</u></b>		

2131.1	2121.1	<b>Gratton Trust</b> – Different options to assist the Gratton Trust in the purchase of a new mower were discussed and Cllr Polak will liaise with Babette, Chairman of the Gratton Trust, about these.			
2131.2	2121.2	<b>Emergency &amp; Flood Plans</b> – Cllr Kevin Maunder continues to review the Parish archive papers on flooding and will prepare a summary of the documents relating to Bogmorr Sump. HCCllr Porter and WCCllr Godfrey will ask HCC again whether they, as the Flood Authority, will take responsibility for Bogmorr Sump.		Clerk	
2131.3	2121.3	<b>Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency</b> – No new matters were raised.			
2131.4	2121.4	<b>Watercress Way Grant Request</b> – The fencing work at the archway on Wonston Road was completed today and it was <b>agreed</b> that the Parish Council would use the balance of the grant due to the Watercress Way towards the payment of this invoice. The Watercress Way will refund the excess amount to the Parish Council.			
2132	5	<b>PLAY AREAS</b> Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:			
2132.1	2122.1	<b>Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&amp;H) – Monthly/Annual Inspection</b> 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	
2132.2	2122.2	<b>Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area</b> – Refurbishment work on the multiplay unit and the annual inspection are both awaited. <u>Soakaway</u> – It is understood that the agent for PHY is applying to Southern Water to connect to either Saddlers Close or Gratton Close treatment plants.		Clerk	
2133	6	<b>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc</b> Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:			
2133.1	2123.1	<b>Footpath 7 Access</b> – A grant is being sought from HCC to assist with the cost of installing the accessible gate.			
2133.2	2123.2	<b>Footpaths &amp; Bridleways</b> – It was <b>agreed</b> that the proposed diversion of part of Wonston Restricted Byway 33, to go around rather than through the buildings at Norton Farm, would be a safety improvement.			
2133.3	2123.3	<b>Noticeboards</b> – No new issues identified.			
2133.4	2123.4	<b>SLR</b> – It was <b>agreed</b> to continue the rolling contract for the SID movements.			
2133.5	2123.5	<b>Bins</b> – WCC have confirmed that £2430 has been overpaid, over a number of years, due to the Parish Council being charged for the emptying of more dog waste bins than are actually in Sutton Scotney. It was <b>agreed</b> that the overpayment would be used to credit future invoices.			
2133.6	New	<b>Litter-pickers</b> – The annual risk assessment letter will be sent to the litter-pickers with a slight amendment to confirm that they remain physically able to carry out the task. It was <b>agreed</b> to purchase £20 gift vouchers to thank those who have been litter-picking throughout the year and to invite them to the Parish Assembly.			
2134	7	<b>PLANNING</b> New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:			
2134.1	690	Sutton Springs Trout Fishery, Bullington Lane, Sutton Scotney	Change of use from small scale tourist accommodation to annexe of the main house.	<b>Object</b> – increase in size of residential property not appropriate on non-residential site & could have adverse impact on wildlife.	
2134.2	691	Holy Trinity Church, Wonston	Reduce deciduous trees overhanging carriageway to height of adj. hedge (2m).	<b>No comment.</b>	
2134.3	692	Moldon Farm, Bullington Lane, Sutton Scotney	Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and dwelling, extension of the existing mobile home site to accommodate 29 additional homes, associated parking, package sewage treatment plant and reed bed.	<b>Object</b> – Agricultural land not allocated for development.	
2134.4	2124.3	<b>Winchester Local Plan</b> – An update on the responses received to the Regulation 18 consultation is awaited.			
2134.5	2124.4	<b>Village Design Statement</b> – A preliminary meeting is to be held on Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April but, to date and despite a flyer placed in the April edition of the West Dever News, very few volunteers have come forward. WCCllr Horrill will request that a Planning Officer attends the meeting and it may be necessary to consider reducing the scope of the project in view of the limited number of volunteers.			
2134.6	2124.5	<b>Southern Water Pipeline</b> – Carter Jonas, the agent for Southern Water, have provided the following update from Clancy, the contractor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trenchless horizontal direct drilling takes 4 weeks to install, plus 1 week reinstatement. If we aren't able to drill for any reason, the open cut would be 5 weeks to construction, with an additional 2 weeks to reinstate.</li> </ul>			

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<b>9.35pm</b>		<b>Next meeting – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.</b> <b>Parish Assembly – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 from 7.45pm in the main hall of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.</b>																																																					
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