

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th December 2023 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

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

2203	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Georgina Tibbits, Cllr Kevin Maunder.	Closed	
2204	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Parker declared an interest in respect of the land at Brightlands which has been included in the updated SHELAA.	Closed	
2205	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 8 th November 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2206	1.4	Co-option No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.		
	2	Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.		
	2.1	<p>The Public: <u>Tom, Rose Cottage, Stoke Charity</u> Tom attended the meeting to address any questions about his proposed application for a diversion of the footpath across the field beside Rose Cottage. He had previously supplied the councillors with full details of the proposal, maps showing the current and proposed route and an explanation of why he is seeking the change. The path is currently about 110m in length, the proposal would see it extended slightly to about 140m but would not change the entry or exit points to the field. The change would bring the path closer to its legal route (from which it has deviated over the years) and allow for crops to be planted in a rectangular plot on the sloping field where drainage is best. There were no further questions for Tom and the Chairman thanked him for keeping the Parish Council informed of his plans. A response to the proposal was considered at 2210.2 below. <u>Babette Bond, Chair of the Gratton Trust</u> attended the meeting to provide an update on the activities of the Gratton Trust and to thank the Parish Council for their support throughout the year. She noted that the events held during the year have been successful and £7300 has been raised to date towards the new mower. Babette asked whether the Parish Council would consider assisting with the cost of installing solar panels on the pavilion. Grants are being applied for but these may not meet the full cost. The intention is that the panels would cover the costs of heating the pavilion and operating the digester. The Trust are also looking at concerns raised about overgrowth on the perimeter path and how best to deal with this and manage the path. Babette has been in contact with the contractors for the Southern Water pipeline and they have advised that they are currently ahead of schedule and will be drilling under the road to the Gratton car park in January and near Carthegena later in the month. This section should therefore be complete by the end of January and the surface of the Gratton car park will then be repaired.</p>		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and drew attention to the HCC Minerals and Waste Plan consultation and the 13 proposals by HCC to reduce budgets. The consultation on the budget proposals will run from January 8 th for 12 weeks.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that planning permission has been granted for the electric vehicle charging station at Three Maids Hill. The Flood Action Group (FLAG) met again at the end of November. Groundwater levels have increased over the last six weeks. The Local Plan process is moving towards the end of the review of responses to the Regulation 18. The City Councillors have had an advance view of the revised policies and allocations but these have not yet been made public. The consultation on the proposals for the new hospital is now open and will run until March. Two of the options are at Dummer. The outcome will also have an impact on clinical services for residents and it is important that they view the proposals.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: The Carousel Park inquiry has now completed and the report is due in the new year but could lead to further legal challenges. The recycling consultation has now closed. Over eight thousand responses were received. The new constitution was adopted by the City Council at the end of November. A new code of conduct will follow in the new year and will also cover parish councils.		

		The public consultation, seeking the views of residents, on the Sir John Moore site has begun. The plans are currently based on 900 homes at the site. WCCllr Horrill assisted with the rough sleeper count in Winchester during November. Three rough sleepers were noted which was about as expected. The Central Winchester Regeneration Project is continuing. The consultation finished today and workshops will be held in the new year. The City Council budget is currently being set. Services will be met but potential savings will be looked at.			
		The meeting resumed after reports.			
2207	3	Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting			
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:			
2207.1	3.1	HALC Emergency Planning Focus Group – Cllrs Parker and Kevin Maunder to attend in January.		Closed	
2207.2	3.2	Victoria Hall – For a trial period the car park lights will be set to come on automatically between 4pm and 11pm. Noted.		Closed	
2207.3	3.3	HALC Training Dates – these will be further considered in January.		Closed	
		Matters arising from the minutes of 8th November 2023. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:			
2208	4	General Matters			
2208.1	2197.1	Gratton Trust – See 2.1 above.			
2208.2	2197.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – The Environment Agency have carried out clearance work at Bogmoor Sump. Cllr Kevin Maunder has met with the project manager from Clancy to discuss the bund on the field by the Victoria Hall car park which is currently holding back a volume of water. Groundwater levels are high and flooding is a real threat if wet weather continues. The Emergency Plan was discussed and it was agreed that a sub-committee of councillors should meet to discuss how this could be updated and potentially simplified.		Clerk	
2208.3	2197.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – Climate Fresk training with Micheldever PC has been re-scheduled for the 15 th or 22 nd of January.			
2208.4	2197.4	Gigaclear – It was agreed to sign the Network Access Agreement with Gigaclear which allows them to access one telegraph pole on the edge of the Gratton near Gratton Close. The Chairman signed both copies of the agreement on behalf of the Parish Council.			
2209	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:			
2209.1	2198.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection No new issues identified.		Clerk	
2209.2	2198.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues identified. The condition of the slide unit continues to be monitored. Soakaway – WCCllr Horrill is in contact with the agent and will provide an update after their next contact.		Clerk	
2210	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:			
2210.1	2199.1	Footpath 7 Access – The grant application to HCC has been refused as they state that the accessible gate will not be replacing an existing feature. The Clerk has responded noting that there was originally a stile, installed by HCC, at this point on the footpath. A further response is awaited from HCC.			
2210.2	2199.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – See also 2.1 above. The proposed diversion to the footpath in Stoke Charity was considered and it was agreed to respond that the Parish Council has no concerns about the proposed diversion and is satisfied that it would not have a negative impact on residents or other users of the footpath.			
2210.3	2199.3	Noticeboards – No new issues were identified.			
2210.4	2199.4	SLR The sign has been near Beggars Drove during November. 40% of vehicles were exceeding the 30mph limit, 10% were driving in excess of 40mph.			
2210.5	2199.5	Roundabout sign, Oxford Road – A further site meeting is to be arranged for 8 th January.			
2210.6	2199.6	Bridge & Path at Hunton – A grant application to HCC can be made by either the landowner or the Parish Council. The Clerk will contact John Holt to see if he is making the application.			
2211	7	PLANNING			
		New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:			
2211.1	715	Rose Cottage, Wonston Road, Stoke Charity.	Underground storage room (root cellar). 6m x 4m and approx. 3m into ground on incline.	23/02771/APN No comment.	
2211.2	2200.4	Winchester Local Plan – See 2.3 above.			
2211.3	2200.5	Village Design Statement – A public meeting is to be held at the Victoria Hall from 5pm – 7pm on Wednesday 10 th January 2024. The meeting is being publicised via the January West Dever News.			

2211.4	2200.6	Southern Water Pipeline – See 2.1 above.																													
2212	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																													
2212.1	2201.1	Balances: As at 30/11/23 General Reserves are £92,959.25 but after Earmarked Reserves of £77,243 are £14,095.49. Payments for December (detailed below) totalling £2677.54 were agreed by the Council.	Closed																												
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2212.2	New	Local Government Pay Agreement 2023/24 – It was agreed to formally accept the pay agreement which is backdated to April 2023.																													
2213	9	Other Council Matters																													
2213.1	2202.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – The item for January has already been submitted. February item to cover SID results and possibly the proposed gateways unless another issue arises before the submission date.																													
2213.2	2202.2	Risk Management – No new issues identified.																													
2213.3	2202.4	Allotments – The renewal process is almost complete.																													
2213.4	2202.5	Remembrance Parade – No issues needed to be addressed following the parade. Off agenda.																													
9.15pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																													
Signed: Chairman dated.....																															