

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

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Georgina Tibbits.
 In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
 Public: 3
 Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

2192	1.1	Apologies for Absence WCCllr Caroline Horrill.	Closed	
2193	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	
2194	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 11 th October 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2195	1.4	Co-option No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.		
	2	Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.		
	2.1	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and drew particular attention to the Ecogen planning application for Three Maids Hill which is due to be heard at HCC on 15 th November and to current HCC consultations which include adult social care and school transport. The consultations can be viewed on the HCC website.		
	2.2	The Public: <u>Residents of Beggars Drove</u> attended the meeting to draw attention to their concerns over the intention of Gigaclear to lay cables in Beggars Drove. It was noted that where BT infrastructure already exists, Gigaclear will use this to install their cable. This can be via posts or through existing ducts. The Clerk will seek to obtain more detail on Gigaclears plans but residents were also urged to engage with Gigaclear.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: Cllr Godfrey noted that South Wonston Parish Council have received a Council of the Year award from HALC. The Local Plan is continuing to progress and information on site allocations and revised housing figures should be published before Christmas. Proposed revisions to policies have been reviewed by the City Councillors and will be publicised soon. The City Council budget setting has begun. The latest flood update from the Environment Agency shows that groundwater levels are now higher than last year and that flooding is likely if the wet weather continues. The Flood Action Group (FLAG) are meeting again this month.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2196	3	Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2196.1	3.1	Sunshine Club – Grant request for £402 to cover hire costs at the Victoria Hall. It was agreed to make a grant but to ask whether this could be done automatically by making payments directly to the Victoria Hall as is done for other hall users.	Closed	
2196.2	3.2	Hampshire Forest Partnership – working with local communities to boost tree planting. The ‘Shoots Along The Routes’ project supports tree planting along A and B roads in Hampshire, including within parts of Wonston parish. Details to be forwarded to Councillors (Pauline) Maunder and Polak to explore the project’s suitability for the Parish.	Closed	
2196.3	3.3	Warmer Homes Scheme – Posters will be displayed on noticeboards to promote the scheme which can provide support for improvements where households, without gas heating, have an EPC rating of D, E, F or G and an income below £31,000.	Closed	
2196.4	3.4	CAB Winchester District – Details of additional advice and support services available from CAB. Noted.	Closed	
2196.5	3.5	Wessex Rivers Trust – Details of the weir removal and habitat improvement project being undertaken at Mill House. The project is designed to improve fish passage and habitat quality. It has been hydraulically modelled for potential flood risk and received a permit to undertake the work.	Closed	
		Matters arising from the minutes of 11th October 2023. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2197	4	General Matters		
2197.1	2186.1	Gratton Trust – Work has been completed on the damaged tree.		
2197.2	2186.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – See 2.3 above. The Clerk will contact Fergus Reid (Environment Agency) again about Bogmoor Sump and ask whether the planned tree	Clerk	

		clearance (from the river) has taken place. He will also be asked why the Victoria Hall sump receives regular maintenance whilst the Bogmoor Sump does not.			
2197.3	2186.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – Micheldever Parish Council are hosting Climate Fresk training on the evening of 12 th December. The Chairman and Clerk will attend.			
2197.4	New	Gigaclear – See 2.2 above. As part of their project to expand full fibre ultrafast broadband to Sutton Scotney, Gigaclear are seeking permission to access the Gratton. This is to utilise existing Openreach poles. The Network Access Agreement has however been made out incorrectly and could not therefore be signed. The Clerk will contact Gigaclear to seek further clarification of the access required at the Gratton and to have a revised agreement supplied for signature.			
2198	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:			
2198.1	2187.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection It was noted that the gate is not closing correctly. Councillor Kevin Maunder will seek to repair if possible or advise if quotes will need to be sought if the issue is not easy to resolve.		Clerk	
2198.2	2187.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues identified. The condition of the slide unit continues to be monitored. Soakaway – WCCllr Horrill is seeking an update from the agent.		Clerk	
2199	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:			
2199.1	2188.1	Footpath 7 Access – HCC are re-considering the grant application. A response is awaited.			
2199.2	2188.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – No issues have been reported this month.			
2199.3	2188.3	Noticeboards – No new issues were reported.			
2199.4	2188.4	SLR – Data from October was reviewed. The HCC review of 20mph limits for rural villages was discussed as it is felt that this would be a far more appropriate limit for Wonston. The report from HCC is awaited.			
2199.5	2188.7	Roundabout sign, Oxford Road – The Community Funded Initiative application form was discussed and it was agreed that more information is needed on what might be achievable in Sutton Scotney before an application could be made. A further site meeting will be requested.			
2199.6	New	Bridge & Path at Hunton – HCC Countryside Services, with assistance from Sparsholt students, have been upgrading the boardwalk in Hunton. John Holt has drawn their attention to the very steep steps on the bridge and they have agreed that these and a further section of boardwalk require attention. However, they have insufficient funds and have suggested that the Parish Council might be able to apply for grant funding. It was agreed that this is a well-used walking route and that a grant application would be considered. The Clerk will request more information from Countryside Services.			
2200	7	PLANNING New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:			
2200.1	712	Caledon House, Old Stoke Road, Stoke Charity	Two beech trees in rear garden to crown lift to 5m and shorten lateral limbs.	23/02468/TPC No comment	
2200.2	713	Naomi House, Stockbridge Road, Sutton Scotney	3 x Norway maple to remove. 1 x Norway maple to remove deadwood and tip dieback.	23/02497/TPC No comment	
2200.3	714	2 Wickham Cottages, Stockbridge Road, Sutton Scotney	Application to vary approved plans 19/02239/HOU to allow for alterations to approved garage.	23/01642/FUL No comment	
2200.4	2189.5	Winchester Local Plan – See WCCllr Godfrey's report at 2.3 above.			
2200.5	2189.6	Village Design Statement – The survey has been uploaded and is currently being tested before going live later in November. The Terms and Conditions for the prize draw were considered and one small change agreed. The Terms and Conditions will now be added to the website.			
2200.6	2189.7	Southern Water Pipeline – No further updates have been sought or received this month.			
2201	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT			
2201.1	2190.1	Balances: As at 31/10/23 General Reserves are £91,338.49 but after Earmarked Reserves of £77243 are £14095.49. Payments for November (detailed below) totalling £2552.04 were agreed by the Council.		Closed	
		Toby Bunce	Tree work at the Gratton	850.00	
		Grass & Grounds Ltd	September grass cutting	322.08	
		Dever General Store Ltd	Vouchers for VDS survey prizes	225.00	
		Hants Pension Fund	October contributions	263.71	

		Jocelyn Jenkins	October expenses	66.60			
		Jocelyn Jenkins	November salary	<u>824.65</u>			
				<u>2,552.04</u>			
2202	9	Other Council Matters					
2202.1	2191.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – VDS survey, litter picking – reports welcome etc					
2202.2	2191.2	Risk Management – No new issues identified.					
2202.3	2191.3	Bottle Bank – HCCLr Porter has raised the request for a bottle bank with WCC but due to the home collections they do not consider a bank to be needed. Off agenda.					
2202.4	2191.4	Allotments – The renewals are now complete. Seven half plots are now being allocated to those on the waiting list.					
2202.5	2191.5	Remembrance Parade – Due to illness a further traffic marshal is needed for Sunday. Cllr Kevin Maunder volunteered to carry out this role.					
9.05pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.					
Signed: Chairman dated.....							