

**MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)**  
**Held virtually (via Zoom) at 7.40pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Present: Cllr Lucy Dowson (Chairman), Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr Kitty Wakefield, Cllr Judith Polak.  
 In attendance: WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.  
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

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1848	1.1	Apologies for Absence. HCCllr Jackie Porter.	Closed	
1849	1.2	<b>Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed.</b> No declarations were made in respect of items on the agenda.	Closed	
1850	1.3	<b>Minutes of the</b> meeting of 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 were <b>agreed</b> . These will be sent to Cllr Dowson for signing.	Closed	
1851	1.4	<b>Co-option</b> No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.		
	2	<b><u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u></b>		
	2.1	<b>Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter:</b> HCCllr Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted the County carbon zero plan, flood mitigation work commencing on Overton Road in Micheldever Station, the Brexit car park on the A31 and the economic impact of Covid 19.		
	2.2	<b>Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey:</b> WCCllr Godfrey commented on the latest briefing from the Hampshire Hospitals Trust which outlined the plans for the next ten years. A new hospital is to be built either at Junction 7 of the M3 or on the existing site in Basingstoke. The priorities for where services are to be based are now being considered and will affect how services are delivered over the next thirty years. WCCllr Godfrey noted that he feels more input from the public would be beneficial. Slides from the presentation will be made available to Parish Councils and a consultation with Parish Councils will take place in the New Year. The City Council are hoping to put forward the latest stage of the Local Plan in December and it will be very important for this area. A new Engagement Manager for Southern Water has been in contact and will be the primary contact for Saddlers Close residents. The County Council have notified of an application at Upper Norton Farm for an acoustic bund constructed from inert waste. This may be unattractive and have no amenity benefit. WCCllr Godfrey is continuing to liaise with WCC over the new road signs erected in Wonston.		
	2.3	<b>Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill:</b> WCCllr Horrill noted that River Park is closed through the lockdown. The new leisure centre will open in March or April. Cabinet approved new taxi regulations this week which will result in tighter checks and consistent livery to improve customer confidence and safety. Nightingale courts are to be held at the Guildhall. WCCllr Horrill sits on the Local Plan committee and can put points forward on behalf of Parish Councils. Cllr Dowson advised that Wonston Parish Council are commencing work on a Village Design Statement and noted that Test Valley provide grants for this. WCCllr Horrill advised that money has been made available to Parish Councils but usually at a later stage. She noted that the local city councillors can also make small grants. The Greening Campaign was also noted and WCCllr Horrill advised that she was not aware of any money set aside to support parishes with this but that it would be worth asking the City Council. WCCllr Godfrey noted that he understands that there is money available for planting new trees. It was further noted that a highly contentious planning application has been received for the Water Gardens which has led to a lot of comments from concerned residents.		
	2.4	<b>The Public:</b> No reports.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
1852	3	<b><u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u></b>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
1852.1	3.1	<b>WCC Annual Play Area Inspections</b> – It was <b>agreed</b> to book the inspections through WCC and details have been forwarded to the Gratton Trust.		
1852.2	3.2	<b>Local Hero Awards</b> – The Covid volunteer group have received the award from the Mayor of Winchester. A copy will be forwarded to Sarah Hobhouse, joint leader of the group.		

1852.3	3.3	<b>Overgrown hedges in the Parish</b> – Mervyn, of Mervyn's Coaches, has written to advise of a number of hedges which are obstructing the highway. The Clerk will write to those whose owners can be identified.				
1852.4	3.4	<b>Request for a cremation plot</b> – Kenneth Leslie Ward died in a nursing home having formerly been a resident of Sutton Scotney. It was <b>agreed</b> to provide a plot.				
1852.5	3.5	<b>SLR</b> – Two of the four parishes in the shared SLR group wish to withdraw from the scheme from March 2021 which would leave Wonston and Itchen Valley in the group. The cost of insuring the SLR is low but the cost of moving it around different sites in the Parish was £520 in the year to February 2020. It was <b>agreed</b> to explore whether the sign could remain in each position for twice as long and whether Itchen Valley would wish to remain in the group on a similar basis.				
		<b>Matters arising from the minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020.</b> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:				
1853	4	<b>General Matters</b>				
1853.1	1842.1	<b>Gratton Trust:</b> <u>Lease</u> – The draft lease is with the Gratton Trustees who are meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> December to discuss how they will respond.			Clerk	
1853.2	1842.2	<b>Affordable Housing:</b> It was agreed that a physical meeting would still be preferred and that the proposed meeting will therefore now have to be delayed until after 2 <sup>nd</sup> December due to the lockdown.			Clerk	
1853.3	1842.3	<b>Emergency &amp; Flood Plans</b> – No further update.			Clerk	
1854	5	<b>PLAY AREAS</b> Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
1854.1	1843.1	<b>Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&amp;H) – Monthly/Annual Inspection</b> Neil Soutar has now finished all the work he quoted for at Stoke Charity. It was noted that there is some splitting in the handrails on the obstacle course. It is considered that these remain secure but they will continue to be monitored.			Clerk	
1854.2	1843.2	<b>Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection</b> Quotes to be sought for the repainting of some of the equipment in the Spring. No further update has been received about the soakaway. It was <b>agreed</b> that the grass cutting tender for 2021 should be issued early as a new contractor will be required now that Neil Soutar is no longer available.			Clerk	
1855	6	<b>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc</b> Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
1855.1	1844.1	<b>Bins</b> – No update has been received on the dual waste bins requested for the footpaths by Carthegena and Harding Close.			Clerk	
1855.2	1844.2	<b>Footpath 7 Access</b> – A further letter has been sent to BCM.				
1855.3	1844.3	<b>Footpaths &amp; Bridleways</b> – The Lengthsman has been asked to complete the footpath clearance near Naomi House and to then work on the overgrowth on the footpath at Beggars Drove.				
1855.4	1833.4	<b>Noticeboards</b> – The Hunton board has now been repaired. Repairs on the remaining boards is awaited.				
1856	7	<b>PLANNING</b>				
		<b>New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:</b>				
1856.1	613	Upper Norton Farm, Norton	Construction of an acoustic bund using inert chalk waste.	<b>HCC Strategic Planning application. OBJECT</b>		
1856.2	1845.10	<b>Winchester Local Plan 2036 &amp; Call for sites (SHELAA)</b> – A response has been submitted to the Government consultation on proposed planning reforms. A further update from WCC on the Local Plan is expected in December.				
1856.3	New	<b>Village Design Statement</b> Cllrs Dowson and Wakefield have reviewed the Village Design Statements for Micheldever and Barton Stacey and it was <b>agreed</b> that further steps should be taken towards writing a VDS for Wonston. As public engagement is difficult at the moment, ideas were considered and it was thought that starting with an advert in the West Dever News in January, to seek support from residents who may wish to become involved in the project, would be a good first step. This could be followed by a questionnaire or consultation document.				
1857	8	<b>ACCOUNTS/AUDIT</b>				
1857.1	1846.1	<b>Balances:</b> As at 31/10/20 General Reserves are £78,927.85 but after Earmarked Reserves are £39,111.85. Payments for November (detailed below) totalling £2949.05 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	
		Neil Soutar	Various maintenance works	2083.00		
		Pension Services	November pension payment	165.60		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	October expenses	37.59		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	November salary (plus arrears)	662.86		
				<u>2949.05</u>		

1857.2	1846.2	<b>Annual Return 2019/20</b> – The Annual Return has been submitted to the external auditor and their report is awaited.		
1857.3	1846.3	<b>2021/2022 Budget</b> – The draft 2021/22 budget was <b>agreed</b> . The precept will remain unchanged at £38.000.		
1858	9	<b>Other Council Matters</b>		
1858.1	1847.1	<b>Publicity &amp; Communications</b> – It was <b>agreed</b> to create a co-option advert to be posted on the website and Facebook and added as an advert in the West Dever News.		
1858.2	1847.2	<b>Risk Management</b> – Replacement volunteers have been found to replace those who have left the parish and there is still full coverage by the group of all properties.		
1858.3	1847.3	<b>Remembrance</b> – A small and poignant event took place on Remembrance Sunday and was live-streamed for residents.		
9.20pm		<b>Next meeting – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b> This will be a virtual meeting (via Zoom) and full details will be displayed on the website and Facebook by Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December.		
Signed: Chairman ..... dated.....				