

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th October 2022 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Lucy Dowson (Chairman), Cllr Pauline Maunders, Cllr Kevin Maunders, Cllr Andrew Wheeler.
 In attendance: None.
 Public: 4
 Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

		Minutes		R
2065	1.1	Apologies for Absence. Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr David Price, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.	Closed	
2066	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
2067	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 13 th July 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2068	1.4	Co-option No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: <u>Bob Brewer</u> – Bob asked a couple of questions relating to planning issues outside the Parish. He was asked to submit the questions in writing (he does not have access to the internet) and the Clerk will research the answers for him. <u>Sue Hall</u> – Sue expressed her concerns about the large, overgrown willow tree on Oxford Road. She has contacted WCC but failed to get any action taken. The Clerk noted that she contacted HCC but they advised that it was not their responsibility. In light of this, it was suggested that Sue contacts WCCllr Stephen Godfrey to see if he can assist by raising her concerns again with WCC.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter did not attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which provided updates on the HCC budget and medium term financial plan, road maintenance, the hospital rebuild and M3 Junction 9. The meeting resumed after reports.		
2069	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2069.1	3.1	CAB Winchester District – Grant request. It was agreed to make a grant of £500 in November.	Closed	
2069.2	3.2	Grub Club – Information received about cooking classes in Winchester which focus on cooking balanced healthy meals. Various options are available and it was agreed to research whether a similar scheme could be run from the Victoria Hall.	Closed	
2069.3	3.3	HALC AGM & Conference – Thursday 20 th October 2022. HALC are seeking to change their company articles to, among other things, reduce their quorum. The Clerk will try to attend the AGM.	Closed	
2069.4	3.4	North Hampshire Downs AONB – It was agreed to write to Steve Brine MP and HCCllr Jackie Porter to express the support of Wonston PC for the proposal to create the AONB.	Closed	
2069.5	3.5	CPRE Hampshire Briefing – A briefing prepared by CPRE on the emerging Local Plan and its implications for landscape issues. This will be forwarded to Cllrs Dowson and Pauline Maunders.	Closed	
2069.6	3.6	WCC Community Grants – A summary has been provided of the grants which are currently available. Noted.	Closed	
2069.7	3.7	Resignation of the Chairman – Cllr Dowson has tendered her resignation from the Council following the November meeting. A new Chairman will be elected at the end of the November meeting.		
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 13th July 2022.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2070	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2070.1	2059.1	Gratton Trust: See 2073.5 below.		
2070.2	2059.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – It was agreed to update the Emergency Plan which was last revised in 2018. Volunteers will be sought for the different roles incorporated in the plan and contact details updated as necessary.	Clerk	
2070.3	2059.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan – Cllr Kevin Maunders reported that both South Wonston and Barton Stacey greening schemes are well supported by their parish councillors and volunteers but that attempts to raise interest amongst residents in Wonston Parish have been disappointing to date. It was agreed that the Parish Council will consider declaring a Climate Emergency and the Clerk will circulate some information about the implications of this.		

2070.4	2059.5	Oxford Road Crossing (Victoria Hall) – No further updates have been received.																												
2070.5	2059.6	Watercress Way Grant Request – An update is awaited on the crowd funding undertaken by the Trust.																												
2071	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:																												
2071.1	2060.1	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.			Clerk																									
2071.2	2060.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection Three quotes were received to refurbish and repaint the slide unit. It was agreed to accept the quote of £525 from AVA Recreation. The councillors confirmed that they consider that the agent for PHY should meet the cost of a fence to secure the area flooded by the soakaway.			Clerk																									
2072	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:																												
2072.1	2061.1	Footpath 7 Access – The Clerk will liaise with BCM over their preferred choice of accessible gate.																												
2072.2	2061.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – No new issues reported.																												
2072.3	2061.3	Noticeboards – The Wonston noticeboard is currently being repaired. No new site has been found and it will therefore need to be returned to the same position.																												
2072.4	2061.4	SLR – The installation of the sockets for the new mobile post has now begun. The need for a new contractor has been advertised in the West Dever News item.																												
2072.5	2061.5	Bins – It was noted that the Parish Council are still being charged for the emptying of an additional dog waste bin which no longer exists. Cllr Kevin Maunder will pursue this with WCC.																												
2073	7	PLANNING																												
		New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:																												
2073.1	672	Sutton Springs Trout Fishery, Bullington Lane, Sutton Scotney	Alterations and additions of fenestration and erection of a timber balcony.	22/01894/FUL No comment																										
2073.2	673	38 Sutton Park Road, Sutton Scotney.	Remove window to existing dormer and extend dormer across the rear elevation roof slope.	22/01942/FUL No comment																										
2073.3	2062.5	Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites (SHELAA) – The Draft Regulation 18 Local Plan has been approved by the WCC cabinet and a public consultation will run from 2 nd November to 14 th December 2022. Full details will be available on the Local Plan website from 2 nd November. The Regulation 18 confirms that there will not be an allocation of new housing for Wonston Parish in the draft Local Plan. There will instead be an expectation for 20 'windfall' homes. <u>Fred Schiff, representative of the Martinos family</u> advised that there was potential for an independent sewerage report to be commissioned by them. It was agreed that more information can only be of benefit and that the report should be requested.																												
2073.4	2062.6	Village Design Statement - The viability of producing a VDS was considered. The possibility of paying for images, layout etc was considered to reduce the burden of work involved and this will be further discussed at the November meeting.																												
2073.5	New	Southern Water Pipeline – Southern Water contacted the Gratton Trust (rather than the Parish Council who own the Gratton) and held a site meeting on 26 th September with Gratton trustee, Richard Solomons. The possible routes for the pipeline were discussed and Richard noted to Southern Water that the Council were the landowner. The Clerk has attempted to contact Southern Water via the telephone number included in the letter sent to residents on 9 th August. Fred Schiff will supply alternative contact details.																												
2074	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																												
2074.1	2063.1	Balances: As at 30/9/22 General Reserves are £92,125.39 but after Earmarked Reserves are £18,021.39. Payments for October (detailed below) totalling £2997.42 were agreed by the Council.			Closed																									
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		Due to the Period of National Mourning it was not possible to hold the September meeting. The following payments totalling £1983.82 were made in September and formally approved at the October meeting.																													
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2074.2	2063.2	Annual Return 2021/22 – The review of the Annual Return has been completed by the external auditor and the certificate issued. There were no matters arising from the Annual Return. It was agreed to remain as part of the sector led SAAA scheme for external audit and not to opt out and appoint an independent external auditor. Off agenda.																													
2074.3	New	2023/24 Budget – There were preliminary discussions about the budget but it was agreed to carry this forward for further consideration at the November meeting. A VDS reserve and an increase to the tree reserve to be considered.																													
2075	9	Other Council Matters																													
2075.1	2064.1	Publicity & Communications – The Social Media policy is currently being written. <u>West Dever News item</u> – For November: housing allocations, vacancies, emergency plan.																													
2075.2	2064.2	Risk Management – No new issues were identified.																													
2075.3	2064.3	Bottle Bank – No update received.																													
9.10pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																													
Signed: Chairman dated.....																															