

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th January 2026 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker,
 Cllr Georgina Tibbets (from 7.35pm).
 In attendance: None.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2451	1.1	Apologies for Absence HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Caroline Horrill, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, Cllr Andrew Porteous.	Closed	
2452	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Rob Parker – Victoria Hall (NPI), land at Brightlands (PI).	Closed	
2453	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 10 th December 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.		
	2.1	The Public: <u>Benn Hitchen, Chairman of the Gratton Trust</u> Benn noted that the AED on the side of the pavilion is connected with Circuit who have advised that it should be left unlocked. After discussion, the trustees have agreed to follow this advice.		
	2.2	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report which noted that food waste collections start next month and that he has provided guidance via an item in the February edition of the West Dever News. The consultation on the Main Modifications to the WCC Local Plan closes on 16 th January 2026.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2454	3	Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2454.1	3.1	Mayor of Winchester’s Community Awards 2026 Nominations can now be made (until 15 th February) for organisations and individuals who have given outstanding (usually voluntary) service to the people of Winchester District. Details to be circulated to all councillors.	Closed	
2454.2	3.2	HCC Countryside Service Alison Hellyer has been appointed as the new Community Engagement Ranger for this area. Noted.	Closed	
		Matters arising from the minutes of 10th December 2025. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2455	4	General Matters		
2455.1	2445.1	Gratton Trust – See 2.1 (above). <u>Lease and sub-lease</u> Dutton Gregory have confirmed that they will warrant the work completed on the lease. Invoices issued to date to the Parish Council and Gratton Trust are therefore included in the payments to be approved at 2459.1 (below).		
2455.2	2445.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – It was agreed to purchase further Hydra Snakes, 3 x hi-viz waterproof suits, rubber gloves and an additional pump and hose. The equipment is now stored in the bar area of the Victoria Hall. <u>Rupture to Southern Water sewage pipeline</u> Cllr Parker was the first to attend on 16 th December 2025 when the rupture was noted in the field above the hall car park. Parish Council Hydra Snakes were deployed to prevent contamination reaching the water course. When an engineer from Southern Water arrived the pipeline was not shown on his maps. At an on-line meeting on 13 th January 2026, Southern Water confirmed that the pipeline did not yet appear on their maps as it had not yet been fully adopted from Clancy’s (the contractor). They further confirmed that they will replace the Parish Council Hydra Snakes used and will remove the contaminated ones and their own contaminated sandbags. The Clancy engineer at the on-line meeting advised that it was a one-off event (due to a switchover) which caused the rupture to occur and that this would not be repeated.		
2455.3	2445.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – <u>Air Quality Monitoring A</u> date for the meeting at South Wonston is awaited.		
2455.4	2445.4	Devolution & Local Government Re-organisation The Government consultation has now closed and a decision is awaited.		
2455.5	2445.5	War Memorial Refurbishment – Cllr Kevin Maunder will have a site meeting with Blackwell & Moody, who have carried out previous restoration work on the War Memorial, to discuss the scope of work to be undertaken.		

2456	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2456.1	2446.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – There is one broken stepping head. It was agreed to await the annual inspection report before undertaking further repairs.			Clerk	
2456.2	2446.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Cllrs Bessant-Gore and (Kevin) Maunder attended a site meeting with AVA Recreation to discuss the options in respect of the damaged gates and the repair of the slide unit. The general condition and useage of the play area were discussed and it was agreed that all councillors should seek to visit the site so that a more informed discussion can take place next month and a decision be taken on whether to continue undertaking repairs or to consider longer term options.			Clerk	
2457	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2457.1	2447.1	Footpath 7 Access – HCllr Porter is seeking clarification on the grant refusal for the new accessible gate. A resident has supplied images of the previous gate and stile.				
2457.2	2447.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman has carried out some clearance near Buddlesgate.				
2457.3	2447.3	Noticeboards – Further repair and maintenance work will be deferred now until the Spring. It was noted that the Wonston Arms board has damp and condensation issues.				
2457.4	2447.4	SID – In December the devices were in Egypt and Gratton Close. The data from Egypt shows that vehicles are not slowing quickly enough on entering the 40mph limit. This leads to vehicles still travelling too fast as they approach the roundabout and possible remedies were discussed and will continue to be further considered.				
2457.5	2447.5	Oxford Road Gateways – The line painting at the Bogmoor Sump roundabout is awaited.				
2457.6	New	Bogmoor Bench and verge Clancy's (the Southern Water contractor) have replaced the bench at Bogmoor but it is stranded in the mud on the verge which is dangerously soft. This has been reported to Clancy's who have noted the report.				
2458	7	PLANNING				
2458.1	762	Lavender Mead, Wonston Road, Wonston.	Horse chestnut tree to remove.	26/00042/TPC No comment		
2458.2	2448.6	Winchester Local Plan Main Modifications Consultation –It was previously agreed to make no response to the consultation as the modifications (other than the change to greenfield site phasing) have no impact on the Brightlands allocation. However, the lack of community engagement by WCC was discussed again and it was agreed to make a comment noting that the Parish Council consider Policy SU01 to be unsound due to the lack of consultatiuon.				
2458.3	2448.7	Village Design Statement – Cllr Besant-Gore is compiling the guidance to add to the draft VDS.				
2458.4	2448.8	CIL and Infrastructure Spend Plan – Carried forward to the February meeting.				
2459	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT				
2459.1	2449.1	Balances: As at 31/12/25 General Reserves are £56,728.15 but after Earmarked Reserves of £54,767 are £1,961.15. Payments for January (detailed below) totalling £5,759.87 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	
		Dutton Gregory	PC invoice 208646	1250.00		
		Dutton Gregory	GT invoice 208647	2706.00		
		S E Ingliss	SID movements (Oct-Dec)	450.00		
		Rob Parker	Discharge hose (flood equipt)	28.99		
		Kevin Maunder	Hazard tape (for play area)	4.06		
		Hants Pension Fund	December pension contributions	299.46		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	December expenses	47.39		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	January salary	928.99		
		Hugo Fox	Website	23.99		
		Hugo Fox	Domain emails	20.99		
				<u>5759.87</u>		
2459.2	2449.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 – The addition of further councillors to the bank mandate is ongoing.				
2460	9	Other Council Matters				
2460.1	2450.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – War Memorial restoration project and SID sockets in Wonston.				
2460.2	2450.2	Risk Management – No new risks have been identified this month.				
8.50pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.				

Signed: Chairman **dated.....**