

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th October 2025 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

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

2421	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Andrew Porteous.	Closed	
2422	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Besant-Gore – Gratton Trust (NPI), Cllr Rob Parker – Victoria Hall (NPI).	Closed	
2423	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: <u>Bob Brewer</u> – Bob noted that there are tree roots growing through the pavement near the Wessex Park entrance. The Clerk will report this to HCC.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which notes her objection to the HCC proposal for Local Government Reorganisation in Hampshire and draws attention to the planning proposal for 3 million square feet of commercial space between the A303 and the A33 (a Basingstoke and Deane application). In addition, HCCllr Porter noted that the golf club at Three Maids Hill want to add paddle courts. This is a noisy sport and issues arise at Winchester Tennis Club and Whitely but less likely here as the courts would be sited near the golf course. It would however lead to more traffic on what is already a very busy roundabout. HCCllr Porter has spoken with Steven Mills of the Flood Action Group about the storage of the flood equipment and will now put him in direct contact with the Gratton Trust who have offered to store the equipment in the pavilion.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that a lot of time is being spent on Local Government Reorganisation. The submissions have now been made to Government. The WCC preference is for WCC, Test Valley and East Hants to form a unitary but other councils had different preferences. A draft decision is likely in November followed by a further consultation and with elections for the new unitary authorities in May 2027. The districts will be dissolved a year after this when the unitaries will take over. A new Town Council is to be formed in Winchester and some existing parishes may be merged in to this. Micheldever Station has not been identified as one of the 12 new town sites selected by Government. In their Local Plan Basingstoke and Deane are proposing 4200 homes on Popham Airfield and industrial units to the south of Blackwood. A consultation will follow. These developments would require a large amount of new infrastructure in the WCC area but WCC do not support this. The new mayor will have responsibility for strategic planning which may give a better overall view but this will not take effect until 2028.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill advised that a response has been received from the Inspector reviewing the Winchester Local Plan and modifications are being made to reflect her comments. A call for sites will be made shortly for the next local plan. Southern Water have a further update for residents but this does not appear to have been received as yet. WCCllr Horrill will supply a copy to the Clerk for circulation to the councillors.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2424	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2424.1	3.1	CAB Winchester District Letter of thanks for the grant made in September.	Closed	
2424.2	3.2	WCC Sustainable Transport Invitation to meet with the officer to discuss potential projects in the Parish. It was agreed that the Chair would act as the contact with WCC.	PM	
2424.3	3.3	Resident, Stockbridge Road East Grass not cut adjacent to pavement, between Nursery Cottage and 50mph sign. Clerk to report to WCC as likely to be their responsibility due to being adjacent to pavement.	Closed	

		Matters arising from the minutes of 10th September 2025. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:																																									
2425	4	General Matters																																									
2425.1	2415.1	Gratton Trust – Legionnaires disease risk It was agreed to make a grant of £2000 towards the cost of plumbing work to mitigate the legionella risk at the pavilion. <u>Lease and sub-lease</u> An invoice is awaited from the solicitor.																																									
2425.2	2415.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – See 2.2 above.																																									
2425.3	2415.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – <u>Air Quality Monitoring</u> A date for the meeting at South Wonston is awaited.																																									
2425.4	2415.4	Devolution & Local Government Re-organisation See 2.3 above.																																									
2426	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:																																									
2426.1	2416.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – The new gate and replacement stepping heads have been installed and the fence at the top of the slide has been re-set. It was noted that a further stepping head (in the balance area) needs replacing.	Clerk																																								
2426.2	2416.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Cllr Kevin Maunder and the Parish volunteers will visit the play area to see if they can repair the gates. <u>Soakaway</u> – No further communications have been received from the agent.	Clerk																																								
2427	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:																																									
2427.1	2417.1	Footpath 7 Access – HCCllr Porter is seeking clarification on the grant refusal for the new accessible gate. A resident has supplied images of the previous gate and stile.																																									
2427.2	2417.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman cleared half of Footpath 11 on the last visit. He will be asked to clear from Wonston Lane to Harding Close on the next visit (14 th October). It was noted that the Watercress Way gate has been left open. HCCllr Porter noted that a new padlock was added two weeks ago but may, perhaps, have been broken again. Cllr Kevin Maunder will check and report to HCCllr Porter.	KM																																								
2427.3	2417.3	Noticeboards – Repairs are ongoing with the help of the Parish volunteers.																																									
2427.4	2417.4	SID – The devices will be used at some of the additional Wonston sites in the coming months.																																									
2427.5	2417.5	Oxford Road Gateways – HCC have advised that the line painting (of 'slow' markings in Sutton Scotney) will take place in the next 6 -10 weeks.																																									
2428	7	PLANNING There were no new applications to be considered this month.																																									
2428.1	2418.4	Winchester Local Plan – The Inspector's report is awaited.																																									
2428.2	2418.5	Village Design Statement – Cllr Besant-Gore has volunteered to assist in reviewing the VDS.																																									
2428.3	2418.6	CIL and Infrastructure Spend Plan – Carried forward to the November meeting.																																									
2429	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																																									
2429.1	2419.1	Balances: As at 30/09/25 General Reserves are £72,520.00 but after Earmarked Reserves of £58,166 are £14,354. Payments for October (detailed below) totalling £5792.77 were agreed by the Council.	Closed																																								
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2429.2	2419.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 – The addition of further councillors to the bank mandate is ongoing.																																									
2430	9	Other Council Matters																																									
2430.1	2420.1	Publicity & Communications – Some issues remain with the new emails and Cllr Parker is working to seek to resolve these. <u>West Dever News item –</u> Remembrance parade.	RP Clerk																																								

2430.2	2420.2	Risk Management – The War Memorial was discussed and it was agreed , if a suitable product could be found, to spend up to £250 on non-slip mats that could be used for the wreath laying.	KM/JP	
2430.3	2420.3	Remembrance Parade 2025 – WCC have now confirmed that there will be no charge for the road closure needed for the parade. A decision on the application is awaited.	Clerk	
9.05pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.		
Signed: Chairman dated.....				