

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th December 2025 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker,
Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr David Price (until 8.35pm), Cllr Andrew Porteous, Cllr Georgina Tibbets,
Cllr Matthew Bessant-Gore (from 7.35pm).
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.
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Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2441	1.1	Apologies for Absence None.	Closed	
2442	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Besant-Gore – Gratton Trust (NPI), Cllr Rob Parker – Victoria Hall (NPI), land at Brightlands (PI). Cllr Georgina Tibbets made a late declaration in respect of planning application 756 (The Old Rectory, Stoke Charity) which was considered at the November meeting (PI).	Closed	
2443	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 12 th November 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: No reports.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and also noted that responses from parish councils to the Local Government Reorganisation consultation are welcomed. County council elections will not take place in 2026 due to the reorganisation. HCCllr Porter will check whether the County Councillor grant scheme can make an award in respect of a War Memorial.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that the City Council are expecting the funding settlement from Government before Christmas. This will be an increase in funds after many years of uncertainty. For two years (until reorganization) it will be straight forward to have a balanced budget. From September 2026 the City Council will no longer be able to agree expenditure over £100k and it is currently being considered whether the CIL pot should be distributed for projects. There are many ongoing consultations, including the Community Governance Review for Winchester, the Winchester Local Plan Main Modifications consultation and the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan consultation which runs until 23 rd January 2026. Basingstoke and Deane have included an enlarged proposal for Popham Airfield with 4250 homes (1800 in the period of the Plan). A consultation event is being held at the Warren Centre in Micheldever Station on 6 th January from 2pm to 8pm.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: A Hampshire and Isle of Wight Road Safety Summit is to be held on 6 th March 2026 in West End and WCCllr Horrill will forward further details. The Mayor of Winchester will be at the Christmas market on Saturday 20 th December to raise money for his charity.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2444	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2444.1	3.1	Moldon Farm – An anonymous letter, hand delivered to the meeting, sets out a number of concerning issues in respect of the unauthorised caravans at Moldon Farm. This is already a Planning Enforcement case and a copy of the letter will be forwarded to Enforcement and also to Environmental Health.	Clerk	
2444.2	3.2	CAB Money Skills Project – A volunteer advisor can speak with local groups (without charge). Details noted.	Closed	
2444.3	3.3	HCC Countryside Access – The application to record a footpath from Wonston footpath 9b to a point on the Gratton has been refused. Noted.	Closed	
2444.4	3.4	Burial Request A request from a South Wonston resident was considered. Without a connection to the civil parish of Wonston, as is required by the Deed of Covenant on the Parish Burial Ground, the request was refused.	Closed	
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 12th November 2025.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2445	4	<u>General Matters</u>		

2445.1	2435.1	Gratton Trust – <u>Lease and sub-lease</u> A further response to Dutton Gregory was agreed . This would allow the invoices to be paid subject to Dutton Gregory providing written assurances that no further charges will be made if any matters are found to be outstanding or to have been incorrectly dealt with. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay their own and the Gratton Trust invoices to Dutton Gregory. The 20026/27 grant to the Gratton Trust will be reduced to £3000.										
2445.2	2435.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – Cllr Parker will visit the Flood Action Group co-ordinator to determine where the flood equipment is currently stored and how much space is needed for it at the pavilion.										
2445.3	2435.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – <u>Air Quality Monitoring</u> A date for the meeting at South Wonston is awaited.										
2445.4	2435.4	Devolution & Local Government Re-organisation See 2.2 and 2.3 above.										
2445.5	2440.3	War Memorial Refurbishment – It was agreed to ask contractors to visit and make their own assessment of the work required. Cllr Kevin Maunder will be available to meet contractors on site. Once the necessary work is agreed, advice will be sought from WCC on whether Listed Building Consent will be needed. As at 2,2 above, it may be possible to apply for a County Councillor grant. The War Memorials Trust also have grant schemes available.										
2446	5	PLAY AREAS <u>Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:</u>										
2446.1	2436.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – No new issues have been identified.			Clerk							
2446.2	2436.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – AVA have quoted £914.29 (net) to replace the two wooden gates and repair the damaged wood on the slide unit. The potential lifespan of wooden gates was discussed and it was agreed to ask AVA to meet on site to discuss any alternative options. Cllr Kevin Maunder will use hazard tape to restrict access to the slide unit whilst repairs are awaited and regular checks will be made on the tape. <u>Soakaway</u> – No further communications have been received from the agent.			Clerk							
2447	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:										
2447.1	2437.1	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.										
2447.2	2437.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman is due to visit on 2 nd January and Cllr Kevin Maunder will check if there is footpath clearance that he could be asked to undertake.										
2447.3	2437.3	Noticeboards – Further repair and maintenance work will be deferred now until the Spring.										
2447.4	2437.4	SID – It was reported that speed enforcement action has been taken in Sutton Scotney, by the Police, in the past month.										
2447.5	2437.5	Oxford Road Gateways – The line painting at the Bogmoor Sump roundabout is awaited.										
2448	7	PLANNING										
2448.1	757	Wonston Grange, Wonston Road, Wonston.	28 ground mounted solar panels in paddock adjacent to main house.	25/02260/FUL No comment.								
2448.2	758	Sutton Manor Nursing Home, S/Scotney.	Various tree works.	25/02335/TPC No comment.								
2448.3	759	Wonston Cottage, Wonston Rd, Wonston.	Maple to remove.	25/02330/TPC No comment.								
2448.4	760	Sutton Down Farm, Alresford Drove, S/Scotney.	Erection of grange storage and drying facility with associated works.	25/02115/FUL No comment.								
2448.5	761	Six Yards House, Wonston Rd, S/Charity	Willow to pollard.	25/02504/TPC No comment.								
2448.6	2438.1	Winchester Local Plan – The consultation on the Main Modifications (to the draft Plan) is ongoing. The impact of these modifications on the allocation for Brightlands was discussed in detail. It is disheartening that the previous phasing of brownfield sites over greenfield has been removed but this is Government policy. It was agreed to make no response to the consultation as none of the other modifications have an impact on the Brightlands allocation.										
2448.7	2438.2	Village Design Statement – A meeting took place last week and Cllr Besant-Gore will now format the draft VDS and add the guidance.										
2448.8	2438.3	CIL and Infrastructure Spend Plan – Carried forward to the January meeting.										
2449	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT										
2449.1	2439.1	Balances: As at 30/11/25 General Reserves are £61,470.48 but after Earmarked Reserves of £57,281 are £4189.48. Payments for December (detailed below) totalling £3024.03 were agreed by the Council.			Closed							
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		<div>HMRCQtr 3 PAYE790.43</div> <div>Hants Pension FundNovember pension contributions299.46</div> <div>Jocelyn JenkinsNovember expenses86.20</div> <div>Jocelyn JenkinsDecember salary910.96</div> <div>Hugo FoxWebsite23.99</div> <div>Hugo FoxDomain emails20.99</div> <div>3024.03</div>		
2449.2	2439.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 – The addition of further councillors to the bank mandate is ongoing.		
2449.3	2439.3	Budget for 2026/27 – The draft budget was presented and some amendments made. A vote was taken and it was agreed by a majority decision to increase the precept to £45,000 to cover the grants being made to local community groups and the proposed restoration of the War Memorial. Off agenda.		
2450	9	Other Council Matters		
2450.1	2440.1	Publicity & Communications – West Dever News item – War Memorial restoration project and SID sockets in Wonston.		
2450.2	2440.2	Risk Management – No new risks have been identified this month.		
9.25pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 14 th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.		
Signed: Chairman dated.....				