

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th November 2022 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr David Price,
 Cllr Rob Parker (following co-option at 7.35pm).
 In attendance: WCCllr Caroline Horrill, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

		Minutes		R
2076	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Andrew Wheeler. Election of a Chairman Due to the resignation of Cllr Dowson (see 2080.1 below) it was necessary to elect a new Chairman. Councillor Pauline Maunder offered to stand as Chairman until the election in May and this was unanimously agreed .	Closed	
2077	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
2078	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 12 th October 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2079	1.4	Co-option Rob Parker volunteered to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. It was agreed unanimously to accept Rob onto the council.		
	2	<u>Reports</u> – the meeting adjourned during reports.		
	2.1	The Public: No reports.		
	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 Local Plan and HCC Minerals and Waste Plan consultations. She also noted the publication of further data from the 2021 Census and provided further detail of the financial difficulties being faced by the County Council.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill drew attention to the Regulation 18 Draft Local Plan consultation which has now begun and runs until 14 th December 2022. There are two parts to the draft plan, the policies and the sites being allocated development. Policy changes have been made to embed climate change elements within the plan. Some of these changes will make new houses more expensive to buy but they will be cheaper to run. The need for a north Winchester park and ride has still not been resolved but will be linked to the Sir John Moore development, where 900 new homes have been allocated and it might be incorporated within this site. The new homes at this site will be on the brownfield part of the site. The need for and importance of affordable homes is also built into the draft plan. Another important site allocation is in South Wonston, where the Parish Council are unhappy that an allocation has been made to a greenfield site when other brownfield sites are still available in the district. Following the current consultation, the Regulation 18 plan evolves into the Regulation 19 which then goes to the Planning Inspector. A new Local Plan is now required every five years. WCCllr Horrill also noted the reading of the Proclamation in Winchester following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the granting of the Freedom of the City to the Adjutant General's Corps and the opening of the 878AD Exhibition at the Brooks Shopping Centre. The exhibition runs for two years and slots can be booked on-line to avoid having to queue. A £200,000 Cost of Living Support Fund has been launched by the City Council and a meeting is being held with all partners to discuss initiatives such as warm hubs. Melissa Fletcher, of WCC, is co-ordinating the fund. The most recent release of 2021 Census data shows the aging population in the district. Major city projects continue to be worked on but no decisions have been taken yet.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that, despite significant recent rainfall, local groundwater levels remain low. A Flood Action Group (FLAG) meeting will be held shortly but pressure needs to be maintained on HCC to ensure that the drains under Oxford Road are cleared. No confirmation has been received as yet that this has been done this year. WCCllr Godfrey also noted that Local Plan development in the countryside will affect the flood plain. In respect of affordable housing in the draft plan, the percentage of affordable homes is to be reduced from 40% to 30% on new home sites. This is to make it more deliverable and financially viable. Financial viability calculations include the extra costs linked to sustainability, environmental standards etc. A higher proportion of affordable homes (at least 50%) on sites of more than 10 homes must be rented (ie rather than part own/part		

		buy) and at least 50% must be first homes with a 20% discount on the market rate which is then retained in any re-sale.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2080	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2080.1	3.1	Resignation of Councillor Lucy Dowson – The resignation of Councillor Dowson was accepted with immediate effect.	Closed	
2080.2	3.2	Church Pantry grant request – It was agreed to make a grant of up to £400 to cover the cost of a skip for the items to be cleared from the outbuilding at the Coach and Horses.	Closed	
2080.3	3.3	Repair & Recycling Café grant request – It was agreed to make a grant of £200 to the Scouts to help them set up the café. Details of grants available from WCC will also be sent to the Scouts.	Closed	
2080.4	3.4	HCC Cost of Living support summary – Details are available on HCC website. Noted.	Closed	
2080.5	3.5	Community First – Details of training available to those setting up Warm Hubs or similar schemes. Noted.	Closed	
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 12th October 2022.</u>		
		The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2081	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2081.1	2070.1	Gratton Trust: No new issues have arisen this month but concern was expressed over the possible loss of trees this winter and the provision for tree work has been increased in the draft 2023/24 budget. (See 2085.2 below).		
2081.2	2070.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – See 2.4 above re FLAG meeting and drain clearance. Updating of the Community Emergency Plan was carried forward until after the FLAG meeting.	Clerk	
2081.3	2070.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – The decision on whether to declare a Climate Emergency was carried forward to the December meeting to ensure that all councillors had time to consider the implications. The booklet produced by ARUP will be re-circulated.		
2081.4	2070.5	Oxford Road Crossing (Victoria Hall) – No further action has been taken on this proposal at present.		
2081.5	2070.6	Watercress Way Grant Request – An update is awaited on the crowd funding undertaken by the Trust.		
2081.6	New	Community Support Initiatives – The possibility of the Parish Council, with very few councillors, seeking to operate any community support initiative was deemed impracticable. In light of the financial support already offered to community groups and the two further grants approved this evening (see 2080.2 and 2080.3 above) it was agreed instead to offer further support to groups operating, or being set up, for the benefit of the community. This will be noted in the West Dever News for December. Off agenda.		
2082	5	<u>PLAY AREAS</u> <u>Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:</u>		
2082.1	2071.1	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	
2082.2	2071.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection The refurbishment of the slide unit is awaited and AVA have been asked to also quote for gate repairs or replacement. The agent for Pigeon House Yard is leaving. Details in respect of the fence required at the play area have been passed to her replacement.	Clerk	
2083	6	<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc</u> <u>Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:</u>		
2083.1	2072.1	Footpath 7 Access – Consent has been received for the accessible gate and a design chosen. The Clerk will now seek quotes for the installation and apply to HCC Countryside Services for a grant towards the cost.		
2072.2	2072.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – No new issues reported.		
2072.3	2072.3	Noticeboards – The return of the Wonston board is awaited.		
2072.4	2072.4	SLR – The deployment rota has been submitted and accepted. A contractor is still being sought to carry out the sign movements. The Clerk will check whether they could be covered by the council's insurance.		
2072.5	2072.5	Bins – Councillor Kevin Maunder is continuing to liaise with Andrew Turner at WCC.		
2084	7	<u>PLANNING</u>		
		<u>New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:</u>		
2084.1	674	2 Old Stoke Road, Stoke Charity.	Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, front porch and car port.	22/02064/HOU No comment
2084.2	675	Norton Park Hotel, Bullington Road, Norton, Sutton Scotney.	Internally illuminated signs and totems and non-illuminated plaques.	22/01724/AVC No comment

2084.3	676	4 White Swan Court, Oxford Road, Sutton Scotney.	Live/work studio.	22/02240/HOU No comment																													
2084.4	677	Mulberry House, Wonston Road, Wonston.	Mulberry tree to thin by 20% to reduce weight of limbs.	22/02373/TPC No comment																													
2084.5	2073.3	Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites (SHELAA) – See 2.3 and 2.4 above. It was agreed that each councillor should study two of the policies and provide a draft response by 30th November. The Clerk will then combine the responses and circulate for any further comments before a submission is made to the consultation.																															
2084.6	2073.4	Village Design Statement – WCCllr Horrill offered to arrange a meeting with a WCC planning officer to discuss the VDS process. Councillors Judith Polak and Pauline Maunder will attend the meeting with any other councillors who are available.																															
2084.7	2073.5	Southern Water Pipeline – Dawn Adey, WCC Strategic Director, will be contacting Southern Water to discuss the progress of the pipeline and likely timescale.																															
2085	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																															
2085.1	2074.1	Balances: As at 31/10/22 General Reserves are £89,939.17 but after Earmarked Reserves are £15,835.17. Payments for November (detailed below) totalling £3936.55 were agreed by the Council.			Closed																												
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2085.2	2074.3	2023/24 Budget – The draft budget was considered. Due to the cost of living crisis the grant budget was increased by £2000 to enable the council to provide grants to local groups providing support to the community. It was agreed to accept the budget with no change to the precept of £38,000.																															
2086	9	Other Council Matters																															
2086.1	2075.1	Publicity & Communications – The Social Media policy is currently being written. West Dever News item – For December: Local plan consultation and grants.																															
2086.2	2075.2	Risk Management – No new issues were identified.																															
2086.3	2075.3	Bottle Bank – No update received.																															
9.50pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 14 th December 2022 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																															
Signed: Chairman dated.....																																	