

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 8th December 2021 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Lucy Dowson (Chairman), Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr David Price, Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr Kevin Maunder.
 In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

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1973	1.1	Apologies for Absence. No apologies were received.	Closed	
1974	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
1975	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 10 th November were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
1976	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: JJ Heath-Caldwell and Rachel Masker attended the meeting to request an update on the allotment fence. The Clerk read minute reference 1967.5 from the November 2021 minutes which are available on the website: www.wonstonparish.org.uk JJ noted that the allotment land is a Parish Council asset and asked that this be noted in the minutes. He asked whether the fence had been inspected and how many posts were rotten. It was agreed that a meeting would be held at the allotments, with JJ and some councillors, to review the current condition of the fence.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and noted that an update on the new hospital would be available on Monday. HCCllr Porter noted the school visits she has made and the impact of the pandemic on the wellbeing of children. £7million has been made available to the County Council, by the Department of Work and Pensions, to distribute to families and vulnerable households over the winter for food, fuel and utility/heating costs. Referrals can be made through the Citizens Advice Bureau. HCCllr Porter also supplied details of the Community Pantry at Unit 12 and these details will be circulated to councillors and included on the Parish Council Facebook page.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted three consultations which have begun or are about to begin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation on the proposed City Council budget. • Proposals for the re-generation of central Winchester – there will be a dedicated council meeting next month to consider these proposals. • Winchester Movement Strategy – consultation on the proposals which include a park and ride to the north of the City at the top of Andover Road. The consultation is open until 11th February 2022. The three city councillors spent a morning with Dawn Adey touring the ward and viewing key sites for flooding, employment, conflict, potential affordable housing sites etc A Flood Action Group (FLAG) meeting has been held and updates obtained on groundwater levels. As of two weeks ago, these were lower than in previous years. A flooding report for the village will be published in the New Year.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill noted with sadness the unexpected death of Winchester City Councillor Linda Murphy. The Local Plan SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment) sites were formally published today. It was noted that the Parish Council can contact Adrian Fox with comments (positive or negative) on the sites listed for the Parish. A further member of the WCC New Homes Team is retiring in the New Year and this may lead to further delays with affordable housing projects. The University of Southampton has made a bid for the old leisure park site with a view to expanding the School of Art and incorporating an exhibition space. The site would be for educational purposes and would not include student accommodation.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
1977	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>		

		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
1977.1	3.1	Winchester Movement Strategy – A consultation runs until 11 th February 2022 at https://www.hants.gov.uk/Winchester-movement-strategy Details will be circulated to councillors and an agenda item added for the January 2022 meeting.	Closed	
1977.2	3.2	WCC Community Grants Virtual 'Drop In' Day, 14th December – Details noted and will be forwarded to the Gratton Trust and Victoria Hall.	Closed	
1977.3	3.3	WCC Warmer Homes Funding for insulation and solar panels is available to selected homes who have been written to directly based on publicly available energy efficiency data on their homes. Noted.	Closed	
1977.4	3.4	Southern Water Update re Saddlers Close – Southern Water have advised that the current plan is that the flow from Saddlers Close will be sent to Gratton Close and then sent to a WTW (water treatment works) in Winchester. They were not aware that waste was also being tankered from Pigeon House Yard and details will be sent to them and copied to the City Councillors.	Clerk	
		Matters arising from the minutes of 10th November 2021. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
1978	4	General Matters		
1978.1	1967.1	Gratton Trust: <u>Lease</u> – The new lease is now finalised and the balance owed to the solicitor is included in payments as at 1982.1 below. <u>Management Agreement</u> The management agreement has now been signed. It was noted that under its terms, trees are the responsibility of the Parish Council and it needs to be clarified with the Trust that they should seek approval before planting any further trees. The Clerk will contact the Chair of the Trust. See also 1983.2 below re risk management. <u>Grant request</u> The Trust have asked whether the Parish Council would support a grant request towards solar panels on the pavilion as the feasibility of these are being considered. The Clerk has responded to note that the benefit to residents would have to be demonstrated in any grant request.	Clerk	
1978.2	1967.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – See also 2.3 above. It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman team (two staff) to spend an extra half day in the Parish to carry out clearance work at the Bogmoor Sump. This time will be charged directly to the Parish, at a cost of £200, as the no charge days under the Lengthsman Scheme have already been used.	Clerk	
1978.3	1967.3	Village Greening Campaign – The Chairman and Clerk attended a virtual presentation on 25 th November. It was noted that without a school it may be difficult for Wonston to implement the campaign successfully. Councillors Polak and Pauline Maunder will seek to attend the launch of the Micheldever scheme on 14 th December and report to the January meeting. Consideration will then be given to the possibility of combining with another parish such as South Wonston.		
1978.4	1967.4	Queen's Green Canopy – It was agreed to promote the scheme on Facebook and to encourage residents to respond individually. Off agenda.		
1978.5	1967.5	Allotment fence – See also 2.1 above. Councillors Dowson and Price will meet with JJ Heath-Caldwell this month at the allotments to review the condition of the fence.		
1979	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:		
1979.1	1968.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly/Annual Inspection The report has been delayed and will be considered in January unless any urgent matters arise before then.	Clerk	
1979.2	1968.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection The new infant swing has now been installed. <u>Soakaway</u> The Agent has been asked for details of the tankering but a response has not yet been received.	Clerk	
1980	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:		
1980.1	1969.1	Footpath 7 Access – No further response has been received from BCM.		
1980.2	1969.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – It was noted that yellow posts have been added at the entrance to Footpath 11 but the fingerpost has still not been replaced. The Clerk will ask Tristan Kestle (local HCC Highways Engineer) about the yellow posts and why these have been installed.		
1980.3	1969.3	Noticeboards – Repairs to the Wonston Arms board are awaited.		
1980.4	1969.4	SLR – A further investigation of the verge widths in Wonston has been undertaken and agreement has now been reached with HCC Safer Roads for permission to be given for a wider SID sign. This will offer far more choice and the Clerk will obtain brochures and quotes for consideration at the January meeting. Cllr Kevin Maunder noted that he has spoken with John Cooper, who is campaigning for a more efficient and cost effective bus service. John is also in contact with HCCllr Jackie Porter.		
1981	7	PLANNING New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:		

1981.1	645	Old Post Office Cottage, Wonston Road, Stoke Charity	Replacement of three windows and front door.	21/02403/LIS No comment																																						
1981.2	646	Figsbury House, Wonston Road, Wonston	Blue cedar to canopy lift, goat willow to pollard & apple to fell.	21/02949/TPC No comment																																						
1981.3	1970.4	Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites (SHELAA) The Clerk noted that at the WCC Parish Liaison Meeting on 25 th November, Adrian Fox provided an update on the Local Plan. In respect of the proposed development strategy, he noted that Approach 3 (a new settlement) received very limited support but that Approach 1 (an extension of the current approach of adding to certain existing settlements) was well supported. A modified version of Approach 1 is being recommended, which would add three new settlements to those taking increases in housing: South Wonston Otterbourne and Sutton Scotney .																																								
1981.4	1970.5	Village Design Statement Carried forward to the January 2022 meeting.																																								
1982	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																																								
1982.1	1971.1	Balances: As at 30/11/21 General Reserves are £81,764.53 but after Earmarked Reserves are £31678.53. Payments for December (detailed below) totalling £3295.83 were agreed by the Council.			Closed																																					
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1983	9	Other Council Matters																																								
1983.1	1972.1	Publicity & Communications – The HALC (Hampshire Association of Local Councils) Guidance Note on the Use of Social Media was considered. It was agreed to circulate this to all councillors and to then consider adoption of the guidance at the January 2022 meeting.																																								
1983.2	1972.2	Risk Management – The need for a further tree survey in 2022 was discussed and the Clerk will seek quotes for consideration in the New Year.																																								
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9.15pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																																								
Signed: Chairman dated.....																																										