

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

Present: Cllr Lucy Dowson (Chairman), Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Pauline Maunder, Cllr Kevin Maunder.
 In attendance: WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

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2006	1.1	Apologies for Absence. Cllr David Price, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.	Closed	
2007	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
2008	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 9 th February 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2009	1.4	Co-option No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	<p>The Public: Rob Parker attended the meeting to note his concern about development in Sutton Scotney. Following the inclusion of the land near Brightlands in the SHELAA review, he has been approached by developers who have assumed that he owns the land. He observed that the capacity for 103 houses (as identified in the SHELAA review) would lead to up to 400 extra residents and that the infrastructure could not support this. He noted that the doctors surgery is already over-subscribed and that there is no regular bus service amongst other constraints.</p> <p>Rachel Masker noted, in respect of the allotment fence, that a Small Grant of up to £500 could be claimed towards the cost of repairs but that this could not be done retrospectively.</p> <p>It was noted that the councillors had thought to make a Small Grant application towards the Jubilee exhibition and to use the allotment reserve to pay for the fence repairs. WCCllr Godfrey advised that it may be possible to make two Small Grant applications in some instances.</p>		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which summarised many of the issues arising following the recent storms.		
	2.3	<p>Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that a 2.7% increase in Council Tax has been agreed and that most charges will be rising by 3%. An additional £3 million grant from Government, which had not been expected, means that there could potentially be a £1.9 million surplus which will be transferred to reserves to assist with uncertainty ahead.</p> <p>The sale of River Park to the University of Southampton is proceeding but it is noted that this is unpopular with some residents and may lead to further legal challenges.</p> <p>Cllr Godfrey mentioned the Greening Campaign at the South Wonston Parish Council meeting last month and will do so again next week.</p> <p>Letters in respect of the Local Plan housing allocations were sent to Parish Councils before a briefing was made to City Councillors. Cllr Godfrey noted that the potential allocation of 800 homes at St John Barracks is less than the minimum of 1200 homes which the MOD would prefer.</p> <p>The meeting resumed after reports.</p>		
2010	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2010.1	3.1	20's Plenty for Us is asking Parish and Town Councils in Hampshire to pass a motion to support the campaign for 20mph where people live, work and play. It was agreed to add this to the April agenda in order that a formal vote could be taken.		
2010.2	3.2	Hampshire Homes Hub is launching a new Housing Needs Survey Service. Noted.	Closed	
2010.3	3.3	Consultation on the Micheldever Village Design Statement It was agreed that the Micheldever VDS is a comprehensive and detailed document and that it is fully supported by Wonston Parish Council. A response will be made to the consultation.	Closed	
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 9th February 2022.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2011	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2011.1	2000.1	Gratton Trust: Following the recent storms, a large tree on the Gratton has split and a major section has fallen into the garden of Mill House. Following visits from tree surgeons to provide quotes, two further trees were identified as being potentially unstable.	Clerk	

		<p>Three quotes were obtained to carry out clearance and safety work. TCS Arborists and Hampshire Rural Management both quoted to fell and remove all three trees and their quotes were for £6400 and £6195. Toby Bunce quoted to remove the damaged tree to fence height and remove 5m of the height and prune back the two potentially unstable trees. The wood to be stacked on the boundary and the chippings spread in the thicket area. His quote was for £1550.</p> <p>It was agreed to accept the quote from Toby Bunce and to budget for further tree work in coming years as it seems likely that further issues may arise.</p>				
2011.2	2000.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – Clearance work has been requested at the Bogmoor Sump but it was noted that the water level appears to be much lower at the moment.			Clerk	
2011.3	2000.3	Village Greening Campaign – See 2.3 above.				
2011.4	2000.4	Allotment fence – Three quotes were requested for the fence but only two were received in time for consideration. Hampshire Rural Management quoted £1440 to replace 30 broken posts. RP Gardening originally quoted £850 for 21 posts before Storm Eunice. They have noted that they would charge £15 each for any additional posts replaced on the same day (30 posts would therefore cost £962.50). It was agreed to accept the quote from RP Gardening and to ask them to replace additional posts as necessary subject to the total cost not being more than £1000.				
2011.5	2000.5	Oxford Road Crossing (Victoria Hall) – A virtual meeting was held between Andy Smith, HCC Safer Roads Team Leader, and Parish Council representatives on 23 rd February to discuss the possibilities for improving pedestrian safety crossing both Oxford Road and Wonston Road near the Victoria Hall.				
		It was a useful meeting but the costs of the project are significant and councillors expressed concern that there is no tender process or alternatives, other than to commission work by HCC. The Clerk will make Andy aware of these concerns and also contact the HCC Safer Routes to School Team to see if funding may be available from them towards the project.				
2011.6	2000.6	Watercress Way Grant Request – No further information has been received from the Watercress Way. Carried forward to the April meeting.				
2012	5	PLAY AREAS				
		Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2012.1	2001.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly/Annual Inspection No new issues identified. The annual inspection is awaited.			Clerk	
2012.2	2001.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection The agent for Pigeonhouse Yard has advised that the investigation works on the soakaway are now complete. These have shown that the soakaway is now exhausted and no longer fit for purpose. Quotes are being obtained to have the soakaway dug out and replaced. Waste is continuing to be taken away by tankers.			Clerk	
		The annual inspection report for the play area is awaited before deciding on refurbishment work to be undertaken.				
2013	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc				
		Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2013.1	2002.1	Footpath 7 Access – No further response has been received from BCM.				
2013.2	2002.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – No new issues have been reported this month.				
2013.3	2002.3	Noticeboards – An alternative site for the Wonston board is still being sought. Carried forward to the April meeting.				
2013.4	2002.4	SLR – Work by HCC to install sockets and replace sign posts is awaited in Wonston before the new sign can be used. A deployment schedule is also required by HCC.				
2013.5	New	Bins – Cllr Kevin Maunders, WCCllr Caroline Horrill and resident representatives joined Andrew Turner of WCC in a meeting in the Parish to review the current bins. This meeting raised a number of points and Cllr Maunders is continuing to work with Andrew Turner to resolve these.				
2014	7	PLANNING				
		New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:				
2014.1	650	Land adj. Hazel Cottage, Wonston Road, Wonston	Application to vary condition 2 of consent 17/01346/FUL (to add rooflights and change the width of door on west elevation).	21/01773/FUL No comment		
2014.2	651	Lower Norton Farm, Norton	To demolish agricultural barn and erect an educational facility building with associated landscaping and sewage treatment plant.	21/03268/FUL Support		
2014.3	652	The Beeches, Oxford Road, Sutton Scotney	To amend the drainage scheme from that originally approved.	22/00078/FUL No comment		
2014.4	2003.2	Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites (SHELAA) As noted at 2.3 above, letters have now been sent to Parish Councils in respect of Local Plan potential housing				

		allocations. A virtual meeting between the WCC Local Plan officers and the Parish Council is to take place tomorrow, Thursday 10 th March.																										
2014.5	2003.3	Village Design Statement Councillor Polak will discuss the possibility of writing a VDS with residents who she thinks may be able to provide assistance.																										
2015	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																										
2015.1	2004.1	Balances: As at 28/2/22 General Reserves are £77,134.49 but after Earmarked Reserves are £15,048.49. Payments for March (detailed below) totalling £4325.20 were agreed by the Council.	Closed																									
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2016	9	Other Council Matters																										
2016.1	2005.1	Publicity & Communications – The Social Media policy is currently being written. <u>West Dever News item</u> – Housing Growth and councillor vacancies, Royal Jubilee, Parish Assembly.																										
2016.2	2005.2	Risk Management – The 2022 Risk Management Report was agreed and signed by the Chairman.																										
2016.3	2005.3	Bottle Bank – Carried forward to the April meeting.																										
2016.4	2005.4	Parish Assembly 2022 – This is to be held on Thursday 12 th May and will have a recycling theme with a short talk by Nicky from South Wonston Recycling and presentations to the litter pickers.																										
2016.5	2005.5	Queen's Platinum Jubilee – A Small Grant Application will be made to WCC for additional display boards for the exhibition.																										
9.35pm		Next meeting – <u>Tuesday</u> 12th April 2022 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																										
Signed: Chairman dated.....																												