

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th January 2023 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunders, Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Kevin Maunders, Cllr Rob Parker.
 In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Caroline Horrill, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

		Minutes		R
2097	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr David Price.	Closed	
2098	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
2099	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 14 th December 2022 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) which noted that Citizens Advice have been given additional funding to help with increased demand for their services. She also advised on obtaining vaccinations and boosters for children, changes to the Directors at HCC and changes to the arrangements for the disposal of upholstered seating. A longer item noted the questions (and related answers) frequently asked in respect of the Streetworks Team who are responsible for the coordination of all works and events on the public highway. Cllr Parker asked whether anyone checks for highways issues such as damaged road signs. HCCllr Porter advised that it is necessary for these to be reported via the HCC website as the service is now reactive rather than pro-active. WCCllr Horrill recommended carrying out a full parish survey of road signs (with photographs).		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill noted that the Local Plan consultation closed in December and that the responses are now being reviewed. Nitrate and phosphate issues are continuing to delay decisions on planning applications. Major projects, including Bushfield Camp, Station Approach, the Central Winchester Regeneration and the sale of the land near the Leisure Park are all ongoing. Small grants are still available from WCC and are now for up to £1000. An award has recently been granted to develop girls cricket. In the District Residents Survey conducted last year, residents indicated that they were generally happy but access to affordable housing was seen as needing improvement, together with better public transport and local retail. Over 270 Ukrainian families are currently being supported in the District. Money has been made available for cost of living issues and the CAB have additional funding. Photographic ID will be required in order to vote in person at the May elections. Publicity material will be provided to advertise this.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that he has submitted an item for the February edition of the West Dever News explaining the voter ID requirements for the May elections and which documents will be accepted. Voter Authority Certificates (VAD) will be available through the Government website or the City Council for those without photo ID. A Small Grant has been made to the South Wonston Sustainability Group for a thermal imaging camera.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2100	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2100.1	3.1	Buckingham Palace – A card has been received thanking the residents and councillors for the letter of condolence sent to King Charles upon the death of Queen Elizabeth.	Closed	
2100.2	3.2	HCC Climate Change Team – An in-person event is being held at The Arc in Winchester on 1 st February from 2pm-4pm.	Closed	
2100.3	3.3	Sunshine Club – Thanks have been received for the grant made to cover the clubs costs.	Closed	

2100.4	3.4	HALC – Extraordinary General Meeting to be held on 23 rd February to adopt new Articles of Association.		Closed	
		Matters arising from the minutes of 14th December 2022. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:			
2101	4	General Matters			
2101.1	2091.1	Gratton Trust – No new issues have arisen this month. See also 2104.4 below.			
2101.2	2091.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – HCCllr Porter is meeting with the Flood Team on 4 th February and will mention issues in this Parish.		Clerk	
2101.3	2091.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – It was agreed to resolve to take environmental considerations into account in decisions taken by the Council and to minute these reasons but not to take the step of declaring a Climate Emergency at this stage. This decision will be reviewed after 12 months.			
2101.5	2091.6	Watercress Way Grant Request – HCCllr Porter advised that other fundraising is taking place but that it may be necessary for a grant request to be made to the Parish Council to meet any shortfall.			
2102	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:			
2102.1	2092.1	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. The annual play area inspection has been booked through WCC.		Clerk	
2102.2	2092.2	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 annual play area inspection has been booked through WCC. Soakaway – A response is awaited from the new agent for Pigeon House Yard.		Clerk	
2103	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:			
2103.1	2093.1	Footpath 7 Access – Quotes are being sought to both supply and install the gate. An application will then be made for a HCC Countryside grant.			
2103.2	2093.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – No new issues reported.			
2103.3	2093.3	Noticeboards – No new issues identified. The Lengthsman may be asked to re-varnish the boards in the Summer.			
2103.4	2093.4	SLR – The new device has now been deployed on Christmas Hill and will then be moved to Wonston Green.			
2103.5	2093.5	Bins – The only issue now outstanding is the over-charging for dog bins.			
2103.6	New	Lengthsman worksheet for February visit – It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to cut the trees by the railway bridge (near the garage) in Sutton Scotney and to clean the road sign on the roundabout. Councillor Kevin Maunders will provide photographs of the trees and sign to ensure that the Lengthsman finds the correct locations.			
2104	7	PLANNING New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:			
2104.1	683	Keepers Cottage, Wonston Road, Wonston.	To fell dead willow tree.	22/02933/TPC No comment	
2104.2	2094.6	Winchester Local Plan – As noted at 2.3 above, the consultation is now closed and the next steps are now awaited.			
2104.3	2094.7	Village Design Statement – Cllr Polak advised that she and Cllr Pauline Maunders had a very helpful meeting with a WCC Planning Officer who will be sending further information and contact details. Funding is available to assist with the costs of producing a VDS and this could include drone photographs, layout etc The next step is to seek to recruit four or five volunteers to assist with the project. HCCllr Porter noted that a subscription to 'Parish Map' might prove beneficial in producing the VDS and the Clerk will explore this and also ask about the minimum specification of laptop required in order to run it effectively as the laptop owned by the Council is reaching the end of its useful life and a new laptop might be funded through a VDS grant from WCC.			
2104.4	2094.8	Southern Water Pipeline – Neither Southern Water or Carter Jonas were able to send representatives to the meeting. Southern Water have, today however, now answered the questions first raised following the meeting with WCC last year. These responses have been circulated and both Carter Jonas and Southern Water have indicated that they will attend a future meeting.			
2105	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT			
2105.1	2095.1	Balances: As at 31/12/22 General Reserves are £82,749.31 but after Earmarked Reserves are £11,312.31. Payments for January (detailed below) totalling £1137.88 were agreed by the Council.		Closed	
		Kevin Maunders 14 th Winchester Scout Group	Padlock for noticeboard Grant re Repair Cafe	2.49 200.00	
		Grass & Grounds Ltd	November grass cutting	139.08	
		Hants Pension Fund	January contributions	176.71	

		Jocelyn Jenkins	December expenses	39.40		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	January salary	<u>580.20</u>		
				<u>1,137.88</u>		
2105.2	New	Local Government Pay Agreement 2022/23 It was agreed to accept the pay agreement which is for a £1 per hour increase (6.6%) backdated to April 1 st 2022.				
2106	9	Other Council Matters				
2106.1	2096.1	Publicity & Communications – The draft Social Media Policy was reviewed and it was decided to formally approve this at the February meeting. <u>West Dever News item</u> – SID deployment, VDS volunteers needed and cost of living support available.				
2106.2	2096.2	Risk Management – No new issues were identified.				
2106.3	2096.3	Bottle Bank – HCCllr Porter will attempt to draw attention to this request.				
2106.4	2096.4	Email for councillors – It was agreed to take this matter off the agenda.				
9.15pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.				
Signed: Chairman dated.....						