

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held virtually (via Zoom) at 7.50pm on Tuesday 4th May 2021

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

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| 1914 | 1.1 | Apologies for Absence. WCCllr Caroline Horrill, WCCllr Patrick Cunningham. | Closed | |
| 1915 | 1.2 | Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No declarations were made in respect of matters on the agenda. | Closed | |
| 1916 | 1.3 | Minutes of the meeting of 14 th April 2021 were agreed . These will be sent to Cllr Dowson for signing. | Closed | |
| 1917 | 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: No report. | | |
| | 2.2 | Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and noted that most HCC staff are now back in their usual roles following covid deployments. HCCllr Porter drew particular attention to the broadband item on her report and noted that Openreach have been a disappointing partner for the county in the Community Fibre Partnerships which they have been very slow to process. While good internet connection is now more important than ever HCCllr Porter remains hopeful that the County will continue to assist with funding for local schemes. Cllr Dowson asked how many responses had been received to the Local Plan consultation. HCCllr Porter advised that there were 2202 responses which included 700 online responses to the whole consultation and more than 1000 responses via email. Other responses came from the virtual public events. Cllr Price asked for an update on the Solar Together scheme. HCCllr Porter noted that it is run by HCC but applications are made via WCC. It was noted that the scheme does not appear economically effective based on the offers provided to date but HCCllr Porter advised that more detail will be available after the elections. | | |
| | 2.3 | Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that there was flooding last week between Norton and Micheldever Station. The fields are still rock hard following a very dry April and this increases the risk of flash flooding. The new leisure park has a provisional opening date of 28 th May. A new grant scheme to help businesses and organisations making modifications or diversifying due to the pandemic is being administered by the City Council. | | |
| | | The meeting resumed after reports. | | |
| 1918 | 3 | <u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting.</u> | | |
| | | The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues: | | |
| 1918.1 | 3.1 | Gratton Trust – A note of thanks from the Chairman of the Gratton Trust has been received for the grants paid in April. | Noted. | |
| 1918.2 | 3.2 | Royal British Legion – The local branch have requested permission for a small wreath laying ceremony on 15 th May to mark the centenary of the RBL. It was agreed that permission should be given subject to covid restrictions being complied with. Cllr Maunder volunteered to tidy the War Memorial prior to the 15 th May. | Closed | |
| 1918.3 | 3.3 | Sutton Scotney Neighbourhood Watch – The scheme co-ordinator is proposing to close the scheme which has been dormant for some years and to donate remaining funds to charity. This action was supported and the website will be updated accordingly. | Clerk. | |
| | | <u>Matters arising from the minutes of 14th April 2021.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues: | | |
| 1919 | 4 | <u>General Matters</u> | | |
| 1919.1 | 1908.1 | Gratton Trust: <u>Lease</u> – The solicitor has now sent a copy of the proposed lease to the Gratton Trust and has noted that costs to date are around £3500. The Clerk will ask for a breakdown of time and costs as this figure is double the original estimate and no indication has been given until now that the estimate had been exceeded. | Clerk | |

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| | | Cllrs Dowson and Polak will arrange a meeting with the Gratton trustees to discuss the management scheme. | | | | |
| 1919.2 | 1908.3 | Emergency & Flood Plans – Further to his comments at 2.3 (above) WCCllr Godfrey advised that there is a less immediate risk of flooding now but that preparations need to commence for next winter. Meetings with officers need to be followed up and the next steps considered. HCCllr Porter noted the difficulties in contacting land owners or their agents and that it has been suggested to her that registering land in the Local Plan as being for flood alleviation may be more effective than having to consider compulsory purchase. | | | Clerk | |
| 1919.3 | 1908.4 | Village Greening Campaign – Carried forward to the next meeting. | | | | |
| 1920 | 5 | PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following: | | | | |
| 1920.1 | 1909.1 | Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly/Annual Inspection Despite the recent repairs to some of the fence there are still other areas where it is in poor condition. It was agreed to seek quotes for further repairs and to ask those quoting whether metal or concrete posts would be more suitable. AVA will be asked to quote for a new swing seat and it was agreed that the Clerk could accept this if it did not exceed the quote from Vita Play. | | | Clerk | |
| 1920.2 | 1909.2 | Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Monthly/Annual Inspection AVA will be asked to quote for a new swing seat with acceptance as at 1920.1 above. Work is currently being undertaken to remove the elder tree which is between the fence and that for the Pigeon House Yard STP. | | | Clerk | |
| 1921 | 6 | HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following: | | | | |
| 1921.1 | 1910.1 | Footpath 7 Access – A further letter will be sent to BCM. | | | | |
| 1921.2 | 1910.2 | Footpaths & Bridleways – There is still a tree on the footpath by Beggars Drove. Cllr Kevin Maunder has reported this to HCC and HCCllr Porter asked him to forward the report number to her for her to pursue. | | | | |
| 1921.3 | 1910.3 | Noticeboards – Repairs are awaited on the noticeboards at the Wonston Arms and at Gratton Close. | | | | |
| 1921.4 | 1910.4 | SLR – A review of potential sites for the SLR, or a new replacement, is currently being undertaken by an HCC Traffic Officer. | | | | |
| 1921.5 | 1910.5 | Recycled benches – A second quote has been received from Vita Play for a new picnic bench, park style bench and for the repairs identified in the annual play area inspection report. The quote from Vita Play is for £2361.90 and it was therefore agreed to accept the quote from AVA for £1774.66 subject to it including all the play area repairs and removal and disposal of packaging and the old items. | | | | |
| 1922 | 7 | PLANNING New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows: | | | | |
| 1922.1 | 624 | The Gables, Alexandria Road, Sutton Scotney | Demolish existing garage & build 10m x 6m garage against side of house. | 21/00529/LDP No comment. | | |
| 1922.2 | 625 | Wonston Grange, Grange Road, Wonston | Single storey workshop attached to existing garage. Mongolian yurt/tent of wood/canvas construction for private use. | No grounds to object and therefore no comment. | | |
| 1922.3 | 1911.4 | Winchester Local Plan 2036 & Call for sites (SHELAA) – A response has been submitted to the Strategic Issues & Priorities consultation. The next stages of the process are awaited. | | | | |
| 1922.4 | 1911.5 | Village Design Statement Carried forward to the May meeting. | | | | |
| 1923 | 8 | ACCOUNTS/AUDIT | | | | |
| 1923.1 | 1912.1 | Balances: As at 30/04/21 General Reserves are £79,335.31 but after Earmarked Reserves are £29,719.31. Payments for May (detailed below) totalling £2003.22 were agreed by the Council. | | | Closed | |
| | | HALC | Affiliation fee & NALC levy | 466.60 | | |
| | | Matt Gardner | Play area repairs | 687.20 | | |
| | | Hants Pension Fund | May pension payment | 157.54 | | |
| | | Jocelyn Jenkins | April expenses | 120.33 | | |
| | | Jocelyn Jenkins | May salary | 571.55 | | |
| | | | | <u>2003.22</u> | | |
| 1923.2 | New | Insurance 2021/22 The current agreement with Zurich ends at the end of May and they have quoted £766.26 for a new 3 year agreement. BHIB were asked to quote and have quoted £809.64 for a 3 year agreement. Cllr Polak reviewed both policies and has advised that the BHIB cover quoted for includes business interruption insurance which would not be needed in Wonston but otherwise provides the same or better cover than | | | | |

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| | | Zurich. The Clerk will ask BHIB to provide a revised quote and it was agreed that this should be accepted if it was less than the Zurich quote. | | |
| 1924 | 9 | Other Council Matters | | |
| 1924.1 | 1913.1 | Publicity & Communications – Vacancies on the Parish Council continue to be advertised. | | |
| 1924.2 | 1913.2 | Risk Management – See 1924.4 below. | | |
| 1924.3 | 1913.3 | Bottle Bank – The Clerk will continue to seek an answer about additional glass collections. | | |
| 1924.4 | 1913.4 | Meeting Dates – Virtual meetings cannot be held after 7 th May but advice from both the local and national associations is to not hold face to face meetings before 21 st June unless absolutely necessary. The Victoria Hall (main hall) has been booked for the meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14 th July. It was agreed that no meeting would be held in June unless it was necessary to hold a very short meeting (after 21 st June) to approve the Annual Return. All June matters will be circulated to all councillors and their opinions noted. Any decisions taken based on the opinions expressed will be formally approved at the July meeting. | | |
| 9.45pm | | Next meeting – See 1924.4 above and updates on the website and noticeboards. | | |
| Signed: Chairman dated..... | | | | |