

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th November 2025 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker,
Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Matthew Besant-Gore, Cllr Georgina Tibbets.
In attendance: WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.
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Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2431	1.1	Apologies for Absence HCCllr Jackie Porter, Cllr Andrew Porteous.	Closed	
2432	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Besant-Gore – Gratton Trust (NPI), Cllr Rob Parker – Victoria Hall (NPI), land at Brightlands (PI).	Closed	
2433	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 8th October 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: <u>Chris Hughes, Beavers</u> attended the meeting to request permission for the Beavers to plant a tree on the Gratton to commemorate 40 years of the Beavers. It was agreed to allow the tree planting and it was suggested that bulbs could be planted at the same time.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which drew attention to the Winchester Community Governance Review, the TRO process for Winchester Avenue/Andover Road and consultations on HCC Transport Policy for School Transport and post 16 Transport.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill noted that food waste collections will start in Wonston Parish in February 2026. Micheldever Station was not selected in the first tranche of twelve new towns but further new towns are likely to follow the twelve already selected. In addition, Popham is being promoted by Basingstoke and Deane for 4200 homes and an industrial park. This will have infrastructure implications for the Winchester District. In respect of the Winchester Local Plan, the Planning Inspector has commented with significant modifications to be made. Brown field ahead of green phasing will be removed and the plan dates are to go back to 2020-2040. The proposed Sir John Moore barracks development (W2), of 900 homes, is thought by the Inspector not to be deliverable in the short term and this is likely to lead to pressure and allocation increases for other sites. There will be a further consultation on the Plan following the modifications. The Community Governance Review for Winchester is continuing and will mean the parishing of wards and the protection of the mayoralty. The suggestion of including some parishes within the City is not supported by the District Councillors. Consultation events are taking place and WCCllr Horrill will supply the details.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that the next Local Plan review has started and there has been a new Call for Sites which needs to find land for another 4500 homes. The Government are making plans for financial settlements. Winchester had been cautious as a £4.5 million reduction in income was expected due to changes in business rates but it now seems that the settlement will include a support grant for five years (although this will be only two for WCC due to LGR). The support grant will cover all the anticipated losses and allow for ongoing balanced budgets. A consultation is taking place on the TRO for Andover Road and Kings Barton. This will see the closure of Andover Road, and some adjacent roads, and traffic then being routed through Kings Barton. The consultation runs until the end of November and the TRO will be available for implementation in the Summer but is not likely to be used until at least the end of the year. WCCllr Godfrey noted that he considered that some restoration work should be undertaken on the Sutton Scotney War Memorial.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2434	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2434.1	3.1	CPRE Hedge Laying Courses – Noted and details to be forwarded to Cllr Tibbits.	Closed	
2434.2	3.2	WCC Local Councils Conference 27th November – Noted. Clerk to attend and agenda to be forwarded to all councillors as two other spaces available.	Clerk	
2434.3	3.3	HALC Prevention of Sexual Harassment Training – Details noted and shared with all councillors.	Closed	

		Matters arising from the minutes of 8th October 2025. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:				
2435	4	General Matters				
2435.1	2425.1	Gratton Trust – Lease and sub-lease The Parish Council and Gratton Trust have each now received one invoice from Dutton Gregory in respect of the lease and sub-lease. The Gratton Trust have been advised that a further invoice will also be issued once 'agreed'. It was agreed to request the time/billing sheets from Dutton Gregory and to advise that these invoices would not be paid at this time, whilst a further letter is sent explain the concerns with the response to the formal complaint.				
2435.2	2425.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – It was noted that during a power cut last week, Wessex Park was without power for 2 days. Advice during these type of situations can be sought from the HCC Resilience Team.				
2435.3	2425.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – <u>Air Quality Monitoring</u> A date for the meeting at South Wonston is awaited.				
2435.4	2425.4	Devolution & Local Government Re-organisation See 2.3 and 2.4 above.				
2436	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2436.1	2426.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – An invoice has now been received for the gate and repairs.			Clerk	
2436.2	2426.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – A quote will be sought from AVA for two new gates and repairs to the climbing unit. It was confirmed that the Clerk can approve costs of up to £100 for materials used by the Parish Volunteers when they are undertaking repairs. <u>Soakaway</u> – No further communications have been received from the agent.			Clerk	
2437	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2437.1	2427.1	Footpath 7 Access – HCCllr Porter is seeking clarification on the grant refusal for the new accessible gate. A resident has supplied images of the previous gate and stile.				
2437.2	2427.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman undertook footpath clearance work on his most recent visit. He will be available again in January if further work is needed.				
2437.3	2427.3	Noticeboards – Further repair and maintenance work will be deferred now until the Spring.				
2437.4	2427.4	SID – The data from Christmas Hill continues to be very concerning and Gary has reported this again to HCC and our MP.				
2437.5	2427.5	Oxford Road Gateways – The line painting at the Bogmoor Sump roundabout is awaited.				
2438	7	PLANNING				
2438.1	752	Hunton Manor Farm, Hunton Down, Sutton Scotney.	Change of use of land to residential use associated with the existing dwelling; conversion of a former farm building to ancillary residential accommodation.	25/02052/FUL Neutral comment subject to condition that ties the building to the main dwelling as ancillary accommodation.		
2438.2	753	Pilgrims Lodge, Wonston Road, Wonston.	Maple to crown reduce and various fruit trees to prune.	25/02159/TPC No comment.		
2438.3	754	Woodpecker Cottage, 5 Hunton Down Lane, Hunton.	Sycamore to trim branches by 6m.	25/02250/TPC No comment.		
2438.4	755	Upper Cranbourne Farm, Stockbridge Road East, Sutton Scotney.	General purpose agricultural storage building.	25/02194/APN No comment.		
2438.5	756	The Old Rectory, Weston Down Road, Stoke Charity.	Demolition of conservatory & single storey extension. Erection of single storey orangery.	25/02148/HOU No comment.		
2438.6	2428.1	Winchester Local Plan – See 2.3 above.				
2438.7	2428.2	Village Design Statement – Cllr Besant-Gore has volunteered to assist in reviewing the VDS.				
2438.8	2428.3	CIL and Infrastructure Spend Plan – Carried forward to the December meeting.				
2439	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT				
2439.1	2429.1	Balances: As at 31/10/25 General Reserves are £65,712.16 but after Earmarked Reserves of £57,304 are £8408.. Payments for November (detailed below) totalling £4147.12 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	
		WCC	Dog bins (July – Sept)	130.00		
		Grass & Grounds Ltd	September grass cutting	348.00		
		Kevin Maunder	Non-slip mats for War Memorial	48.00		

		AVA Recreation Royal British Legion Hants Pension Fund Jocelyn Jenkins Jocelyn Jenkins Hugo Fox Hugo Fox	Stoke Charity gates and repairs Wreath for Remembrance Parade October pension contributions October expenses November salary Website Domain emails	2244.00 27.50 354.27 39.40 910.97 23.99 <u>20.99</u> <u>4147.12</u>		
2439.2	2429.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 – The addition of further councillors to the bank mandate is ongoing.				
2439.3	New	Budget for 2026/27 – The Clerk will contact Cllr Price to see if a Finance Committee meeting can be held before the next meeting on 10 th December.				
2440	9	Other Council Matters				
2440.1	2430.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – Any ideas to be forwarded to the Clerk for 10 th December deadline.			RP Clerk	
2440.2	2430.2	Risk Management – No new risks have been identified this month.				
2440.3	2430.3	Remembrance Parade 2025 – As noted by WCCllr Godfrey at 2.4 above, refurbishment/restoration of the War Memorial and surrounding ground is thought to be needed and this will be added as an agenda item for the December meeting.			Clerk	
9.15pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 10 th December 2025 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.				
Signed: Chairman dated.....						