

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th September 2026 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Judith Polak,
 Cllr Matthew Besant-Gore, Cllr David Price, Cllr Georgina Tibbits (from 7.35pm).
 In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Caroline Horrill, WCCllr Andrew Adams.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2521	1.1	Apologies for Absence WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, Cllr Andrew Porteous.	Closed	
2522	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Parker declared an interest at 2528.7 Land at Brightlands (PI). Cllr Besant Gore – Gratton Trust (NPI) and noted attendance at a meeting which was also attended by Fred Schiff and representatives from Cratus (agent for Wates).	Closed	
2523	1.3	Minutes of the Meeting of 8 th July 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	<u>Reports</u> – the meeting adjourned during reports.		
	2.1	The Public: 1. A number of residents from Wessex Park attended the meeting and WCCllr Horrill provided an update on the Enforcement action being taken in respect of the site. 2. A resident attended the meeting to note their concern over the speed of traffic on Bullington Lane. It was agreed to report the overgrown vegetation around the 40mph sign. In addition, HCCllr Porter will walk the sight and assess what other measures could be taken to improve speed enforcement.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and noted that she, with some other councillors, is pressing for HCC to improve services for those seeking to contact HCC by telephone. She further noted that the Crisis and Resilience fund, provided by Government, has been passed to Citizens Advice and that residents can access emergency grants through them. Attention was drawn to the scheme seeking to provide EV chargers for those who are unable to have chargers on their property and that the possibility of extending this to include village hall and other community car parks is being explored. HCCllr Porter advised, for the record, that she has had a meeting with Wates in her City Council capacity.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill noted that, following the postponement of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), there will be elections in May 2027 for one third (15) of the City Council seats. Some work on LGR will continue. A lot of money and time has been spent and authorities are discussing billing the Government for this. The website for the new combined authority is live. Grants are available for eligible houses using heating oil to convert to heat pumps. Winchester Green Fair takes place on Saturday 19 th September. A consultation is taking place at Sainsburys, Badger Farm, over the junction and its safety. National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) changes have been published and policies included in the Winchester Local Plan are being reviewed to see if any changes are needed. There is a further closure of the M3 Junction 9 this weekend. A decision was made today to progress on a lido for the River Park site and a planning application for the Central Winchester Regeneration is imminent. St Peter's car park is to be reviewed as a potential site for affordable housing.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Andrew Adams: WCCllr Adams noted that another round of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) bidding will commence in November.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2524	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2524.1	3.1	Burial Ground A complaint has been received about overgrown vegetation by the fence at the Burial Ground. It was agreed that the Lengthsman would be asked to clear this on his November visit to the Parish.	Closed	
2524.2	3.2	Digital Support for Small Businesses WCC are offering ten free spaces for micro and small businesses across the District to improve their digital capability. Details/link will be included in the West Dever News item for October.	Closed	

		Matters arising from the minutes of 8th July 2026. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2525	4	General Matters		
2525.1	2515.1	Gratton Trust – The Condition Report has been completed and Cllr Besant-Gore will bring a signed copy to the October meeting. There is concern over the speed at which cars are entering the car park and permission was requested to install a 5mph sign. This was agreed . The Gratton Trust have obtained quotes to restore and extend the tarmac area at the entrance to the car park and these were discussed. The possibility of applying for CIL funding to carry out this work and to, potentially, widen the entrance was also considered and the Clerk will contact the CIL officer to discuss whether it would be considered for funding.		
2525.2	2515.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – A report has been made to HCC about the overgrowth at the Bogmoor Sump. There does not appear to be a demand from residents for a ‘cool hub’ in the Parish.		
2525.3	2515.3	Devolution & Local Government Re-organisation – The Government have halted progress on LGR. See also 2.3 above.		
2525.4	2515.5	Southern Water Pipeline – Southern Water have advised that Clancy are still investigating the cause of the recent issues at Gratton Close, which led to tankers being used for a number of days. The report will be shared with the Parish Council once received by Southern Water. See also 2528.7 below re pipeline capacity.		
2525.5	2515.6	Coach & Horses PH – WCC Historic Environment have confirmed that they will keep the building under review. Off agenda.		
2526	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:		
2526.1	2516.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – The Lengthsman will be asked to tighten the loose fixings on the goalposts during his November visit.	Clerk	
2526.2	2516.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – It was noted that the agent for PHY has been served with notice by the Environment Agency. £13,000 is needed for the licence to connect but the agent has stated that they do not currently have this amount of money available. The play area consultation responses were considered. It is clear that the majority of residents who replied wish a play area to remain and this will be taken into account when the 2027/28 budget planning is undertaken in October. The camel is broken and has been taped off, one of the Parish Volunteers will be asked whether he could repair it. The Clerk will ask the grass cutting contractor to resume cutting all the grass once the fencing has been removed.	Clerk	
2527	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:		
2527.2	2517.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – A number of footpath issues were discussed. These will be reported to HCC as the Lengthsman’s time on his next visit is needed elsewhere in the Parish.		
2527.3	2517.3	Noticeboards – The noticeboard from the Oxford Road bus shelter is being repaired and will be returned soon.		
2527.4	2517.4	SID – Reports for August were reviewed. The devices will be in Wonston and on Stockbridge Road during September.		
2527.5	2517.5	Oxford Road Gateways – The line painting at the Bogmoor Sump roundabout seems to be delayed due to the changes that will be needed to the roundabout when Brightlands is developed. Off agenda.		
2527.6	2517.6	Bogmoor Bench and verge Cllr Parker is continuing to liaise with Clancy over the restoration work needed.		
2527.7	2517.7	Bus shelters – HCC have awarded a grant to repair the southbound bus shelter on Oxford Road and to replace the northbound shelter. This replacement had previously been agreed as a metal shelter but, after further consideration, it was agreed to seek a wooden replacement instead. The Clerk will seek a further quote and liaise with HCC to see if the grant can be increased to cover the greater cost of the wooden shelter. Installation of a wooden shelter will require work on the willow tree to allow access and planning consent is likely to be needed.		
2527.8	2517.8	Wonston Green – The Community Funded Initiative application has been accepted but a non-refundable fee of £850 has been requested. As this is far greater than the likely cost of the project, the Clerk will query this with HCC.		
2528	7	PLANNING		
2528.1	New	25/02576/AVC (Appeal) – InstaVolt An appeal has been made against the decision to refuse permission for a model wind turbine to advertise the site. A comment was made in respect of the original application and it was agreed that no modification or addition to this comment is needed.		
2528.2	2518.4	Winchester Local Plan & Housing Growth – See 2.3 above.		
2528.3	2518.5	Village Design Statement – Carried forward to the October meeting.		

2528.4	2518.6	CIL and Infrastructure Spend Plan – Carried forward to the October meeting.				
2528.5	2518.7	Development at Brightlands – Southern Water have provided capacity figures for the pipeline. These are still difficult to interpret but advise a total design population of 1989 (1134 at Gratton Close and 855 at Saddlers Close). This is a population of 1989 ie people not properties, and is significantly lower than the figures originally given for the pipeline. Further clarification on the figures will be sought from Southern Water.				
2529	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT				
2529.1	2519.1	Balances: As at 31/08/26 General Reserves are £48,603.09 but after Earmarked Reserves of £48,603 are £0. Payments for September (detailed below) totalling £5,339.03 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	
		<div><div>Dorset F'post Restorers</div><div>Wonston fingerpost restoration</div><div>934.00</div></div> <div><div>CAB Winchester</div><div>Grant</div><div>500.00</div></div> <div><div>The Dever Singers</div><div>Grant</div><div>140.00</div></div> <div><div>Kevin Maunder</div><div>Hazard tape</div><div>6.25</div></div> <div><div>Grass & Grounds Ltd</div><div>June & July grass cutting</div><div>782.48</div></div> <div><div>WCC</div><div>Play area inspections</div><div>140.40</div></div> <div><div>BDO</div><div>External audit fee</div><div>378.00</div></div> <div><div>HMRC</div><div>2nd Qtr PAYE</div><div>709.35</div></div> <div><div>Hants Pension Fund</div><div>August pension contributions</div><div>327.20</div></div> <div><div>Business Stream</div><div>Allotments water (estimated)</div><div>309.61</div></div> <div><div>Jocelyn Jenkins</div><div>July & Aug expenses</div><div>146.78</div></div> <div><div>Jocelyn Jenkins</div><div>September salary</div><div>919.98</div></div> <div><div>Hugo Fox</div><div>Website</div><div>23.99</div></div> <div><div>Hugo Fox</div><div>Domain emails</div><div>20.99</div></div>				
2529.2	2509.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 – The addition of further councillors to the bank mandate is ongoing.				
2529.3	New	Annual Return 2025/26 The external audit has been completed without any concerns being raised. The Notice of Conclusion of audit and associated documents have been added to the website.				
2530	9	Other Council Matters				
2530.1	2520.1	Publicity & Communications – West Dever News item – Grants for those heating with oil, digital boost for small businesses, Remembrance parade.				
2530.2	2520.2	Risk Management – No new issues were reported.				
2530.3	New	Remembrance Parade 2026 – The road closure notice has been received and advertised through the West Dever News.				
9.55pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 14 th October 2026 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.				
Signed: Chairman dated.....						