

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th July 2024 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

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

2283	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Georgina Tibbets, Cllr David Price, Cllr Andrew Porteous.	Closed	
2284	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Parker declared an interest in respect of the land at Brightlands which has been included in the updated SHELAA.	Closed	
2285	1.3	Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of 8 th May 2024, the Parish Assembly of 9 th May 2024 and Ordinary Meeting of 12 th June 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2286	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: A resident noted that the gate at the allotments has dropped and needs correcting. It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to look at this on his next visit.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter noted that county council cabinet meetings have resumed following the election. Councillor Nick Adams-King (HCC, Leader of the Council) is seeking a review of cuts to bus services. Libraries are going to be used as public health hubs, hosting speech and language for small children and new baby classes. A 'no criteria to reside' assessment, based on state of health, is to be introduced for those admitted to hospital, to replace bed blocking. Once a patient's status is determined there are three pathways. HCC financial statement notes that a lot of money has been taken from reserves to support services such as school transport. The HCC Minerals and Waste plan has now gone to the Inspector.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that the normal flow of work had been suspended due to the General Election and purdah but that there was now a 'flurry of activity'. The Local Plan Regulation 19 is to be published on 19 th July ahead of a scrutiny meeting and public consultation. The Regulation 18 consultation responses will also be published on the 19 th . A clear trail should be seen between the Regulation 18 and any changes in the Regulation 19. It is expected that planning rules and regulations will be changed by the new government, including the allocation of housing numbers/targets. The indication is that it will be made easier to build in the countryside. This may present issues with proposals such as Micheldever New Town and Popham Garden Village. It will also be easier to gain planning approval for onshore wind turbines. Increased investment in the armed forces may lead to changes in their training facilities and potentially put pressure on the Sir John Moore site.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill advised that a survey of residents is to be undertaken. 1600 residents will be interviewed (100 per ward in the District) and 500 young people will also be consulted. The information gathered will be used to revise the Council Plan. Feedback from Parish Councils who attended the last forum will also be incorporated. A peer review of WCC is also taking place. This is the first one since 2018. The surgery at Friarsgate has now been demolished and the area has been landscaped. A briefing will take place this month on the waste programme and the re-structuring of rounds. A briefing on Sir John Moore barracks is also to be held.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2287	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2287.1	3.1	Tom Coleman, Lower Norton Farm – Concern over repeated damage by HGVs to the bridge at Norton. It was agreed that HCCllr Porter would put Tom in touch with HCC officers to discuss alternative ways to manage the situation.	Closed	

		Matters arising from the minutes of 12th June 2024. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:				
2288	4	General Matters				
2288.1	2277.1	Gratton Trust – Councillor Polak has undertaken the condition review with the Trust Chairman. It was noted that the Gratton Trust have very high electricity bills but that it is hoped that the UV panels will reduce these.				
2288.2	2277.2	Emergency & Flood Plans The draft Emergency Plan has been submitted to HCC for review. Updated notices will be printed for the noticeboards.			Clerk	
2288.3	2277.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – No new matters were identified for consideration this month.				
2289	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2289.1	2278.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection The gate will be further considered at the September meeting. The new basket swing is awaited.			Clerk	
2289.2	2278.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues have been identified. Soakaway – No further update has been received.			Clerk	
2290	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2290.1	2279.1	Footpath 7 Access – HCCllr Porter is seeking clarification on the grant refusal for the new accessible gate.				
2290.2	2279.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – No new issues were noted.				
2290.3	2279.3	Noticeboards – Carried forward to the September meeting.				
2290.4	2279.4	SID – Testing will take place over the summer with the SID display turned off at times, but the device still recording, to try to assess the impact it has on driver behaviour.				
2290.5	2279.5	Oxford Road Gateways – It has been confirmed that the promised signage work in Sutton Scotney will take place at the same time as the installation of the gateway features.				
2291	7	PLANNING				
		New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:				
2291.1	723	Land off Wonston Lane (near Yew Tree Crate).	Ground mounted solar arrays.	24/01086/FUL No comment		
2291.2	724	Field Cottage, Wonston Road, Wonston.	Internal alterations, loft conversion and rear extension.	24/01318/HOU Decision delegated to Cllr Parker.		
2291.3	2280.2	Winchester Local Plan – The Parish Council have been asked to attend a virtual meeting tomorrow with Adrian Fox (WCC) in respect of the Regulation 19 stage of the Local Plan. It is assumed that a housing allocation within the Parish has therefore been included at the Regulation 19 stage, despite the lack of opportunity for public consultation.				
2291.4	2280.3	Village Design Statement – The draft VDS is currently being written up.				
2292	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT				
2292.1	2281.1	Balances: As at 30/06/24 General Reserves are £79,550.78 but after Earmarked Reserves of £81,175.30 are -£4642.08 (this amount is covered by the contingency fund of £10,000 included in general reserves). Payments for July and August (detailed below) totalling £22,602.42 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	
		Hunt Forest Group Ltd	Gratton mower	19206.30		
		Grass & Grounds Ltd	May grass cutting	509.72		
		S E Inglis	SID deployment (Apr-June)	300.00		
		Judith Polak	Allotment padlock & chain lock	29.18		
		Hants Pension Fund	June contributions	280.03		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	June expenses	232.00		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	July salary	870.59		
		Hugo Fox	Monthly website fee	11.99		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	August salary	870.59		
		Hants Pension Fund	July pension contributions	280.03		
		Hugo Fox	Monthlu website fee	11.99		
				<u>22,602.42</u>		
2292.2	2281.2	Annual Return 2023/24 – The Annual Return has been submitted to the external auditor.				
2292.3	2281.4	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 Carried forward to the September meeting.				
2293	9	Other Council Matters				
2293.1	2282.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – The Clerk will urgently seek an extension to the deadline to allow the result of the meeting (as at 2291.3 above) to be conveyed to residents.				
2293.2	2282.2	Risk Management – No new issues have been reported.				

2293.3	2282.3	Parish Assembly, 9 th May 2024 – It was agreed that the Parish Assembly was successful and that the current format remains the most suitable for the event.		
8.55pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.		
Signed: Chairman dated.....				