

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th December 2024 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr David Price.
In attendance: WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
Public: Richard Solomons (Gratton Trust) and one other.
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

2327	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Andrew Porteous, Cllr Georgina Tibbetts, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.	Closed	
2328	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No interests were declared in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
2329	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 13 th November 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2330	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 new resident to the Parish attended the meeting to introduce himself and to observe the proceedings. <u>Richard Solomons (Gratton Trust)</u> attended to update on Gratton Trust matters which were discussed at 2332.1 below.		
	2.2	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that the Local Plan has been submitted without alteration. The Regulation 22 version of the plan will go to the public enquiry in the late Spring. Before then, the Planning Inspector should issue a letter explaining which areas of the plan they intend to look at in detail. It is expected that the Local Plan will be fully implemented by the end of 2025. Six months after this work will commence on the next local plan with the first SHELAA expected in 2026. Last week the three city councillors for the Ward took the new WCC Director of Legal Services (Gareth John) around the ward to show him problem areas which he may become involved with. Gareth will also be the Monitoring Officer and be in charge of Code of Conduct matters. The devolution white paper is expected imminently, WCCllr Godfrey noted his disappointment at the outcome of enforcement action at St Olafs Pond. The building has been deemed to be temporary and no further action is therefore being taken. Groundwater levels have risen and the Environment Agency forecast is for a risk of flooding towards the end of January.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2331	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2331.1	3.1	Southern Water – details of the storage and welfare area on Stockbridge Road West (near Oxford Road junction), established whilst the Saddlers Close treatment works are being converted into a pumping station for the new pipeline. Completion is expected by the end of March 2025. Noted.	Closed	
2331.2	3.2	WCC New Code of Conduct – the Local Government Association's Model Code of Conduct has been adopted. It is hoped that parish councils in the district will adopt the same code. Noted.	Closed	
2331.3	3.3	Annual Play Area Inspections – available through WCC at £56.60 per site. It was agreed to book for both play areas.	Closed	
2331.4	3.4	Knit and Natter – invitation to parish councillors to attend a Christmas tea for Knit and Natter on Monday 16 th December at 2pm. Noted.	Closed	
2331.5	3.5	WCC Parish Liaison Meeting, Thursday 9th January 2025 – agenda discussed and Councillor Kevin Maunder may (virtually) attend if available.	Closed	
2331.6	3.6	South Wonston PC re Proposal for new Footpath – route from Christmas Hill to Wonston Lane proposed by South Wonston resident. It was agreed that the Parish Council would be interested in being involved in this potential project.		
2331.7	3.7	South Wonston PC re Air Quality Monitoring – It was agreed that the Parish Council would be interested in becoming involved in the South Wonston air quality project.		

		Matters arising from the minutes of 13th November 2024.																												
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2332	4	General Matters																												
2332.1	2321.1	Gratton Trust – Lease and sub-lease Dutton Gregory have been instructed to write a Deed of Variation to the Gratton lease to allow the Gratton Trust to have commercial tenants in the pavilion subject to an appropriate sub-lease also being in place. <u>Picnic area refurbishment</u> The proposed refurbishment, which is subject to a grant application to WCC being successful, was approved. <u>Security of the Gratton</u> Following the traveller incursion, security has been reviewed and quotes sought for a new metal gate with shroud cover and bollards to prevent vehicle access. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay up to £4000 (net) for the Trust’s preferred quotes. <u>Telephone/WiFi</u> In order for excess electricity from the solar panels on the pavilion to be sold to the grid, wifi is needed and an additional telegraph pole installed on the bank between the Gratton car park and The Beeches. Ownership of the bank is not known and the Trust were advised to contact BCM (agent for The Beeches). <u>Abandoned cars</u> Two cars which appear to have been abandoned in the Gratton car park have been reported to the Police and WCC.																												
2332.2	2321.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – See 2.2 above re the latest Environment Agency forecast.			KM/ Clerk																									
2332.3	2321.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – See 2332.7 above re air quality monitoring project.																												
2333	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:																												
2333.1	2322.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection A second quote for the replacement gate has not yet been received. Carried forward to the January meeting.			Clerk																									
2333.2	2322.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues have been identified. <u>Soakaway</u> – No further communications have been received from the agent.			Clerk																									
2334	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:																												
2334.1	2323.1	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.																												
2334.2	2323.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – A response is awaited from the Council’s insurers about cover for the proposed ROW Volunteer group.																												
2334.3	2323.3	Noticeboards – Dryer weather will be needed in order to undertake repairs on the noticeboards.																												
2334.4	2323.4	SID – The devices will be at Beggars Drove and Wonston Green in December.																												
2334.5	2323.5	Oxford Road Gateways – Highways have been advised that the Parish wish to move forward with the project.																												
2334.6	New	Lengthsman’s Visit 2nd January 2025 – The Lengthsman will be asked to cut the hedge beside the side entrance to the Victoria Hall and then cut fallen trees and overgrowth on the Beggars Drove footpath.																												
2335	7	PLANNING																												
		New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:																												
2335.1	730	The Old Rectory, Weston Down Road, Stoke Charity.	Diseased and damaged sycamore to fell.	24/02651/TPC No comment.																										
2335.2	2324.2	Winchester Local Plan – The independent inspection of the plan is awaited.																												
2335.3	2324.3	Village Design Statement – The draft VDS is currently being written up.																												
2336	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																												
2336.1	2325.1	Balances: As at 30/11/24 General Reserves are £68,729.55 but after Earmarked Reserves of £63, 449.75 are £5279.80. Payments for December (detailed below) totalling £3082.74 were agreed by the Council.			Closed																									
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2336.2	2325.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 Carried forward to the January 2025 meeting.																												
2337	9	Other Council Matters																												
2337.1	2326.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – Update on Local Plan and groundwater levels/flood risk.																												

		Website The .gov.uk domain has been applied for.		
2337.2	2326.2	Risk Management – The issue was raised of private addresses for councillors and the Clerk being in the public domain. It was agreed that only the councillors names and new .gov.uk email addresses should be available on the website. A PO Box was considered instead of using the clerk's address and whilst the councillors favoured this, the Clerk was opposed and will continue to make her address and telephone number available.		
9.10pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.		
Signed: Chairman dated.....				