

DRAFT MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th October 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 (to 9.15pm), Cllr David Price, Cllr Georgina Tibbits.
 In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2531	1.1	Apologies for Absence WCCllr Caroline Horrill, WCCllr Andrew Adams, Cllr Andrew Porteous.	Closed	
2532	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Parker declared an interest at 2538.5 Land at Brightlands (PI). Cllr Besant Gore – Gratton Trust (NPI).	Closed	
2533	1.3	Minutes of the Meeting of 9 th September 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	<u>Reports</u> – the meeting adjourned during reports.		
	2.1	The Public: Benn Hitchen, Secretary of the Sutton Scotney RBL attended the meeting to ask if the Parish Council could assist in finding two marshalls for the Remembrance Parade on November 8 th . It was agreed to ask residents via a Facebook post on the Parish Council page.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) and noted that a Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) announcement is due tomorrow. Jackie drew attention to the West Farm, Popham planning application, street EV charging, HCC bus shelter grant funding and that site visits are available to the M3 Junction 9 works. Jackie also noted that the agent for Pigeon House Yard (Luke Blackman) will be sending challenging invoices to residents as they are going to apply to join the Southern Water pipeline.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey advised that there is a lot of uncertainty around LGR and that some of the answers may be provided tomorrow. It is still not known whether the mayoral election will be brought forward to 2027. A report from Citizens Advice Winchester has been circulated to all councillors. New bin calenders have been distributed.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Andrew Adams: WCCllr Adams was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 2) which also noted LGR and the mayoral election. In addition, the report draws attention to changes to the National Planning Policy Framework, the new Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy funds.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2534	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2534.1	3.1	WCC Parish Liaison Meeting, Thursday 26th November – The Chairman, Chair of Planning and Clerk will seek to attend.	Closed	
2534.2	3.2	HCC Passenger Transport Forum, 24th and 27th November – Noted.	Closed	
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 9th September 2026.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2535	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2535.1	2525.1	Gratton Trust – Quotes have been obtained for works to improve the surface and safety of the car park and entrance but it was noted that the preference of the Trustees is to continue to fill the holes with scalplings. The Trust will obtain a quote for scalplings and return to the November meeting for further consideration. Cllr Besant-Gore will bring a signed hardcopy of the Condition Report to the November meeting.		
2535.2	2525.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – A further report has been made to HCC about the overgrowth at the Bogmoor Sump. It was noted that the Flood Action Group (FLAG) WhatsApp group needs to be resumed.		
2535.3	2525.3	Devolution & Local Government Re-organisation – See 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 above.		
2535.4	2525.5	Southern Water Pipeline – A reminder has been sent to Southern Water about the meeting to follow up on the recent issues at Gratton Close.		

2536	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:																																		
2536.1	2526.1	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																															
2536.2	2526.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – See 2.2 above re the soaksway. One of the local volunteers will seek to repair the camel. The grass cutting contractor has confirmed that they will resume cutting of all of the grassed area.			Clerk																															
2537	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:																																		
2537.1	2527.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – HCCllr Porter will ask the Watercress Way volunteers if they are able to assist in cutting the Beggars Drove footpath. Concern was raised to HCCllr Porter over vehicles parking in the lay-by (at Gratton Close) used by the school bus. This results in the bus having to stop in the road, endangering the children using the bus. HCCllr Porter will request that the lay-by is established as a formal school bus stop with yellow lines.																																		
2537.2	2527.3	Noticeboards – All the noticeboards are considered to be in a suitable condition for the winter months and will be reviewed again in the spring.																																		
2537.3	2527.4	SID – The high volume of traffic on Stockbridge Road during September has been recorded by the SID. More than half of this traffic was exceeding the 40mph limit.																																		
2537.4	2527.6	Bogmoor Bench and verge Cllr Parker is continuing to liaise with Clancy over the restoration work needed.																																		
2537.5	2527.7	Bus shelters – The issues in replacing the bus shelter under the willow tree were discussed. A wooden shelter is preferred but the tree and overhead cables make this difficult to install. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with HCC and the shelter supplier to see if the location of the bus shelter could be moved a little further from the cables and tree. If this were possible, permission could then be sought to move the bus stop to the new shelter.																																		
2537.6	2527.8	Wonston Green – A further response on the upfront fee is awaited from HCC.																																		
2538	7	PLANNING																																		
	782	Pipers Hill House, Winchester Hill, Sutton Scotney.	Part change of use to dog day care. Single storey front extension, conversion of garage, replacement single storey rear extension.	26/01676/FUL Support																																
2538.2	2528.2	Winchester Local Plan & Housing Growth – A scoping consultation is currently underway for the new Local Plan.																																		
2538.3	2528.3	Village Design Statement – Carried forward to the November meeting.																																		
2538.4	2528.4	CIL and Infrastructure Spend Plan – Residents are being consulted on their preferences.																																		
2538.5	2528.5	Development at Brightlands – A copy of this evening’s presentation to residents will be requested from Wates/Cratus as the slides were very difficult to read and many residents could not hear the speakers.																																		
2538.6	New	Sutton Scotney Services Licensing Application – The application to extend the licensing hours was discussed. It was agreed to object to the application based on public safety, the prevention of crime and disorder, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.																																		
2539	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																																		
2539.1	2529.1	Balances: As at 30/09/26 General Reserves are £65,776.49 but after Earmarked Reserves of £54,463 are £11,313. Payments for October (detailed below) totalling £4,518.56 were agreed by the Council.			Closed																															
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2539.2	2529.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 – The addition of further councillors to the bank mandate is ongoing.																																		
2539.3	New	NJC National Salary Scales Pay Agreement 2026 – It was agreed to accept the 2026 pay agreement which is for a 3.3% increase backdated to April 2026.																																		

2539.4	New	2027/28 Budget Setting – A Finance Committee meeting will be held before the November meeting to produce a draft budget for approval.		
2540	9	Other Council Matters		
2540.1	2530.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – An email will be sent to councillors, closer to the deadline of 10 th November, asking for ideas for the December item.		
2540.2	2530.2	Risk Management – No new issues were reported.		
2540.3	2530.0	Remembrance Parade 2026 – See 2.1 above.		
2540.4	New	Other Council Matters – Cllr Price proposed that a strategy sub-group be set up to consider the upcoming planning application from Wates. This was agreed .		
9.35pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.		
Signed: Chairman dated.....				