

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Judith Polak,
 Cllr Georgina Tibbetts (from 7.35pm).
 In attendance: None.
 Public: Richard Solomons (Gratton Trust) and two others.
 Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

2338	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr David Price, Cllr Andrew Porteous, HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill, WCCllr Patrick Cunningham.	Closed	
2339	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. No interests were declared in respect of matters on the agenda.	Closed	
2340	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 11 th December 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2341	1.4	Co-option A prospective candidate for co-option attended the meeting and took the forms away for consideration.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: A resident attended the meeting to express concerns that the Parish Council, or an individual councillor, may not be adhering to the Code of Conduct. The resident was advised that any concern or complaint about the Council or individual councillors should be addressed to the Monitoring Officer at Winchester City Council.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report which noted the proposed changes to the organisation of Local Government and the intention of HCC, together with the Isle of Wight, Southampton and Portsmouth, to submit a proposal for the creation of a mayoralty with strategic powers for transport, public health etc.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2342	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2342.1	3.1	Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer – The new DNO for our area is PC Dave Fry. He can be contacted (whilst on duty) via dave.fry@hampshire.police.uk or 07387096485.	Closed	
2342.2	3.2	Blue Lamp Trust (Hants Police) – Free home visits to improve home safety and advice on crime and fire prevention for vulnerable residents.	Closed	
2342.3	3.3	HCC Confirmation that HCC have written to Government to request that they are included in the Devolution Priority Programme. See also 2.2 above.	Closed	
2342.4	3.4	WCC Local Government Reorganisation Briefing, 5th February 2025 Invitation to councillors to attend Teams presentation by Martin Todd.	Closed	
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 11th December 2024.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2343	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2343.1	2332.1	Gratton Trust – Lease and sub-lease The solicitor has recommended that the Clerk signs a Statement of Truth to have the previous lease removed from the Land Registry title and this was agreed . The current lease can then be added to the Land Registry title. The solicitor is seeking approval from the Rank Trust for the variation in the use of the pavilion. He has advised that it would be possible to include the details of the new tenant in the sub-lease and therefore not have to write a Deed of Variation. However, it is understood that this would only cover the current proposed tenant and, on this basis, it was agreed that a Deed of Variation should be written to allow for potential new tenants in the future. The plumbing changes at the pavilion, necessary for the dog grooming salon, were formally agreed subject to the sub-lease noting that any changes must be made good at the end of the tenancy. Security of the Gratton The new gate, bollards and shroud covers are to be installed in the next few weeks. The Chair of the Gratton Trust has written to the Gratton Surgery noting that the gate in their car park remains a security risk in respect of unlawful access to the Gratton. Elm trees It was agreed that three new disease resistant elm trees can be planted on the Gratton. Clancy (contractor for Southern Water) have confirmed that they will carry out the necessary repairs to the Gratton car park as agreed when permission was given for the		

		car park to be used as a compound area during the installation of the pressurised pipeline.																												
2343.2	2332.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – In an update provided on 20 th December 2024, HCC have advised that an EA permit to carry out silt clearance at the Bogmoor Sump will not be granted between October and March and the work has therefore been postponed. The HCC Officer has concluded 'I'm confident the silt levels are low enough not to be the cause of any issues over this winter until we can carry out the work.' Councillor Kevin Maunder visited the Bogmoor Sump and Victoria Hall sump today and noted that the water levels at both are not currently of concern.			KM/ Clerk																									
2343.3	2332.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – Air Quality Monitoring South Wonston Parish Council are organising a meeting to establish a working group and will be sending an invitation this week. Councillors Parker and Kevin Maunder will seek to attend.																												
2344	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:																												
2344.1	2333.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection Craig Cookson has been approached to provide a second quote for the replacement gates. Councillor Tibbetts will arrange to meet him on site to discuss the requirements.			Clerk																									
2344.2	2333.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues have been identified. <u>Soakaway</u> – No further communications have been received from the agent.			Clerk																									
2345	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:																												
2345.1	2334.1	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.																												
2345.2	2334.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Council's insurers have confirmed the terms under which volunteers would be covered whilst carrying out ROW clearance work in the Parish. Cllr Polak will seek to join a Micheldever ROW work day to gain experience on how these operate and a Wonston Parish clearance day can then considered.																												
2345.3	2334.3	Noticeboards – Dryer weather will be needed in order to undertake repairs on the noticeboards.																												
2345.4	2334.4	SID – In December the devices were sited on Wonston Green, where compliance was improved (this may be due to there having been more parked vehicles causing the traffic to slow), and Beggars Drove where vehicles moving at between 30 and 40mph (37% of traffic) continue to present a major risk, particularly to pedestrians.																												
2345.5	2334.5	Oxford Road Gateways – An update on when the scheduled work will be undertaken is awaited from HCC.																												
2346	7	PLANNING New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:																												
2346.1	731	I Gratton Close, Sutton Scotney.	Two storey rear extension.	25/00048/HOU No comment.																										
2346.2	2335.2	Winchester Local Plan – A planning update provided at the January Parish Liaison meeting was discussed. The update noted that housing numbers for the Winchester District have increased by 71% in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) published in December 2024. The Inspector undertaking the review of the Local Plan has advised that the hearing sessions will take place from mid April 2025.																												
2346.3	2335.3	Village Design Statement – The draft VDS is currently being written up.																												
2347	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																												
2347.1	2336.1	Balances: As at 31/12/24 General Reserves are £67,765.23 but after Earmarked Reserves of £62,834.33 are £4930.90. Payments for January (detailed below) totalling £4163.51 were agreed by the Council.			Closed																									
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2347.2	2336.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 Carried forward to the February meeting.																												
2348	9	Other Council Matters																												
2348.1	2337.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – Planning updates, flood risk and link for affected householders, ROW volunteers. <u>Website</u> The .gov.uk domain has been applied for. It was agreed to provide Cllr Parker with access to the website which he has offered to update and improve. He was thanked for this offer of assistance.																												

2348.2	2337.2	Risk Management – The Sutton Scotney branch of the RBL have asked that cleaning be undertaken on the steps at the War Memorial as these present a slip hazard. The Lengthsman will be asked to undertake this work on his next scheduled visit on 18 th March.		
9.00pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.		
Signed: Chairman dated.....				