

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

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

2294	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Georgina Tibbets, Cllr Andrew Porteous.	Closed	
2295	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 Regulation 19 Local Plan. Payment to Cllr Kevin Maunder as at 2303.1 below.	Closed	
2296	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 10th July 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2297	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: Bob Brewer advised that there is an issue with the water trough at the allotments. Bob kindly offered to try to repair the trough himself. The councillors thanked him for this and confirmed that he would be re-imbursed for any expenses connected to the repair.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (appendix 1) which advised that the £1.75 million of HCC cuts will be decided upon in September. The HCC budget deficit, previously advised to be £132million, has now been announced to be £175 million.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that the Government has announced proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework and that a consultation will run until 24 th September. Proposed changes include mandatory housing targets, an increase of at least 30% in housing numbers and changes to the definitions of land which can be built on. WCCllr Godfrey advised that the changes would have a significant impact on the next WCC Local Plan, with an 450 extra new homes needed each year and that this is why the local plan consultation has been brought forward by 6 weeks to ensure that the Plan is with the Planning Inspector before the changes come into effect. If the deadline for the submission of the Regulation 19 is missed the plan would have to be delayed. There would be a period without a plan before a new plan, including the higher housing numbers, would be submitted to the Planning Inspector. The Regulation 19 consultation runs until 13 th October and the Inspector can make evidence based changes to the Plan based on the responses received. In response to a question, WCCllr Godfrey advised that WCC are building 80-100 new council houses each year. WCCllr Godfrey noted that water levels are already very high.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill noted that bin rounds are about to change due to the introduction of food collection rounds which are hoped to start next year. Cards will be issued to residents in October to advise of revised collection days. An electric dustcart will also start operating soon. A survey of residents has been completed across the District and the results (by ward) will be available shortly. HCC and Southampton and Portsmouth unitary authorities have come together and approached the Government about combining and receiving more money. The meeting resumed after reports.		
2298	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2298.1	3.1	Citizens Advice Winchester District – Grant request. It was agreed to make a grant of £500, to be paid in October.	Closed	
2298.2	3.2	WCC Grants available – Details noted.		
2298.3	3.3	Footpath request – A resident has requested that the Parish Council support joining the footpath from Station Drive to the one at the Victoria Hall. Noted that HCC would require a footpath to be 1.2metres wide and that there is not room for this on this stretch of Wonston Road. The Parish Council would support improvements to pedestrian safety but,		

		even where possible, these are only likely to be affordable with significant Community Infrastructure Levy monies from developers.		
2298.4	3.4	Commemorative plaque request- A resident has contacted HCC to request a plaque in Wonston for Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Conyers Leach. Noted.		
		Matters arising from the minutes of 10th July 2024. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2299	4	General Matters		
2299.1	2288.1	Gratton Trust – The Trust have a prospective new tenant for the pavilion. It was agreed that Councillor Polak would meet with the Trust to discuss the requirements of any sub-lease and that the proposed sub-lease should then be brought to the October meeting for Parish Council approval.	JP	
2299.2	2288.2	Emergency & Flood Plans Councillor Kevin Maunder will continue to seek new emergency contacts to be added to the plan. The Clerk to put updated plan on the website and supply flyers for the noticeboards.	KM/ Clerk	
2299.3	2288.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – No new matters were identified for consideration this month.		
2300	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:		
2300.1	2289.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection The new basket swing is awaited. It was agreed to obtain quotes for a metal or recycled plastic gate.	Clerk	
2300.2	2289.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues have been identified. Soakaway – WCCllr Horrill noted that she has been in contact with the new agent for PHY, who is adamant that they will not be looking at an alternative private sewerage solution and are relying on HCCllr Porter assisting residents to connect to the pipeline. They will also not be assisting in bringing residents together and expect HCCllr Porter to do this. HCCllr Porter advised that PHY residents can contact her in this respect.	Clerk	
2301	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:		
2301.1	2290.1	Footpath 7 Access – HCCllr Porter is seeking clarification on the grant refusal for the new accessible gate.		
2301.2	2290.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman will be asked (after completing the repair to the allotment gate) to clear where the PHY footpath joins Stockbridge Road on his 28 th October visit.		
2301.3	2290.3	Noticeboards – Councillor Kevin Maunder advised the councillors of the repairs required to the noticeboards. He will seek to carry out these repairs himself and it was agreed that he would be re-imbursed for any costs incurred.		
2301.4	2290.4	SID – Experiments have been undertaken using the device with and without the display being activated. This shows that the flashing display leads to an average 10% reduction in vehicle speeds. In light of this it was agreed to purchase a second device at the quoted price of £2745 (net).		
2301.5	2290.5	Oxford Road Gateways No further update has been received on the gateway features.		
2302	7	PLANNING New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:		
2302.1	725	Bridge Cottage, Hunton Lane, Stoke Charity	Extension to garage to create annexe and façade alterations to main house.	24/01544/HOU No comment
2302.2	726	Willow Mead, Grange Road, Wonston	Creation of bedroom and bathroom within an existing loft space.	24/00974/HOU No comment
2302.3	727	War Memorial, Wonston Road, Sutton Scotney	Prunus, willow and hazel to coppice and remove branches over-hanging car park.	24/01901/TPC No comment
2302.4	2291.3	Winchester Local Plan – Following the WCC meeting on 14 th August, at which the Parish Council Chairman spoke, Martin Todd (Leader of WCC) said that changes to the Regulation 19 housing allocation would be considered if it could be demonstrated that this was supported by residents. A public meeting was therefore organised in Sutton Scotney on 4 th September. Since then HCCllr Porter, who is also the WCC Cabinet member responsible for the Local Plan, has said that no changes will be made. The Parish Council are therefore now focusing on their response to the Regulation 19 consultation and in supporting residents who also wish to respond to the consultation.		
2302.5	2291.4	Village Design Statement – The draft VDS is currently being written up.		
2303	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT		
2303.1	2292.1	Balances: As at 31/08/24 General Reserves are £58,240.60 but after Earmarked Reserves of £65014.25 are -£6773.65 (this amount is covered by the contingency fund of £10,000 included in general reserves). Payments for September (detailed below) totalling £3918.80 were agreed by the Council.		

		Victoria Hall Rental (PC & grants) 664.50 Grass & Grounds Ltd June, July & Aug grass cutting 960.96 WCC Dog bins (Apr-June & Oct-Dec'22) 260.00 Kevin Maunder Public meeting refreshments 32.53 HMRC 2 nd Qtr PAYE 456.98 Hants Pension Fund August contributions 280.03 Jocelyn Jenkins July & August expenses 141.41 Jocelyn Jenkins September salary 870.39 BDO LLP External audit fee <u>252.00</u> <u>3918.80</u>		
2303.2	2292.2	Annual Return 2023/24 The external auditor has approved the Annual Return without any concerns being raised. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been added to the website. Off agenda.		
2303.3	2292.3	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 Carried forward to the October meeting.		
2304	9	Other Council Matters		
2304.1	2293.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – This has already been submitted for the October edition and provides information relating to the Regulation 19 consultation.		
2304.2	2293.2	Risk Management – No new issues have been reported.		
9.45pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 9th October 2024 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.		
Signed: Chairman dated.....				