

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th June 2026 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Kevin Maunder.
 In attendance: WCCllr Andrew Adams, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
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 Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2501	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Judith Polak, Cllr Matthew Bessant-Gore, Cllr Georgina Tibbits, WCCllr Caroline Horrill, HCCllr Jackie Porter.	Closed	
2502	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed.	Closed	
2503	1.3	Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of 13th May 2026 and the Parish Assembly of 14th May 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: No reports.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter was unable to attend the meeting but provided a written report (Appendix 1) which noted that HCC will be challenging the Government on the Local Government Reorganisation decision and thanked residents and parishes for their objections to the proposed Popham Logistics Park.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that committee allocations have been made following the recent elections. Stephen and Andrew are on the Ordinance and Governance Committee. Caroline is on the Scrutiny and Housing Committees. In addition, Stephen is on the Kings Barton Forum and a deputy on the Planning Committee. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) is moving ahead but there are challenges (such as from HCC) and concerns about the Government plans. LGR will lead to new parish councils for the City centre and Kings Barton and these are currently under consultation. There are currently public displays about the central Winchester redevelopment plans and feedback is being sought from the public before a planning application is made in the Autumn. Grant schemes are now open for Small Grants of up to £700 and Greener Faster Grants. WCCllr Godfrey noted that he was pleased to attend the update meeting with Southern Water arranged by the Parish Council and thanked the Council for the refurbishment and repair work undertaken on the War Memorial.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Andrew Adams: WCCllr Adams noted that the City Council Small Grant Scheme is focusing on community groups and that grants may no longer be available to parish councils. He further noted that the City Council has objected to the Popham Logistics Park proposal and that a presentation on Junction 9 works was made at the South Wonston Parish Assembly. The access to the M3 northbound from Junction 9 will be closed for 18 months which may cause issues with drivers avoiding the diversion (to join at Twyford) and instead seeking to use the A33 to join at Dummer.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2504	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2504.1	3.1	WCC Parish Liaison Meeting, 25th June The Clerk will attend.	Closed	
2504.2	3.2	Action Hampshire - Roots & Roofs, Affordable Housing Event 9th July The Chairman will attend.	Closed	
2504.3	3.3	Community First, Local Children's Partnerships Seeking to strengthen and better co-ordinate local support, opportunities and activities for young people. The Chairman will contact Community First.	Closed	
2504.4	3.4	Dever Singers Grant Request It was agreed to make a grant of £140 towards the cost of hiring music for concerts.	Closed	
2504.5	3.5	Twisted Festival 2026, 3rd – 5th July Advance notice of times, sound testing and contact numbers if issues arise related to the event.	Closed	
2504.6	3.6	Wonston Parking Concern raised by residents that parking in Wonston has become more dangerous in recent months. The Clerk will approach the Police to request action taken on dangerous and inappropriate parking.	Clerk	
2504.7	3.7	WCC Democratic Services Home addresses of councillors will no longer be published on the WCC website.	Noted	
2504.8	3.8	WCC Community Small Grants Up to £700 available for community groups. Greener Faster Grants of up to £1000 available until 29 th June 2026.	Noted	

		Matters arising from the minutes of 13th May 2026. The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:				
2505	4	<u>General Matters</u>				
2505.1	2495.1	Gratton Trust – No new issues arising this month.				
2505.2	2495.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – Following the clearance of the pipes, some silt still remains. Cllr Kevin Maunder will update the Flood Plan to reflect changes in respect of Sutton Manor Farm.				
2505.3	2495.4	Devolution & Local Government Re-organisation – See 2.3 above.				
2505.4	2495.5	War Memorial Refurbishment – The refurbishment and repairs have now been completed. Off agenda.				
2505.5	2495.6	Southern Water Pipeline – Following the leak on 28 th February 2026, a meeting was held with Southern Water and Clancy representatives on 28 th May. It was explained that the latest leak was due to an issue with the Chamber 2 washout valve. Investigations revealed that four chambers did not meet the required standard and all the joints have been replaced and pressure testing undertaken. Training has been undertaken and an enhanced inspection regime introduced. The site is now fully operational and commissioning is in the final stages. Mapping updates have been submitted.				
2505.6	2495.6	Coach & Horses PH – WCC Historic Environment will carry out a further site visit. It is understood that a new family will be taking over running the pub.				
2506	5	<u>PLAY AREAS</u> Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2506.1	2496.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – The emergency repairs advised following the Annual Inspection are all now complete. The full Annual Inspection Report is awaited. A Planning Enforcement case has been opened by WCC in respect of the damaged tree.			Clerk	
2506.2	2496.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – One more response has been received to the consultation. No further contact has been made with the agent but residents have been advised that they are seeking to connect to the Southern Water pipeline.			Clerk	
2507	6	<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc</u> Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2507.1	2497.1	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. HCCllr Porter has previously confirmed that she will make a further approach to HCC.				
2507.2	2497.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman was asked to clear the footpath from Beggars Drove to Harding Close but this does not appear to have been done yet and the Clerk has contacted them to ask why.				
2507.3	2497.3	Noticeboards – Cllr Kevin Maunder has spoken with one of the Parish Volunteers who will look at the noticeboards and seek to carry out repairs.				
2507.4	2497.4	SID – Both SID devices are now operational again. They will be sited on Christmas Hill and in Wonston during June.				
2507.5	2497.5	Oxford Road Gateways – The line painting at the Bogmoor Sump roundabout is awaited. The large roundabout sign has been removed but the smaller replacement sign has not yet been installed.				
2507.6	2497.6	Bogmoor Bench and verge Cllr Parker met with the Project Manager from Clancy. It was requested that the kerbing and areas of tarmac are repaired where water gathers and floods across Oxford Road. A physical barrier such as dragons teeth was discussed for the north side to prevent vehicles turning on the verge. Clancy have fulfilled their contractual obligations with Southern Water and funding would therefore need to come from Southern Water. The Clancy Project Manager will consult with Southern Water over the way ahead on these issues.				
2507.7	2497.8	Bus shelters Quotes are being sought for repair or replacement of the Oxford Road shelters.				
2507.8	New	Wonston Green – HCC have advised that the Community Funded Initiative could be used to apply for posts (or similar) to protect the Green.				
2508	7	<u>PLANNING</u>				
2508.1	776	2 Wheelers Yard, Sutton Scotney.	To remove one Leyland cypress and crown this four others.	26/01147/TPC No comment		
2508.2	777	Barn 15m NW of Old Stoke Lodge, Old Stoke Road, Stoke Charity.	Demolition of four structures to the east elevation of the main barn – 3 x small storage & covered porch.	26/01041/LIS Neutral comment but note link to 23/01890/FUL		
2508.3	778	Lavender Mead, Wonston Road, Wonston.	Single storey side and rear extension with associated internal and external changes.	No comment.		
2508.4	2498.5	Winchester Local Plan & Housing Growth – It is expected that Wates will hold a public consultation over the summer before applying for planning permission for the Brightlands site.				
2508.5	2498.6	Village Design Statement – Carried forward to the July meeting.				

2508.6	2498.7	CIL and Infrastructure Spend Plan – Carried forward to the July meeting.																																							
2509	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT																																							
2509.1	2499.1	Balances: As at 31/05/26 General Reserves are £58,276.34 but after Earmarked Reserves of £55,587 are £2689.34. Payments for June (detailed below) totalling £6369.82 were agreed by the Council.		Closed																																					
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2509.2	2499.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 – The addition of further councillors to the bank mandate is ongoing.																																							
2510	9	Other Council Matters																																							
2510.1	2500.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – LGR & change to PCs.																																							
2510.2	2500.2	Risk Management – No new issues were reported.																																							
2510.3	2500.3	Parish Assembly, Thursday 14 th May 2026 – The event was considered to have been successful. Off agenda.																																							
8.55pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 8 th July 2026 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																																							
Signed: Chairman dated.....																																									