

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th April 2024 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

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

2250	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr David Price.	Closed	
2251	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 updated SHELAA.	Closed	
2252	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 13 th March 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
2253	1.4	Co-option No candidates for co-option attended the meeting.		
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	<p>The Public: <u>Richard Murphy</u> Richard introduced himself as the LibDem candidate for the Ward in the upcoming City Council elections. Richard noted that he has lived in the Winchester area for the past 20 years. He has been a school governor and was previously employed as an actuary but now works as a teacher. <u>Richard Solomons, Gratton Trust</u> Richard attended the meeting to draw attention to the damage that has already been done to the resurfaced area at the entrance to the Gratton (allotments entrance). HCCllr Porter will report the damage in the hope that more work can be promptly undertaken. Richard also advised that the Gratton Trust are now in a position to submit proposals to the Parish Council for a joint plan to purchase the new mower. This will be added to the May agenda for consideration. <u>Carrie Jurd</u> Carrie drew attention to the very poor condition of the road surface at Saddlers Close and also that sewage tankers are entering Saddlers Close. HCCllr Porter advised that she has already reported the road surface but will do so again. She will also report the tankers to Southern Water. Carrie primarily attended the meeting to ask about possible grant funding for the hedgehog rescue which she operates from her home in the Parish. She looked after 252 hedgehogs last year. She receives donations to assist with the running of the rescue but now needs help in funding some larger purchases such as a shed and medical equipment. It was noted that Carrie could apply for a Small Grant from Winchester City Council and the Clerk will forward the details to her. The Parish Council asked Carrie to submit figures, particularly in relation to the costs of her outreach and fundraising, and will consider these at the May meeting.</p>		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report (Appendix 1) which highlights how to report highway issues and apply for a blue badge. She also noted that complaints have been received that the council tax bills are difficult to understand but that the Government will not allow changes to the current layout. She has an example showing how to interpret the bill and will forward this to Clerks.		
	2.3	<p>Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that South Wonston Parish Council are setting up initiatives to help hedgehogs. Less City Council activity at present due to the purdah period running up to the elections in May. Traffic from the A34 has been entering villages at night and WCCllr Godfrey suggested that PC Hayley Goodsell could be contacted to request more Police activity. Ground water levels are at their highest since 2014 but the Bogmoor Sump is operating well and the water level here is lower than previously. The Carousel Park appeal has concluded. One appeal was allowed and this will result in retrospective planning permission for 24 gypsy and traveller pitches on the site.</p>		
	2.4	<p>Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill noted that anti-social behaviour issues have risen in the District and the City Councillors will be briefed on how improvements are to be made. A new strategy for temporary accommodation and elderly housing is also being formed. The 2026 closing of Andover Road has raised a lot of questions from residents and is likely to lead to a lot of discussion.</p>		

		A decision on the Basingstoke and Deane Regulation 18, which currently includes development proposals for Popham Airfield, is awaited.				
		The meeting resumed after reports.				
2254	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>				
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:				
2254.1	3.1	CPRE Hampshire – AGM Saturday 20th April at Sparsholt Business Centre. Noted.			Closed	
2254.2	3.2	WCC – CNAP/GEDS Partners Forum, 11 th June, to bring together key stakeholders to tackle climate and ecological emergencies and to aid the transition to a greener economy.			Closed	
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 13th March 2024.</u>				
		The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:				
2255	4	<u>General Matters</u>				
2255.1	2244.1	Gratton Trust – See also 2.1 above. The Gratton Trust proposal for the new mower and the renewal of the perimeter path at the Gratton will be added to the May agenda for consideration.				
2255.2	2244.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – Final emergency contacts are being checked and Councillor Kevin Maunder will contact Nick Adlam (HCC Emergency and Resilience Planning Officer) for advice and best practice on setting up a WhatsApp group (or similar) for emergency activation of the plan.			Clerk	
2255.3	2244.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – See 2254.2 above.				
2256	5	<u>PLAY AREAS</u>				
		Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2256.1	2245.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – Monthly Inspection The annual inspection has revealed that the frame for the basket swing is rotten. Quotes to repair or replace the frame were sought from AVA Recreation and VitaPlay. It was agreed to accept the lowest replacement cost (£3791.79 from AVA Recreation) subject to the new basket being a similar size to the current one. AVA will also be asked to remove the current basket so that the equipment cannot be used until a replacement is installed later in the Summer.			Clerk	
2256.2	2245.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – No new issues identified. The condition of the slide unit continues to be monitored. Soakaway – WCCllr Horrill noted that she has had ongoing discussions with the agent for PHY. There is currently no water discharge. It was noted that there may now be a new agent taking over the site. WCCllr Horrill and HCCllr Porter will enquire to see if longer term plans can be established.			Clerk	
2257	6	<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc</u>				
		Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2257.1	2246.1	Footpath 7 Access – HCCllr Porter's meeting in March was cancelled but she will draw this matter to the attention of HCC Countryside Officers at the next opportunity.				
2257.2	2246.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – No new issues were noted.				
2257.3	2246.3	Noticeboards – Cllr Kevin Maunder has surveyed the boards and noted the repairs required. The re-positioning of the board at Stoke Charity was also discussed.				
2257.4	2246.4	SID – The March report will be sent to PC Hayley Goodsell with a request for Police enforcement action. The possible purchase of a second SID will be added to the May agenda for consideration. A reminder has been sent to HCC re an additional SID site on Bullington Lane.				
2257.5	2246.5	Oxford Road Gateways – A response has been received from a resident and will be forwarded to the HCC officer leading the project. The possibility of installing average speed cameras on Oxford Road was discussed and the Clerk will approach Joe Folland (HCC Safer Roads) to enquire further about these.				
2257.6	2246.6	Litterpickers – All risk assessment letters have now been signed and returned. Off agenda.				
2258	7	<u>PLANNING</u>				
		New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:				
2258.1	718	Wallers Ash, Old Stoke Road, Stoke Charity	Replacement and extension of glass link structure to enable access to first floor.	24/00603/HOU No comment		
2258.2	2247.1	Winchester Local Plan – The meeting with Adrian Fox (WCC Strategic Planning Manager) scheduled for Friday 26 th April was noted and it was agreed that a letter would be sent to Adrian requesting that all available parish councillors be present at the meeting and that they would be free to update residents in respect of any matters discussed at the meeting.				
2258.3	2247.2	Village Design Statement – A presentation is to be made at the Parish Assembly on 9 th May.				
2258.4	2247.3	Southern Water Pipeline – No update has been provided to the Parish Council.				
2259	8	<u>ACCOUNTS/AUDIT</u>				
2259.1	2248.1	Balances: As at 31/03/24 General Reserves are £86,738.55 but after Earmarked Reserves of £80,796.90 are £5941.65. Payments for April (detailed below) totalling £14,202.89 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	

		DD PWLB – allotments loan repayment 1813.39 Victoria Hall Rentals (PC £82.25, Grants £619.50) 701.75 HALC Affiliation fee and NALC levy 520.00 Judith Polak Padlock for allotments 9.99 S E Inglis SID movements (3 months) 300.00 Gratton Trust Annual grant 6000.00 Victoria Hall Annual grant 2000.00 Holy Trinity Wonston Annual grant 800.00 Stoke Charity with Hunton Annual grant 500.00 Bullington Lunch Club Annual grant 300.00 Hants Pension Fund March contributions 280.03 Jocelyn Jenkins March expenses 95.15 Jocelyn Jenkins April salary 870.59 Hugo Fox Monthly website fee 11.99 14,202.89		
2260	9	Other Council Matters		
2260.1	2249.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – SID, gateways/20mph zones. <u>Facebook page</u> – It was agreed to abandon the old Facebook page which has become difficult to operate and to promote events etc by posting on village pages instead.		
2260.2	2249.2	Risk Management – No new issues have been reported.		
2260.3	2249.3	Parish Assembly, 9th May 2024 – Plans were discussed.		
2260.4	New	Website Domain & Councillor emails – Hugo Fox are in the process of registering to be able to host .gov.uk website domains but have not been able to provide a timeframe for this. The Clerk will continue to explore the available options.		
9.25pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney. Parish Assembly – Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.45pm in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.		
Signed: Chairman dated.....				