

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th June 2025 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Judith Polak.
Cllr Matthew Besant-Gore.
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.
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Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2391	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Rob Parker, WCCllr Caroline Horrill, Cllr David Price, Cllr Georgina Tibbetts.	Closed	
2392	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Besant-Gore – Gratton Trust (NPI).	Closed	
2393	1.3	Minutes of the Annual Meeting (AGM) and ordinary meeting of 14 th May 2025 and the Parish Assembly of 15 th May 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	<u>Reports – the meeting adjourned during reports.</u>		
	2.1	The Public: A number of residents attended the meeting to raise concerns over planning application 743 (see 2398.1 below) for Sutton Farm Shop, Stockbridge Road East. A number of errors were noted in the application and the fact that the application does not propose an appropriate sewerage solution.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report which notes the switch from landline phones to digital and that this may cause difficulties for those with telecare alarms who should contact their landline provider for advice. HCCllr Porter also noted that HCC have a £7million fund for bootcamp style adult education. In respect of the mayoralty process and local government reorganisation, HCC have applied for most of Hampshire to be a unitary authority on its own. Each authority has to provide a written statement of their preferred option by 26 th June. A Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation is running until 23 rd June 2025. HCCllr Porter will report concerns about the lack of a barrier by the bridge on Wonston Lane.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that the Local Plan inquiry has now completed and that the Inspector's report is awaited. If significant changes are required by the Inspector, there will be further public consultation. It is still hoped that the Plan will be adopted before the end of the year. A SHELAA will commence soon for the next plan. The Government have confirmed that money has been made available for the purchase of land near the M3 at Dummer, for the new hospital. Complaints have been received about smells and heavy vehicle traffic from the anaerobic digester site at Three Maids Hill. The WCC small grants fund is now open and the grant limit has been raised to £2000. Two complaints have been received about overgrown hedges, at 9 Carthegena and on the piece of land near the entrance to Station Drive. The Clerk will report the hedge at Carthegena to HCC, Cllr Besant-Gore will speak to the owner of the other hedge.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2394	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2394.1	3.1	HCC County Forum, Thursday 19th June – speakers from WeCann and a presentation on asset transfer and management. Noted.	Closed	
2394.2	3.2	WCC Parish Liaison Meeting, Tuesday 24th June – The meeting is now being held via Teams. Cllrs Polak and Kevin Maunder plus the Clerk will seek to attend.	Closed	
2394.3	3.3	Action Hampshire – Funding received from Defra to continue providing help and support for affordable housing development and provision. Noted.	Closed	
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 14th May 2025.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2395	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2395.1	2385.1	Gratton Trust – Lease and sub-lease The draft sub lease has now been received by the Gratton Trust. It was noted that this mentions an energy efficiency certificate and that the Parish Council, as the owner may need to supply an energy efficiency certificate to the Trust as their tenant. Formal complaint No response has been received from Dutton Gregory.		

		<p><u>Post lockers</u> It was noted that concerns have been raised that the post lockers at the Gratton have taken business away from the shop. The situation was discussed and the understanding of the Parish Council is that the lockers at the Gratton belong to InPost. The parcels previously handled at the shop were from Yodel and Evri. There should, therefore, have been no conflict but Yodel have now declared bankruptcy and have been taken over by InPost. Yodel business through the shop ceased upon the bankruptcy and, following the takeover by InPost, these parcels will now go to the Gratton. The Gratton trustees were not aware of this consequence when they entered into discussions with InPost. The shop will continue to handle Evri parcels and may be able to install InPost lockers.</p>				
2395.2	2385.2	<p>Emergency & Flood Plans – Pumping by Clancy's of chalk slurry into a drain near the Bogmoor sump, along with concerns that vegetation around the sump had been cut but, rather than being cleared, had been allowed to fall into the sump have been reported to HCC and directly to Tim Lawton. The failure to secure the sump has also been reported again. A full response is awaited.</p> <p>It was noted that the Flood Action Group (FLAG) asked for permission to store equipment at the Gratton and were shown the available space but have not moved anything there yet. Cllr Kevin Maunders will follow this up with FLAG.</p>				
2395.3	2385.3	<p>Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – Air Quality Monitoring A date for the meeting at South Wonston is awaited.</p>				
2395.4	2385.4	<p>Devolution & Local Government Re-organisation See 2.2 above.</p>				
2396	5	<p>PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:</p>				
2396.1	2386.1	<p>Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – The new stepping heads will be installed at the end of July.</p>			Clerk	
2396.2	2386.2	<p>Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Cllr Kevin Maunders has carried out repairs on the slide unit handrail, as were noted as being required in the Annual Inspection Report.</p> <p>Soakaway – No further communications have been received from the agent.</p>			Clerk	
2397	6	<p>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:</p>				
2397.1	2387.1	<p>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.</p>				
2397.2	2387.2	<p>Footpaths & Bridleways – Cllr Polak and Cllr Kevin Maunders are continuing to audit footpaths and report issues identified.</p>				
2397.3	2387.3	<p>Noticeboards – Cllr Kevin Maunders is undertaking repairs on the noticeboards. A further volunteer is still being sought and this has been noted in the West Dever News item for July.</p>				
2397.4	2387.4	<p>SID – The May data was reviewed.</p>				
2397.5	2387.5	<p>Oxford Road Gateways – Work on the gateways is due to start on 4th July. HCC have been advised of the work being undertaken by Clancy near the roundabout and the volume of parked vehicles.</p>				
2398	7	<p>PLANNING New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:</p>				
2398.1	743	Old Keepers Cottage, Wonston Road, Stoke Charity.	Rebuild east gable chimney stack to match existing appearance.	25/00828/LIS No comment.		
2398.2	744	Sutton Farm Shop, Stockbridge Road East, Sutton Scotney.	Change existing shop/store to tourist accommodation.	25/00798/FUL OBJECT – Errors in application and no sewerage solution.		
2398.3	745	1 New Cottages, Hunton Lane, Sutton Scotney.	Sycamore to reduce by 1.5-2m.	25/01107/TPC No comment.		
2398.4	2388.3	<p>Winchester Local Plan – See 2.3 above.</p>				
2398.5	2388.4	<p>Village Design Statement – The draft text is now being reviewed.</p>				
2398.6	2388.5	<p>CIL and Infrastructure Spend Plan – Carried forward to the July meeting.</p>				
2399	8	<p>ACCOUNTS/AUDIT</p>				
2399.1	2389.1	<p>Balances: As at 31/05/25 General Reserves are £64,111.48 but after Earmarked Reserves of £65,240 are -£1128.52. It was agreed to transfer £6000 from the play area reserve to the general reserve. Payments for June (detailed below) totalling £4473.95 were agreed by the Council.</p>			Closed	
		<p>Clear Councils</p> <p>Grass & Grounds Ltd</p> <p>Kevin Maunders</p> <p>HMRC</p> <p>Hants Pension Fund</p> <p>Jocelyn Jenkins</p> <p>Jocelyn Jenkins</p>	<p>25/26 insurance</p> <p>April grass cutting</p> <p>Maintenance expenses</p> <p>1st Qtr PAYE</p> <p>May pension contributions</p> <p>May expenses</p> <p>June salary</p>	<p>1113.89</p> <p>398.32</p> <p>39.33</p> <p>666.72</p> <p>290.32</p> <p>94.42</p> <p>897.00</p>		

		CDC Buildings	25% deposit re pavilion wall repair	974.04		
				4473.95		
2399.2	2389.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 – Carried forward to the July meeting.				
2399.3	2389.3	2024/25 End of Year & Audit The Annual Return has been submitted to the external auditor.				
2399.8	2389.8	IT Policy Carried forward to the July meeting.				
2400	9	Other Council Matters				
2400.1	2390.1	Publicity & Communications – West Dever News item – To be discussed at the 9 th July meeting.				
2400.2	2390.2	Risk Management – No new issues have been identified. Cllr Kevin Maunder will undertake further cleaning of the War Memorial.				
2400.3	2390.3	Parish Assembly Improved communication/advertising was discussed and it was agreed to add to the agenda early in 2026. It was noted that food recycling commences next year and that this might be a popular topic with residents.				
9.15pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 9 th July 2025 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.				
Signed: Chairman dated.....						