

# **DRAFT MINUTES of the WONSTON PARISH ASSEMBLY**

**Held at the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney**

**At 7.45pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

## **PRESENT**

Parish Councillors: Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Judith Polak, Kevin Maunder, Rob Parker, Andrew Porteous, Georgina Tibbets.

Residents: Around 25 residents attended the meeting.

Special Guests: Margaret Sandford, lead for the Parish Design Statement project for Wonston.

WCCllr Stephen Godfrey.

Apologies: Cllr David Price, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.

Minutes Jocelyn Jenkins (PC Clerk).

**1 MINUTES** The Minutes of the Parish Assembly of 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were **agreed** and signed.

**2 CHAIRMAN** Pauline Maunder, as Chairman of the Parish Council, formally opened the meeting by welcoming residents and visitors and introducing herself as the Chairman of the Parish Council. She also introduced new parish councillors, Andrew Porteous and Georgina Tibbits, who have joined the Parish Council in the past year and outlined the different areas of responsibility of the councillors.

In the past year the Parish Council have continued to make grants to support local organisations and residents. Grants have been made to The Gratton Trust, Victoria Hall, Scots Tots, Knit and Natter, Community Café, Pop-Up Café, Bullington Lunch Club, Sunshine Club, Holy Trinity, Stoke Charity with Hunton, Olive Branch Counselling, Victim Support, Citizens Advice and the Flood Action Group (FLAG).

The Chairman also expressed her thanks to the litter-picking volunteers.

## **3 LITTER PICKERS**

Councillor Kevin Maunder, who leads the litter picking team, thanked all the members for their efforts throughout the year to keep the Parish free of litter.

Vouchers were presented to the litter pickers as a token of appreciation from the Parish Council.

## **4 PRESENTATION**

The Chairman noted that in April 2023 a meeting was held to seek members for a committee to produce a Village Design Statement for the Parish. The Parish Council were pleasantly surprised by

the support from residents and particular thanks go to Margaret Sandford, who took over the leadership of the volunteers, and without whom the current draft could not have been produced.

A presentation, by Margaret, of the draft Village Design Statement followed.

## **5 IN CONCLUSION**

The Chairman thanked Margaret for her presentation. She noted the pressure being placed on the Parish for additional development in Sutton Scotney.

Representatives from the Parish Council have attended two meetings with Winchester City Council who are proposing to make an allocation of up to 60 new homes in Sutton Scotney. These would be on either Dairy Field or at Brightlands.

The Parish Council have opposed a housing allocation based on the lack of infrastructure, sewerage and flooding issues in Sutton Scotney and are acting by:

- Supporting the development of the Village Design Statement
- Seeking testimony from those experiencing issues with sewerage.
- Commissioning a flood report which would outline what would be necessary to prevent increasing the risk of flooding in the village.

The Chairman emphasised the need to gather as much relevant data as possible and a brief discussion followed with residents suggesting possible additional sources which will be taken into consideration.

Refreshments and informal conversation followed and the meeting closed at around 9.00pm.

1. Chairman's signature at WPC meeting ..... Date .....

2. Chairman's signature at 2025 Parish Assembly ..... Date .....