

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Rob Parker,
Cllr David Price, Cllr Matthew Besant-Gore, Cllr Andrew Porteous.
In attendance: HCCllr Jackie Porter, WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.
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Clerk Jocelyn Jenkins

2411	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Judith Polak.	Closed	
2412	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Besant-Gore – Gratton Trust (NPI), Cllr Rob Parker – Victoria Hall (NPI).	Closed	
2413	1.3	Minutes of the meeting of 9th July 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	Closed	
	2	<u>Reports</u> – the meeting adjourned during reports.		
	2.1	The Public: <u>Richard Solomons, Gratton Trust</u> Richard noted that the tree work was not completed on 2 nd September and that Arbor Call will return on 25 th September to work on the tree over the boardwalk. The cost of dealing with the legionella risk at the pavilion is likely to be around £6,000. It was noted that the Gratton Trust could make a written request to the Parish Council for assistance with this. <u>Bob Brewer</u> Bob asked about the progress of Enforcement action in respect of unauthorised caravans at Molden Farm. The Clerk will contact the Case Officer again and remind her that a councillor would be prepared to meet her on site to assist.		
	2.2	Report from HCCllr Jackie Porter: HCCllr Porter provided a written report and noted that Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) is taking up a lot of the council's time. LGR proposals need to be submitted to Government by 26 th September. HCCllr Porter's written report also drew attention to the County Council role in planning and weaknesses in the system in respect of traffic schemes. An application has been received for a sewage/sludge processing site south of the A303 between Sutton Scotney and Andover. The Environment Agency will clear the Victoria Hall sump and HCC will then finish clearing the pipes at the Bogmoor sump.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey noted that the results of the WCC consultation on Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) will be published and be the basis of the submission to Government on 26 th September. The expectation now is that the Minister will determine their preference and that a public consultation will then run from November to January. All residents should now have received a letter about the food waste collection service which will start in February. Last month the latest appeal against planning enforcement, made by the landowner of the Carousel Park site, was rejected by the Planning Inspectorate. The plan from the previous ruling, which allowed for a greater number of pitches subject to conditions, is therefore now no longer applicable and the site reverts to the 2002 ruling. However, there are far more homes on the site than allowed by the 2002 ruling. Conversations are therefore ongoing and a new planning application or further legal challenge may be received. Councillor Godfrey noted that he has submitted an Enforcement report in respect of St Olaf's as the outbuilding appears to be being used as an office. The City councillors and HCCllr Porter attended the official opening of the anaerobic digester site at Three Maids Hill. WCCllr Godfrey noted that a number of the early problems do not seem to have continued but that recurring problems with traffic are expected. Issues with tractors 'racing' to the site and mud on roads were noted. In July Winchester twinned with Nizhyn in Ukraine.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill advised that she had attended a Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) meeting earlier today and noted that four proposals will be submitted to Government; three from the group of district councils and one from HCC. The Mayoral election will take place in May 2026 but there is uncertainty over other elections and whether these might be deferred. WCC Small Grants are available of up to £3000 for eligible groups. The Inspectors report on the Local Plan is awaited. Basingstoke have included Popham in their Regulation 18. Nothing has been heard as yet about the new towns, an announcement is thought to be likely towards the end of the year. Digital drop-in sessions are being held at community venues.		

		A Community Governance Review, to consider any boundary changes, is taking place for the new Winchester Town Council.				
		The meeting resumed after reports.				
2414	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>				
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:				
2414.1	3.1	HALC Digital & Data Compliance training – The Clerk is booked to attend the course on 2 nd December 2025. The training is also available to councillors' if they wish to attend.			Closed	
2414.2	3.2	Lithium-Ion Batteries Campaign – The Product Safety & Metrology Act has now been passed into law. Points in relation to battery safety will be included in the regulations which will follow shortly.			Closed	
2414.3	3.3	River Park site, Winchester – Suggestions for the future of the site, based on plans previously drawn up prior to the move to Bar End. Cllr Todd, Leader of WCC has replied to the resident.			Closed	
2414.4	3.4	Bullington Lane resident – Concern expressed over the speed of traffic on Bullington Lane. The Clerk to respond and contact HCC again over potential additional SID site.				
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 9th July 2025.</u>				
		The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:				
2415	4	<u>General Matters</u>				
2415.1	2405.1	Gratton Trust – <u>Legionnaires disease risk</u> See 2.1 above. <u>Lease and sub-lease</u> An invoice is awaited from the solicitor.				
2415.2	2405.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – See 2.2 above re Bogmoor Sump clearance. The plan to move the flood equipment to the Gratton pavilion was discussed and HCCllr Porter offered to help expediate this.				
2415.3	2405.3	Village Greening Campaign/WeCan/Declaration of a Climate Emergency – <u>Air Quality Monitoring</u> A date for the meeting at South Wonston is awaited.				
2415.4	2405.4	Devolution & Local Government Re-organisation See 2.2-2.4 above. There is a further on-line briefing by HCC on 18 th September.				
2416	5	<u>PLAY AREAS</u> Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2416.1	2406.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – The new gate is awaited. The signage previously added to the gate was discussed.			Clerk	
2416.2	2406.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – Both gates have missing slats and there is some damage to the top of the slide unit. Cllr Kevin Maunder will investigate whether repairs could be undertaken by the Parish Volunteers. Soakaway – No further communications have been received from the agent.			Clerk	
2417	6	<u>HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc</u> Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2417.1	2407.1	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.				
2417.2	2407.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman cleared half of Footpath 11 on the last visit. He will be asked to clear from Wonston Lane to Harding Close on the next visit (14 th October).				
2417.3	2407.3	Noticeboards – The back of the Wonston Close noticeboard has been replaced by one of the Parish Volunteers and Cllr Kevin Maunder has replaced the laminate in the door.				
2417.4	2407.4	SID – The data for Christmas Hill during July shows that 84% of drivers exceeded 30mph. It was noted that the volume of traffic has also significantly increased. The Police attended recently with a speed gun and the Clerk will ask for the date of this visit and whether further enforcement action can be undertaken.				
2417.5	2407.5	Oxford Road Gateways – A reminder has been sent to HCC about the line painting near the Bogmoor gateway and the removal of the over-sized sign at the end of Oxford Road.				
2418	7	<u>PLANNING</u>				
		<u>New applications detailed below were considered and agreed as follows:</u>				
2418.1	749	Wonston House, Wonston Lane, Wonston.	Single storey and two storey extensions.	25/01659/HOU Comment in respect of sewerage provision.		
2418.2	750	Upton House, Wonston Road, Wonston.	Ash to crown reduce, pine to fell and beech to prune.	25/01754/TPC No comment		
2418.3	751	East Stoke Farm, Old Stoke Road, Stoke Charity.	Conversion of agricultural barn into 4 residences (permitted development).	25/01770/PNACOU No comment		
2418.4	2408.3	Winchester Local Plan – The Inspector's report is awaited.				
2418.5	2408.4	Village Design Statement – The draft text is now being reviewed.				
2418.6	2408.5	CIL and Infrastructure Spend Plan – Carried forward to the October meeting.				
2419	8	<u>ACCOUNTS/AUDIT</u>				
2419.1	2409.1	Balances: As at 31/08/25 General Reserves are £56,474.38 but after Earmarked Reserves of £58,666 are - £2191.62. Payments for September (detailed below) totalling £3909.40 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	

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2419.2	2409.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 – It was agreed that existing account signatories would be given on-line access to the bank account and that Cllrs Price, Porteous and Bessant-Gore would be added both as signatories and with on-line access.																																			
2419.3	2409.3	2024/25 End of Year & Audit The external auditor has approved the Annual Return. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has been added to the website. Off agenda.																																			
2419.4	New	Local Government Pay Agreement 2025 – It was agreed to accept the agreement which provides for a 3.2% increase in the Clerk’s salary to be backdated to April 2025. Off agenda.																																			
2420	9	Other Council Matters																																			
2420.1	2410.1	Publicity & Communications – Some councillors are experiencing issues with the new .gov.uk email addresses. Cllr Parker will be available from 7pm, prior to the next meeting on 8 th October, to assist in seeking solutions to the problems being encountered. It was noted that it would be helpful if councillors used ‘reply all’ to respond to matters raised. West Dever News item – Hedge and tree cutting by the highway.																																			
2420.2	2410.2	Risk Management – The War Memorial was considered. Cllr Kevin Maunder will report to the October meeting on any work required prior to Remembrance Sunday.																																			
2420.3	New	Remembrance Parade 2025 – The Clerk is applying for the road closure.																																			
9.15pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 8 th October 2025 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.																																			
Signed: Chairman dated.....																																					