

MINUTES of the MEETING of WONSTON PARISH COUNCIL (WPC)
Held at 7.40pm on Wednesday 8th July 2026 in the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney

Present: Cllr Pauline Maunder (Chairman), Cllr Rob Parker, Cllr Kevin Maunder, Cllr Judith Polak,
Cllr Georgina Tibbits
In attendance: WCCllr Stephen Godfrey, WCCllr Caroline Horrill.
Public: None
Clerk: Jocelyn Jenkins

2511	1.1	Apologies for Absence Cllr Matthew Bessant-Gore, Cllr Andrew Porteous, WCCllr Andrew Adams, HCCllr Jackie Porter.	Closed	
2512	1.2	Any Declarations of Interest to be declared/dispensations agreed. Cllr Parker declared an interest at 2518.7 Land at Brightlands, Cllr Pauline and Kevin Maunder declared an interest in respect of planning application 779 (see below).	Closed	
2513	1.3	Minutes of the Meeting of 10th June 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 changes to the HCC Councillor Grant Scheme. The grants are no longer available to Parish Councils but are for community groups only. HCC have secured funds for EV chargers to support those not able to install chargers on their own property.		
	2.3	Report from WCCllr Stephen Godfrey: WCCllr Godfrey advised that the City Council has re-confirmed its intention to move ahead with the new local plan. Under the new shorter timeframe, this needs to be completed within two and a half years but is unlikely to be adopted before 2028 when the new authorities commence. A new SHELAA (call for sites) has taken place but the information on the sites is not being shared at present due to the changes to boundaries and areas covered by different authorities. Land is needed for 4500 additional homes above the current target. It is hoped that the housing calculation for the new Mid Hants authority will reflect the area covered by national park land. LGR preparation is continuing but the final confirmation from Government may now be delayed until September. The four districts coming together to form the Mid Hants unitary authority have now met. There have been some waste collection issues recently and residents are encouraged to continue to report these. Consideration should be given to including 'cool hubs' in emergency plans.		
	2.4	Report from WCCllr Caroline Horrill: WCCllr Horrill noted that the Hants and Solent combined authority meets for the first time next week even though a mayor has not yet been elected. The Chesil multi-storey car park will be closed next week for repairs. Councillor addresses will no longer need to be shown on websites. A consultation on the future of the old River Park site is ongoing.		
		The meeting resumed after reports.		
2514	3	<u>Correspondence received by the Clerk since the last meeting</u>		
		The Council discussed and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2514.1	3.1	Home education community – Thank you for the grant which paid for the hall hire for an end of year disco.	Closed	
2514.2	3.2	Winchester Citizens Advice Grant request. It was agreed to pay the budgeted grant of £500 in September.	Closed	
		<u>Matters arising from the minutes of 10th June 2026.</u> The Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following issues:		
2515	4	<u>General Matters</u>		
2515.1	2505.1	Gratton Trust – A complaint has been received by the Parish Council in respect of the Grattonbury festival. The Clerk has responded after checking details with the Chair of the Gratton. Coffee wagon The proposal to allow a coffee wagon to trade at the Gratton was discussed. It was noted that appropriate insurance and food safety certification should be verified and that the wagon should not trade on the same days as the community cafes. It was also felt that the Trust should gain some benefit from this venture.		

2515.2	2505.2	Emergency & Flood Plans – The potential inclusion of a ‘cool hub’ in the Emergency Plan was discussed and Cllr Kevin Maunder will assess whether there is a need for this in the community.				
2515.3	2505.3	Devolution & Local Government Re-organisation – See 2.3 and 2.4 above.				
2515.4	2505.5	Southern Water Pipeline – A generator was on stand-by for three days last month but no new issues appear to have arisen with the pipeline. It was agreed to retain the agenda item in order to keep the pipeline under review.				
2515.5	2505.6	Coach & Horses PH – An officer from WCC Historic Environment visited the site in June and was satisfied that work is being undertaken to the main building and that the accommodation block is secure. It has been confirmed that Historic Environment will stay in touch with Stonegate (the pub owners) and will make further occasional site visits to ensure that the roof damage does not further deteriorate.				
2516	5	PLAY AREAS Council discussed and agreed actions for the following:				
2516.1	2506.1	Stoke Charity/Hunton Play Area (STCH&H) – The Annual Inspection Report is awaited. A large branch has fallen in the football field and Cllr Tibbets will seek to get this cleared.			Clerk	
2516.2	2506.2	Pigeonhouse Yard (PHY) Play Area – The Annual Inspection report is awaited. There has been no further contact with the agent in respect of the soakaway.			Clerk	
2517	6	HIGHWAYS ISSUES - FOOTPATHS, GRIT BINS etc Council discussed updates and agreed actions for the following:				
2517.1	2507.1	Footpath 7 Access – Off agenda.				
2517.2	2507.2	Footpaths & Bridleways – The Lengthsman has now carried out clearance work between Beggars Drove and Harding Close.				
2517.3	2507.3	Noticeboards – It is hoped that repairs can be undertaken over the summer.				
2517.4	2507.4	SID – Danny Chambersa, MP, has been made aware of the data from the device on Christmas Hill and has written to HCC and the Police & Crime Commissioner.				
2517.5	2507.5	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.				
2517.6	2507.6	Bogmoor Bench and verge No reply has been received from Clancy or Southern Water following the site meeting in June. The Clerk will contact Clancy.				
2517.7	2507.7	Bus shelters The HCC grant scheme re-opened last week. Quotes have been received to refurbish the shelter on Oxford Road southbound (£2100 net) and to replace the shelter on Oxford Road northbound (£7073net). It is not possible to install a new wooden shelter due to the willow tree and overhead cables and the quote is therefore for a green metal framed shelter with a pitched roof. Whilst this does not have the ‘rustic’ appearance of the wooden shelter it would be longer lasting and would be largely hidden by the tree. It was agreed to apply to HCC using these quotes.				
2517.8	2507.8	Wonston Green – The application under the Community Funded Initiative scheme can now be submitted although no decision has yet been made by HCC on whether to approve the dragons teeth.				
2518	7	PLANNING				
2518.1	779	Crabwood Reservoir, Sarum Road, Winchester.	Construction of water transfer pipeline (to pass through Wonston Parish close to A34).	26/00379/FUL No comment.		
2518.2	780	2 New Cottages, Hunton Lane, Sutton Scotney.	Two storey pitched roof rear extension & relocation of existing outbuilding.	26/01131/HOU No comment.		
2518.3	781	Waller's Ash, Old Stoke Road, Stoke Charity.	Change of use of land for siting of shepherd's hut for tourist accommodation.	26/01303/FUL No comment.		
2518.4	2508.4	Winchester Local Plan & Housing Growth – See 2.3 (above).				
2518.5	2508.5	Village Design Statement – Although the VDS can no longer be incorporated into the Local Plan, the data collected can be used to show developers what the Parish would like to see.				
2518.6	2508.6	CIL and Infrastructure Spend Plan – Carried forward to the September meeting.				
2518.7	New	Development at Brightlands – Cllr Parker, having declared an interest in this agenda item, moved to the public seats and did not participate in the discussion. The public meeting held earlier this evening was well attended and, whilst it was disappointing that Wates chose not to attend, some useful points were raised. The Wates on-line consultation was discussed and it was agreed to add a guidance section to the website to assist residents, This will be advertised on Facebook once the website has been updated.				
2519	8	ACCOUNTS/AUDIT				
2519.1	2509.1	Balances: As at 30/06/26 General Reserves are £51,906.52 but after Earmarked Reserves of £51,906 are £0. Payments for July and August (detailed below) totalling £4092.41 were agreed by the Council.			Closed	

		Grass & Grounds Ltd	May grass cutting	360.19		
		S E Inglis	SID movements (April-June)	450.00		
		WCC	Dog bins (April – June)	130.00		
		Victoria Hall	Rental (PC £105, Grants £484.13)	589.13		
		Hants Pension Fund	June pension contributions	277.20		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	June expenses	78.80		
		Jocelyn Jenkins	June salary	919.98		
		Hugo Fox	Website	23.99		
		Hugo Fox	Domain emails	20.99		
		<u>Approved in advance</u>				
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2519.2	2509.2	NALC Model Financial Regulations 2024 – The addition of further councillors to the bank mandate is ongoing.				
2520	9	Other Council Matters				
2520.1	2510.1	Publicity & Communications – <u>West Dever News item</u> – Update on the public meeting and current situation re Brightlands.				
2520.2	2510.2	Risk Management – No new issues were reported.				
9.20pm		Next meeting – Wednesday 9 th September 2026 at 7.30pm in the meeting room of the Victoria Hall, Sutton Scotney.				
Signed: Chairman dated.....						