

EXTRAORDINARY MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON 28 MAY 2014 AT 10.30 A.M. IN HELP CENTRE, BRANNONS WAY, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present: Councillor Ken Morris (Chairman)
Councillors Barrie Hailstone, Peter Mundell, Edward Giles
Steve Porter, Linda Pitcher

Also present: Liz Kingston Parish Clerk/RFO

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

14/174. Apologies received from Councillors Daryll Pitcher and Corinne Carey

2. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION OF A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

14/175. No requests for dispensation of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest had been received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.

14/176. No declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

4. WILL AINSLIE

14/177. Will came to speak to the Parish Council about the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and what they are proposing. The scheme is as follows:

They are proposing to construct a cycle route between Newport and Ryde. The route from Newport follows the old railway line as much as possible, until it comes out at Station Road. It then runs along Station Road, turns into Fernside Way and runs past the burial ground into the access road to Lakeside Park Hotel. The pinch point is from the entrance to Lakeside Park Hotel to the bottom of Kite Hill.

Their proposal is to widen the current pavement on the south side of the road between Lakeside Park Hotel and Kite Hill. If they can widen the path to 2.5m, it can become a shared path capable of accommodating both pedestrians and cyclists. Widening the path entails using some of the grass verge that runs next to the pavement. In some places this is to the lake side of the pavement, in others it is to the road side of the pavement (for example at the point where the bridge itself is located). They are talking about relatively modest amounts of land, no more than a metre wide in most places.

They are in the process of negotiating with the owners of Lakeside Park Hotel for some of this land. This has not yet been concluded, but discussions are constructive. Subject to acquiring the land, they would undertake accommodation works to fencing, signage etc. to make sure the path and surrounding area were returned to a good and attractive condition.

RESOLVED – THAT THE COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION PER SE TO THE PROPOSAL;
HOWEVER THEY DID ASK THAT IF RAILINGS WERE ALTERED THAT EITHER THEY
COULD HAVE A DROP KERB FROM THE LAKESIDE SIDE TO THE SLOOP OR EVEN A
ZEBRA CROSSING. AT THE VERY LEAST THE RAILINGS COULD BE CUT TO ALLOW
PEDISTRIANS TO CROSS THE ROAD WHILST BEING ABLE TO SEE IN BOTH
DIRECTIONS

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To comment on the following application:

14/178 P/00571/14 TCP/31435/A

Land between 127 and 131 Mary Rose Avenue, Wootton Bridge
Outline for a pair of semi-detached houses (revised scheme)

RESOLVED – THE PARISH COUNCIL STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION ON
THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

1. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS SERVED ADEQUATE NOTICE ON THE OWNER OF THE LAND.
2. THE PHOTOGRAPHS ON THE PROPOSAL, ESPECIALLY THE OVERHEAD SHOT, ARE AT LEAST 9/10 YEARS OUT OF DATE AND DO NOT SHOW THE SITE IN ITS CURRENT FORM.
3. THE PARISH COUNCIL IS OF THE FIRM VIEW THAT THIS AREA SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY DESIGNATED AN OPEN SPACE FOR USE BY THE LOCAL RESIDENTS, WITH THIS BEING A VALUABLE ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY SINCE MARY ROSE AVENUE WAS BUILT.
4. IT IS A GREEN CORRIDOR FOR WILDLIFE.
5. THE APPLICATION REPRESENTS OVER DEVELOPMENT.
6. THE APPLICATION DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FINDINGS OF THE LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY CARRIED OUT IN THE VILLAGE.
7. THERE IS ALREADY AN ISSUE WITH PARKING AND TRAFFIC IN MARY ROSE AVENUE, WHICH THIS APPLICATION WILL EXACERBATE AND ACCESS IS ALSO AN ISSUE.
8. THIS APPLICATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN OBJECTED TO BY THE WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL AND REFUSED BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

THE COUNCIL WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL TO BE PRESENT IN ANY FURTHER DISCUSSIONS/MEETINGS ON APPLICATION P00571/14 TCP 31435/A.

6. ANY URGENT MATTERS

14/179. No urgent matters.

Signed.....dated.....