

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
17 June 2014 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present : Councillor Ken Morris – Chairman
Councillor Barry Abraham – Vice-Chairman
Councillors Corinne Carey, Barrie Hailstone, Pete Mundell, Daryll Pitcher, Steve Porter,
Linda Pitcher

Also present 2 Members of the Public
1 Member of the press
Liz Kingston - Parish Clerk

Items raised in the Open Forum:

None raised

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

14/180. Apologies for absence were received from Brian Ballard and Edward Giles

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2014 AND 28 MAY 2014

14/181. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 May 2014 and 28 May 2014

RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2014 AND 28 MAY 2014 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION OF A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

14/182. No requests for dispensation of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest had been received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.

14/183. Councillor Hailstone declared an interest in matters relating to Woodside as he is a member of the Woodside Residents Association.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Progress reports only.

14/184. Doctors Surgery Parking (14/116)

Mark Downer has stated that any modifications to the car park would have to be placed as a request to the Council's Contract Management Team to forward to Island Roads. Island Roads would then charge for any work which was not part of the original specification for the car park. He would not necessarily support any additional disabled bays as the recommendation from the Department for Transport is to have somewhere between 5% and 6% of the bays designated for disabled drivers. There are 2 disabled bays out of a total of 38 which equates to 5.2%. I have gone back explaining that a Doctors surgery is being built opposite, therefore the additional disabled bays would be needed. Am awaiting his response.

14/185. Waste not being collected at Lower Woodside Road

Councillor Hailstone said residents had complained to him about Island Waste refusing to pick up their rubbish from Lower Woodside. Councillor Carey said Darwins were going to report it as well. Councillor Morris said the clerk would look into this.

6. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM

14/186. Louise Gray came in to discuss how she can help support the council. She works for the Public Health Team as part of the local council. She described that the Public Health Team is all about prevention and lower cost intervention. She gave out a ward based health profile, (see Appendix B), which showed where the ward stood compared with the country. She explained that they have a budget and that they commission things such as weight management, coordinating the health walks and working with Age UK to help with social isolation. Councillor Porter explained that the council are always looking for ways to help the community. The closing of the Youth Service was mentioned and Louise stated that they could support the council via a letter explaining that for the health and wellbeing of the young people there should be a youth service. This could be supported by data. Council Porter queried the ward profile information and the numbers on the first page. Louise stated she would go back to the data team for an explanation of the figures. Councillor

Abraham stated that there are a lot of people in isolation but there are also a lot of people that don't want to have the contact. Liz asked for a poster to put up in the Parish Office. Louise asked that we be aware of things that can help or are needed in the community.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

14/187. Decisions.

P/00339/14 – Approved 17 Footways

P00335/14 – Approved 7A High Street

APP/P2114/A/13/2209960 – Approved Creek Gardens (Holiday use between 1st April and 31st October)

APP/P2114/C/13/2205262 – Dismissed Styles, Creek Gardens

14/188. Tree Preservation Orders

None

14/189. Appeal

No Appeals had been received

8. MONTHLY REPORT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL ISSUES AFFECTING THE VILLAGE

14/190. Report by local member.

Councilor Pitcher provided a written report for the meeting (see Appendix A). Issues raised included:

- **School Transport** – this is out on consultation at present
- **Parking** – awaiting developments
- **Mary Rose Avenue** – comments have ended on the planning application; will ask for it to come before the committee if required.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss any outstanding Highway issues.

14/191. Any other Highway Issues

None

10. SPEED LIMIT POLICY

14/192. To consider and make comments on the proposed speed limit policy.

Council Pitcher said that he was in favour of this. It was asked if the speed limit policy would mean 20MPH limits on smaller residential roads and if so the council were in favour of this. Councilor Hailstone mentioned that it would be good if road users could see the signs as the one in New Road was over grown.

RESOLVED – THAT LIZ WOULD CONTACT ISLAND ROADS ABOUT THE OVERGROWN SIGN IN NEW ROAD AND THAT SHE WOULD RESEND THE SPEED LIMIT POLICY OUT AND ASK FOR ANY COMMENTS BY THE 3 JULY SO SHE COULD RESPOND BY 4 JULY

11. THE OLD SCHOOL

14/193. An update on the Old School

Councilor Carey explained that she could not go ahead with the grant re the youth services as it could mean taking on the youth worker as well as trying to get financial support from local businesses.

12. VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP

14/194. To endorse the minutes of the Village Partnership meeting held on 11 February 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2014 were approved and signed at the Village Partnership meeting held on 13 May 2014. These need to be endorsed by the Parish Council. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 11 FEBRUARY 2014 WERE ENDORSED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.

14/195. To report on the meeting of the Village Partnership meeting held on 13 May 2014.

Arrangements for Party in the Park had been discussed, following two social committee meetings held. Both afternoon and evening events were well in hand. Preliminary discussions had also taken place about the Christmas Festival which is going to be held on Friday 12th December 2014. It was agreed to hold the Big Tidy Up on 7th June 2014, subject to weather and that the scouts are going to help with this. Woodside Development was discussed and Gill Salter had concerns. Everyone was informed on the refurbishments at The Old School and the current hirers. It was mentioned that the building is available for hire and that anyone interested should contact Liz at the office.

13. COMMUNITY BUS

14/196. To report on the reduction of service

Councilor Porter explained that the Saturday service had stopped as at the 9 July. Liz explained that Havenstreet Parish Council Clerk had informed her that there were monies in an account that were the Parish Councils and that there were rumours that the bus service would stop altogether in October. Councilor Porter felt that we could organise something better locally; however the biggest problem was the average donation was very low and that it was a big project. Liz asked for Councilor Porter to put forward some dates to have a meeting with Havenstreet and the other parties to the community bus.

14. COMMUNITY ORCHARD

14/197. To discuss and look at a community orchard

Councilor Abraham wanted to look at would we could do for the autumn. Councilor Porter suggested instead of one large orchard maybe several smaller ones.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILOR ABRAHAM IS GOING TO LOOK INTO THIS AND FUNDING FOR IT AND REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL.

15. STANDING ORDERS

14/198. To adopt the revisions proposed at the May meeting (minute 14/160)

RESOLVED - THAT THE COUNCIL ADOPT THE REVISED STANDING ORDERS

16. REGISTER OF INTEREST

14/199. To remind councilors to declare any interests and to update the register.

Liz reminded everyone to make sure that their register of interest forms were up to date. She explained they can be viewed on the Isle of Wight council web site.

17. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

14/200. IWALC Executive.

Councilor Abraham has taken over, but has yet to attend a meeting. The meetings are held on the third Thursday in the month.

14/201. Devolution Meeting

Liz attended the Devolution meeting on the 23 May 2014. It was mentioned that the department for communities is coming down in September for 2 days. There was a general discussion about the Local Authorities legal department and how slow they are, which led to Bembridge saying that they now draft their own leases. It was mentioned that there are quite a few new clerks and training would be appreciated. However the main issues were:

- Having a liaison in the council that the Parishes could speak to and deal with on a day to day basis. Having someone that would not change.
- Setting up subject specific working groups for the following:
 1. Toilets
 2. Beach Cleaning
 3. Grass cutting

18. CORRESPONDENCE.

For information only.

14/202. Wallgate contract

The Wallgate contract has to be renewed and the option is to fix the price for 3 years or 5 years.

RESOLVED – THE COUNCIL AGREED TO ACCEPT THE 5 YEAR CONTRACT.

19. ACCOUNTS.

14/203. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment
RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTALLING £3897.13, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX C OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

14/204. To receive a report on the Internal Audit held on 7th May 2014.

The internal auditor carried out a thorough check on the accounts and found no cause for concern.

14/205. To remind members of the date of the External Audit.

The accounts had to be with the external auditor by 30th June 2014. The relevant documentation has been completed and sent off.

20. TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

14/206. Items to be included on the next Agenda.

None

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8:10 p.m.

Signed

Date