

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2014 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present: Councilor Ken Morris – Chairman  
Councilor Barry Abraham – Vice-Chairman  
Councilors Corinne Carey, Pete Mundell, Linda Pitcher, Barrie Hailstone and Steve Porter

Also present 0 Members of the Public  
1 Member of the press  
Liz Kingston - Parish Clerk

**Items raised in the Open Forum:**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**14/299.** Apologies for absence were received from Edward Giles and Daryll Pitcher

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2014

**14/300. Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 October 2014**

RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 OCTOBER 2014 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION OF A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

**14/301.** No requests for dispensation of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest had been received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.

**14/302.** No declarations of pecuniary or non pecuniary interests were received.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Progress reports only.

**14/303. TEMPORARY ACCESS ROAD/TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN (14/248)**

I have received a letter from David Everest from Darwins stating that they have commenced work on upgrading Lower Woodside Road.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

**To comment on the following applications:-**

**14/304. None**

**Urgent planning matters: Any other planning applications received after the agenda was published.**

**14/305.** P/00571/14 TCP/31435/A

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

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WRITE TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL TO SEE IF WE CAN TAKE IT OVER.

**14/306. Decisions.**

P/01062/14 – Approved – 85 Church Road – single storey rear extension

P/01080/14 – Approved – Fernhill House, Fernhill – change of use of land to camp site

P/00440/14 – Approved – Woodside Bay Holiday Village, New Road – log cabins

P/01075/14 – Refused – Buttercup Farm, Palmers Road – proposed detached building for holiday accommodation

**14/307. Tree Preservation Orders**

None

**14/308. Appeal**

None

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

**14/309. Report by local member.**

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

- Budget Consultation
- Reorganisation
- Mary Rose Appeal
- Milestone

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss any outstanding Highway issues.

**14/310. Any other Highway Issues**

Councilor Hailstone mentioned that he had seen people swerving in Station Road just after the Railway Station entrance going towards the Woodmans Arms due to the road being badly pitied and pot holed.

RESOLVED – THAT THE CLERK WOULD REPORT IT ONLINE TO ISLAND ROADS.

9. CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

**14/311. To agree the budget to meet costs involved.**

After expenses there was £60.06 left after last year's Christmas Festival from the raffle and refreshments. The Clerk does not think this will cover this year's costs, therefore it would be helpful to have a contingency approved of around £250 for any unforeseen expenditure. The clerk mentioned about advertising in the Isle of Wight County Press which was done last year at a cost of £108. The clerk stated that an advert could be run on the 12 December 2014 with an editorial for £90 this year.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL SET ASIDE A CONTINGENCY SUM OF £250 TO MEET THE COSTS OF ANY UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURE IN RESPECT OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2014 THAT CANNOT BE MET BY LAST YEAR'S RAFFLE & REFRESHMENT MONEY & MONIES RAISED THIS YEAR. THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WERE HAPPY TO ADVERTISE AGAIN IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCTY PRESS FOR £90.

**14/312. To agree the quotation for the Christmas Tree Lights.**

Two quotations have been received. One for £757.60 and one for £550 for collecting the Christmas tree, putting it up and taking it down, putting the Christmas tree lights on and disposing of the tree after. (Last year it was £352.41 & £75 = £427.41)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL ACCEPT THE QUOTATION OF £550.00 FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE.

10. PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2015/16

**14/313. Pre-budget discussion in advance of setting the council tax precept. To receive any suggestions for expenditure to be included in next year's budget.**

With regards to the Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme, a letter had been received from the IW Council giving details of the grant attributable to Town and Parish Councils which will be passed on.

Councillor Hailstone mentioned about having more dog bins and Councillor Porter suggested employing someone to do all the jobs required by the Parish Council, such as maintenance and grass cutting.

A meeting was suggested for Tuesday 9 December 2013 at 6.30 p.m. at the Tea Room for Councillors to meet with the Clerk/RFO and Financial Assistant to look at the budget for 2014/15 and the setting of the precept.

11. COMMUNITY ORCHARD

**14/314. To consider whether to proceed with this.**

Councillor Abraham said that the issue was due to land and where to plant them. Councillor Abraham suggested the area at Mary Rose Avenue and Pump Lane. This was agreed and it was felt that the tree warden, Gill Salter, should be involved.

12. WEBDESIGN AND EMAIL ADDRESS

**14/314. To look at streamlining the web pages and email addresses.**

The current situation is not ideal for a number of reasons. To begin with, the "corporate image" of WBPC is spread over multiple domains. A user could be viewing the council website at woottonwici.com, email woottonbridge.org.uk and receive a response from onwight.net! Adrian Smith owns the domain name woottonwici.com which means if he stops paying we could lose the web page. Everything is directed to woottonwici.com even though we pay for woottonbridge.org.uk. Currently all personal email addresses are used and this does not look professional and is not really appropriate.

The clerk has obtained 3 quotes from 3 different providers. The first quote was for £3169.00 and they came out to see what was required. The second quote was for £530.00, however they did not come and see what was required. The third quote was for £1152.00 and they came in and looked at the current set up and have quoted to redo the web page on the woottonbridge.org.uk domain name and update the site. (Appendix B)  
RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WERE HAPPY TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FOR £1152.00.

13. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

**14/315. IWALC Executive.**

Councilor Abraham will be attending the meeting on 20 November 2014

14. CORRESPONDENCE.

For information only.

**14/316. Care in the garden**

They have sent a letter and DVD for perusal by the Parish Council. Councillor Porter said they operate a gardening business where they take trainees out to do gardening.

15. ACCOUNTS.

**14/317. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.**

Members were presented with the accounts for payment  
RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTALLING £4441.99, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX C OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

**14/318. Items to be included on the next Agenda.**

None

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.45p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....