

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2014 AT 6.30 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

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

Also present 6 Members of the Public
1 Member of the press
Liz Kingston - Parish Clerk

Items raised in the Open Forum: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

14/319. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Corinne Carey as she is on holiday and Councillor Daryll Pitcher was late as he was attending a planning meeting at the Isle of Wight Council. He arrived at 6.50pm.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2014

14/320. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 November 2014

RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2014 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION OF A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

14/321. No requests for dispensation of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest had been received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.

14/322. 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.

14/323. MARY ROSE PLANNING APPEAL (14/305)

I have emailed the Isle of Wight Council about taking over the land between 127 and 131 Mary Rose Avenue. I am still awaiting a response from them.

14/324. Station Road (14/310)

I have reported the potholes along Station Road. I have been informed that they aren't potholes but are classed as pitting. Island Roads informed me that it is due to be resurfaced between October 2014 and March 2015.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

14/325. P/01388/14 TCP/29416/C

6 Rectory Close, Wootton Bridge

Detached garage

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/01388/14, PROVIDED THAT THERE ARE NO DISPUTES WITH NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES

14/326. P/01428/14 TCP/20245/E

Woodside Bay Holiday Village, New Road

Proposed maintenance/housekeeping building; gas storage compound; staff car parking; temporary lodge storage area.

Peter Foister, a member of the public, explained that all of Woodside are appalled by the application. They stated they have lost all trust with Darwins and are very unhappy. The residents feel that Darwins are applying to change the use of the land from agriculture to tourism related so at a later date they can put more log cabins on it. Two further members of public stated they were unhappy with the application due to loss of green area and the extra traffic it would create.

The councillors debated the application and Councillor Hailstone expressed concern that there was a glaring omission on the application regarding lighting the site. Councillor D Pitcher stated he would be 'calling it in' so it is heard in front of the full planning committee of the Isle of Wight Council. Councillor Porter was concerned that this application would open up the area for further development.

The councillors voted on the application and it was unanimously objected to.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL STRONGLY OBJECT TO THIS PLAN ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS;

1. THAT THE APPLICATION IS OUTSIDE THE EXISTING PLANNING ENVELOPE AND WOULD DEVELOP A GREEN FIELD SITE
2. THAT THIS APPLICATION COULD SET A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE APPLICATIONS.
3. THESE FACILITIES HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN PLANNING PERMISSION ON THE MAIN SITE THEREFORE NO NEED HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED
4. NOISE POLLUTION
5. LIGHT POLLUTION
6. TRAFFIC CONCERNS

14/327. Decisions.

None

14/328. Tree Preservation Orders

TPO/1992/17/W1/TW/394/14/Lett1 – Little Copse, Park Road, (Manage trees as detailed in the Woodland Management Plan, T3 Oak – reduce by a third of its canopy diameter and crown raise by removal of the two lowest limbs, sessile oak with Stereum gausapatum fungi to be felled to near ground level due to tree being in decline).

14/329. Appeal

None

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

14/330. Report by local member.

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

- Roads – yellow lines
- 20MPH
- Budget review

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss any outstanding Highway issues.

14/331. Any other Highway Issues

None

9. CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

14/332. The Clerk reported that the Roving Nativity Play was better than ever and the number of people who came back to the Community Centre greatly increased due to greater publicity. The Raffle and Refreshments raised £148.59 (last year £143.65), which after expenses have been taken out will go towards next year's event.

RESOLVED – THAT THE CLERK WOULD WRITE THANK YOU LETTERS TO ANN CAPPS, LUSHINGTON GARDEN BUILDINGS AND SALVATION ARMY.

10. PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2015/16.

14/333. The Council tax precept for 2015/2016 had been discussed at the meeting on 9 December 2014. Concern was raised about the Isle of Wight Council wanting Town and Parish Councils to take on more services, with Wootton Bridge Parish Council already taking on the Public Conveniences and the Old School Building. This is a national problem which IWALC are looking into. The Isle of Wight Council are passing on the money which is being allocated as a special grant for 2015/2016 but there may not even be a grant the following year.

RESOLVED – THAT A FURTHER DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE PRECEPT FOR 2015/2016 IN THE JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

11. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

14/334. IWALC Executive.

Councilor Abraham attended the meeting and Dave Burbage and the leader of the Council attended. They explained that the Isle of Wight Council is struggling financially and there will be difficult decisions to make. It is clear that Wootton Bridge Parish Council would not be contributing to the beach cleaning contract.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

For information only.

14/335. None

13. ACCOUNTS.

14/336. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTALLING £4231.63, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

14/337. Items to be included on the next Agenda.

None

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.23p.m.

Signed

Date