

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2015 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present: Councilor Ken Morris – Chairman  
Councilor Barry Abraham – Vice-Chairman  
Councilors Pete Mundell, Edward Giles, Linda Pitcher, Daryll Pitcher, Barrie Hailstone, Corinne Carey 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: None**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**15/001.** No apologies received

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2014

**15/002. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 December 2014**

Councillor Giles explained that David Burbage surname was Burbage and not Burbidge. This was changed.

RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2014 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION OF A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

**15/003.** No requests for dispensation of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest had been received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.

**15/004.** Councilor 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.

**15/005. None**

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

**15/006.** None

**15/007. Decisions.**

P/01388/14 – Approved – 6 Rectory Close – detached garage

**15/008. Tree Preservation Orders**

TPO/1990/32/TW/469/14/Lett1 – Pitcairn, New Road, T3 Oak to be felled to near ground level – tree is dead

TPO/2005/30/TW/416/14/Lett2 – Suntrap, Creek Gardens, New Road:

- G1 area - to remove dead wood and side shoots.
- T1 Oak - reduce the overhang by approximately 1 metre.
- T2 and T3 Oak - reduce the overhang by approximately 2 metres.
- T4 Oak - reduce overhang by 1-3 metres.

- T5 and T6 Oak - reduce the overhang by 1 metre.
- T7 Wild Service Tree - remove the dead branches.
- T8, T9 and T10 Oak -remove the dead branches.

Reason – General tree management

TPO/1991/98/A1/TW/518/14/Lett1 – 1-40 Church Close:

- T1 Holm Oak - pollard to previous pollard points.
- T3 Macrocarpa - crown clean and crown lift 4.5 metres.
- T5 Salix sp. - crown lift 2. 5 metres and crown clean.
- G1 Quercus sp, Fraxinus sp Laurus sp and Ulmus sp -crown lift one Fraxinus 4.5 metres and crown clean the remaining trees.
- G4 Fraxinus sp, Quercus sp, Ulmus sp, Corylus sp and Pinus sp - fell and remove TG4 and leave all arisings as a wildlife habitat.
- G7 6 x Fraxinus sp, 1 x Acer sp - pollard to previous pollard points and fell and remove the self-set Acer.

Reason: General tree management to make the trees safe.

**14/346. Appeal**

P/00310/14 – Bridgemoor, New Road – detached house with parking

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

**14/347. Report by local member.**

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

- Gravel Pit Road
- IOW Council Budget Cuts – Community bus Service

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss any outstanding Highway issues.

**14/348. Any other Highway Issues**

None

9. COMMUNITY BUS

**14/349** Councillor Porter explained that the Community Bus service has reduced to two days a week, Monday & Thursday. At a previous bus meeting it was provisionally agreed to contribute providing all four parishes contributed at a cost of £60 per day. Whippingham and East Cowes did not want to contribute and Havenstreet & Ashley & Wootton Bridge did not feel it was right for just them to contribute to the full route. Havenstreet & Ashley Clerk has just notified that Southern Vectis are willing to put on a service to run just between Havenstreet & Ashley and Wootton Bridge and Havenstreet are happy for the time being to fund a day. See Appendix B for proposed timetable.

**RESOLVED – COUNCILLOR PORTER IS GOING TO SPEAK TO SOUTHERN VECTIS AND MATT KITCHIN ARE REPORT BACK AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

10. PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2015/16.

**14/350. To agree the budget estimate for 2015/2016.**

A Meeting was held on 9 December 2014 to go over the suggested budget and precept for 2015/2016. Discussion took place about possible requests from the Isle of Wight Council to take on other services. The time for implementation and the costs involved is as yet unknown.

**RESOLVED – THAT THE BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 2015/2016 BE ACCEPTED.**

**15/009. To set the Council tax precept for 2015/2016.**

The Council tax precept for 2015/2016 had been discussed at a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014. Having looked at the figure and seen that currently the Parish is running at a surplus of over £20,000, the Councillors thought it was hard to justify putting the precept up. The majority view was that the suggested precept of £71,000 should be rejected and the precept left at £69,000. (Appendix C)  
RESOLVED – THAT THE PRECEPT FOR 2015/16 WOULD BE SET AT £69,000 (SIXTY NINE THOUSAND POUNDS)

11. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

**15/010. IWALC Executive.**

Councilor Abraham stated the next meeting is on Thursday 22 January.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

For information only.

**15/011.** None

13. ACCOUNTS.

**15/012. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.**

Members were presented with the accounts for payment

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTALLING £3462.40 A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX D OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

**15/013. Items to be included on the next Agenda.**

1. Community Bus

2. Saturday Rota

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.40p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....