

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 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, Linda Pitcher, Daryll Pitcher and Steve Porter

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

Items raised in the Open Forum:

Katyann reported on the following:

- There has been a spate of thefts from vehicles a couple of weeks ago. The culprits have been apprehended.
- There has been two boats stolen from the creek – the police have done a leaflet to advise people how to protect their boats.
- There was a lot of damage done at the primary school at the end of December. The culprits have been caught and are going up to the school to help clean up.
- There is a report regarding the village and the crime, which will be left in the parish office.
- From the 1st April the Safer Neighborhood Teams are changing, Wootton Bridge will be getting another PCSO, Steve Hull, as well as having Katyann. There will be 2 teams, the first team will comprise of 4 PCSO and 4 PC covering from East Cowes to Bembridge and the second team will be as it currently is. The first team will deal with the low level incidents; however the cover should now be 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

15/014. Apologies for absence were received from Edward Giles as he is on holiday, Barrie Hailstone as he is on the mainland and Corinne Carey as she can't change an existing commitment.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2015

15/015. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 January 2015

RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2015 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION OF A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

15/016. No requests for dispensation of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest had been received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.

15/017. No declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Progress reports only.

15/018. Discretionary Services (minute 14/285)

A letter has been received stating the following:

1. Grounds maintenance – Wootton Parish to support the maintenance of Wootton recreation ground. A meeting will be planned to discuss a revised specification with

a view to agreeing a percentage contribution. The meeting is 9am on 18th February 2015.

2. Environment Officers – The Parish did not want to support this and subsequently only a core service will be provided from 1st April 2015 (see Appendix A)
3. Beach cleaning – The Isle of Wight Council has agreed to support its minimum requirements under the Environmental Protection Act, which will result in the Isle of Wight Council continuing with a central beach cleaning contract but at a reduced specification and cost. No contribution will be required from the parish council at this moment in time.

15/019. Marine Conservation Zone (minute 14/213)

The consultation has now gone live; however it does not include Norris to Ryde.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

15/020. P/00043/15 TCP/02154/G

Willowbank, New Road, Wootton Bridge

Single storey extension on west elevation to provide living area.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00043/15, PROVIDED THAT THERE ARE NO DISPUTES WITH NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES

P/00036/15 TCP/20224/C

29 Lushington Hill, Wotton Bridge

Demolition of conservatory; proposed replacement conservatory.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00036/15, PROVIDED THAT THERE ARE NO DISPUTES WITH NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES

P/00086/15 TCP/02429/W

Little Herons Children's Nursery, Church Road, Wootton Bridge

Proposed conservatory on north elevation

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00086/15, PROVIDED THAT THERE ARE NO DISPUTES WITH NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES

15/021. Decisions.

P/01428/14 – Refused – Woodside Bay Holiday Village – proposed maintenance/housekeeping building; gas storage compound; staff car parking; temporary lodge storage area

15/022. Tree Preservation Orders

TPO/1990/31/TW/514/14/Lett1 & TPO/1988/40/A1/Lett3 – 1-26 Wootton Lodge, Church Road:

- T1 Acer sp - to crown thin by 15% and crown clear including a crown reduction to give 3m clearance from building.
- T2 Fraxinus sp – to crown lift to 4.5m over the car park and then crown clean.
- T3 Gi 1 x Quercus sp. Macrocarpa and Taxus sp – to re-pollard the Quercus and crown clear the remaining trees.
- G2 Ilex sp. Taxus sp and Laurus sp – to crown reduce to give the maximum 3m clearance from the building.
- G3 Platanus sp. Acer sp and Ulmus sp – to crown reduce from the property to give a minimum of 3m clearance and crown reduce from the street light including crown reduction of all secondary growth over the footpath.
- G4 Laurus sp, Ilex sp, Taxus sp, Tilia sp, Araucaria sp and Populus sp – to crown reduce one Populus from BT line and crown reduce all secondary growth over the footpath back to the boundary.

- G5 Acer sp, Laurus sp, Taxus sp and Prunus sp – to fell and remove one Prunus to near ground level and replant with a Betula sp and crown reduce all secondary growth over the footpath.
- G6 Laurus sp – to reduce to 1.5m in height
- G7 Laural – to crown reduce all secondary growth over the footpath back to the boundary level.

Reason – to prevent the tress becoming a nuisance and a danger

15/023. Appeal

None

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

15/024. Report by local member.

Councillor Daryll Pitcher raised the following issues:

- Budget review –crossing patrols are going
- Licensing meeting – restrictions with putting up notices
- Notice board – this is now up
- Section 106 – the 20MPH has been declined

RESOLVED - THAT ANY COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE ANY IDEAS TO HELP IMPROVE THE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE COULD THEY FORWARD THEM TO THE PARISH CLERK WHO WILL FORWARD TO COUNCILLOR DARYLL PITCHER.

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss any outstanding Highway issues.

15/025. Any other Highway Issues

None

9. COMMUNITY BUS

15/026. To discuss the future of the bus service

Councillor Porter stated the Isle of Wight Council are planning on cutting the funding for community buses. He explained that Havenstreet & Ashe Parish Council have approached Southern Vectis to run a 34A service, which is the original route between Havenstreet and Wootton, on a Tuesday from 15 March 2015. The daily cost is £60 and they have requested that Wootton Parish support them on this and contribute to the costs. We currently have approximately £2900.00 in the community bus fund. Councillor Porter proposed that the Parish Councillor support this and contribute half the money, £30.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY BUS AND PAY £30 PER WEEK. THE CLERK WILL NOTIFY THE PARISH CLERK OF HAVENSTREET & ASHEY ON THE DECISION.

10. RISK ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING REGIME

15/027. To sanction the review of the Parish Council Risk Assessments.

This is an annual procedural matter. The Clerk and Chairman had reviewed and amended the Risk Assessments.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENTS SHOULD BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIR AND THE CLERK.

15/028. To review the monitoring regime in respect of the following:-

- a) Parish Council land.
- b) Seats and litter bins.

The Clerk will send an email to Larry Laws, past Parish Councillor, to ask if he will continue to monitor the Parish Council's land, seats and bins in connection with Health & Safety once the weather improves.

RESOLVED – THAT THE CLERK WILL LIAISE WITH LARRY LAWS IN RESPECT OF THE ONGOING HEALTH AND SAFETY MONITORING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL LAND, SEATS AND LITTER BINS.

15/029. Parish Council Office,

The assistant Parish Clerk has carried out the regular checks required in respect of Health & Safety at the Parish Council Office. The Tea Room also has its own Health & Safety policy.

RESOLVED – THAT THE ASSISTANT PARISH CLERK WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY MONITORING REGIME AT THE PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE.

11. SATURDAY COUNCILLORS ROTA

15/030. To discuss Saturday Rota for Councillors

Councillor Morris was in favour of keeping this, especially for the councillors that do not attend the office during the week. He feels that as Councillors we should go into the office and realistically it is currently every 8 weeks.

RESOLVED – THAT THIS WILL CONTINUE AND BE REVIEWED AGAIN IN MAY 2015.

12. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

15/031. IWALC Executive.

Councilor Abraham unfortunately got the dates wrong in January and therefore did not attend the meeting in January. He will be attending the next meeting.

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

For information only.

15/032. None

14. ACCOUNTS.

15/033. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTALLING £4137.55 A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

15/034. Items to be included on the next Agenda.

None

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW – IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 s1(2) AND STANDING ORDER NO. 57

13. STAFF MATTERS

15/035. To discuss staff contractual issues.

The Parish Council considered staff contractual issues.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

Signed

Date