

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2015 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

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

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

Items raised in the Open Forum:

None raised

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

15/122. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Edward Giles and Corinne Carey

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2015

15/123. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2015

RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2015 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION OF A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

15/124. No requests for dispensation of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest had been received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS.

15/125. Councillor Hailstone declared an interest in matters relating to Woodside as he is a member of the Woodside Residents Association. Councillor Daryll Pitcher stated he was a trustee of the Isle of Wight Council Pension scheme.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Progress reports only.

15/126. Community Bus Service (15/047)

The 34 and 34a will stop running on 5 September 2015.

15/127. Land in Mary Rose Avenue

The local authority has confirmed that they own this area and that they are agreeable to enter into negotiations with the Parish Council about it.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

15/128. P/00587/15 TCP/32275

8 Glebe Gardens, Wootton Bridge.

Demolition of garage; single story side/rear extension to provide store, shower room and sun room/utility area.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00587/15, PROVIDED THAT THERE ARE NO DISPUTES WITH NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES

15/129. Decisions.

P/00354/15 – Approved – Bodwen, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

P/00311/15 – Approved – Belleair, Lower Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

P/00315/15 – Approved – Buttercup Farm, Palmers Road, Wootton Bridge

P/00378/15 – Approved – 149 High Street, Wootton Bridge

P/00411/15 – Approved – Little Canada Centre, New Road, Wootton Bridge

P/00057/15 – Approved – 41 Lushington Hill, Wootton Bridge

15/130. Tree Preservation Orders

None

15/131. Appeal

APP/P2114/C/14/2221958 – Woodhouse Copse, Brocks Copse Road - dismissed

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

15/132. Report by local member.

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

- Roads – yellow lines
- Festival – no incidents
- Darwins – Woodside application – called in

8. HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss any outstanding Highway issues.

15/133. Any other Highway Issues

None

9. PENSION STAGING

15/134. To consider offering the pension scheme to all eligible employees.

In April 2016 the Parish Council by law has to offer a pension to all employed staff. As the Isle of Wight Council scheme is used for the clerk and can be used for the remaining staff, it is proposed that this scheme is viable.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE AGREEABLE TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL PENSION SCHEME BEING OFFERED TO ALL ELIGIBLE STAFF.

10. PLAY AREA

15/135. To discuss the vandalism in the play area.

Approximately 10 of the alphabet stools have had the tops ripped off. Replacement tops have been sourced and will cost £396 and Councillor Porter is looking at sourcing 10 metal plates to fix them too. The clerk has spoken to the new PCSO how will try and keep an eye on the area.

11. RECREATION GROUND

15/136. To discuss the recreation ground and maintenance

The local authority has sent in the costs for maintaining the recreation, (see Appendix B) although it apparently does not cover the full area. The clerk is trying to arrange a meeting with the local authority to establish what is exactly covered in the precis and she will let the Councillors know the date and time.

12. SPEED LIMIT, SURVEY AND SIGNS

15/137. To discuss the cost of a survey and signs

The costs of a 7 day survey giving totals and speeds of vehicles in each direction in hourly totals will be £290 plus VAT and the cost of the speed reactive sign is approximately £2500.00 and this is subject to the position and obtaining power.

13. STANDING ORDERS

15/138. To adopt the proposed Standing Orders at the May meeting (minute 15/111)
RESOLVED - THAT THE COUNCIL ADOPT THE 2015 STANDING ORDERS

14. REGISTER OF INTEREST

15/139. To remind councillors to declare any interests and to update the register

15. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS

15/140. IWALC

Councillor Abraham hasn't attended a meeting for several weeks. Bridleways and public footpaths were discussed and the hope that they could be joined up.

Councillor Mundel stated that there would be a survey done by Hovercraft in the creek on or around July 12th.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

For information only

15/141. Daly International – proposed base station upgrade at Palmers Farm.

15/142 Letter from Debbie Blake – Chair of Governors at Wootton Primary School – raising monies for a defibrillator. – send letter of support.

17. ACCOUNTS.

15/143. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT TOTALLING £4127.85, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX C OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

15/144. To receive a report on the Internal Audit held on 14th May 2014.

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

15/145. 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.

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

15/146 Items to be included on the next Agenda.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.04 p.m.

Signed

Date