

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present: Councillor Ken Morris – Chairman  
Councillor Steve Porter – Vice Chairman  
Councillors Pete Mundell, Daryll Pitcher, Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher, Corrine Carey, Edward Giles

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

**Items raised in the Open Forum:**

None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**16/018.** Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hailstone and Councillor Wolton who are both unwell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**16/019.** None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2016

**16/020. Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 January 2016**

**RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2016 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.**

4. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT AND TO AGREE ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

**16/021. To agree the budget estimate for 2016/2017**

Meeting was held on 9 February 2016 to go over the suggested budget and precept for 2016/2017. (Appendix A)

Discussion took place about the reserves held by the Parish Council and the possibility of having to take on further services from the Isle of Wight Council.

**RESOLVED – THAT THE BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 2016/2017 BE ACCEPTED.**

**16/022. To set the Council tax precept for 2016/2017**

The Council tax precept for 2016/2017 had been discussed at meetings on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Discussion took place at the meeting about Wootton Bridge already investing substantially in devolved services as well as the Parish Council's current reserves. (Appendix A)

The majority view was that the suggested precept of £69,000 allowed for some surplus to take account of additional services coming the way of Town and Parish Councils.

**RESOLVED – THAT THE PRECEPT FOR 2016/17 WOULD BE SET AT £69,000 (SIXTY NINE THOUSAND POUNDS)**

**16/023. Post Office**

The Clerk has had notification that the post office is planning some changes. These mainly being that the counter will be integrated with the retail counter and they will be opening for longer.

**16/024. 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.

**16/025. 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.

**16/026. Primary School Fencing**

The Clerk has been notified about the new fencing to be installed at the primary school. (Appendix B)

RESOLVED - THAT THE CLERK WILL EMAIL COUNCILLOR CONRAD GAUNTLET AND WOOTTON BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL TO ADVISE THEM TO TALK TO THE SCOUTS.

**16/027. Isle of Wight Walking & Cycling Festival 20106**

The Parish has been asked to financial support this activity be contributing £1000. (Appendix C)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL THOUGHT THIS WAS A GOOD IDEA BUT WERE CONCERNED IF NO OTHER COUNCIL CONTRIBUTED. THE PARISH COUNCIL ASKED THE CLERK TO EMAIL ELAINE CESAR AND COPY IN THE IWALC SECRETARY STATING IT WAS A GOOD IDEA BUT PREHAPS IT SHOULD GO THROUGH IWALC

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

**16/028. P/00014/16 TCP/20245/H**

Woodside Bay Holiday Village, New Road, Wootton Bridge

Siting of 8 no gas tanks with associated security fence and bunding: installation of 4m pole and satellite dish

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL STRONGLY OBJECTS TO APPLICATION P/00014/16 FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS, WHICH WERE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTED IN THE DISMISSAL OF THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION ON APPEAL:

1. WHILST THE APPLICANT HAS NO PLANS FOR FLOODLIGHTING, WE ARE NOT PERSUADED THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE THE NEED FOR EXTERNAL LIGHTING OF SOME SORT AT LEAST INTO THE EARLY EVENINGS, ESPECIALLY IN WINTER AND FOR SECURITY LIGHTING. THIS WOULD ADD AN UNWELCOME AMOUNT OF INTRUSIVE ARTIFICIAL LIGHT INTO AN AREA OF LOW LIGHTING.
2. POLICY SP1 SPATIAL STRATEGY SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE OF ECONOMIC LEAD REGENERATION. HOWEVER, IT STATES THAT UNLESS A SPECIFIC LOCAL NEED IS IDENTIFIED IN THE RURAL SERVICE CENTRES (ONE OF WHICH IS WOOTTON), PROPOSALS OUTSIDE OF THE DEFINED SETTLEMENT WILL NOT BE SUPPORTED. IN PARTICULAR IN 5.15 IT MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THE CHARACTER THAT MAKES RURAL SERVICE CENTRES SUCH ATTRACTIVE PLACES TO LIVE SHOULD BE MAINTAINED, WHILST ALLOWING FOR SMALL SCALE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF A THRIVING RURAL SETTLEMENT AND THE WIDER AREA IT SERVES.
3. WE FEEL THAT THE PROPOSAL WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY HARM THE TRANQUIL RURAL CHARACTER OF THE AREA. THE PROPOSAL WOULD THEREFORE BE AT ODDS WITH AIMS OF POLICY SP1 (SPATIAL STRATEGY), POLICY DM2

(DESIGN QUALITY FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT), AND DM12 (LANDSCAPE, SEASCAPE, BIODIVERSITY AND GEODIVERSITY) OF THE ISLAND PLAN: THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL CORE STRATEGY (INCLUDING MINERALS AND WASTE) AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES DPD ADOPTED MARCH 2012. (THE ISLAND PLAN).

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE REFERENCE TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION AND THE ECOLOGICAL REPORT, WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THAT BADGERS, BATS AND DORMICE USE THIS AREA. ALSO THE APPLICANT HAS ALREADY HAD PERMISSION TO SITE THE GAS STORAGE TANKS ON THE ORIGINAL SITE.

P/00074/1 TCP/28105/A

92 Station Road, Wotton Bridge

Demolition of garage and summer house; single storey side extension to form additional living and guest accommodation; shed

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00074/16

P/00100/16 TCP/32538

55 Church Road, Wootton Bridge

Enlargement of existing roof to provide additional living accommodation

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00100/16

**16/029. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council**

P/01454/15 – Approved – Little Bodwen, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

**16/030. Tree Preservation Orders**

None

**16/031. Appeal**

None

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

**16/032. Report by local member.**

Councillor D Pitcher provided a written report for the meeting (Appendix D). Issues raised included:

- Isle of Wight Council Tax
- Yellow Lines
- The Bridge
- Boundry Stone
- Darwins

A member of the public asked if the bridge consultation was mentioned at the full Isle of Wight Council meeting. Councillor D Pitcher stated it was.

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss any outstanding Highway issues.

**16/033. Any other Highway Issues**

The Clerk mentioned that the High Street is being resurfaced over the next few nights.

Also New Road between High Street and St Edmunds Walk is to be filled between Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February and the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2016.

Councillor D Pitcher mentioned that the cycle way is proceeding.

8. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

**16/034.**

Councillor Carey raised the following concerns:

- The works near St Edmunds church by Darwin's contractors which has resulted in the disturbance of badger setts
- The request for yellow lines outside Brackens House in New Road

The clerk was requested to write to Darwins on these matters.

9. IWALC REPORT

**16/035.**

Councillor Wolton was unwell and did not attend the meeting; however she sent in a written report via email (Appendix E), which included the following:

- Presentation by ANOB
- Crime Reports
- Grant to Local Council
- Royal Garden Party Nominations
- Planning Enforcement
- Best Kept Village

10. ACCOUNTS.

**16/036. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.**

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for February

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR FEBRUARY TOTALLING £7601.67, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX F OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

11. STAFF MATTERS

**16/037. To discuss staff contractual issues.**

The Parish Council considered staff contractual issues.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....