

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2016 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 4 Members of the Public  
0 Member of the press  
Liz Kingston - Parish Clerk

**Items raised in the Open Forum:**

Michelle Trip discussed My Time IOW who help people with mental health issues. They deal with 18 to 87 years old. They have a drop in center at Quay House, Newport and are looking at expanding out further into the community. They are part of the Richmond Fellowship Trust and they work closely with NHS.

Traffic flow on St Edmunds specifically at certain corners where fences/hedges have been put in.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**16/038.** Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Carey as she has to attend a funeral and Councillor Giles.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**16/039.** None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2016

**16/. Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 February 2016 & Minutes of the Exempt Meeting held on 16 February 2016.**

**RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2016 AND THE EXCEMPT MINUTES OF 16 FEBRUARY 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.

**16/040. Litter Pick**

The clerk has been asked if the Parish Council is planning a village litter pick. The clerk has emailed BIFFA to see if the parish can borrow litter picks and hoops for black bags. If these are not forthcoming the parish would have to buy them. The litter picks cost anywhere from £2.11 each upwards and the hoops are from £6.95 each upwards.

**RESOLVED – THAT THE LITTER PICK WILL BE HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 10AM AND THAT THE CLERK CAN SPEND UP TO £200.00 ON EQUIPMENT IF REQUIRED. THE CLERK HAS TO WRITE TO ALL BUSINESSES TO ASK FOR VOLUNTEERS AND TO DISPLAY POSTER.**

**16/041. Party in the Park**

A charity has to be chosen for this years Party in the Park.

**RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE CHOSEN MY TIME IOW AT QUAY HOUSE AS THIS YEARS CHARITY.**

**16/042. Queen's Birthday**

The clerk was wondering what the Parish Council wanted to do to celebrate the event. The clerk has looked at the option of buying commemorative medal for all the children at Wotton Bridge Primary School. The costs should be no more than £500.00.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCILLORS WOULD DEFER THIS DECISION UNTIL APRIL TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER OPTIONS

**16/043. Donations**

**Isle of Wight Music, Dance & Drama Festival**

A letter had been received outlining their aims of encouraging music, dance, speech and drama on the Island and asking for financial donations for next year's festival in March.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL DONATE £50.00.

**16/044. Toilet Cleaning**

The clerk has received two quotes for the cleaning contract; however the clerk did try to obtain quotes from 3 other companies, (See Appendix A). Currently Top Mops do two cleans a day both Summer and Winter, deep cleans, locking, all consumables salting the footpaths around the conveniences, and full management of the contract 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

RESOLVED - THAT THE CLERK WOULD ADVISE TOP MOPS THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE PREPARED TO ENTER INTO A THREE YEAR CONTRACT FOR £4,558 P.A. FOR CLEANING OF THE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES IN BRANNON WAY

**16/045. Correspondence**

The clerk received a letter from a member of the public which was circulated to all councillors.

**16/046. Maintenance of Benches and Playground Equipment.**

The Clerk has asked for 3 quotes for the works (see appendix B). 2 quotes were received and one company did not quote due to the fact they could not do the work until August.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH WILL ACCEPT WITH THE QUOTE FROM JDH PAINTING AND DECORATING

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

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

**16/047. P/00186/16 TCP/29905/D**

Pt OS Parcel 0003, land at junction of Upper Woodside Road and Palmers Road, Wootton Bridge

Replacement monopole; replacement of 3 antennas with 3 proposed antennas; replacement of 1 dish antenna with 2 dish antennas; replacement equipment cabinets and associated ancillary works.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION P/00186/16

**P/00251/16 TCP/20866/B**

12 Beechcroft Drive, Wootton Bridge

Demolition of conservatory; single storey rear extension to form kitchen

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION P/00251/16

**16/048. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council**

P/01428/15 – Approved – 10 High Street, Wootton Bridge

P/01527/15 – Approved – 108 Station Road, Wootton Bridge

P/01548/15 – Refused – 129 Mary Rose Avenue, Wootton Bridge

P/00014/16 – Refused – Woodside Bay Holiday Village, New Road, Wootton Bridge

**16/049. Tree Preservation Orders**

**TPO/2005/30/TW/593/15/Lett1** – Suntrap, Creek Gardens, Wootton Bridge

Consent given to:

- T1 Oak – to be felled to near ground level

Reason – to remove a tree of poor quality

**TPO/1972/A1/TW/13/16/Lett1** – West Creek, New Road, Wootton Bridge

Consent given to:

- T1 Oak – to reduce the crown by 30% to strong growth points at least one third the diameter of the adjacent pruning point.

Reason – to reduce the canopy size and prevent it becoming a nuisance to the property

**TPO/2001/14/TW/630/15/Lett2** – Farwell House, 40 Palmers Road, Wootton Bridge

Consent given to:

- Walnut trees – to carry out work as discussed on site on 23 February 2016

Reason – to prevent damage to the building

TW/00026/16 – Oaklands, New Road, Wootton Bridge

Consent given to:

- T1 Oak – to fell the oak

Reason – to remove a dangerous tree

**TPO/1991/3/TW/0032/16** – Wootton Grange, New Road, Wootton Bridge

Consent given to:

- T3 Oak – to lift canopy to clear cable line and remove dead wood
- T2 Oak – to lift canopy to clear cable line

Reason – to give 50cm clearance above cable in front of the tree

Refusal:

- T1 Oak – to remove lower limb and 60% canopy reduction and remove dead wood

Reason – large tree of considerable amenity and importance to the surrounding area.

60% crown reduction is contrary to best practice as detailed in B.s 3998.

**TW/00035/16** - 1-26 Wootton Lodge, Wootton Bridge

Consent given to:

- T2 Fraxinus sp – crown lift by 4.5m over car park and crown clean
- G1 1 x Quercus sp, Macrocarpa, Taxus sp – re-pollard Quercus and crown clean remaining trees
- G4 Ilex sp, Taxus sp, Tilia sp, Araucaria sp, populus sp – crown raise 1 x Populus from BT line and crown reduce all secondary growth over footpath back to boundary
- G6 Ilex sp – reduce to 1.5m height

Reason – to ensure the health and future amenity value of the trees

**16/050. Appeal**

APP/P2114/D/15/3138017 – Dismissed – 28 Station Road, Wootton Bridge

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

**16/051. Report by local member.**

Councilor D Pitcher provided a verbal report for the meeting. Issues raised included:

- Devolution Bill – unsure what is happening as things have changed at the last minute
- Precept – the precept increased however this was due to the grant being less from central government
- New Road – the speed limit signs are confusing, but are being dealt with
- Resurfacing – delays due to the weather being cold and wet
- School fence – the scouts will be having a key
- Tarmac area in field used by Darwins – clerk to speak to enforcement

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss any outstanding Highway issues.

**16/052. Any other Highway Issues**

Councillor Hailstone mentioned that he had a meeting with island roads about the state of New Road and the blocked drains – Island Roads stated they would look at shutting the road and making more substantial repairs.

Councillor Hailstone spoke to Rebecca Smith with regards a community speed watch – if anyone is interest could they let him know.

8. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

**16/053.**

Councillor Porter enquired whether the Parish Council would consider the possibility of a loan to the Community Bus CIO. He explained that some of their grant funding had been cut. He stated that if required he would put in a formal request and business plan.

9. IWALC REPORT

**16/054.**

Councillor Wolton stated that there is a workshop on at the Riverside Center in Newport on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

10. ACCOUNTS.

**16/055. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.**

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for March  
RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR MARCH TOTALLING  
£5643.43, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX C OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....