

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016 AT 6.30 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON
BRIDGE.

Present: Councillor Ken Morris – Chairman
Councillor Stephen Porter - Vice Chairman
Councillors Barrie Hailstone, Pete Mundell, Daryll Pitcher, Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher and Barbara Port

Also present 5 Members of the Public
0 Member of the press
Liz Kingston - Parish Clerk

Items raised in the Open Forum:

Current vacancy
Houses affected by the speeding along New Road

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

16/215. Apologies received from Councillor Wolton as she has to attend the hospital with her husband.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

16/216. Councillor Mundell declared an interest in P/01529/16 as he knows the owners of Bodwen.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2016

16/217. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2016 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

16/218. Parish Council Precept 2017/18

The clerk has sent out draft figures for the precept as well as the balance sheet as at 30th November 2016 prior to a final decision being taken in January/February 2017. The clerk has still not had confirmation of the payment of the Council Tax Support Grant. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. (Appendix A)

16/219. Park Road Letter

The Parish Council noted the contents of the letter (Appendix B) and requested that the clerk respond to the letter.

16/220. Christmas Festival

The Christmas Festival had been set for Friday 16th December. Ann Capps will be arranging the Roving Nativity again, which will start at the Cedars this year and make its way down to Brannon Way. The procession will end at the doctors car park with everyone coming through the community center to stand on the patio to watch the rest of the nativity. Charity and craft tables will be out in the community center hall and minced pies, mulled wine, tea and coffee will be available for a donation. The ukulele band and the salvation army band will be performing.

16/221. Environmental Health

The clerk has had a meeting with Lee Matthews. Please see the attached report provided to East Cowes Town Council from the environmental officer. The Parish Council would have to agree to a minimum of 4 hours per week at a cost of £10 per hour. (Appendix C)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LOOK AT CONTRACTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER FOR 4 HOURS A WEEK AT £10.00 PER HOUR COMMENCING IN THE NEW TAX YEAR.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

16/222. P/01529/16 TCP/30946/B

Bodwen, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

Proposed garage and store

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION P/01529/16

16/223. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

P/01333/16 – Approved – Sea Mist, New Road, Wootton Bridge

16/224. Tree Preservation Orders

None

16/225. Appeal

None

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

16/226. Report by local member.

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

- The consultation period for the yellow lines has finished
- The bench at the Spar shop has now been replaced
- The Christmas tree looks good

7. HIGHWAY MATTERS

To discuss any outstanding Highway issues.

16/227. Any other Highway Issues

Councillor Hailstone mentioned about the traffic order for the 10mph zone in New Road.

Councillor Hailstone had a conversation with PC John Walton with regards to New Road and he copied Councillor Hailstone into an email sent to Andrew Turner, (see Appendix D). A speed monitoring survey (a metro count) has been installed and will monitor the speed for a week.

ACTION – THE CLERK TO CONTACT ISLAND ROADS TO FIND OUT WHERE THE MONITORING EQUIPMENT IS SITUATED.

Councillor Abraham raised concerns on how exactly New Road would be repaired/resurfaced. He felt that the Parish Council should have a meeting with Island Roads about the repairs. He mentioned about a speed reactive sign and the possibility of the Parish Council as well as the 3 businesses at the end of New Road funding the sign.

ACTION – THE CLERK TO CONTACT ISLAND ROADS TO FIND OUT WHEN NEW ROAD IS GOING TO BE REPAIRED/RESURFACED

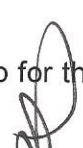
Councillor Porter mentioned about the bushes on the bridge looking dead.

ACTION – THE CLERK TO MONITOR AND REFER TO ISLAND ROADS IF REQUIRED

8. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

16/228.

Councillor Porter stated that he was looking into utilising a toilet at the Rugby club for the public. This will cost money with regards to cleaning, unlocking/locking and hiring.



Councillor Hailstone mentioned about Councillor Port's name missing from The Bridge. The clerk informed the Parish Council that she has already mentioned this to The Bridge.

9. IWALC REPORT

16/229. Councillor Wolton was absent for the meeting and therefore there is no report.

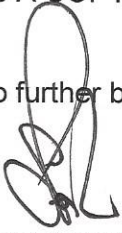
10. ACCOUNTS.

16/230. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for December.

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR DECEMBER TOTALLING £5427.36 A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX E OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.31 p.m.

Signed 

Date 17/01/17





Wootton Bridge Parish Council

Balance Sheet For the year to 30 November 2016

Year to date
30 November 2015

Year to date
30 November 2016

CURRENT ASSETS			
24	Petty Cash	111	
127665	Cash at Bank	147521	
-	Debtors	-	
204	VAT Recoverable	244	
127893	TOTAL ASSETS		147876
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
-	Creditors	-	
-	Salaries,Tax, NI Due	-	
-		-	
127893	NET ASSETS		147876
Represented By			
3400	Reserve Fund - Village Square Repai	3400	
-	Reserve Fund - Wootton Bridge Plan	-	
16719	Reserve fund - Village/Neighbourhoo	16719	
7245	Reserve fund - Community Bus	10245	
-	Reserve Fund - Rec. Imps.Phase 2	-	
7539	Reserve Fund - Play Equipment	6290	
(1043)	Reserve Fund - HIC Maintenance	782	
1984	Reserve Fund - Youth Initiatives/Sp	6984	
4156	Election expenses/fund	4116	
22798	Match fund allocation	22798	
2269	Reserve Fund - Website	2769	
219	Reserve Fund - Training	719	
6650	Reserve Fund - Wootton Youth Club	6650	
260	Reserve Fund - Wootton Bridge Busin	260	
5277	Reserve Fund - Events	8072	
2740	Reserve Fund - Rec.Ground Maintenanc	7943	
11628	Reserve Fund - Public Conveniences	14778	
452	Reserve Fund -Wootton in Bloom	452	
35602	General Fund	34900	
127893			147876

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the authority and reflects its income and expenditure during the year.

Signed:

Chairman

RFO



Wootton Bridge Parish Council

Balance Sheet For the year to 31 January 2017

Year to date
31 January 2016

Year to date
31 January 2017

	CURRENT ASSETS		
24	Petty Cash	154 ✓	
127665	Cash at Bank	141948 ✓	
-	Debtors	-	
204	VAT Recoverable	329 ✓	

127893	TOTAL ASSETS		142431
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
-	Creditors	-	
-	Salaries,Tax, NI Due	-	
-		-	

127893	NET ASSETS		142431
	Represented By		
3400	Reserve Fund - Village Square Repai	3400 ✓	
-	Reserve Fund - Wootton Bridge Plan	-	
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22798	Match fund allocation	22798 ✓	
2269	Reserve Fund - Website	2769 ✓	
219	Reserve Fund - Training	719 ✓	
6650	Reserve Fund - Wootton Youth Club	1650 ✓	
260	Reserve Fund - Wootton Bridge Busin	260 ✓	
5277	Reserve Fund - Events	6419 ✓	
2740	Reserve Fund - Rec.Ground Maintenanc	6693 ✓	
11628	Reserve Fund - Public Conveniences	14199 ✓	
452	Reserve Fund -Wootton in Bloom	452 ✓	
35602	General Fund	45978	

127893			142431 ✓

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Signed:

Chairman

RFO

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Mrs E Kingston
Parish Clerk
Wootton Parish Council
5 Joannes Walk
Brannon Way
Wootton Bridge,
Isle of Wight PO33 4NX

[REDACTED]

18 November 2016

Dear Mrs Kingston

PARK ROAD, WOOTTON

In the process of clearing leaves from the gutters outside our boundary, dodging the traffic and yet another misdirected coach and one of the regular funeral cortèges, I felt it was time once again to raise the problems we face living in Park Road.

Whilst Wootton Parish Council has always been sympathetic, and Cllr Giles supportive when he was and IWC member, few others can be bothered to give us the time of day.

Because I walk quite a lot into Newport, Wootton etc both to keep me active and get one car off the road, albeit for a short time, we have had to take our own measures to help with safety. As a result we have, this year, paid to check land registry boundaries and then to get the hedges cut (with landowners' permission, of course) from the brow of the hill from the bridge up to the cycle track. This just to give walkers a bit of bank to get onto when confronted by often very fast traffic.

We are very aware of the financial hardships of our local authority and are prepared to do our bit to keep the road/gutters swept outside our own property and, if necessary, to get the hedges cut back each year for that one particular stretch of the road. That does not, however, give us anything more than a small area of somewhere to go if essential. It does not provide any peace of mind for personal safety.

We therefore feel if the local authority could be persuaded at the very least to provide a pinch point close to each of the blind bends it would go some way to meeting our concerns. (Quite considerable sums seem to be found to pay consultancy fees when required.)

I have a goddaughter living in Newchurch and whilst there, too, they have no pavements Newchurch does not have the volume of traffic that Park Road has, and there is a series of pinch points which have made a huge difference to the residents' safety. We accept there are more residents in Newchurch, but we do have a part of the Island's cycle network running right through a busy road which cannot be accessed from north or south without huge risk.

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From conversations with workmen operating in Park Road, they have first-hand experience of what we are living with on a daily basis – one comment being “.....you take your life in your hands just getting in and out of your gateway”! Sadly, the only regular comment from the local authority or the police is that there has not been a serious (presumably meaning fatal) accident in Park Road. It would seem that a death might be the only justification to get something done.

I should be very grateful if you would kindly put this letter before your next Council meeting.

Yours sincerely

Kate Newman

Kate Newman

East Cowes Town Council Update
Environment Officer Services
14 September to 17 November 2016

Enforcement

- Dog Fouling reports has reduced, still a few signs up and previously known hot spots are monitored. On patrols I am still locating fouling on pavements and sending the details through to have it cleared/cleaned.

Any discussion with the public regarding enforcement I am encouraging for information on offenders to assist with my targeting. I have small leaflets to hand out with further information and my contact details on.

- Posters placed up by Albany Green and discussed with the staff at the museum adjacent about how to report any offenders. Area investigated, some fouling found, I will continue to educate dog walkers on my rounds. This land is now leased, any issues regarding land or building can be directed to the Property Services department at IW Council.
- I have spoken with a few dog owners who failed to have their dog on a lead on/next to a public highway; verbal warnings given and a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued if those same owners are seen again.

General

- Fly tips, graffiti, fouling and litter issues are reported to the relevant agencies/persons responsible or removed where appropriate.
- Fly posters removed from shelters, telephone boxes and other street furniture.
- Broken glass has been removed from IW Council and Town Council areas along the Esplanade.
- Green shelter adjacent to Esplanade Car Park was thought to have been transferred to PFI, however I can confirm that the Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces department at the IW Council have the responsibility of this. I will visit this shelter when I'm next in East Cowes.
- Investigated and researched Two abandoned vehicles on Osbourne Road; Red Fiat Bravo W322 PDL has now been removed. Silver Ford KA W215 RDL remains in situ, IW Council have written to the registered keeper and vehicle has been reported to DVLA for not having valid tax.

- The trailer on Maresfield Road; I've been trying to deal with this since 2 August, I was told on 12 October by the Deputy Highways PFI Contract Manager and Contracts Lawyer that they have investigated this matter and it is not in their view abandoned and as they understand legally parked on the Highway. I e-mailed Hampshire Constabulary on 12 October to see if they could assist but unfortunately I haven't received a response yet.
- Red Renault vehicle in Esplanade Car Park; I brought this vehicle to the councils attention on 13 September following a report from a member of public. After investigation the tax has expired and the MOT is valid to June 2017. This vehicle was issued with a Penalty Charge Notice in June 2016 in Ferry Road, East Cowes; due to what we know about the owner's health we don't believe this to be abandoned and have written to a family member requesting they tax and move the vehicle immediately.
- Fouling/litter issue investigated again at Hawthorn Meadows including dog patrols. Further complaints have been received from residents in the Barrett's estate so we are looking into the possibility of Section 106 funding for bins while roads in Hawthorn Meadows remain 'unadopted' as Island Roads will not take responsibility as of yet.
- A few damaged road signs reported to Island Roads for job to be raised to fix/replace.
- Areas of concern have been brought to my attention such as pathways, fencing and IW Council lands; they have been visited, investigated, chased and will be monitored accordingly.
- Complaints were received regarding a possible highway safety issue; I investigated the details and the information was sent to Island Roads with a request for further investigation. This was accepted on 19 October 2016 and the area has been added to the Safety Assessment Register so that the installation of double yellow lines can be considered.



Subj: **Speeding New Road Wooton Our refMA69**
Date: 13/12/2016 16:56:01 GMT Standard Time
From: john.walton@hampshire.pnn.police.uk
To: mail@islandmp.org, waddletons@aol.com, ian.middleton@islandroads.com,
BarrieHmici@aol.com
CC: elizabeth.collier-bain@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Mr Turner, you forwarded a letter from Mr Waddleton of SeaBreeze New Road, Wooton Bridge dated the 19th August 2016. In the main this concerned the issue of speeding along New Road Wooton. The speed limit along the road varies and on one section the limit is 10MPH. This unusually low limit was imposed some sixty years ago. It was to minimise the structural impact that traffic was likely to have on some of the properties on New Road that are susceptible to geological movement. Additionally the letter points out that given that the road is narrow, therefore speeding vehicles also cause a danger to other road users.

Having received this letter, I visited Mr and Mrs Waddleton in order to ensure that I fully understood the matter at hand. I learnt from them that they had seen many examples of vehicles breaking the 10MPH limit and in some cases apparently breaking the 30MPH limit. They told me that New Road is a cul de sac and that other than residents much of the traffic was visiting one of three companies at the end of the road. Those being PGL (Little Canada) The Woodside Nursing Home and Darwin Escapes. Having spoken to the Waddletons, I then spoke to other residents and found that they tended to echo the same concerns.

As an initial response to this problem, I arranged a number actions. This included; having the signage along the road cleaned so it was clearer to road users; Attendance by the Roads Policing Unit to enforce the speed limit; and asking the management at the three companies to circulate to their road users a request to observe the speed limits.

Whilst these measures had some impact, it was clear that a long term solution was required. With this in mind I spoke to Ian Middleton of Island Roads, he suggested in the first instance a road survey be conducted in order to garner some firm data in relation the scale of the problem. I am told this is underway and the data will be available this week. The current speed limits are confusing they start at 30MPH then drop to 10MPH and raise to 20MPH. It is anticipated that the data will support rationalising the limit to 20MPH along the entire road. The road is scheduled for resurfacing, the date of this yet to be confirmed, but the indications are that it will be in 2017. It would seem logical to change the limit once the resurfacing is complete.

Another possible solution is a speed reactive sign, a number of residents suggested this. Mr Middleton states that whilst the survey may provide the justification for it. Island Roads do not have a budget for the equipment. Typically this is funded by the Council. I have passed this on to Councillor Barrie Hailstone who will raise it the next Parish Council meeting

Since initially looking into this matter I made contact again with senior staff at the three companies based at the end of New Road. I spoke to Jane Louise Moore of the Woodside Nursing Home; Lee Gray of PGL and Sally Fox from Darwin Escapes. I can say that in every case they were aware of and sympathetic to the issue. Each of them agreed to put ongoing steps in place to ensure that their staff, visitors and contractors received regular reminders about the speed limits and request to adhere to them.

I have explained to Mr Waddleton and Mr Hailstone that for the time being I would have no

further involvement with the long term measures outlined above as they are beyond the influence of the police. However I have assured them that if any circumstances arise where I or another department can be of assistance this will be attended to.

Regards

John Walton

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WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 13th December 2016

The Bridge - Parish Council Advert		£754.00
Npower - Cancelled Charges		£134.74
Npower - HIC Electricity	DD	£58.50
SSE Final Invoice	DD	£160.53
Genelec - Install Christmas Tree & Lights		£660.00
Thompsons Plants-Christmas Tree		£185.00
Wight Business Services - Stationery		£71.15
Southern Water - Public Toilets Water	DD	£198.82
Biffa - Tea Room Wheelie Bin	DD	£27.77
Nigel Murray - Tidymen		£112.50
Groundsell Contracting - 2 Grass Cuts November		£612.00
Top Mops - Public Toilet Cleaning November		£455.80
Southern Water - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£17.80
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£53.12
Salaries as Minute E49&E50	SO	£1,514.19
IWC Pension Conts		£394.86
HMRC - Tax & NI		£286.06

£5,427.36

