

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON
BRIDGE.

Present: Councillor Carole Walton – Vice chairman
Councillors Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher, Barbra Port and Ross
Edmunds

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

Items raised in the Open Forum:
None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

18/149. Apologies received from Councillor Waddleton and Councillor Porter as they are on holiday, Councillor Mundell as he is on the mainland, Councillor Morris as he has no transport and Councillor D Pitcher as he is working.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

18/150. None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

18/151. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2018 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

18/152. Local Authority Ground Maintenance Contract for the Recreation Ground
The current contract is being extended until December 31 2019 and will be recharged at the same costs as 2018/19

18/153. New Road Update

Works are due to start on 29 October 2018 and the road will be closed from the High Street to St Edmunds Walk for about 3 to 4 weeks. The reconstruction work will be done in 3 stages and then it should be resurfaced. Letters have gone out to residents.

18/154. Grant request from Wootton Bridge Community Interest Company

The clerk emailed out the grant request prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD GRANT WOOTTON BRIDGE COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY THE AMOUNT OF £2756.85.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

18/155. P/00268/18 TCP/19057/B

Tideway, New Road, Wootton Bridge

Alterations and conversion of double garage to form living accommodation; single storey side extension to form garage (readvertised application, tree report and revised plans)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/0268/18.

P/00995/18 TCP/00886/P

Medina Veterinary Group, 25 to 27 High Street, Wootton Bridge

Installation of 3 air conditioning units on eastern elevation

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00995/18

18/156. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

P/00088/18 – approved – Tides Reach, Woodside Road Wootton Bridge

P/00876/18 – approved – Orchard Court, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

P/00815/18 – approved – Harwoods, Lushington Garage, High Street, Wootton Bridge

P/00954/18 – approved – 33 High Street, Wootton Bridge

P/00955/18 – approved – 33 High Street, Wootton Bridge

P/00956/18 – approved – 33 High Street, Wootton Bridge

18/157. Tree Preservation Orders

TW-0317-18 – Little Copse, Park Road, Wootton Bridge

To fell the oak tree as detailed on the application

Reason – the tree is moribund and in decline to the point of it becoming a danger.

TW-0293-18 – The Suntrap, Creek Gardens, Wootton Bridge

To raise crown the oak trees as detailed on the application to 4 metres above ground level

Reason – to improve the access beneath the trees

TW-0334-18 – Rowlands, 25 Station Road, Wootton Bridge

To fell beech tree as detailed on the application

Reason – the tree is now dead and becoming dangerous

18/158. Appeal

None

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

18/159. Report by local member.

Councillor Abraham provided a verbal report for the meeting. Issues raised included:

- Environmental Health to hopefully conduct an air quality monitor in the High street
- No updates with regards to outstanding planning applications
- Should be an update to the Network Integrity Register soon and then a discussion with the Parish Council to see which items are priorities
- Isle of Wight Council Meeting to be held in Ryde in November and the Parish Council are going to be invited to attend a private meeting afterwards.
- No further information on the crossing at the Sloop.

7. IWALC REPORT

18/160. Councillor Wolton provided a written report, See Appendix A

- Precept training is available
- IOW Residents Concessions for Hospital travel
- Discretionary rate relief on toilets
- Cohesive planning policy for green field sites
- Health treatment waiting lists
- Southern Water issues
- National Park

8. ACCOUNTS.

18/161. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for October

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER TOTALLING £13,085.00, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

18/162. To receive the report on the external audit.

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

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Councillor Edmunds stated that the dog fouling in the recreation ground is becoming worse and that maybe a sign should be put up thanking owners that do clear up after their dogs. He also stated that the path is in a poor state. The clerk to speak to Lee Matthews about the quote he obtained with regards to tarmacking the path.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.46 p.m.

Signed

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Date

26/11/2018

IWALC Report October 2018

Precept- Training will be available for Clerks and new Councillors on Managing Budgets.

The session will be 2.5 hours and is available please let the Clerk know if you would like to attend and if you prefer AM or PM training times.

IWALC Meeting with MP Mr Seely

Matters discussed:

Concessionary ferry fares for mainland hospital patients – He has a meeting with the relevant government health minister in October. He said if he can get a deal with the Government he will write to the ferry companies about being socially responsible and he would hope this would include subsidies for people who accompany patients.

Discretionary rate relief on public toilets – Mr Seely has written to the IWC on this matter in the past but due to the general election the legislation did not pass through parliament. It is not in the current housing bill but there are a number of MPs who are lobbying for this addition and Mr Seely offered to add his voice to this group.

Cohesive planning policy for green field sites – Mr Seely expressed concern for the amount of houses being built on the Island and said he wished to see this number halved with a coherent housing policy put forward that puts Islanders first. He objected strongly to building on green field sites and asked if IWALC wished him to 'call in' large developments (such as those at Rosemary's Vineyard and Pennyfeathers) to the Secretary of State if it was still possible to do so. He warned this can lead to lose of Section 106 monies and incur appeal costs but he would also like to lobby for this to be abolished. The IWALC discussion on Section 106 agreements was briefly mentioned and Mr Seely expressed support for the proposal to lobby the IWC for more involvement with allocating funds. He said he would respond to a written request from us to take this forward. Mr Seely would also like to see the IWC building council houses but at the moment IWC were unable to access government funding because IWC does not have a 'council house account'. He said he was trying to change the law on this so that IWC could bid for government money.

Health treatment waiting lists – Mr Seely has written to the health trusts regarding waiting lists in the past and the problem had been with staffing levels. He had been given reassurance that departments were fully recruited and the issues were being addressed, however he said if this was not the case he would like to know.

Responses from Southern Water - Mr Seely was well aware of the lack of timely responses and action from Southern Water and he invited IWALC members to give him case examples to take forward.

National Park – Mr Seely brought this matter to attention of the group as he felt this would help with planning matters. He would like to see the Island becoming part of a National Park or at least extend the AONB to cover 66% of the Island. Although ideally the IW could be a national park in its own right, this would be very expensive and may not be accepted. Mr Seely suggested joining the New Forest by extending the boundary but with a park centre on the Island. He would very much like to hear the views of the IWALC Members on this scheme.

Next IWALC meeting Thursday 18 October.

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 16th October 2018

arc4 - Housing Needs Survey		£3,000.00
Donation - Dementia Care at St Marks		£1,000.00
Groundsell Contracting - 2 Grass Cats September		£705.86
Top Mops - Public Toilets Cleaning September		£455.80
Nigel Murray - Tidyman		£100.00
IWC - Environment Officer		£520.00
IWC - Recreation Ground Maintenance		£1,500.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP - 2018 Audit		£360.00
Npower - HIC Electricity (Estimated) to 31/8/18	DD	£142.31
Npower - HIC Electricity (Estimated) to 17/9/18	DD	£42.41
Npower - Public Toilets Electricity (Estimated)	DD	£29.88
Biffa - Tea Room Wheelie Bin	DD	£31.68
Grant - WBCIC (Youth Club)-Agenda item to be approved		£2,756.85
CoCo Design Co - To Produce Annual Report		£100.00
Sage Payroll	DD	£20.62
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£14.00
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£46.39
Salaries as Minute E49&E50	SO	£1,554.18
IWC Pension Conts		£406.77
HMRC - Tax & NI		£298.25

£13,085.00