

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 21 MAY 2019 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON
BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Steve Porter – Chairman
 Councillors Pete Mundell, Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher and Ken Morris

Also present 3 Members of the Public
 0 Member of the press
 Liz Kingston - Parish Clerk

Items raised in the Open Forum:

Sandy from the Festival of the Mind explained that the festival began in 2018 and was run in Ryde at Aspire and The Depository. They look at mental illnesses but tried to focus on the positives rather than the negatives. It was a free event which over 300 people attended and provided free workshops. It was an event to bring people together and see what makes people happy.

There was a report from the coroner in the Isle of Wight County Press concerning the fatal accident on the High Street outside The Sloop. The survey is being planned for the summer and does this mean it will be done when the schools have broken up. It is a high priority and hopefully an update will be available in June.

Development at Station Road – it does not appear to be happening as people were led to believe. It was believed that the main house would be brought up to standard and the trade-off was the 5 bungalows. It appears that trees are coming down on the boundary along the small lane and that an application for a further 30 houses is going to be put forward. Councillor Abraham will speak to planning and Jerry Willis.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR AND TO RECEIVE THE
DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

19/071. Nominations were invited for the election of Chairman for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR STEVE PORTER IS ELECTED TO SERVE AS PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

19/072. Nominations were invited for the election of Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR PETE MUNDELL IS ELECTED TO SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

19/073. Apologies received from Councillor Port as she is unwell, Councillor Waddleton as he is unwell and Councillor D Pitcher as he has to work.

4. REQUESTS FOR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

19/074. None

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO:-

19/075. IWALCs Executive Committee.

RESOLVED – THAT PARISH COUNCIL WOULD POSTPONE THIS UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING

19/076. Wootton Bridge Village Partnership.

RESOLVED – THAT PARISH COUNCIL WOULD POSTPONE THIS UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING

19/077. Wootton Fairway Association.

RESOLVED – THAT PARISH COUNCIL WOULD POSTPONE THIS UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING

19/078. Arreton Charity Trust.

RESOLVED – THAT PARISH COUNCIL WOULD POSTPONE THIS UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING

19/079. Local Access Forum.

RESOLVED – THAT PARISH COUNCIL WOULD POSTPONE THIS UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING

19/080. Care in the Community (My Life a Full Life)

RESOLVED – THAT PARISH COUNCIL WOULD POSTPONE THIS UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING

19/081. Any other Representatives.

RESOLVED – THAT PARISH COUNCIL WOULD POSTPONE THIS UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2019

19/082. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2019 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

19/083. Vacancy

Carole Wolton has resigned. The clerk is waiting on whether it will be an election or a co-option.

19/084. Update on Sports England Bid

The application has been sent and now waiting for Sports England to make a decision.

19/085. Big Tidy Up

There were 13 volunteers (up on previous years) and together they collected over 10 bags of rubbish.

19/086. Methodist Church Event – 20 July 2019

Rev Plumb is organising an event at the Methodist Church.

19/087. Christmas Festival – 13 December 2019

To advice that the festival will be on Friday 13th starting at 6pm in the community center and Ann Capps will be arranging the roving nativity.

19/088. Grant Application – Wight to be Happy Ltd

Sandy came and gave a brief outline of the aims of the Isle of Wight Festival of the Mind
Resolved – that the Parish Council would grant them £100.00 and ask them if they wished to attend the Christmas Festival and maybe bring the Festival of the Mind to Wootton Bridge next year.

19/089. Grant Application – Victim Support

Resolved – That the Parish Council would grant them an amount of £100.00.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

19/090. 19/00085/HOU

159 High Street, Wootton Bridge

Proposed 1st floor extension & internal alterations

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 19/00085/HOU

19/00119/FUL

Long Acre, New Road, Wootton Bridge

Proposed floating pontoon and access bridge

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 19/00119/FUL

19/091. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

P/00192/19 - Approved – Wootton Community School, Church Road, Wootton Bridge

P/00218/19 – Approved – 21 Whitehead Crescent, Wootton Bridge

P/01270/18 - Refused – Tideway, New Road, Wootton Bridge

P/00229/19 – Approved – 90 Palmers Road, Wootton Bridge

19/092. Tree Preservation Orders

None

19/093. Appeal

None

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

19/094. Report by local member.

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

- Wootton Community Primary School – “Good” Ofsted report - ACTION - to send a letter to congratulate them
- Park Road bridge – upgrade meeting on 3 June 2019
- Mill Pond – sluice gate fixed
- Reviewing dog bins and litter bins

10. IWALC REPORT

19/095. No Report available

11. ACCOUNTS.

19/096. To inform members of the date of the internal audit of the 2018/2019 accounts.

The internal audit was carried out on the 9 May 2019.

19/097. To complete the annual governance statement which forms part of the Annual Return Statement for the year end 31 March 2019.

A copy of the Annual Governance Statement had been emailed to councillors before the meeting for them to read. Appendix C

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREED WITH ALL OF THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS IN SECTION 1 OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT WHICH WAS THEN DULY SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND THE CLERK.

19/098. To receive and approve the 2018/2019 accounts.

The Accounting Statement was emailed out to the councillors a week before the meeting for them to read. Appendix D

RESOLVED – THAT NO MATTERS AROSE WHICH GAVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN ON THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENT, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK DULYSIGNED.

19/099. To inform members of the date of the external audit for the 2018/2019 accounts.

The external audit of accounts will be held on 31 May 2019. The accounts will either be posted by 28 May 2019 or emailed to the auditor.

19/100. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for May

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT IN MAY TOTALLING £5448.14, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX E OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

12. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

19/101. Councillor Mundell wanted to know what was happening at Mill Square with the various issues. The Isle of Wight Council are looking into it at the present time.

Councillor Mundell stated that the grass area at the entrance to Brannon Way is looking very overgrown and the path between the High street and Mary Rose Avenue is overgrown.

Councillor Porter stated he is having the carved sign repaired and can the yellow lines be checked in New Road as there seems to be less parking since the road was resurfaced.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.07 p.m.

Signed

Date

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 21st May 2019

Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilet Cleaning April		£893.60
Concept Electrical Contractors - Repair Lights in Square		£379.20
Biffa - Tea Room Wheelien Bin	DD	£35.28
Groundsell Contracting Ltd - grass cutting		£705.86
Nigel Murray - Tidyman		£112.50
HP Instand Ink		£7.99
Npower - office		£505.16
Gareth Hughes - Audit		£140.00

Sage Payroll	DD	£21.27
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£13.00
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£48.16

Salaries as Minute E49&E50	SO	£1,590.42
IWC Pension Conts		£417.41
HMRC - Tax & NI		£312.01

£5,181.86