

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON
BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Steve Porter – Chairman
 Pete Mundell – Vice Chairman
 Councillors Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher, Barbara Port, Trish Evans and Daryll
 Pitcher

Also present 10 Members of the Public
 0 Member of the press
 Liz Kingston - Parish Clerk

Items raised in the Open Forum:

Residents raised concerns about land between Packsfield North and Station Road, as it has recently been cleared off. They are worried about it being developed. Councillor Abraham stated this land had been turned down in the past as it was not acceptable by the Isle of Wight Council to be developed. The residents enquired as to whether there was a TPO on the area and what can be done with regards to the water now running of the land and causing flooding.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

20/18. Apologies received from Councillor Morris as he is unwell, Councillor Edmunds as he is on the mainland and Councillor Waddleton as he has resigned.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

20/19. Councillor Porter as he is a director of Wootton Bridge CIC

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2020

20/20. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2020 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

Councillor Porter left the meeting

20/21. Grant application for Wootton Bridge CIC

The clerk emailed the grant application to the councillors before the meeting. Lee Gray, one of the directors, explained exactly what the grant was for and who uses the building.
**RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD GRANT WOOTTON BRIDGE CIC
THE AMOUNT OF £8900.85.**

Councillor Porter returned to the meeting.

20/22. To set the precept for 2020/2021

Documents were emailed to the Councillors prior to the meeting and a discussion took place. Appendix A

The view was that the suggested precept of £70,136 (which includes £925 local council tax support grant) was not acceptable and needed to be larger.

**RESOLVED – THAT THE PRECEPT FOR 2020/21 WOULD BE SET AT £71,000
(SEVENTY ONE THOUSAND POUNDS)**

20/23. Village Partnership Minutes

To endorse the minutes of the Village Partnership held on 3 December 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2019 were approved and signed on the 11 February 2020. (Appendix B)

RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2019 ARE ENDORSED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

20/24. 19/01588/RVC

Land between 6 and 18, Lushington Road, Wootton Bridge

Variation of conditions 2 and 9 on P/00252/19 to allow minor alterations to plots 3, 6, 7 and 9 and to allow garages to plots 6 and 7 to be constructed with the submitted plans.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 19/01588/RVC FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS;

1. THE GARAGES BEING RELOCATED ON PLOTS 6 & 7 IS NOT A 'MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENT'. THE PROPOSED RELOCATION OF THE GARAGES WILL DECREASE THE RESIDENTIAL AMENITY OF THESE TWO PROPOSED AS INSTEAD OF LOOKING OUT AT THEIR GARDENS THEY WILL BE LOOKING OUT AT A BRICK WALL OF A GARAGE. THE PLOT LOOKS CRAMPED AND MOVES THE POSITION OF THE TWO HOUSE CLOSER TO THE NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES. THIS IS A MAJOR AMENDMENT.

2. THE ECOLOGICAL REPORT, (MARCH 19), STATED THAT 'ONLY THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OFFERS GREATER VALUE BY VIRTUE OF ITS LARGER SIZE, GREATER SPECIES MIX, AND CONNECTIVITY TO THE WIDER LANDSCAPE. ITS VALUE CAN BE SEEN BY THE HIGHER DENSITY OF MAMMAL PATHS ADJACENT TO AND EMERGING FROM IT. IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THIS BOUNDARY IS RETAINED INTACT, WITH ITS VALUE ENHANCED BY LANDSCAPING TO IMPROVE ONWARD CONNECTIVITY AROUND THE SITE.' BY INSTALLING A ROAD UP TO THIS HEDGE IT COULD CAUSE ISSUES WITH THIS RECOMMENDATION.

3. AS THIS APPLICATION PROPOSES A NEW SECTION OF ROAD THEN HIGHWAYS SHOULD BE ASKED TO COMMENT ON THIS.

20/00039/CLEUD

Gharial, Lower Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

Lawful development certificate for continued use of three buildings as residential units

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 20/00039/CLEUD AS THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANYONE LIVING IN THE BUILDINGS SO THEREFORE IT CAN'T BE CONTINUED USE.

20/00101/FUL

Land adjacent The Fens and north of Fairhaven, Lower Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

Demolition of the existing dwelling; proposed replacement dwelling

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 20/00101/FUL

20/00146/HOU

24 Rectory Drive, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4QE

Proposed single storey extension on front elevation to form porch; single storey garage extension with roof terrace over

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 20/00146/HOU FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS;

1. THERE IS AN OPEN PLAN COVENANT IN THE DEEDS OF THE PROPERTIES THAT RESTRICTS THE BUILDING OF FENCES AND GARDEN WALLS.

2. THE PROPOSED ROOF TERRACE IS COMPLETELY OUT OF CHARACTER WITH THE STREET SCENE AND WOULD CREATE NOISE AT THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY.

3. THE PROPOSED ROOF TERRACE WOULD OVERLOOK PROPERTIES ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD ESPECIALLY THE BEDROOMS.

20/00169/HOU

Clipstone, Red Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4PH

Proposed single storey rear extension

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 20/00169/HOU

20/00133/FUL

Tesco Express, High Street, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4PL

Internal and external alterations to include single storey rear extension; relocation of existing plant unit; removal of existing canopy; new canopy and enlargement of retail sales space.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 20/00133/FUL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS;

1. THE SITE IS CURRENTLY 'OVERTRADING' AND DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT PARKING SPACES. THIS LEADS TO TRAFFIC QUEUING IN THE HIGH STREET TO GET IN TO THE SITE.

2. THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH SIGNAGE WITH VEHICLES COMING IN THE EXIT AND LEAVING VIA THE ENTRANCE. SOME OF THIS IS DUE TO LACK OF PARKING ON THE SITE, WHICH ACCORDING TO ISLAND ROADS DOES NOT MEET THE CURRENT REQUIRED LEVELS.

3. CONCERN WITH POTENTIAL NOISE WHICH COULD IMPACT RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE PROPERTIES BEHIND MAJESTIC WINE. THIS NEEDS TO BE MONITORED AND PROPERLY ADDRESSED.

20/25. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

19/01475/HOU - Approved – Bodwen, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

20/26. Tree Preservation Orders

19/01603/TW – Blackthorn Hollow, Lower Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

Woodland management plan for a 10 year period from date of consent

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

20/27. Appeal

None

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

20/28. Report by local member.

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

- 92A Church Road garage has been approved
- The caravan at Firestone has now been removed
- A resident has raised concerns about Footprint Organics in New Road and whether a change of use is required – enforcement are investigating
- The local authority are looking at replacing dog bins with normal bins
- The alcoves opposite Kennedy Close have been reported, so will hopefully be cleared

7. IWALC REPORT

20/29. Councillor Evans produced a verbal report which included the following:

- A presentation from Laura Frazer about video conferencing and a vote will be held at the March meeting
- The infrastructure meeting was good but maybe smaller meetings are now required.
- A blanket license for the Island is being looked at for VE Day celebrations

Councillor Porter stated that Councillor Evans is finding it hard to attend all meetings and would a rota system be acceptable to all Councillors. All councillors present agreed and the clerk is to arrange a rota and email it out.

8. ACCOUNTS.

20/30. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for January

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER TOTALLING £4310.90, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX C OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

20/31. Councillor Mundell enquired about New Road and that a letter should be sent to Steve Ashman asking him to attend the next meeting. Councillor Abraham stated he has been trying to arrange a meeting over the last few weeks.

Councillor D Pitcher stated that a property in Church Road has 'punched' through a hedge and is currently driving their car through and there is no dropped kerb.

Councillor Port stated the footpath at Fernhill has been closed. Councillor Porter stated it was patching the path.

Councillor Evans asked about the Millennium Wall Hanging in the community centre as it used to be in a glass case in the hall and it is now in the reception area. Councillor Porter will make enquires at the community centre. Councillor Evans stated there would be a Big Tidy Up on the 25 April 2020. She also enquired about toilets at the recreation ground. Councillor D Pitcher stated he is still looking into this.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.26 p.m.

Signed

Date

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET ESTIMATES 2020/2021						
		2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	Notes	
		Actual	Estimated	Estimated		
INCOME						
Revenue						
Precept		68,526	68,526	69,211		
Local Council Tax Support Grant		1,743	925	925		
Interest		191	515	515		
Contributions to Grass Cutting & Church Yard		600	600	600		
Events		749	142	749		
HIC Income		911	874	890		
Donations		826	0	0		
	Total income	73,546	71,582	72,890		
EXPENDITURE						
Newsletter and publicity		932	932	1,100		
Insurance		1,143	1,190	1,250		
Audit fees		435	440	445		
Subscriptions		832	877	968		
Report on Ped & Cyc		2250	0	0		
Housing Needs Survey		5000	0	0		
Sundry Expenses		13	66	50		
Stationery & Postage		629	270	270		
Legal Notices			50			
Environmental officer		2080	2,080	2080		
Training		35	0	0		
Section 137:-						
Briddlesford cemetery		630	720	810	see above for contribution from Newport PC	
Poppy wreath		50	50	50		
Donations/grants		6,344	15,250	6350	Includes current grant request of £8900.85 for CIC	
Staff salaries incl. Employers NI		26,520	27,611	28,480		
Web Site		163	169	169		
Seat & Notice Board maintenance		257	555	0		
Christmas tree and lights		877	1,500	1,000		
Tidyman		1,300	1,300	1,300		
Grass cutting		2,018	2,300	2,860		
Churchyard maintenance:						
St Edmunds		1,470	1,600	1,730	see above for £300 contribution from PCC	
HIC Revenue costs:						
Maintenance CCTV/Fire/Alarm		12	2,207	679		
Electricity (Inc VSquare Lighting) & water		1,284	1,738	1,750		
Maintenance, cleaning		1,638	1,306	1,306		
Street Lighting		0	316	0		
Telephone and Broadband		496	500	500		
Business rates and ground rent		0	0	0		
Accounting software		0	872	872		
Election Expenses		0	3,005	3,005		
Village Toilet Cleaning & Maintenance		7,659	12,485	11,266		
Youth Initiative - Youth Club		3,596	0	0		
Events		1,189	70	1,200		
Contribution to Recreation Ground Maintenance		5,195	5,297	5,735		
	sub total	74,047	84,756	75,225		
Capital		187				
	Total expenditure	74,234	84,756	75,225		
from general reserve fund		-688	-13,174	-2,335		
to general reserve fund						

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WOOTTON BRIDGE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP
HELD ON TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2019 AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE HELP AND
INFORMATION CENTRE, BRANNON WAY, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present: Chris Corey (Chairman), Roger MacDonald (~~Vice Chairman~~), Liz Kingston (Secretary), Linda Pitcher, Madge Reeves and Brian Reeves

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
Apologies for absence had been received from Ken Morris, Ollie Boulter, Margaret Kelleher, Daryll Pitcher, Marlene Bell, Pete Mundell, Roy Draper and Ann Parker
2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2019
RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES HELD ON 3 MARCH 2015 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.
3. CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
A couple of the stalls have dropped out however everything is on track. All refreshments have been bought but couldn't find non-alcoholic mulled wine. Nativity is organised and the donkey is coming from the donkey sanctuary.
4. TERMS OF REFERENCE
The updates Terms of Reference have been sent to everyone. It has been update and is comprised of two parts, an executive and a partnership. The hope is that most business will be done through the partnership. There might be an issue with the executive if enough people do not participate.
Resolved – that the new terms of Reference are acceptable and should be put to the Parish Council for approval
5. GENERAL DISCUSSION
Chris Corey was hoping to look at projects that would involve younger people. It would require some senior young people to help run it, such as the senior group at the youth club. Could also look at speaking to the Churches for younger people, ideally 18 to 30 age group. Some of the projects could be:
 1. Climate change – working group to come up with ideas
 2. Leisure facilities in the area – possibly a directory that has everything going on in the village. There are several places such as the community centre in Brannon Way, the churches, Church Close community centre etc., but no one necessarily knows what's on everywhere. There is also the Rugby Club, football club, walking group as well as a running group. Could the gentleman that runs the Facebook site "Everything and Anything Wootton Bridge" help with this via Facebook.

Possible Band Stand in the recreation ground in the summer time, although this might be too expensive.

Party in the Park – could younger people be used as stewards and helpers. Re-establish the horticultural show would be nice. Liz and Madge tend to organise most of it. Hardest thing is arranging entertainment. It would be nice to get more businesses to attend but only Island business. Need more volunteers. Evening entertainment is being done by the Rugby Club. Certain things have already been booked, bouncy castle and event medical. Need entertainment to be booked that people can sit and watch rather than just spending money.

Better to do 3 or 4 things well than have 12 plus projects on-going that aren't done well.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Village Partnership is to be on 11 February 2020

There being no other information to discuss the meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

Signed (Chair)

Date.....11/2/20

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 21st February 2020

Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilets Cleaning Jan		£893.60
IWALC - Subscription 2020-21		£686.64
Nigel Murray - Tidyman		£112.50
Wight Fire & Security - HIC Alarm Maintenance		£73.45
IW Council - Contribution to Playground Costs		£100.00
Biffa - Tea Room Wheelie Bin	DD	£35.28
HP Instant Ink - Printer Ink	DD	£8.99
Sage Payroll	DD	£21.30
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£13.00
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£46.30
Salaries as Minute E49&E50	SO	£1,615.62
IWC Pension Conts		£417.41
HMRC - Tax & NI		£286.81
		£4,310.90