

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 20 JULY 2021 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON
BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Daryl Pitcher – Chair
Councillor Barbara Port– Vice Chair
Councillors Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher, Dave Burley, Trish Evans, John Ward,
Christopher Cory and Barrie Hailstone

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

Items raised in the Open Forum:
None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

21/77. Councillor Lemon as he has had to work

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

21/78. None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2021

21/79. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 JUNE 2021
WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

21/80 Update on Bench for Ken

The bench is going to cost £1470 (inc VAT) and a further £100 to £150 to install. Tesco
has agreed it can be put on the grounds near the diagonal zebra crossing and on the
woodchip.

RESOLVED – TO BUY THE BENCH AND INSTALL IT AT TESCO IN THE HIGH STREET

21/81. Update on Notice Boards

The quote for the notice board and new maps has come in at £2592 plus VAT. To update
the maps it will be between £60 and £100 and installation will be between £100 and £150.
RESOLVED – TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE AND GET THE NEW NOTICE BOARD WITH
UPDATED MAP FOR STATION ROAD NEAR THE RAILWAY STATION AND GET A
NEW UPDATED MAP FOR THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE.

21/82. Update on Working Parties

An email was sent out with the working parties. The working parties allocation has been
noted. Councillor D Pitcher and Councillor Port will arrange meetings as and when
required.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

21/83. 21/01243/HOU

157 High Street, Wootton Bridge

Demolition of front and side porch; proposed single storey rear/side extension

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO
APPLICATION 21/01243/HOU

21/84. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council
21/00098/FUL - Refused – 29 Lushington Hill, Wootton Bridge

21/85. Tree Preservation Orders

21/00950/TW – Granted - 15 Glendale Close, Wootton Bridge
3 x oaks – removed – reason – honey fungi

21/86. Appeal

None

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

21/87. Report by local member.

Councillor D Pitcher provided a written report for the meeting see appendix A. Issues raised included:

- County Hall – reviewing opening reception at County Hall in mid-August. They will also review Lynbottom tip booking system.
- Verges and footpaths – facilities working party to look at this
- Isle of Wight Council
- Railways – looking at route to Newport but not viable via Wootton Bridge
- Ryde Interchange – public consultation is available and would encourage residents to voice their opinions

7. **IWALC REPORT**

21/88. No report as the meeting is on the 29 July 2021

8. **ACCOUNTS.**

21/89. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for July
RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR JULY TOTALLING £4215.93, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

9. **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

21/90. Councillor Evans asked if the clerk can speak to Groundsells about leaving the flowers on plants as they have recently cut them off. What has happened to the Millennium Wall Hanging as it is no longer up in the community centre. Clerk stated she is arranging for it to be transferred to the parish office.

Councillor Hailstone stated that New Road is deteriorating even more with 5 new holes appearing near 5 Oaks and beyond. Hedge rows overgrown on both sides and drains still blocked on both sides. 10mph sign still obscured with foliage. Little Fields has excessive run off of water – can anything be done? He also asked who owned the Community Centre in Brannon Way.

Councillor Ward stated that the black bags at 5 Ways seems to be solved. The weeds in Park View seem to be lifting the tarmac.

Councillor Abraham said the infrastructure on Wootton needs attention, as does the whole of the island. The substantial increase of traffic on the island roads and specifically in the east of the island and the fact the roads aren't that much different from the 1950's. What exactly is the capacity for the Health Authority with regards to doctors and dentists, as this is always brought up with regards to large planning developments. How do we escalate these issues so they are addressed going forward?

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.

Signed

Date

Local Councillors Report July 2021

County Hall

I have been pushing for County Hall Reception to open back up to the public now that all restrictions have been lifted. Currently they are planning to wait until September but my position is that Reception is public facing and that some people really need to come in and talk face to face. Therefore it is not a job that can be done from home.

Verges and Footpaths

These had become very overgrown but following pressure I managed to get them done sooner than expected. I have learnt that the cutting schedule for verges is only five times a year, much less frequent than I would think is appropriate.

Full Council (tomorrow)

There are two Motions going before Full Council tomorrow (21/7). The first is in relation to mobile speed cameras for which a budget of £300,000 has already been allocated. The Motion urges the IW Council to proceed quickly in procurement of these. The second Motion of interest is one requesting that the IW Council apply for City status for Newport under the announced competition to coincide with the Queens jubilee next year. The deadline for applications is December 8th. The Isle of Wight is one of the few counties without a city so it seems reasonable to apply for our County town to become a city. Such an award would also attract prestige to the area around the city, including to an extent Wootton Bridge.

Railways

I attended a Teams meeting where a briefing was given outlining a plan to bring the railway back to Newport. The first phase would be reinstating the link from Sandown to Newport via the Arreton Valley route. The second phase would be the reinstatement of the line south from Shanklin to Ventnor. The final phase would be conversion to light rail and an extension from Newport to Cowes. The idea of reinstating the route from Ryde to Newport via Wootton Bridge on what is mostly the Steam Railway has been rejected.

Ryde Interchange

The public consultation regarding the revamping of Ryde Interchange will soon go live. I would strongly recommend residents of Wootton Bridge to get involved and put in their comments as this is a facility that many of us will use.

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Payments for Approval at Meeting on 20th July 2021

Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilets Cleaning June		£893.60
Clearview Cleaning - Village Square		£100.00
Groundsell Contracting Ltd - 2 x cut in June		£720.00
HP Instant Ink - May		£0.00
Eon - 1/3/21 to 27/6/21 Office		£222.55
Chris Attrill - Window Cleaner July		£17.00

Sage Payroll	DD	£21.30
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£5.00
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£54.70

Salaries as Minute E49&E50	SO	£1,452.19
IWC Pension Conts		£428.74
HMRC - Tax & NI		£300.85

£4,215.93