

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON
BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Daryll Pitcher – Chair
 Councillor Barbara Port – Vice-chair
 Councillors Linda Pitcher, Trish Evans, 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

21/139. Apologies received from Councillor Burley due to health reasons, Councillor Lemon & Councillor Ward due to work commitments.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

21/140. None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2021

21/141. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2021 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

21/142. Grant Application for Isle of Wight Music, Dance & Drama Festival

The clerk emailed the grant application to the councillors prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD GRANT THE ISLE OF WIGHT DANCE AND DRAMA FESTIVAL THE SUM OF £50.00

21/143. To decide whether to continue with membership of IWALC

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD CONTINUE WITH MEMBERSHIP OF IWALC

21/144. To decide on shrub/hedges cutting at Wootton Recreation Ground

The clerk emailed the costs for each option to the councillors prior to the meeting (appendix A)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD CHOOSE OPTION 3.

21/145. To decide on a contractor to replace and extend the path at Wootton Recreation Ground

The clerk did not receive any requests for further information from the tender advertisement. However the Isle of Wight Council's contractor had already given them a price for the work. The clerk tried to source quotes for other options and the cheapest one would be in excess of £49,250 against a quote of £32,400 for the whole project.

RESOLVED – THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD ACCEPT THE QUOTE FOR £32,400 SUBJECT TO TRYING TO OBTAIN ONE FURTHER QUOTE BEFORE WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2021.

21/146. To discuss and agree the CCTV policy

The clerk emailed the policy to the councillors before the meeting.

RESOLVED – THAT CCTV POLICY BE ADOPTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AND PLACED ON THE WEBSITE

21/147. Consultation on IW Common Admissions Policy for the IW Catholic schools 2023-24

Noted

21/148. Consultation on TRO Review – Wootton Bridge

The clerk emailed out the documents concerning the TRO review to the councillors before the meeting.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO ISSUES WITH STATION ROAD TRO BUT FEEL THAT THE CHURCH ROAD TRO IS POINTLESS IF NO ENFORCEMENT AND ACTUALLY AUTOMATIC NUMBERPLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS WOULD BE A BETTER IDEA.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

21/149. None

21/150. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

21/01912/HOU – Approved – 157 High Street,, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4LZ

21/02084/1APA – Approved – 48 Palmers Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4ND

21/01993/FUL – Approved – Land Adjacent 93 Lushington Hill, Wootton Bridge

21/151. Tree Preservation Orders

None

21/152. Appeal

None

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

21/153. Report by local member.

Councillor D Pitcher provided a written report, (appendix B) for the meeting. Issues raised included:

- Council Tax Support Scheme is to be reviewed
- Ryde Harbour Transfer – to be considered by the cabinet
- 'Levelling up' agenda – looking at current proposals and how they affect the Island.

7. IWALC REPORT

21/154. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated to all councillors.

8. ACCOUNTS.

21/155. 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 £6794.11, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX C OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

21/156. Councillor Hailstone asked that an official explanation of the Christmas meal, and the fact that the Councillors pay for it themselves as well as paying for the staff, be put into The Bridge to counteract allegations made by a resident on Facebook.

Councillor Hailstone reported that there is a 14ft x 3ft long crazed area with a couple of pot holes in New Road outside Oakenshaw and that all the drains long the area are blocked.

Councillor Hailstone stated that PGL have done a wonderful job clearing the pathways along the un-adopted section of New Road.

Councillor Corey asked if we have a Resilience Co-ordinator. Councillor D Pitcher stated we have had they are located in Ryde. Councillor Corey mentioned that the Walking & Cycling Funding was mentioned in Fishbourne Parish Council minutes and asked if we were looking into this. The clerk explained we had a report done in 2019 and we would have looked at this if Fishbourne Parish Council had been interested, however they declined. Also the timescale for it applying for the funding was very tight.

Councillor Evans asked about the crossing at The Sloop as there has been another accident there. The clerk explained that Island Roads have not yet come up with a policy that all crossing requests can be measured against.

Councillor Evans asked about the Jubilee Tree for the recreation ground and she stated that Wootton is looking very messy with all the leaves and rubbish in the gutters. The clerk will contact island Roads about this.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.10p.m.

Signed

Date

Grounds maintenance - hedges/shrubs/natural vegetation

The clerk has managed to obtain a couple of quotes for the above works. The clerk spoke to two contractors about hand cutting the shrubs/hedges/natural vegetation. The IOWC will only flail cut. There are basically 4 options which are as follows:

1. Stay with the IOWC and pay the following costs:

Wootton Recreation Ground Total	£6504	
Amenity grass D	£4117	
Bin Emptying	£922	
Hard Standing	£390	
Hedge XF	£355	
Naturalised vegetation	£495	
Shrubs/herbaceous	£225	
	Total for 22 - £6504	

2. Go with contractor A for 1 year and pay the following costs:

Wootton Recreation Ground Total	£5429	
Amenity grass D	£4117	
Bin Emptying	£922	
Hard Standing	£390	
Contractor A to hand cut	£7140	
Hedge XF		
Naturalised vegetation		
Shrubs/herbaceous		
	Total for 22 - £12569	

3. Go with contractor A for 3 years and pay the following costs:

Wootton Recreation Ground Total	£5429	
Amenity grass D	£4117	
Bin Emptying	£922	
Hard Standing	£390	
Contractor A to hand cut	£11,540	£3846.67
Hedge XF		
Naturalised vegetation		
Shrubs/herbaceous		
	Total for 22 - £9275.67	

4. Go with Contractor B for 1 year and pay the following costs:

Wootton Recreation Ground Total	£6009	
Amenity grass D	£4117	
Bin Emptying	£922	
Hard Standing	£390	
Hedge XF	£355	
Naturalised vegetation	£0	
Shrubs/herbaceous	£225	
Contractor B to hand cut	£1800	
	Total for 22 - £7809	

Report from the Local Member December 2021

Councillors will be aware of both the report from Island Roads District Steward and the consultation regarding traffic orders for Wootton Bridge as they have been circulated or are on tonight's agenda. I am slightly surprised by the traffic orders as they don't seem to be very comprehensive nor cover some of the more pressing concerns.

The Council Tax Support Scheme is going to be reviewed by Cabinet on Thursday with a recommendation that the current scheme be continued.

Cabinet will also consider (with a recommendation to approve) transferring freehold ownership of Ryde Harbour to Ryde Town Council.

I am holding a meeting on Thursday with the Chief Executive regarding government initiatives around their so-called "leveling up" agenda and the prospects for more local control / devolution, what the current proposals look like and how they may affect the island if implemented.

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 14th December 2021

Currys - New Office Computers		£	2,341.47
Currys - New Office Computers refund to come		£	77.98
Island Cleaning Solutions -Public Toilets Cleaning November		£	893.60
SLCC Membership		£	186.00
Business Stream - Public Toilets Water		£	220.42
Chris Attrill - HIC Window Cleaner		£	17.00
Lifeline Alarm Systems - System Update		£	69.00
Southcoast Flagpole Installations - Flagpole and Lights		£	539.00
EON - Public Toilets		£	58.48
EON - Parish Office		£	216.03
Microsoft 365		£	79.99
HP Instant Ink		£	9.99
Sage Payroll	DD	£	8.40
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£	5.00
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£	45.76
Salaries as Minute E49&E50	SO	£	1,452.04
IWC Pension Conts		£	428.74
HMRC - Tax & NI		£	301.17
			£ 6,794.11