

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2022 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON
BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Daryll Pitcher – Chair
 Councillors Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher, 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

Laura the assistant manager at The Footprint Trust explained what the Footprint Trust does. It is a fuel poverty charity, set up about 20 years ago, that aims to help reduce peoples carbon footprint and reduce their bills. They have 5 trained energy advisers who help about 2000 people on the Isle of Wight each year. The help is mainly over the phone but can be face to face. They run various outreach groups as well as working with Citizens Advice and Age UK. Wootton Bridge Parish Council supports the Warmer Wootton Project and many of the properties in Wootton Bridge only have an electric supply. It was suggested that they could come and run an outreach group at the Parish Council offices for residents.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

22/32. Apologies received from Councillor Burley due to illness, Councillor Port due to holiday and Councillor Lemon due to work.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22/33. Councillor Ward declared an interest as he knows the owner of company A in minute 22/38.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2022

22/34. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 FEBRUARY 2022 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

22/35. Review Parish Council Policies and Procedures

The clerk has reviewed these and no amendments are required - NOTED

22/36. Review The Risk Management Plan

The clerk has reviewed this, and no amendments are required - NOTED

22/37. Review The Standing Orders and The Financial Regulations

The clerk has reviewed these and no amendments are required - NOTED

**22/38. To discuss and decide on the contractor for the toilet cleaning contract for
the next 3 years.**

The clerk sent out the specification for toilet cleaning, as well as the prices from 3 quotes, (appendix A). The Councillors were informed which companies had quoted.

**RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO
COMPANY C.**

22/39. To note the national pay award
NOTED

22/40. To discuss the road traffic order for Crematorium Road.
RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTS THIS AND HOPES THAT IT WILL BE ENFORCED.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.
To comment on the following applications:-

22/41. 22/00230/HOU

Wisteria House, Park Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4RL

Proposed two storey rear extension; single storey side extension

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 22/00230/HOU

22/00271/HOU

87 High Street, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4LU

Proposed detached garden room to form home office and store

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 22/00271/HOU

22/00277/FUL

The Railway Station, Station Road, Wootton Bridge

Proposed goods shed and ancillary facilities

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 22/00271/FUL AND SUPPORTS THE APPLICATION

22/00415/HOU

1 Froggatts Cottage, High Street, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4LL

Proposed single storey side extension

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 22/00415/HOU

22/42. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

22/00029/FUL – Approved – Tanglewood, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4JR

22/00173/6PA – Refused – Oakdene Nurseries, Packsfield Lane, Wootton Bridge

21/02575/HOU – Refused – 24 Rectory Drive, Wootton Bridge PO33 4QE

22/43. Tree Preservation Orders

None

22/44. Appeal

None

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

22/45. Report by local member.

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

- Park Road – being closed for repairs by Southern Water for 5 weeks. Is it possible to extend the traffic lights so the traffic doesn't build up on Lushington Hill?
- Armed Forces – The Isle of Wight Council reaffirmed their commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant

7. IWALC REPORT

22/46. Councillor Cory attended the meeting on the 24 February 2022 about affordable housing. It referenced the shortage of affordable housing and the supply of private rented accommodation has contracted over the covid period. Vectis Housing outlined what they had been doing to help. An open discussion took place about development companies land banking and petitioning the local MP about the issues. The main issues are 1. What land can be used to build affordable housing and 2. Lack of funds available at local authority level.

8. ACCOUNTS.

22/47. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for March

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR MARCH TOTALLING £4283.64, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX C OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

22/48. Councillor D Pitcher explained that the planning application behind 69 Station Road was going before the planning committee on Tuesday 29 March. He stated he would be speaking as the local member but wanted someone to speak on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillor Abraham volunteered and all councillors agreed.

Councillor D Pitcher stated that planning at Blackberry farm has been referred to Planning Enforcement as they are building there without permission. Councillor Hailstone stated he had spoken to the contractor and that the contractor was going to speak to the owner. The clerk will email planning enforcement with the update. Councillor Evans asked that the Planning Working Group be kept up to date on this and other enforcement issues.

Councillor Abraham and Councillor Hailstone mentioned that Darwins are still using the small area, for which they had been granted planning permission for the 12 log cabins, as a parking area and it was covered in tarmac. It was felt that this area was only meant to be a temporary measure. The clerk will log an enforcement complaint about this area not being returned to natural habitat.

Councillor Ward asked about the unadopted section of New Road and the lack of maintenance. Darwins were granted permission for their development, however conditions were put in place about maintaining the unadopted section of the road. The clerk will log an enforcement complaint about breaching planning conditions relating to maintaining the road, pathway, and drainage gullies.

Councillor Hailstone stated that the repairs along New Road are failing. The clerk will ask Island Roads to investigate this.

Councillor Ward expressed concerns for the owners at 92A Palmers Road as the lorries for the new development at Reynards are getting close to property. He also stated that Palmers Road is in a terrible state, where the lorries are turning/accessing the development. Councillor Ward also said 2 drains were blocked in Park View outside numbers 2 and 12. The clerk will raise these issues with island Roads.

Councillor Evans asked if Party in the Park was happening. Councillor D Pitcher explained that there was a lack of volunteers so it would not be happening this year.

Councillor D Pitcher stated that there had been a meeting at the Church Close Community Centre and hopefully a new committee was being set up.

Councillor D Pitcher explained that the Local Government Pension Scheme that the Parish Council use has no exposure to Russia.

10. STAFF MATTERS

22/49. RESOLVED - A PAY RISE WAS APPROVED FOR THE CLEANER.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

Signed

Date

Toilet Cleaning Contract

Company A	£12573 plus VAT
Company B	£10651.44 plus Vat
Company C	£10618 plus Vat

Information:

This contract is for a 3 year period and all bids meet the specifications.

Report from the Local Member March 2022

Park Road is due to be closed for five weeks by Southern Water. I have been trying to negotiate with them as this is a key time of year for Care in the Garden and I want to minimize disruption to the business.

I had complaints about vegetation on the footpath behind St. Edmunds Walk. It was referred to Island Roads for action.

As most will know the gate at the car park in the recreation ground is still off being fixed.

Last Thursday the Isle of Wight Council's Cabinet reaffirmed their commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant. This is a very important document that shows the support the Isle of Wight Council will give to members of the veterans' community. From this meeting I had a conversation with Paul Fuller where we laid out plans to help direct veterans to the assistance that is available to them.

Also at cabinet I asked a question of the Leader regarding the ongoing cost of fuel and the likelihood of widespread fuel poverty on the island going forward. There are grants available for some houses but the public need to apply for them from the council.

Cabinet also approved the allocation of over £63,000 in grant money for Easter 2022 Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF).

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 15th March 2022

Chris Attrill - HIC Window Cleaning		£	17.00
Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilets Cleaning Dec.		£	893.60
Clearview Cleaning - Parish Square January		£	100.00
e-on - Public Toilets Electricity		£	48.95
e-on HIC Electricity		£	472.91
Wight Computers - Domain Name		£	15.59
HP Instant Ink - Printer Ink	DD	£	10.99
Sage Payroll	DD	£	8.40
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£	5.00
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£	46.99
Salaries as Minute E49&E50	SO	£	1,691.07
IWC Pension Confs		£	521.28
HMRC - Tax & NI		£	451.86
			£ 4,283.64