

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2022 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON  
BRIDGE.

Present        Councillor Daryll Pitcher – Chair  
                  Councillor Barbara Port – Vice chair  
                  Councillors Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher, Trish Evans, John Ward, Barrie  
                  Hailstone and Lee Lemon

Also present   1 Member of the Public  
                  0 Member of the press  
                  Liz Kingston - Parish Clerk  
                  1 PCSO

**Items raised in the Open Forum:**

A resident asked about the decision made for the planning application relating to 69 Station Road. The chair explained that it was only outline planning for the access. A full planning application will need to be submitted for the actual houses to be built. There will be some issues with regards to the visibility onto Station Road as well as a traffic order for double yellow lines being required.

1.    APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**22/50.** Apologies received from Councillor Burley due to illness and Councillor Cory due to holiday.

2.    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

**22/51.** None

3.    MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2022

**22/52.** RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2022 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

**22/53. To Appoint an internal auditor**

Gareth Hughes has undertaken the internal audit for the last 5 years.

RESOLVED – THAT GARETH HUGHES BE APPOINTED THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

**22/54. To Approve the Recruitment of an assistant clerk.**

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE APPROVED THE RECRUITMENT OF AN ASSISTANT CLERK.

**22/55. To Grant Dispensation for absence to Councillor Burley for a further 6 months.**

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE GRANTED DISPENSATION FOR ABSENCE TO COUNCILLOR BURLEY FOR A FURTHER SIX MONTHS, DUE TO HEALTH REASONS.

**22/56. Grant Application for Church Close Community Centre**

The grant application was emailed to the councillors before the meeting.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD AGREE A GRANT OF £1000 TO THE CHURCH CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SUBJECT TO THE MONIES BEING HELD IN TRUST FOR THE NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. ANY NEW ASSETS ACQUIRED WILL BELONG TO THE NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND IT WAS AGREED THAT A MEMBER OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD SIT ON THE

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. COUNCILLOR L PITCHER VOLUNTEERED AND ALL AGREED.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

**22/57.**

22/00428/HOU

157 High Street, Wootton Bridge PO33 4LZ

Proposed single storey extension

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 22/00428/HOU

**22/00460/FUL**

Little Copse, Park Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4RL

Proposed detached chalet bungalow with detached garage

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 22/00428/FUL. THE COUNCILLORS SUPPORT THE POINTS RAISED BY ISLAND ROADS AND ALSO FEEL THAT THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE OVERBEARING.

**22/00538/HOU**

23 Church Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4PT

Proposed loft conversion to include dormer extension, single storey rear extension under existing roof overhang.

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

**22/58. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council**

22/00091/CLPUD – Approved – Cressida, Red Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4PQ

22/00230/HOU – Approved – Wisteria House, Park Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4RL

22/00271/HOU – Approved – 87 High Street, Wootton Bridge PO33 4LU

**22/59. Tree Preservation Orders**

22/00383/TW – Refused - Land at Fernhill, Rear of Mary Rose Avenue. Wootton Bridge

**22/60. Appeal**

None

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

**22/61. Report by local member.**

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

- Gravel application is now live
- Draft Island Planning Strategy – delays due to legality issues
- Dog Bin – Woodside – request that it be moved to where the cars park.

7. IWALC REPORT

**22/62.** The minutes of the last meeting had been circulated to all councillors.

8. ACCOUNTS.

**22/63. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.**

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for April

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR APRIL TOTALLING £10454.83, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

**22/64.** Councillor Abraham asked whether it would be possible to get an environmental audit undertaken for Wootton Bridge to help combat planning applications that come in.

Councillor Hailstone stated he would send out his email with regard to the meeting about New Road. The clerk will request a copy of the presentation from Island Roads.

Councillor Evans explained that the pipe is still showing along the footpath behind St Edmunds

Councillor D Pitcher confirmed that he and the clerk had a meeting with The Ridge Group about the planned solar farm at Sunny Oak. Councillor D Pitcher said he would email a summary of the meeting to all councillors.

Councillor Ward said there were a few loose drain covers in Norman Way

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....

## Report of the Local Member April 2022

Firstly the gravel extraction planning application is now live. I have already requested that the Planning Committee look at it.

The Draft Island Planning Strategy has hit a snag. It was due to go before an Extraordinary Full Council meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) but this has been cancelled and the final round of public consultation postponed. The reason seems to be around certain legalities meaning they have to stop and ensure proper procedure has been followed.

I have had a request that the dog bin at Woodside be moved across the road to the car parking area. I have asked Island Roads if this is possible.

I held a successful meeting with all interested parties regarding New Road. I have a follow up meeting scheduled between the IW Council and the businesses. Progress has definitely been made and I am hopeful that a resolution is now closer than ever before.

