

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON
BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Daryll Pitcher – Chair
 Councillor B Port – Vice-chair
 Councillors Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher, Trish Evans, and Barrie Hailstone

Also present 0 Members of the Public
 0 Member of the press
 Liz Kingston - Parish Clerk
 Lorna Morey – Assistant Parish Clerk
 3 Members from the NHS

Items raised in the Open Forum: NONE

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

22/141. Apologies Councillor Burley as he is ill and Councillor Cory and Lemon as they have previous commitments and Councillor Ward as he can't get childcare.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22/142. None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

22/143. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2022 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

22/144. To discuss the closure of the Doctor's Surgery – NHS representatives attending

James Davies (Business Manager at Medina Health Care), Tracy Savage and Scott Redpath (CCG now the Integrated Care Board) attended the meeting. They explained the issues with existing building and what they have been looking for as a temporary building for the surgery. Assura, who own the building are committed to rebuilding it. Securing a new building has been hard due to planning regulations and the refit. They are looking to set up a satellite base in Wootton Bridge but having troubles finding a suitable location. The Parish Council is helping with this.

22/145. To grant dispensation 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.

22/146. To decide on the grant application for the Isle of Wight Music, Dance and 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 MUSIC DANCE AND DRAMA FESTIVAL THE SUM OF £50.00

22/147. To discuss the Church Close Community Centre user agreement

Awaiting confirmation of the business rates before a decision can be reached due to the potential impact it could have on the Parish Councils small business rate relief. The clerk has been informed that this will hopefully be in February/March 2023. The Parish Council wanted all financial constraints looked at before a decision can be reached.

RESOLVED – TO COME BACK TO FULL COUNCIL WHEN THE INFORMATION HAS BEEN OBTAINED.

22/148. To decide on a date for Party in the Park 2023.

RESOLVED – THAT PARTY IN THE PARK WILL BE ON THE 8TH JULY 2023

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following application:

22/149. 22/01581/HOU

13 Woodlands Crescent, Wootton Bridge PO33 4JD

Proposed conversion of existing garage to form study; single storey extension

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 22/01581/HOU

22/150. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

22/01378/FUL – Approved – 9A High Street, Wootton Bridge PO33 4PF

22/151. Tree Preservation Orders

None

22/152. Appeal

None

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

22/153. Report by local member.

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

- Draft Island Plan
- Lushington Hill flooding
- New Road resurfacing
- Avian Influenza prevention Zone

7. IWALC REPORT

22/154. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated to all councillors. Councillor Cory has not provided a written report

8. ACCOUNTS.

22/155. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for October

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER TOTALLING £4273.38, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

22/156. Councillor D Pitcher stated the roving nativity will be on the 10 December starting at 4pm from the Cedars.

Councillor Evans enquired about Ken's bench and our tree warden. The clerk explained that the bench should be moved shortly if it hasn't already been done and that the current tree warden has decided not to continue. The clerk will ask other Town & Parish Councils if they have tree wardens.

Councillor L Pitcher asked what was happening with the Millennium Display. The clerk stated that the repairs have been done and she is now trying to find a handy man to put it up in Brannons.

Councillor Hailstone stated there were a few issues with New Road, road collapsing, road surface and overgrown hedges. The clerk will report these matters to Island Roads. He also said that in general all roads in Wootton were in a bad state of repair, highlighting Church Road as one. He mentioned there is speeding still going on along New Road, the unadopted section. The clerk will contact Darwins about this. He enquired about the Sloop Crossing and what is happening with this. The clerk is chasing Isle of Wight Council about this.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.49 p.m.

Signed

Date

Report of the Local Member October 2022

The Draft Island Planning Strategy was voted down at the last Full Council meeting. I am expecting it to go back to Cabinet for further discussion prior to it returning to Full Council in modified form the New Year.

I met with The Cabinet Member for Planning to discuss this situation as I am not happy that the island is effectively left unguarded without a proper Island Plan. I also discussed with him the need to update the Isle of Wight Council's Minerals Policy and he agreed that this should be a priority.

I have held a meeting with the Cabinet Member for Transport and several senior IW Council Officers regarding the flooding being caused on Lushington Hill by the road drainage. We appear to be at an impasse on this but I will persevere.

I have highlighted a couple of issues with the cycle path between Wootton Station and Park Road. Island Roads have promised to fix them.

Island Roads is also drawing up a final plan to resurface New Road in phases. We (IWC) are awaiting their final version having only seen phase one so far. I am hoping to be able to set up a meeting with residents and businesses by the end on November/early December where the full plan can be revealed and discussed.

I am chasing up a Council Tax heating rebate for one of our businesses that also has residential as part of the property. It seems like it is complicated for the Council Tax office.

I am aware that the Sunny Oaks planning application has been listed under Fairlee & Whippingham Ward and Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council. I have complained to Planning about the misleading nature of this. My investigations suggest that this has happened due to a default in the software used by Planning. The land itself is listed as unallocated land with no address. When you click on the map view for this "address" a black dot appears where the Seaclose offices of the Planning Department is located. Basically I think the system simply reverts to the default address of the Planning Department if it doesn't know the real address/location of the application. Seaclose is of course in Fairlee & Whippingham Ward and Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council areas.

A nationwide (including the Isle of Wight) Avian Influenza Prevention Zone has been implemented meaning that all bird keepers must now abide by the restriction imposed to try and prevent the spread of the disease.

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 18 October 2022

Appendix B.

October 2022

Chris Attrill - Window Cleaner September		£	19.00
Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilets Cleaning September		£	884.83
Clearview Cleaning - Parish Square September		£	112.50
Isle Of Wight Games Association Grant (minute 22/130)		£	100.00
DSES - Pat Testing		£	78.00
Groundsells installation of sign at railway station		£	234.00
HP Instant Ink - Printer Ink	DD	£	-
Sage Payroll	DD	£	8.40
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£	3.00
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£	45.71
Salaries as Minute E49,E50&E52	SO	£	2,096.20
IWC Pension Confs		£	436.45
HMRC - Tax & NI		£	255.29
TOTAL		£	4,273.38