

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2022 AT 6.30 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD,
WOOTTON BRIDGE.**

Present Councillor Daryll Pitcher – Chair
Councillors Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher, Trish Evans, Dave Burley and
Chris Cory

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

Items raised in the Open Forum: NONE

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

22/171. Apologies Councillor Lemon due to commitments and Councillor Hailstone as he is recovering from hospital

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22/172. Councillor D Pitcher & L Pitcher declared an interest in planning application 22/01586/FUL as they live opposite the property

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2022

22/173. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 NOVEMBER 2022 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

22/174. To decide whether to continue membership with IWALC

The councillors were sent information on IWALC and HALC membership.
RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL GIVE NOTICE THAT WE ARE PLANNING ON LEAVING

22/175. Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Noted – We will send a letter thanking Barbara for her help and we are sorry that we are losing her

22/176. To discuss and decide on purchase of real Christmas Tree

The quote to buy a real tree and have it planted was sent to the councillors prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD KEEP USING A CUT TREE EACH YEAR

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

Councillor L Pitcher and D Pitcher left the room for the first application (22/01586/FUL) as they live opposite. Councillor Abraham was voted in to take the chair.

22/177. 22/01586/FUL

20 Norman Way, Wootton Bridge PO33 4NJ

Continued use of outbuilding as mixed residential and commercial use (Martial Arts Studio)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 22/01586/FUL

Councillor L Pitcher and D Pitcher returned to the room and Councillor D Pitcher resumed as chair.

22/01930/FUL

Warwick Rise, New Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JL

Proposed dwelling with parking

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 22/01930/FUL PROVIDING THE APPLICANT CAN RECTIFY THE ISSUE WITH THE VISABILITY SPLAYS TO ISLAND ROADS' SATISFACTION

22/01947/FUL

The Sheillings, New Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JW

Proposed dwelling, with parking and gardens

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 22/01947/FUL ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

1. THE SITE IS OUTSIDE OF THE DEFINED SETTLEMENT AREA AND NOT EVEN ADJACENT TO THE DEFINED SETTLEMENT AREA. THIS GOES AGAINST POLICY SP1.
2. THE SITE LIES IN A POPULAR TOURIST AREA, WHICH SHOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR TOURISTS. THIS APPLICATION GOES AGAINST SP4. WITH REGARDS TO THE LOSS OF TOURIST ACCOMMODATION, POLICY SP4 (TOURISM) OF THE ISLAND PLAN CORE STRATEGY ALLOWS FOR THE CONVERSION OR REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING TOURIST ACCOMMODATION TO ALTERNATIVE USES WHERE IT CAN BE DEMONSTRATES THAT THE USE IS NO LONGER VIABLE AND THAT THE PREMISES AND/OR SITE HAS BEEN MARKETING FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 12 MONTHS AT AN APPROPRIATE/REASONABLE MARKET PRICE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN DONE.
3. THERE IS NO NEED FOR RESIDENTIAL HOUSING IN WOOTTON BRIDGE, AS THE PALMERS FARM AND LAND BEHIND 69 STATION ROAD COVERS THIS REQUIREMENT.
4. ADDS EXTRA STRESS TO LOCAL HEALTHCARE FACILITIES, CONTRARY TO POLICY DM7
5. THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WOULD RESULT IN AN URBANIZING ENCROACHMENT INTO AN AREA OF UNDEVELOPED LAND RESULTING IN A HARMFUL VISUAL IMPACT ON THE LANDSCAPE CHARACTER OF THE AREA, THEREBY FAILING TO CLEARLY DEMONSTRATE HOW IT WOULD ENHANCE THE CHARACTER AND CONTEXT OF THE LOCAL AREA TO JUSTIFY DEVELOPMENT OF NON-PREVIOUSLY DEVELOPED LAND AND THEREFORE CONTRARY TO POLICIES SP1 (SPATIAL STRATEGY), SP2 (HOUSING), DM2 (DESIGN QUALITY FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT) AND DM12 (LANDSCAPE, SEASCAPE, BIODIVERSITY AND GEODIVERSITY) OF THE ISLAND PLAN CORE STRATEGY.

22/02049/FUL

Palmers Farm, Brocks Copse Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4NP

Proposed detached dwelling (revised scheme); machine store

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION 22/02049/FUL ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

1. DEVELOPMENT OF A GREENFIELD SITE
2. LOSS OF A VISUAL AMENITY

22/178. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

22/01247/FUL – Approved – Blackberry Farm, Upper Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

22/179. Tree Preservation Orders

22/01494/TW 117 Station Road Wootton PO33 4RG
T1 Redwood – fell as dead

22/180. Appeal

None

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

22/181. Report by local member.

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

- Draft of the IOW budget not looking good. Possible 5% increase
- Town & Parish Councils to possibly take over certain areas such as the play area

7. IWALC REPORT

22/182. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated to all councillors. Councillor Cory has not provided a written report as he did not attend

8. ACCOUNTS.

22/183. 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 £9327.98, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

22/184. Councillor Burley – thanked all for their concern and for granting dispensation during his illness

Councillor Cory attended the Environmental meeting at Ventnor (St Lawrence)-discussed how to get homes better insulated. He also talked about having an Environment Working Group rather than Sub-committee with Councillors Hailstone and Abraham as it will be easier to manage

Councillor L Pitcher brought up about the Church Close group – she had a meeting with 2 ladies that live near it. The 3 of them will set it up as a charity (CIO) and would like support from the Parish Council

Councillor D Pitcher mentioned about Community Action that run the Post Office and that they are currently in disagreement with Post Office LTD

Councillor Evans – mentioned that Primary School had a Hardship fund. The clerk will contact school to find out more

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Signed

Date

Report of the Local Member December 2022

I have been granted an early look at the first draft of the Alliance Groups IW Council budget. This was a very early version with a lot of “probable” figures put in by the finance team as many variables such as the settlement from government are not yet known. What is known is that with inflation estimated to be around 10% there is a serious issue and this will likely cost the council £13/£14 million. It is also known that the government is not increasing most of the grants it sends meaning a real 10% cut to many budgets. The government has increased the amount that Council Tax can be increased to a total of 5% this year. It is almost certain this is what the Alliance will go for. A 1% increase raises about £900,000 so this will not plug the gap significantly.

As a result of this there is increased talk of Town and Parish Councils taking on more services. The issue of the Recreation Ground has come up again and I expect to meet with Cllr. Jonathan Bacon who is the Cabinet Member responsible in the New Year. It seems they would like to off-load responsibility for maintenance of the play equipment, something I am not averse to as they do very little “maintenance” anyway. WBPC originally secured the funding for it and if it deteriorates too far we will end up paying for any replacements needed. With that in mind it is probably a good idea to look after it in house as we can ensure it lasts as long as possible.

The IW Council now has a new Chief Executive with Wendy Perera being appointed full time having been in an acting position this last year. Congratulations to her.

The Draft Island Planning Strategy is going back to Cabinet for revision before coming back to Full Council in early 2023. I was unhappy with one amendment that passed as it took out home ownership from the revised affordability metric and focused on rented and social housing instead. In my view first time buyers are very important and we should be encouraging people to buy rather than rent.

There have been some recent flooding issues around the village and a few potholes have appeared as well. I am reporting these things to Island Roads.

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 13 December 2022

December 2022

Chris Attrill - Window Cleaner November		£	19.00
Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilets Cleaning November		£	884.83
Clearview Cleaning - Parish Square November		£	112.50
Wight Fire & Security - service intruder alarm		£	82.44
Thompsons - Christmas Tree		£	275.00
Isle of Wight Council - Environmental Officer		£	1,130.00
Isle of Wight Council - Ground Maintenance		£	3,257.40
HP Instant Ink - Printer Ink	DD	£	-
Sage Payroll	DD	£	8.40
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£	3.00
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£	47.05
Eon - Office 1/9/2022 - 30/11/2022	DD	£	290.74
Eon - Public Toilets 1/9/2022 - 30/11/2022	DD	£	108.61
Salaries as Minute E49,E50&E52	SO	£	2,330.05
IWC Pension Conts		£	468.06
HMRC - Tax & NI		£	310.90
TOTAL		£	9,327.98