

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Chris Cory - Chair
Councillors Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher, Trish Evans, Lee Lemon, Barrie Hailstone, John Ward, Dave Burley, Daryll Pitcher and Ian Yeo

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

Items raised in the Open Forum:

A member of the public raised concerns over the state of the cycle path between Station Road and Park Road saying it was very muddy and had large puddles. He also stated about water run off across the footpath at the bottom of Lushington Hill, especially when it froze.

Councillor Pitcher stated he was unwell and losing his voice and could another councillor act as chair. Councillor Cory was nominated and voted for.

1. CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

23/016. There is a vacancy on the Parish Council and two people applied, Ed Hopper and Ian Yeo. Both had sent in application letters which were sent to the Councillors before the meeting. Both made a statement and the Councillors voted via ballot.

RESOLVED – THAT THE NEW COUNCILLOR CO-OPTED IS IAN YEO WITH THE VOTE BEING 5 FOR IAN AND 4 FOR ED.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

23/017. **RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR IAN YEO SIGNED HIS ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

3. APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

23/018. None

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

23/019. None

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2023

23/019. **RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2022 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.**

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

23/020. To discuss and agree whether to contribute to Wootton Bridge Primary School hardship fund.

Catherine stated that the local Church had committed to contributing and that the monies would be used for children that didn't meet the qualification for benefits but whose family was struggling financially. The monies would go to uniforms, activities and trips. A discussion took place.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD EAR MARK £2000 IN TOTAL FOR THIS AND LOOK AT SENDING £1000 OF IT STRAIGHT AWAY. THE PARISH COUNCIL STATED THEY WOULD WANT TERM REPORTS ON HOW THE MONEY HAD BEEN SPENT AND HOW MANY CHILDREN BENEFITTED.

23/021. To discuss and possibly comment on the Draft Enforcement Strategy
Noted

23/022. To discuss and agree the grass cutting contract for 2023 – 2026

A report was sent out by email to the Councillors, see appendix A

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM COMPANY B AND ACCEPT A 3 YEAR CONTRACT BUT ASK THEM NOT TO SPRAY THE PAVED AREA.

23/023. To appoint a representative to Wootton Creek Fairway Association

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR WARD WOULD BE APPOINTED TO WOOTTON CREEK FAIRWAY ASSOCIATION

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

23/024. 22/02206/HOU

Wisteria House, Park Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4RL

Demolition of conservatory; proposed two storey rear and side extensions; alterations (revised scheme)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 22/02206/HOU

23/00084/HOU

Tenth House, New Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4HY

Proposed new/replacement pitched dormers on front and rear elevations; alterations to roof covering

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00084/HOU

23/00174/HOU

65 Lushington Hill, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4NR

Proposed single storey rear extension.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00174/HOU

23/025. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

None

23/026. Tree Preservation Orders

22/02043/TW – Oak Cliff Place, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

Agreed - Works to 3 ash trees, 2 to be crown reduced by 50% and 1 to be felled to ground level.

Coppicing of hazel trees.

Refused – 1 ash tree to be left alone due to amenity value and lack of evidence of ash die back.

23/027. Appeal

23/00005/ENF – Oakfields House, 115 Station Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4RG

Without planning permission and within the last 10 years the material change of use of the land from residential to the keeping of horses and without planning permission and within the last 4 years the erection of a stable building and tack room.

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

23/028. Report by local member.

Councillor D Pitcher provided a verbal report for the meeting. Issues raised included:

- Isle of Wight Council budget setting tomorrow
- Gravel Application – still waiting for comments and no current time frame

9. IWALC REPORT

23/029. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated to all councillors. Councillor Cory has provided a letter to send to IWALC however it was agreed that the letter should be toned down by the clerk. The clerk will rewrite the letter and email out to the councillors.

10. **ACCOUNTS**

23/030. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for January

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR JANUARY TOTALLING £11,023.82, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

11. **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

23/031. Councillor Burley the path between the High Street and Downsview is becoming overgrown with weeds. Clerk will raise with Island Roads

Councillor Evans said that the Red Road residents had received the letter from Amey about the road surface.

Councillor Ward asked what was happening with Church Close Community Centre. Councillor Pitcher stated that the charity was being set up and they were hoping to organise a coronation celebration. Was there an update on the urinating in the recreation ground – the clerk will chase IOWC to find out. How was Party in the Park coming on. The assistant clerk stated that planning was progressing but there were a few issues with it clashing with the County Show and licensing fees. Councillor Evans stated it also clashes with Mardi Gras in Ryde.

Councillor Ward asked if the village partnership were helping with Party in the Park. The clerk explained that the village partnership had not met since Covid started. Councillor Cory stated that it needed to be relaunched as there had been a good turn out before Covid.

Councillor Ward mentioned the Village Tidy Up which the clerk confirmed was on Saturday 29 April.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.28 p.m.

Signed

Date

Grass Cutting Contracts

I emailed 3 companies to ask if they were interested and sent the schedule information for the cuts.
I received 3 quotes for cutting the following areas (18 cuts per year):

Wootton Footbridge (land between the road and the pavement)

Land at St Edmunds Walk (between the junctions of Whitehead Crescent)

Pump Lane amenity area

Joannes Walk

Mill Square (next to slip way)

Land between Church Road and St Edmunds Walk next to public footpath.

All above areas to include grass cutting, clearing away of cuttings and removal of litter.

Briddlesford Cemetery

St Edmunds Churchyards

All above areas to include grass cutting and removal of litter but grass cuttings left.

The quotes are as follows:

Company A - Prices are as follows: -

The price for a one-year contract - **£6,732.00 plus VAT.** =

Price for years 2 and 3 – price to increase by RPI of that time.

Company B

The price for a one-year contract: **£5,900.00 plus VAT**

Price for years 2 and 3 – price to stay the same

Company C

The price for a one-year contract: **£26,424 plus VAT**

Price for years 2 and 3 – price to stay the same

Based on this information the clerk would recommend that the Parish Council choose Company B and offer them the 3 year contract.

(All prices are plus VAT)

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 21 February 2023

February 2023

Chris Attrill - Window Cleaner January		£	19.00
Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilets Cleaning January		£	884.83
Clearview Cleaning - Parish Square January		£	112.50
SLCC - literature		£	192.90
Groundsells - 2 x cuts in October 2022		£	720.00
Isle of Wight Council - Environmental Officer		£	1,130.00
Ground Maintenance		£	3,609.00
Repairs to playground Equipment		£	60.00
The Bridge - Advertising		£	910.00
HP Instant Ink - Printer Ink	DD	£	-
Sage Payroll	DD	£	8.40
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£	3.00
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£	45.42
Business Stream - Public Toilets	DD	£	133.59
Salaries as Minute E49,E50&E52	SO	£	2,189.53
IWC Pension Conts		£	708.06
HMRC - Tax & NI		£	297.59
TOTAL		£	11,023.82