

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

Present Councillor Daryll Pitcher – Chair
 Councillors Barry Abraham, Linda Pitcher, Trish Evans, Lee Lemon, Barrie
 Hailstone, John Ward, David Burley, and Ian Yeo

Also present 7 Members of the Public
 1 Member of the press
 Liz Kingston - Parish Clerk
 Lorna Morey – Assistant Parish Clerk

Items raised in the Open Forum: NONE

1. APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

23/032. Apologies were received from Councillor Cory as he is unwell.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

23/033. Councillor Lemon declares an interest in planning application 23/00204/FUL as he occasionally does work for the applicant.

Councillor Abraham raised concerns about Councillor D Pitcher being at the meeting due to his recent conviction and requested that Councillor D Pitcher leave the meeting. The clerk explained that Councillor D Pitcher remains as a councillor until judicial procedure has been completed. Councillor D Pitcher stated he would remain at the meeting. Councillor Abraham, Evans and Ward decided to leave the meeting as Councillor D Pitcher would not leave.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2023

23/034. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2023 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

23/035. To discuss and decide on what to do to celebrate the Coronation.
RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LOOK AT PURCHASING
BOOKMARKS TO COMMEMORATE THE CORONATION FOR THE WOOTTON
BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PURCHASE BOOKS FOR THE
SCHOOL LIBRARY. THE TOTAL BUDGET WAS £500.

**23/036. To discuss and decide on whether to complete the survey on the Draft
Electric vehicle ChargePoint Infrastructure (EVCI) Strategy.**
The draft strategy was emailed out to the councillors before the meeting. Councillor D
Pitcher stated the clerk had an in-depth knowledge due to owning an electric car and
Councillor Cory had asked for the item to be included on the agenda.
RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR CORY AND THE CLERK WOULD ANSWER
THE SURVEY TOGETHER.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

23/037. 23/00204/FUL

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

Proposed detached dwelling (revised scheme)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00204/FUL.

23/00242/FUL

37-39 High Street, Wootton Bridge PO33 4LU

Proposed change of use and 3 storey and 2 storey extensions to form 5 flats
RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00242/FUL.

THE PARISH COUNCIL STRONGLY OBJECTS TO THIS PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. LOSS OF RETAIL SPACE IN THE HIGH STREET. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO SMALL UNITS AVAILABLE ON THE HIGH STREET AND IN FACT THE 2 REFERENCED IN THE APPLICATION AS EMPTY ARE BOTH IN USE AND IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS PART OF THE OLD BANK BUILDING IN THE HIGH STREET HAS GONE BACK TO COMMERCIAL FROM BEING TOTALLY RESIDENTIAL.
2. NO PROVISION FOR PARKING - THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 5 CARS AND NOWHERE FOR THEM TO PARK.
3. OVERDEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE - THE FLATS ARE CRAMMED IN AS WELL AS 3 STORAGE UNITS IN THE BACK, THEREFORE A MIX OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL USAGE.
4. A WINDOW WILL BE OVERLOOKING DIRECTLY INTO NUMBER 35 WHICH WILL CAUSE A LACK OF PRIVACY
5. THE OVERALL BUILDING IS GOING TO BE BIGGER BOTH IN LENGTH AND HEIGHT, WHICH WILL LEAD TO OVERSHADOWING AND THE WHOLE BUILDING BEING OVERBEARING.

23/00268/FUL

Woodlands, 29 Brocks Copse Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4NP

Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey rear extension.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00268/FUL.

23/00279/OUT

159 High Street, Wootton Bridge PO33 4LZ

Outline for dwelling including alterations to driveway and provision of parking

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00279/OUT ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

1. POSSIBLE ROAD CONGESTION WITH VEHICLES PARKED ON THE HIGHWAY AND ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY FROM THE ROAD.
2. OVERDEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE
3. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES WITH REGARDS TO THE ACCESS BEING A PUBLIC FOOTPATH
4. CONCERNS THAT EMERGENCY SERVICES AND RIGHTS OF WAY HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED TO CONSULT ON THIS APPLICATION ESPECIALLY AS IT IS A PUBLIC FOOTPATH, AND THE ACCESS IS VERY NARROW.

23/00166/FUL

Reynards Boarding kennel, Palmers Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4NF.

Amended layout, scale and appearance for dwellings on Plots 5 & 6 (21/01570/FUL)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 23/00166/FUL.

APP/P2114/C/23/3315702 & APP/P2114/C/23/3315703

Oakfields House, 115 Station Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4RG.

Material Change of use of the land from use ancillary to a dwellinghouse to the keeping of horses and erection of a stable building and tack room.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL BELIEVES THE APPEALS SHOULD BE REFUSED ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

1. THE STABLES ARE LOCATED WITHIN A STREET SCENE AND CLOSE TO OTHER RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. THIS LEADS TO NOISE AND ODOUR DISTURBANCE.
2. THE STABLES AND TACK ROOM ARE SEPARATE FROM THE MAIN HOUSE AND GARDENS AND THEREFORE FORM A SEPARATE PLANNING UNIT
3. IT WAS NOT A LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT AS THE BUILDING IS BIGGER THAN THE ORIGINAL
4. THE TIME GIVEN IS ADEQUATE AND NOTHING APART FROM DEMOLISHING AND REMOVING THE STABLES WOULD DEAL WITH THE ISSUES OF NOISE AND ODOUR.

APP/P2114/W/22/3305922

Cressida, Red Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4PQ

Proposed alterations and extensions to existing dwelling to form a pair of semi-detached dwellings.

NOTED

23/038. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

22/01586/FUL – Refused – 20 Norman Way, Wootton Bridge PO33 4NJ.

22/02206/HOU – Approved – Wisteria House, Park Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4RL.

23/00098/HOU – Approved – tenth House, New Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4HY.

23/039. Tree Preservation Orders

22/02179/TW

Long Acre, New Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4HY

T1 Oak - crown reduce tree by 20% back to good growth points.

23/040. Appeal

None

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

23/041. Report by local member.

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

- New Road – a meeting has been organised as Island Roads have set out their plans. It was agreed that Councillor Hailstone will represent the Parish Council at the meeting.
- Isle of Wight Council – looking at bringing in second home council tax charges
- Potholes – most have been reported to Island Roads and are in the process of being dealt with.

7. IWALC REPORT

23/042. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated to all councillors. Councillor Cory has not provided a written report. The letter was sent to IWALC with the reasons why the Parish Council were leaving IWALC. It was agreed that Councillor Cory would attend the AGM for AONB on behalf of the Parish Council.

8. ACCOUNTS

23/043. 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 £7271.85, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

23/044. Councillor Hailstone suggested trying Minghella for ice creams and raised concerns about the bouncy castle contractor. He also asked if there was any update on the surgery. Councillor Yeo stated nothing had changed yet and that the Integrated Care Board and the owners were still in discussions.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.

Signed

Date

Report of the Local Member March 2023

I have organized a meeting regarding New Road that will include the Residents Associations, the businesses, WBPC (Cllr. Hailstone), and the IW Council to present the proposal supplied by Island Roads for resurfacing the road. The basic plan is to do it in four phases which will avoid the need to close the road for a prolonged period.

The Isle of Wight Council has indicated that it would take up extra powers to charge more for second homes. I am not certain that the plan will work exactly as expected but that it is a case of something rather than nothing. Certainly something needs to be done to free up housing that sits empty and allow local people more of a chance.

There are many potholes around the village at the moment. Island Roads are aware of the vast majority, they just haven't gotten around to fixing them yet.

The one way system on Church Road has now come to an end, not that many people were paying any attention to it recently.

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

March 2023

Chris Attrill - Window Cleaner January		£	19.00
Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilets Cleaning January		£	884.83
Clearview Cleaning - Parish Square January		£	100.00
Community Action IOW (Post Office)		£	1,000.00
Wight Computers		£	36.00
Wootton Community Primary School minutes 23/020		£	1,000.00
Eon - 1/12/2022 to 28/02/2023 office		£	888.16
Eon - 1/12/2022 to 28/02/2023 toilets		£	93.24
Business Rates - Office		£	-
Business rates - Toilets		£	-
HP Instant Ink - Printer Ink	DD	£	-
Sage Payroll	DD	£	8.40
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£	3.00
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£	43.84
Salaries as Minute E49,E50&E52	SO	£	2,189.73
IWC Pension Conts		£	708.06
HMRC - Tax & NI		£	297.59
TOTAL		£	7,271.85