

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2023 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON  
BRIDGE.**

**Present** Councillor Linda Pitcher– Chair  
Councillors Trish Evans, Lee Lemon, Barrie Hailstone, Chris Cory, David Burley,  
and Ian Yeo

**Also present** 1 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**

Councillor L Pitcher was nominated and voted for to be chair for the meeting.

**1. APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**23/045.** Apologies were received from Councillor Abraham & Ward as they are unwell.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**23/046.** None

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2023**

**23/047.** RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2023 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

**23/048. To appoint an internal auditor**

Gareth Hughes has been doing the internal audit since 2015 and is happy to continue.  
RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL APPOINT GARETH HUGHES AS THE INTERNAL AUDITOR.

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**To comment on the following applications:**

**23/049.** None

**23/050. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council**

23/00268/FUL – Approved – Woodlands, 29 Brocks Copse Road Wootton Bridge PO33 4NP.

23/00174/HOU – Approved – 65 Lushington Hill, Wootton Bridge PO33 4NR.

**23/051. Tree Preservation Orders**

23/00304/TW

PGL Little Canada, New Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4JP

T1 Oak – remove for safety reasons due to extensive decay at base.

**23/052. Appeal**

APP/P2114/W/22/3312325

Land adjacent The Sheiling, New Road, Wootton Bridge

Proposed five residential lodges with private garden, parking and shared access.

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

**23/053. Report by local member.**

Councillor D Pitcher did not provide a report for the meeting. However, he did state there was a meeting with residents and business from New Road and the Isle of Wight Council and the draft plans on repairing/improving the road surface have been accepted by both the residents and business that attended. The attendees then asked that the Isle of Wight Council move this forward with Island Roads. When formal plans have been produced these will be shared with the Parish Council. The draft proposal was a four phased project. Councillor Hailstone stated it will hopefully start in September/October 23 and be done over 2 years. Councillor Evans was concerned about the road being closed due to a family needing access 24hours a day for medical reasons.

7. ACCOUNTS

**23/054. 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 £13,194.12, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX A OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

8. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

**23/055.** Councillor Evans asked if the clerk could look at leaflet dispensers for walks leaflets for local businesses as well as for the notice boards. Councillor Evans also mentioned about the books that are being donated to the primary school in relation to the coronation should have a royal theme. The clerk will discuss with the primary school what they require/need.

Councillor Cory stated that he attended the AONB AGM as there are two areas in the Parish that are AONB. AONB have approximately £660k to spend on projects and this money comes from DEFRA and the Isle of Wight Council. They have a steering group but lack the capacity to do projects themselves so look at groups they can partner with. Met the Isle of Wight Estuaries Manager who was keen to set up an informal group with parishes that have coastal access. She expressed thought on sea grasses and rising sea levels, which could be a concern to the village in the future.

Councillor Cory also stated he would be sending out a discussion document with regards to the environmental working group.

Councillor Hailstone asked about the public liability for Party in the Park. The clerk confirmed it had been requested. He asked what the position was on the parish Council taking over the recreation ground. The clerk confirmed that figures had been received and that she need to clarify these before sitting down with the chair to decide on how to proceed. He also asked what was happening with the path being repaired. The clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Councillor Lemon and that an email would be sent once she had had a meeting with the chair and taken legal advice.

Councillor L Pitcher asked if the flags on the flagpole could be replaced due to wear and tear.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....

**WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Payments for Approval at Meeting on 18 April 2023**

**April 2023**

|                                                           |    |          |                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|----|----------|------------------|
| Chris Attrill - Window Cleaner March                      |    | £        | 19.00            |
| Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilets Cleaning March |    | £        | 884.83           |
| Clearview Cleaning - Parish Square March                  |    | £        | 112.50           |
| Tachodisc - defib pads                                    |    | £        | 70.37            |
| Lifeline Alarms & security Services - CCTV maintenance    |    | £        | 102.00           |
| Groundsell Contracting - Border Maintenance               |    | £        | 4,615.99         |
| Wight Fire & Security - servicing of fire extinguishers   |    | £        | 78.48            |
| Big Bear promo - coronation bookmarks                     |    | £        | 294.00           |
| David Ogilvie Engineering - Display Cabinet & Sign        |    | £        | 3,765.60         |
| HP Instant Ink - Printer Ink                              | DD | £        | -                |
| Sage Payroll                                              | DD | £        | 8.40             |
| Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly                       | DD | £        | 3.00             |
| Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband                        | DD | £        | 44.57            |
| Salaries as Minute E49,E50&E52                            | SO | £        | 2,189.73         |
| IWC Pension Conts                                         |    | £        | 708.06           |
| HMRC - Tax & NI                                           |    | £        | 297.59           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                              |    | <b>£</b> | <b>13,194.12</b> |