

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Barry Abraham – Chair
Councillor Sarah Redrup – Vice-Chair
Councillors Trish Evans, Judith Hill, Linda Pitcher, Steve Porter, Jonathan Smith and Elliot Tyler

Also present 4 Members of the Public
0 Members of the press
Liz Kingston – Parish Clerk
Lorna Morey – Assistant Parish Clerk

Items raised in the Open Forum: None

1. ABSENCE

24/138. Councillors Hailstone and Lemon

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

24/139. None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

24/140. Councillor Evans stated that under 24/130 the word 'one' needs to be added before bedroom.

RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2024 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED

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

24/141. To discuss and decide on whether to renew the Cyber Insurance cover

Last years insurance cost £320.32, the renewal premium is £337.12.

RESOLVED – THAT THE CYBER INSURANCE BE RENEWED AT A COST OF £337.12

24/142. To discuss and decide on the grant application received from the Footprint Trust

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL GRANT THE FOOTPRINT TRUST £500.00

24/143. To discuss and decide on the grant application received from Life Education Wessex and Thames Valley

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL GRANT LIFE EDUCATION WESSEX AND THAMES VALLEY £145.00.

24/144. To discuss Party in the Park, The 40th Anniversary of the Parish Council and VE Day

It was decided that a combined Party in the Park and Anniversary event would be held on Saturday 19th July 2025 and that VE Day would be a separate event along the lines of the previous D-Day Event.

24/145. Motion proposed by Cllr Redrup – Funding for Wootton Creek Fairway Association Water Quality Testing.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT WOOTTON CREEK FAIRWAY ASSOCIATION WITH WATER QUALITY TESTING.

24/146. To discuss and decide on whether to comment on the following consultations:

1. Public Spaces Protection Order – Renewal. Noted

2. Proposal for new 'Pay and Display' Bays in Union Street Newport. RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD RAISE AN OBJECTION TO THIS AS NEWPORT NEEDS

SOME AREAS THAT ARE FREE TO PARK AS WELL AS IT AFFECTING RESIDENTS WHO LIVE THERE.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:

24/147. 24/01393/RVC

115 Station Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4RG

Variation of conditions 2 and 9 on P/00962/18 to allow alterations to layout and realignment of footpath.

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 24/01393/RVC AS IT SHOULD BE LEFT AS IT IS DUE TO PEDESTRIANS ETC HAVING TO CROSS A BUSY ROAD.

24/01326/FUL

Fernhill Farm Holiday Accommodation, Fernhill, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4LL

Change of use of two approved holiday units to permanent residential dwellings and conversion of one barn to a permanent residential dwelling.

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 24/01326/FUL

24/01435/FUL

43 High Street, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4LU

Proposed installation of servi-locker prescription collection machine

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTS PLANNING APPLICATION 24/01435/FUL

24/01436/ADV

43 High Street, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4LU

Non illuminated vinyl wrap in association with prescription collection machine

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTS PLANNING APPLICATION 24/01436/FUL

22/00654/FUL

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

Proposed extraction of sand and gravel and restoration to agriculture (revised plans relating to new proposed means of access via Palmers Road, additional supporting information) (readvertised application)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCILS COMMENTS MADE ON THE 20 JUNE 2024 AND 13 MAY 2022 STILL STAND

24/01529/4BCPA

Prior notification for Schedule 2, Part 4, Class BC permitted development under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order

Oakdene Orchard, Packsfield Lane, Wootton Bridge

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL EMAIL PLANNING AND RIGHTS OF WAY TO OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION BASED ON THE REFUSAL OF THE PREVIOUS APPLICATION 24/00514/FUL.

24/148. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

24/01292/RVC – Approved – Kipper Cottage, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4JR

24/149. Tree Preservation Orders

24/01082/TW – Wootton Grange, New Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4HY

T1 Oak – Crown lift to 3m, T2 Oak – Crown lift to 5.5 above road, remove suckers over footpath, T3 Oak – removal of 3 branches in cable

24/150. Appeal

23/00054/REF – APPROVED - Warwick Rise, New Road, Wootton Bridge (22/01930/FUL)

7. ACCOUNTS

24/151. 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 £8603.75, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX A OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

24/152. Report from the Isle of Wight Council Local member.

Councillor Redrup provided a written report, (see Appendix B). Topics raised included the following:

- Road Safety Week - Wootton Bridge Speed Watch Group speaking to Wootton School
- Keeping Warm in Wootton – 19th November 2.00pm -3.30pm at the Community Centre in Brannon Way.
- Welcome to Rev Sandra Matthews, the new Priest in Charge

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

24/153. Councillor Redrup would like the council to authorise the monies for the gate at recreation ground to be installed. The quote was for quote £1000.80 however the Isle of Wight Council need to approve it, and it does need to be a soft closing gate. The Parish Council provisionally approve this subject to it being a soft closing gate and the Isle of Wight Council being happy with it.

Councillor Redrup stated there was a meeting of the Facilities Working Group. Discussed funding opportunities such as Nature Town and Cities Fund. Looking at a town trail – planters, orchard, community garden, rec improvements. Involve as many residents as possible. Facilities group will look at this further and it will be presentable to the community for 19th July at Party in the Park

Councillor Smith stated Merstone have a community orchard. Councillor Hill said that all new developments she has seen on the mainland have community orchards. Councillor Evans asked if the grounds in front of the community centre can be looked at. Councillor Abraham stated he would speak to his contact at the community centre.

Councillor Porter asked about a potential Christmas Fayre at the Old School. The clerk reported that the assistant clerk had a meeting with them and as there was limited time left to organise an event, the Old School would be holding their own event. The clerk and assistant clerk are happy to help, and Councillor Redrup is looking at doing something for the children. The clerk has sent a grant application to The Old School so they can apply for funding for this or future events.

Councillor Abraham stated the path from the Sloop to New Road is overgrown. Clerk will flag up to Island Roads

The problem with parking on Mill Square was raised, and Councillor Porter suggested bollards. The clerk will speak to Island Roads.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.24p.m.

Signed

Date

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 15 October 2024

October 2024

Chris Attrill - Window Cleaner October		£	21.00
Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilets Cleaning September		£	884.83
Clearview Cleaning - Parish Square September		£	112.50
Gallagher Insurance		£	1,633.39
Groundsell Contracting - September 2 x cuts		£	786.65
UKSA Grant - Minute 24/125		£	420.00
Ottena Ltd - Bench minute 24/128		£	570.00
Eon - Toilets 1/09/24 - 26/09/24		£	1.64
British Gas Toilets 1/09/24 - 27/09/24		£	25.37
Waterhaul - Litter picking equipment		£	216.00
P Coletta - installation fo bench		£	50.00
Wight Computers - domain name registration		£	15.59
HP Instant Ink - Printer Ink	DD	£	11.99
Sage Payroll	DD	£	12.00
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£	15.60
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£	43.84
Salaries as Minute E54 & E55	SO	£	2,550.75
IWC Pension Conts		£	830.22
HMRC - Tax & NI		£	398.76
TOTAL		£	8,600.13

Cllr Sarah Redrup – Member Report, October**Road Safety Week**

The Wootton Bridge Community Speed Watch group will be marking Road Safety Week organised by the charity Brake. This will be happening between the **17th and 23rd November**. We will be going out and doing extra speed watch sessions this week throughout the village. I plan to team up with Wootton Bridge Primary School to make "Speed Scarecrows" to put around the village. These scarecrows will have Hi-Vis jackets with the Community Speed Watch logo on to remind drivers of the importance of driving carefully, especially during wet and darker months. I will keep the Parish Council updated on this.

Keeping Warm in Wootton

The Footprint Trust is coming to Wootton on **Tuesday 19th November** at the **Wootton Bridge Community Centre**. The Footprint Trust is an energy charity working to reduce the Isle of Wight's carbon footprint and provide advice and support on energy bills. They will be running this event to give residents advice on how to reduce your energy bills while also keeping warm through the winter months. There will be an energy-saving talk **2:00pm to 2:30pm** and then from **2:30pm to 3:30pm** there will be drop-in help sessions with **free cakes and refreshments**.

Welcome to Rev Sandra Matthews

I joined Cllr Abraham in attending the Institution of Rev Sandra Matthews at St Mildred's Church in Whippingham as the new Parish Priest for Whippingham and Wootton. She has a strong background in working in education and with young people, she was once an education advisor for the Isle of Wight Council. She also spent some time volunteering in palliative care and dementia care homes as a chaplain. After this she spent time in Jerusalem as the Director of the Anglican International School. After the service, I welcomed her to Wootton as she will now be living along Church Road. We plan to meet for a coffee and I look forward to working with her in the future.