

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Barry Abraham – Chair
Councillors Trish Evans, Lee Lemon, Linda Pitcher, Steve Porter, Jonathan Smith and Elliot Tyler

Also present 2 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 had concerns regarding the clear glass panels in Tesco in Wootton. They may be a precaution for the staff, but they asked WBPC to write to Tesco expressing concern.

1. **ABSENCE**

24/154. Councillors Redrup, Hill and Hailstone

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

24/155. Councillor Porter declared an interest regarding The Old School CIC grant application (24/158)

3. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2024**

24/156. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2024 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

24/157. To Discuss and Decide on the grant application from Wootton Creek Fairways Association

The council would like to thank Councillor Redrup for organising the press release.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL GRANT THE WOOTTON CREEK FAIRWAYS ASSOCIATION £666.93.

24/158. To discuss and decide on the grant application from The Old School CIC

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL GRANT THE OLD SCHOOL CIC £200.00

24/159. To note the National Pay Award, back dated to April 2024

The pay award is an extra £0.67 per hour backdate to April 2024 - NOTED

24/160. To discuss and decide on whether to replace the gate at the recreation ground at a cost of £1600.80 (inc VAT) subject to the IWC agreeing.

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL REPLACE THE GATE SUBJECT TO IWC AGREEMENT.

24/161. To discuss and decide on whether to buy or hire the Christmas Lights for the tree.

A discussion took place, and it was decided that the clerk would ask Ryde Town Council where they bought their lights. There were concerns that the tree has toppled over once already, and this could break the lights. A possible option was to buy the lights if the tree could be placed in the ground. If this does not happen then it was decided to hire the lights. Councillor Lemon was going to look at whether the tree can be put in the ground.

24/162. To discuss and decide on obtaining a gov.uk domain name, email addresses and moving the web hosting to Cloudnext

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREE TO OBTAINING A GOV.UK NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS AND MOVING THE WEB HOSTING TO CLOUDNEXT

24/163. To note that Wootton Bridge Primary School have fully utilised the monies sent to their Hardship Fund and they are now requesting the remaining £1000.00 allocated to them (minute 23/020).

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREE TO PAYING WOOTTON BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL THE REMAINING £1000.00 IMMEDIATELY.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

24/164. 22/01585/FUL

Land to the Northwest of Whiterails Road/West of Park Road + Land to the Southeast of Whiterails Road/West of Briddlesford Road. Wootton Bridge

Proposed renewable energy park – consisting of ground mounted solar arrays, battery energy storage system, substation building, ancillary infrastructure, means of access and associated landscaping (revised plans, additional information) (readvertised application)

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL IS REASSURED BY THE PROPOSED MEASURES PUT IN PLACE WHICH ANSWERED OUR CONCERNS AND THEREFORE NOW HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 22/01585/FUL

24/01652/FUL

55 Lushington Hill, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4NT

Removal of sheds, proposed detached specialized dwelling; alterations of vehicular

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 24/01652/FUL

24/165. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

24/01349/FUL – Approved – Palmers Farm, Brocks Copse Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4NP

24/01435/FUL – Approved – 43 High Street, Wootton Bridge PO33 4LU

24/01436/FUL – Approved – 43 High Street, Wootton Bridge PO33 4LU

24/166. Tree Preservation Orders

24/01340/TW – Approved - Castle Keep, New Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4JL

Oak – Remove main branch. This branch has a split and is partially snapped

24/167. Appeal

None

6. ACCOUNTS

24/168. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for November

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR OCTOBER TOTALLING £18,382.83, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX A OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

24/169. 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 recognized as Community Champions
- Remembrance Sunday

8. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

24/170. Councillor Porter – thanked the council for their support for the Old School CIC. They will be doing more marketing in the future.

Party in the Park was discussed – we will provisionally change the date from 19th to 26th July 2025 due to a clash with another local event on the 19th.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Signed

Date

WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Payments for Approval at Meeting on 19 November 2024

November 2024

Chris Attrill - Window Cleaner November		£	21.00
Island Cleaning Solutions - Public Toilets Cleaning October		£	884.83
Clearview Cleaning - Parish Square October		£	100.00
Gallagher Insurance - cyber insurance		£	337.12
Groundsell Contracting - October 2 x cuts		£	786.65
Footprint Trust Grant - Minute 24/142		£	500.00
Life Education Wessex & Thames Valley Grant - Minute 24/143		£	145.00
British Gas Toilets 27/09/24 - 29/10/24		£	31.02
Lifeline Alarms & Security		£	79.20
Isle of Wight Council - Recreation Ground		£	6,904.80
Isle of Wight Council - Environmental Officer		£	2,500.00
Business Stream - Toilets	DD	£	142.24
Thompsons - Christmas Tree		£	300.00
Community Action IOW - Post Office		£	500.00
HP Instant Ink - Printer Ink	DD	£	11.99
Sage Payroll	DD	£	12.00
Business Stream - HIC Water Monthly	DD	£	24.14
Wightfibre - HIC Phone & Broadband	DD	£	44.03
Salaries as Minute E54 & E55	SO	£	3,179.40
IWC Pension Conts		£	1,101.77
HMRC - Tax & NI		£	777.64
TOTAL		£	18,382.83

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

I had the pleasure of conducting two workshops with Year 5 and Year 6 students at Wootton Community Primary School to make "Speed Scarecrows" to place around the village. The students were brilliant, very polite and helpful and keen to learn about the importance of road safety. Sadly, when I asked who in the class had experienced a road accident, felt scared on the roads or knew someone who had, well over half of the children put their hands up. Some of the children told stories of incidents that had happened around Wootton. However, there were many who told me that they still felt safe and confident walking to school, which was good.

Their scarecrows had Hi-Vis jackets and signs with messages from the students to remind drivers of the importance of driving carefully, especially during wet and darker months. I would like to say a huge thank you to those who hosted a scarecrow and everyone who donated clothes and materials for the workshops!

Wootton Recognised as Community Champions!

Wootton was congratulated by Surfers Against Sewage in a talk this month hosted by the Isle of Wight Society on the topic of sewage. Chani used WBPC, FPC and Wootton Creek Fairways Association's collaboration on water testing as a prime example of how communities can work together for the benefit of nature.

At this talk Keith Herbert from Southern Water gave an insightful presentation into their data following their "pathfinder" project of which Wootton has been a part of. He outlined how one of the biggest problems Southern Water faces towards reaching their goal of reducing storm overflows and sewage releases are paved surfaces, large roofs and impermeable driveways. It is the volume and speed of water rushing across these surfaces and into drains that are a problem. The free water butts taken up by Wootton residents have helped make a difference. Southern water is currently installing permeable paving outside County Hall in Newport as this building contributes hugely towards overwhelming the storm drains. Their work will turn this part of the high street into one huge sponge. This is just one of many projects they hope to undertake across the Island including offering financial incentives for residents to dig up driveways and install permeable alternatives.

Remembrance Sunday

Cllr Barry Abraham, Cllr Trish Evans and I attended the afternoon service at St Edmund's Church on Remembrance Sunday to lay wreaths on behalf of the Wootton Bridge Parish Council and the Isle of Wight Council.