

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2025
AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Barry Abraham – Chair
Councillors Trish Evans, Linda Pitcher, Jonathan Smith and Sarah Redrup

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: None

1. ABSENCE

25/030. Councillors Porter and Tyler (apologies received). Councillor Lemon

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

25/031. None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2025

25/032. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2025 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

25/033. Discuss and decide whether to comment on the following consultation:

1. A Mayoral Combined County Authority in Hampshire and The Solent.

RESOLVED – NOTED.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:

25/034. 25/00232/RVC

Park Farm, Park Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4RL

Variation of condition 5 on 22/02269/RVC to allow wording to read the access, driveway and parking area be retained and maintained as constructed.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/00232/RVC

25/035. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

25/00034/1apa – Prior Approval Refused – Fernhill Farm, Applewood Barn, High Street Wootton Bridge PO33 4LL

25/00032/CLPUD— Refused – Fernhill Farm, Fernhill, Wootton Bridge PO33 4LL

25/036. Tree Preservation Orders

25/00305/TW – Bodwen Court, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4JR

5 day Notice – T2 & T3 Pine – fell as these trees are partially uprooted by the failure of T1

24/01899/TW – 64 St Edmunds Walk, Wootton Bridge PO33 4JB

Ash – pollard at approx. 3 metres.

25/037. Appeal

None

7. ACCOUNTS

25/038. 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 TOTTALLING £7041.97, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX A OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

25/039. Report from the Isle of Wight Council Local member.

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

- **Premier Care Access** – GP practices have delivered 117,000 additional appointments this year (9.45% increase). 67% of consultations remain face to face. Increased funding for Island dentists. Mobile dentist unit visits twice a week.
- **Domestic Abuse Provision** – trying to establish a peer support group to supplement commissioned services.
- **Devolution Update** – All 15 councils across the area feel that the Isle of Wight should remain a separate unitary authority due to unique island identity and service delivery challenges. Requests for consideration of an 'Island Deal' recognizing additional costs associated with providing services across the Solent.
- **Island Green Link** – consideration to pedestrian and cycle infrastructure along the Sloop bridge. Reached out to Cycle Wight, as well as a resurfacing of the Station Road to Park Road cycle path. Still lobbying about a pedestrian crossing at the Sloop.

9. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

25/040. Councillor Redrup asked if there was any news about the gate at the Recreation Ground. The Clerk stated she had not heard anything and would email for an update.

Councillor Evans asked what is happening with the planters on the High Street. The Clerk will contact Care in the Garden to see if they are interested in maintaining the planters as well as the shrubs on the bridge.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed

Date

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