

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 20 MAY 2025 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON
BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Barry Abraham – Chair (outgoing)
 Councillor Linda Pitcher - Chair
 Councillor Sarah Redrup – Vice-Chair
 Councillors Lee Lemon and Jonathon Smith

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:

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR AND TO RECEIVE THE
DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

25/052. Nominations were invited for the election of Chair for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR LINDA PITCHER IS ELECTED TO SERVE AS PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR AND TO RECEIVE
THE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

25/053. Nominations were invited for the election of Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR SARAH REDRUP IS ELECTED TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

3. ABSENCE

25/054. None

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

25/055. None

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO: -

25/056. Wootton Creek Fairway Association.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR SARAH REDRUP IS ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE WOOTTON CREEK FAIRWAY ASSOCIATION.

25/057. Environment and Sustainability Forum

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR JON SMITH IS ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

25/058. Local Access Forum.

RESOLVED – THIS WAS POSTONED UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING

25/059. Church Close Management Committee

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR LINDA PITCHER IS ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE CHURCH CLOSE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

25/060. St Edmunds Church Building Trust

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR LINDA PITCHER IS ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE ST EDMUNDS CHURCH BUILDING TRUST

25/061. IWALC.

RESOLVED – THIS WAS POSTONED UNTIL THE JUNE MEETING

25/062. HALC

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25/063. Any other Representatives.

No other representatives were needed at this time.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2025

25/064. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2025 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

25/065. Note loss of General Power of Competence

RESOLVED – NOTED

25/066. Discuss Grant application for Armed Forces Day

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO GRANT ISLE OF WIGHT ARMED FORCES DAY £750 TOWARDS THE MAIN STAGE ENTERTAINMENT AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES SPECIFICALLY JOHN CATTLES SKATE CLUB

25/067. Review Risk Assessments

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL ADOPTS THE REVISED RISK ASSESSMENTS

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:

25/068.

25/00583/FUL

Fernhill Farm, Applewood Barn, High Street, Wootton bridge PO33 4LL

Conversion of barn to form a dwelling including two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/00583/FUL

25/00450/RVC

Fairview, Lower Woodside, Wootton Bridge PO33 4JT

removal of condition 2 on P/01106/05 to allow use of building as accommodation not limited to solely holiday accommodation

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/00450/RVC.

25/00492/FUL

Sloop Inn, Mill Square, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4HS

Proposed external alterations including new wall lanterns; new flood defences to doors; new lighting; hard and soft landscaping; demolition of dwarf wall (revised scheme)

RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE ALTERATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATION 25/00492/FUL, HOWEVER THEY STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE CHANGE OF NAME FROM 'THE SLOOP' TO 'THE STONEHOUSE AT THE TIDE MILL'.

NONE OF THE SITE NOTICES RELATING TO THE FOUR PLANNING APPLICATIONS HAVE REFERENCE TO THE CHANGE OF NAME. THIS IS HOW MOST RESIDENTS WILL SEE THAT APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THEY WILL BE UNAWARE OF A PROPOSED CHANGE OF NAME WHICH WE FEEL THEY WOULD OBJECT TO MOST STRONGLY.

THE SLOOP INN, RYDE - PLANNING AND HERITAGE STATEMENT DETAILED BY THE APPLICANT. HERITAGE STATEMENT ITEM 7.2 STATES: THE SLOOP INN IS GRADE II LISTED UNDER REFERENCE 1234057 AND WAS LISTED IN 1989 FOR ITS SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST UNDER THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990. THE DETAILS OF LISTING REFERENCE READ AS: 'PUBLIC HOUSE AND ATTACHED OUTBUILDING, FORMERLY MILL, WITH FORMER SHOP.'

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED WORKS. 7.5 "LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICY DM11 RELATING TO HERITAGE AND CONSERVATION STATES THAT: "THE COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT PROPOSALS THAT POSITIVELY CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THE ISLAND'S HISTORIC AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT." WE THEREFORE ASK THAT THE NAME OF 'THE SLOOP' BE PRESERVED. 'THE SLOOP' WAS BUILT AS A DEDICATED PUBLIC HOUSE IN THE MID 1700S. IT WAS NOT CONNECTED TO THE WATERMILL, WHICH WAS A SEPARATE BUILDING (NOW DEMOLISHED AND REPLACED WITH MODERN HOUSING) TO THE RIGHT OF THE PROPERTY. WE FEEL THAT CHANGING THE NAME TO 'THE STONEHOUSE AT THE TIDE MILL' IS A MISREPRESENTATION AND WOULD BE CONFUSING FOR PATRONS. IT HAS BEEN A WELL-KNOWN ISLAND LANDMARK SINCE THE MID 1700S, AND SOUTHERN VECTIS BUS STOPS ARE DESIGNATED AS 'THE SLOOP'.

25/00493/LBC

Sloop Inn, Mill Square, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4HS

Listed Building Consent for proposed external alterations including new wall lanterns; new flood defences to doors; new lighting; hard and soft landscaping; demolition of dwarf wall and proposed internal alterations including new flooring; electrical works and redecoration (revised scheme)

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25/00494/ADV

Sloop Inn, Mill Square, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4HS

1 x illuminated doubled sided post mounted pictorial sign; 2 x illuminated V style sign; lantern; illuminated lettering; illuminated roundel sign

RESOLVED – RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE ALTERATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATION 25/00494/ADV, HOWEVER THEY STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE CHANGE OF NAME FROM 'THE SLOOP' TO 'THE STONEHOUSE AT THE TIDE MILL'.

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25/00497/LBC

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Listed Building Consent for 1 x illuminated doubled sided post mounted pictorial sign; 2 x illuminated V style sign; lantern; illuminated lettering; illuminated roundel sign

RESOLVED – RESOLVED - THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE ALTERATIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATION 25/00497/LBC, HOWEVER THEY STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE CHANGE OF NAME FROM 'THE SLOOP' TO 'THE STONEHOUSE AT THE TIDE MILL'.

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25/069. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

25/00331/HOU – Approved – 1 Palmers Road, Wootton Bridge PO33 4NA

25/00299/HOU – Approved – 3 Glendale Close, Wootton Bridge PO33 4RF

25/070. Tree Preservation Orders

25/00545/TW – Approved – Woodland North of Fernhill Woodland Burial Grounds, Wootton Bridge

24/01644/TW – Approved – Woodside Beach Café, Lower Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JT

25/071. Appeal

None

9. ACCOUNTS.

25/072. To inform members of the date of the internal audit of the 2024/2025 accounts.

The internal audit was carried out on the 6 May 2025

25/073. To complete the annual governance statement which forms part of the Annual Return Statement for the year end 31 March 2025.

A copy of the Annual Governance Statement has been given to the councillors.

Appendix A

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREED WITH ALL OF THE

ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS IN SECTION 1 OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT WHICH WAS THEN DULY SIGNED BY THE CHAIR AND THE CLERK.

25/074. To receive and approve the 2024/2025 accounts.

The Accounting Statement has been given to the councillors. Appendix B
RESOLVED – THAT NO MATTERS AROSE WHICH GAVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN ON THE ACCOUNTING STATEMENT, WHICH THE CHAIR AND CLERK DULY SIGNED.

25/075. To complete and sign the conflict-of-interest policy with BDO LLP.

RESOLVED – THAT THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAS COMPLETED AND SIGNED AS THERE ARE NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

25/076. To inform members of the date of the external audit for the 2024/2025 accounts.

The external audit of accounts will be held by 1 July 2025. The accounts will either be posted by 31 May 2025 or emailed to the auditor BDO.

25/077. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for May
RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT IN MAY TALLING 6557.45, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX C OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

25/078. Report from the Isle of Wight Council Local member. Appendix D

- VE day in Wootton – thank you to the councillors and residents who supported the event and Faith who runs Junk Food Project for donating food
- Community Pantry Funding – cutting funding by 46% for community pantries.
- Thank you to departing Councillors – Trish Evans, Steve Porter and Barry Abraham for all their hard work

11. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

25/079. Councillor Redrup – asked if we would still be having working groups. These will continue when we have new councillors and will be discussed further in a later meeting. Councillor Redrup also suggested a get together with the new councillors when they have been co-opted.

Councillor Pitcher asked about a new IOW flag outside the office - it has been replaced recently. She also required what time the public toilets are locked as they were locked very early on 7th May – the clerk will investigate.

Church Close update - Aspire have the lease and Councillor Pitcher is arranging a meeting with local volunteers.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.43 p.m.

Signed

Date