

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 17JUNE 2025 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Linda Pitcher– Chair
 Councillor Sarah Redrup – Vice-Chair
 Councillors Lee Lemon, Jonathon Smith, John Roberts, Ian Yeo, Kim Massey
 and Catherine Couzens.

Also present 4 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 resident was concerned about not having any form of crossing by the Sloop especially now the area is going to be a coastal path and national cycle path. He suggested that we ask the council for at least an informal zebra crossing (rubber matting, slightly raised and marked out). At the very least he feels a sign saying pedestrians crossing is needed.

The clerk pointed out that an informal crossing has previously been rejected by the council as it would be between the bus stops so it would need something that stops the traffic, such as a traffic light crossing. Clerk to contact Island Roads and Isle of Wight Council and ask about an informal crossing.

Councillor Pitcher would like to offer her gratitude to former councillor Dave Burley for all his work and deepest sympathy to his wife.

1. CO-OPTION OF 6 PARISH COUNCILLOR

25/080. There are six vacancies at the Parish Council and six people have applied: John Roberts, Jane Allen, Ian Yeo, Kim Massey, Rebekah Jones and Catherine Couzens.

RESOLVED – THAT THE NEW COUNCILLORS CO-OPTED ARE JOHN ROBERTS, JANE ALLEN, IAN YEO, KIM MASSEY, REBEKAH JONES AND CATHERINE COUZENS.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

25/081. Councillors Roberts, Yeo, Massey and Couzens signed their acceptance of office forms.

3. ABSENCE

25/082. Councillor Allen is on holiday and Councillor Jones has covid.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

25/083. None

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2025

25/084. **RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2025 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.**

6. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO: -

25/085. Local Access Forum.

RESOLVED - THIS WAS POSTONED UNTIL THE JULY MEETING

25/086. IWALC.

RESOLVED – THIS WAS POSTONED UNTIL THE JULY MEETING

25/087. HALC

RESOLVED – THIS WAS POSTONED UNTIL THE JULY MEETING

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

25/088. Motion for the Full Council - Establishment of a Working Group (Task and Finish) for a Village Survey -proposed by Cllr Redrup

Councillor Redrup proposed a working group from June to November to conduct a Village Survey which will help inform the budget setting in 2026/27 (see appendix A). It could be in the form of an online survey, drop-in sessions or A4 surveys printed and delivered

RESOLVED - MOTION ACCEPTED AND COUNCILLORS REDRUP, ROBERTS, COUZENS AND YEO WILL FORM THE WORKING GROUP.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:

25/089. None

25/090. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

25/00451/CLEUD – Approved – Park Lodge, Lower Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JH

25/00453/CLEUD – Refused – Blackthorn Hollow, Lower Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JT

25/00450/RVC – Refused – Fairview, Lowever Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JT

25/091. Tree Preservation Orders

25/00266/TW – Approved – Tree Adjacent Entrance to Lakeside, High Street, Wootton Bridge

25/092. Appeal

None

9. ACCOUNTS.

25/093. To confirm signatories to be added to the bank mandate with Nat West

RESOLVED - COUNCILLORS PITCHER, REDRUP, YEO AND LEMON ARE CONFIRMED AS THE SIGNATORIES.

25/094. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment for June

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT IN JUNE TOTALLING £6532.02, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

25/095. Report from the Isle of Wight Council Local member.

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

- Road Closures & Community Speed Watch Update – will feedback to Highways team and IR about residents' and business's views. Speed Watch also look at road service and speak to residents.
- Funding for Veteran Housing in Newport – four 1-bed flats for veterans funded in Newport
- New Committee System at County Hall
- Island Planning Strategy

11. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

25/096. Councillor Smith asked about the coastal path access between East Cowes and Wootton. Need comments by July 25

Councillor Roberts concerned can't see coastal path sign by the Sloop/New Road path was overgrown. Will flag to IR.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 19.46 p.m.

Signed

Date