

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.00 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD,
WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Linda Pitcher– Chair
 Councillor Sarah Redrup – Vice-Chair
 Councillors Jonathon Smith, Ian Yeo and Jane Allen

Also present 12 Members of the Public
 0 Member of the press
 Liz Kingston – Parish Clerk
 Lorna Morey – Assistant Parish Clerk

Items raised in the Open Forum:

Red Road residents' thanked WPBC for sending a letter to IOW council regarding the issues on Red Road. They asked if there had been a response and the clerk confirmed there was no response yet but she will chase on 24th October. Red Road residents confirmed that the Ombudsman is now involved and it is currently at assessment phase. The Clerk explained that the IOW council probably will not discuss further until Ombudsman has made a decision.

Post Office – a resident asked about usage data from the Post Office. We will ask the staff to record how many customers use the Post Office each week.

1. ABSENCE

25/129 Councillors Massey, Lemon, Roberts, Jones and Couzens

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

25/130. None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

25/131. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2025 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

25/132. To discuss and decide on the grant application received from UKSA
RESOLVED – THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO GRANT £420
TOWARDS THE UKSA PROJECT.

25/133. To discuss and decide on the grant application received from The Old School Centre CIC

A discussion took place and a question was raised about whether the wreaths from last year's Christmas event were used at their Spring event. The Clerk will try and find out.

RESOLVED – THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO GRANT £500 TOWARDS THE OLD SCHOOL CENTRE WREATH MAKING EVENT.

25/134. To delegate a councillor to be a tree warden

RESOLVED – TO POSTPONE TO NOVEMBER MEETING WHEN MORE COUNCILLORS PRESENT.

25/135. To discuss and decide on whether to comment on the Local Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation
RESOLVED – NOTED

25/136. To discuss and decide on whether to comment on on IOW Council Budget Consultation
RESOLVED – NOTED

25/137. To discuss and decide on whether to comment on Island 15 Year Transport Consultation
RESOLVED – NOTED

25/138. To discuss and decide on whether to comment on the IOW Street Trading Policy and Fees Review
RESOLVED – NOTED

25/139. To discuss and decide on whether to comment on on School Transport Policy Changes and Post 16 Review
RESOLVED – NOTED

25/140. Discuss the play park at Wootton Recreation Ground

A discussion took place regarding the play park with Councillor Redrup stating it was a popular choice on the village survey. She explained that the pirate ship has been removed due to safety concerns.

RESOLVED – IT WAS AGREED THAT COUNCILLOR REDRUP WOULD EMAIL THE IOW COUNCIL WITH REGARDS TO ORGANISING A MEETING TO DISCUSS OPTIONS IN THE PLAY PARK.

25/141. Discuss the broken lectern by the Slipway

The Clerk explained that the lectern was starting to fall apart and that she had obtained a quote to replace the lectern with a metal one. A discussion took place.

RESOLVED – COUNCILLOR SMITH WILL REACH OUT TO THE COLLEGE FIRST TO SEE IF THERE IS AN OPTION FOR ONE OF THE STUDENTS TO MAKE A LECTERN.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:

25/142. 25/01284/HOU

32 Palmers Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4NA

Demolition of garage; Proposed garage and car storage building; infill dormer extension on rear elevation

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01284/HOU

25/01387/FUL

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

Conversion of barn to form a dwelling including two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (corrected redline and certification received) (readvertised application)

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01387/FUL

25/01453/CLEUD

Land To West Of Gravel Pit Road, Wootton Bridge

Lawful Development Certificate for construction of existing pond

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01453/CLEUD

25/143. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

25/00996/HOU – Granted – 6 Woodlands Crescent, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JD

25/01015/HOU – Granted – 94 High Street, Wootton Bridge PO33 4PR

25/144. Tree Preservation Orders

25/00984/TW – Granted – 1 Belmont Cottages, Lushington Hill, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4NR

25/145. Appeal

None

6. ACCOUNTS.

25/146. 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 £7736.87, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX A OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

25/147. Report from the Isle of Wight Council Local member. Appendix B

Topics raised included the following:

- **Devolution update** – IOW voted in favour to create the Hampshire and Solent Mayoral Combined County Authority (MCCA). This new partnership will give our region more control over funding and decisions currently made by the central government.
- **Speed watch** - almost 3000 cars monitored and it is normally conducted twice monthly.
- **Village Survey** – there were 231 responses and will bring a full report to next meeting.

8. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

25/148. Councillor Allen asked whether there could be yellow lines near the rugby club at Wootton Recreation Ground. The Clerk has previously emailed Island Roads about this issue.

Councillor Yeo concerned there is a resident at lower St Edmunds walk who is in a wheelchair and there is no drop curb from where they are on right hand side. The Clerk will email Island Roads.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 20.24 p.m.

Signed

Date