

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY
9 DECEMBER 2025 AT 6.30 PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Linda Pitcher– Chair
 Councillors Ian Yeo, Lee Lemon, Kim Massey, Jane Allen 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: None

1. ABSENCE

25/161 Apologies from Councillors Roberts & Redrup.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

25/162. None

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2025

25/163. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 NOVEMBER 2025 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

25/164. Update on vacancies

The clerk confirmed that she will be advertising at the end of the week for a co-option at the January meeting.

25/165. To discuss on whether to comment on the Consultation on the Proposed changes to the island Planning Strategy

RESOLVED – TO MAKE COMMENTS WITH REGARDS TO KEEPING THE ANCIENT WOODLAND BUFFER AT 50 METRES RATHER THAN REDUCED TO 15 METRES

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

25/162. To comment on the following applications:

25/01643/14JPA

Lakeside Hotel, High Street, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4LJ
Prior Approval for the installation of roof mounted solar PVs

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01643/14JPA

25/01653/FUL

Park Meadows, Off Park Road, Wootton Bridge

Continued mixed use of land for equine and agricultural purposes, including retention of sand school and stable block.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01653/FUL FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

1. UNSUITABLE LAND CONDITIONS: THE LAND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR LIVESTOCK, INCLUDING HORSES, DUE TO ITS CONSISTENTLY WET AND MARSHY CONDITION.
2. FLOODING CONCERNS: THE RECENTLY EXCAVATED DRAINAGE DITCH HAS RESULTED IN FLOODING ON NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES. THIS ISSUE MUST BE INVESTIGATED AND ADDRESSED. SHOULD THE PROBLEM REMAIN UNRESOLVED, ANY PERMISSION ALREADY GRANTED SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED OR REVOKED.
3. UNEXPLAINED INSTALLATION OF A POSTBOX: CONCERNS HAVE BEEN RAISED REGARDING THE INSTALLATION OF A POSTBOX ON THE SITE, GIVEN THAT THE APPLICATION RELATES SOLELY TO THE KEEPING OF HORSES.
4. REMOVAL OF HEDGEROW: A HEDGEROW APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REMOVED WITHOUT THE APPROPRIATE PLANNING CONSENT, AND THIS MATTER REQUIRES CLARIFICATION AND POSSIBLE ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

25/163. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

25/01453/CLEUD – granted – Land to West of Gravel Pit Road, Wootton Bridge

25/01106/RVC – granted – Palmers Farm, Brocks Copse Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4NP

25/01387/FUL – refused – Applewood Barn, Fernhill farm, High Street, Wootton Bridge PO33 4LL

25/164. Tree Preservation Orders

NONE

25/165. Appeal

NONE

6. ACCOUNTS.

25/166. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the Accounts for payment for December

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR DECEMBER TALLING £6469.52, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX A OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

Councillor Smith arrived and apologised for being late.

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

25/167. Report from the Isle of Wight Council Local member.

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

- **Mayoral Elections Postponed**
- **National Adult and Children's Services Conference 2025**

8. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

25/168. Councillor Massey expressed concerns about the road works – present ones and future ones, especially Elenors Grove. There was little communication with businesses. Clerk will email southern water and raise concerns regarding delivery drivers, supermarket deliveries and taxi firms driving through Firestone Copse as well as asking them to liaise with business in the village.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 19.25 p.m.

Signed

Date