

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2026 AT 7PM IN THE OLD SCHOOL, NEW ROAD, WOOTTON
BRIDGE.

Present Councillor Linda Pitcher– Chair
 Councillor Sarah Redrup – Vice Chair
 Councillors John Roberts and Jon Smith

Also present 3 Members of the Public
 1 Member of the press
 Liz Kingston – Parish Clerk
 Lorna Morey – Assistant Parish Clerk

Items raised in the Open Forum: Wootton Bridge Community Centre – concerns were raised about how it is being run. The Parish Council have been in contact with IOW Council, who own the lease, and the Charity Commission about concerns raised by residents. The clerk is waiting for an update from both.

1. CO-OPTION OF 2 PARISH COUNCILLOR

26/001. There are two vacancies at the Parish Council and three people have applied: Sohpus Magill, Donald Willsmer, and Peter Hamilton.

RESOLVED – THAT THE NEW COUNCILLORS CO-OPTED ARE SOPHUS MAGILL AND DONALD WILLSMER.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

26/002. Councillors Magill and Willsmer signed their acceptance of office forms.

3. ABSENCE

26/003 Apologies from Councillors Massey and Yeo. No Councillor Lemon and Allen.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

26/004. None

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2025

26/005. **RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2025 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.**

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

26/006. To discuss and decide on whether to collaborate with The Old School Wreath event in 2026

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING AND THAT THE CLERK SHOULD ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THE OLD SCHOOL TO DISCUSS OPTIONS

26/007. To decide on grant application from Ability Dogs for Young People

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD GRANT ABILITY DOGS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE A GRANT OF £300.

26/008. To discuss the quote for the Recreation Ground play equipment and decide how to proceed

RESOLVED – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE PROVISIONALLY AGREED TO LOOK AT HELPING TO REPLACE THE PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE PLAYGROUND IN THE RECREATION GROUND. THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL QUOTES TO BE ABLE TO COMPARE PRICES AND THE CLERK CAN LOOK AT POSSIBLE GRANT FUNDING TO HELP TOWARDS THE COSTS.

26/009. To discuss and decide on the precept for 2026/27

Documents were emailed, (see appendix A), to Councillors prior to the meeting and a discussion took place. The view was that the suggested precept of £102,000 was acceptable, allowing for the current reserves.

RESOLVED – AGREED THAT THE PRECEPT FOR 2026/2027 WOULD BE £102,000.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

26/010. To comment on the following applications:

25/01783/RVC

Warwick Rise, New Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JL

Variation of condition 2 on APP/P2114/W/23/3335066 (22/01930/FUL) to allow alterations to design of dwelling.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01783/RVC

25/01835/HOU

Oak Cliff Place, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JR

Demolition of rear conservatory and replacement orangery; proposed single storey side extension providing garaging, store and plant room, entrance portico and kitchen garden structure with timber pergola.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01835/HOU

25/01811/FUL

Hazel, Lower Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JT

Replacement dwelling with detached garage and carport

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01811/FUL

26/011. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

25/01558/CLPUD – granted – 15 Whitehead Crescent, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4JF

25/01643/14JPA – prior approval granted – Lakeside Hotel, High Street, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4LJ

26/012. Tree Preservation Orders

NONE

26/013. Appeal

NONE

8. ACCOUNTS.

26/014. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the Accounts for payment for January

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT FOR JANUARY TOTALLING £12,701.91 A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX B OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

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

26/015. Report from the Isle of Wight Council Local member.

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

- Government Improvement and Action Plan
- Council Funding Gap
- Wootton to Binfield cycle path

10. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

26/016. Councillor Roberts has said he will no longer be the tree warden due to health. The clerk will add to the next agenda.

Councillor Magill said that Connection Kitchen are currently using the kitchen at Church Close Community Centre but it isn't up to standard. Councillor Pitcher said there may be potential funding from money left from WAGE and that the Parish Council still have some monies already allocated to Church Close Community Centre.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.13p.m.

Signed

Date