

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

Present Councillor Sarah Redrup– Chair
 Councillor Ian Yeo – Vice Chair
 Councillors Lind Pitcher, Jon Smith, Donald Willsmer, Jane Allen, John Roberts.
 Sophus Magill and Lee Lemon

Also present 5 Members of the Public
 1 Member of the press
 Liz Kingston – Parish Clerk
 Lorna Morey – Assistant Parish Clerk

Open Forum:

Dr Akundi – MAPS (Medical Awareness Program). Asked him to drop details into the Parish Office

A resident asked about hooks in the wall by the creek; the clerk explained that the IOW are aware and are dealing with it. He also mentioned the lectern by the creek as it needs replacing. Councillor Lemon said he will remove it and the Clerk is looking at ordering a new one. He also expressed disappointment that none of the councillors attended the Litter Pick event.

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

26/058. Nominations were invited for the election of Chair for the forthcoming year.
RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR SARAH REDRUP 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.

26/059. Nominations were invited for the election of Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.
RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR IAN YEO IS ELECTED TO SERVE AS VICE CHAIR
FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR.

3. ABSENCE

26/060. Councillor Massey has sent apologies.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

26/061. None

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO: -

26/062. Wootton Creek Fairway Association.
RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR SOPHUS MAGILL IS ELECTED TO SERVE
ON THE WOOTTON CREEK FAIRWAY ASSOCIATION.

26/063. Environment and Sustainability Forum
RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR SOPHUS MAGILL IS ELECTED TO SERVE ON
THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

26/064. Local Access Forum.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR JANE ALLENS ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

26/065. Church Close Management Committee

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

26/066. St Edmunds Church Building Trust

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

26/067. IWALC.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR IAN YEO IS ELECTED TO SERVE AS THE IWALC REPRESENTATIVE

26/068. HALC

The Chair postponed this decision until after minute 26/071 was decided.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL NOT BE A MEMBER THIS YEAR THEREFORE NOT REQUIRE A REPRESENTATIVE

26/069. Any other Representatives.

No other representatives were needed at this time.

6. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2026

26/070. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2026 WERE APPROVED AND DULY SIGNED.

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

26/071. To discuss and decide whether to stay as a member of HALC

RESOLVED – THE PARISH COUNCIL DECIDED NOT TO BE A MEMBER OF HALC.

26/072. To discuss and decide on the Grant Application from The Footprint Trust

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD GRANT THE FOOTPRINT TRUST £500 AND REMIND THEM OF THE REMAINING MONIES STILL HELD BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

26/073 To discuss and adopt the following policies for the website:

1. Accessibility Policy

2. Privacy Policy

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL ADOPTS THE ACCESSIBILITY POLICY AND THE PRIVACY POLICY.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

26/074. To comment on the following applications: NONE

26/075. Decisions made by the Isle of Wight Council

26/00334/HOU – GRANTED – 19 Lushington Hill, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4NT

26/076. Tree Preservation Orders

25/01588/TW – GRANTED – Fernhill Farm, Fernhill, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4LL

26/077. Appeal: NONE

9. ACCOUNTS.

26/078. To inform members of the date of the internal audit of the 2025/2026 accounts.

The internal audit was carried out on the 10 May 2025

26/079. To complete the annual governance statement which forms part of the Annual Return Statement for the year end 31 March 2026.

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.

26/080. To receive and approve the 2025/2026 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.

26/081. 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

26/082. To inform members of the date of the external audit for the 2025/2026 accounts.

The external audit of accounts will be held by 1 July 2026. The accounts will either be posted or emailed to the auditor BDO by 31 May 2026.

26/083. 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 TOTALLING £5366.46, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX C OF THESE MINUTES, BE PAID.

10. MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

26/084. Councillor Smith stated he was delayed in the getting the walk to the biosphere, so it won't happen. He and Councillor Magill are hoping to arrange the walk anyway and will inform the clerk of the date.

Councillor Roberts stated that a hedge is partially blocking a pavement in New Road. The clerk will report to Island Roads

Councillor Willsmer stated the fence by the cycle path is being reinstated and the path from St Edmunds Church to Woodside has laurels planted very close to the path.

Councillor Magill has emailed the Charity Commission about the community centre in Brannon Way.

Councillor Pitcher mentioned N97 and that it is overgrown, loads of litter and in a bad state. The clerk will report this to Island Roads. Also is there a possibility of a CCTV camera opposite the fencing at Church Road. The clerk will contact Places for People

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 19.51p.m.

Signed

Date