

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15 MARCH 2011 AT 7.00 P.M. IN WOOTTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present: Councillor Ken Morris (Chairman)
Councillors Dick Doran, Brian Ballard, Barrie Hailstone,
Roy Murphy, Barry Abraham, Sarah Fulford, Pete Mundell

Also present: 3 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press
Val Cooper Parish Clerk

Matters raised during the Open Forum

- No matters were raised in the Open Forum.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

11/070. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Porter and R Ashley.

2. MINUTES.

11/071. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2011 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

11/072. Councillor R Murphy declared a personal and prejudicial interest in matters relating to the WICI.

Councillor B Abraham declared a personal and prejudicial interest in matters relating to the Planning Application for Oak Farm, Lower Woodside Road.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Progress reports only.

11/073. Toilets in the Village Square (11/035).

The Clerk had been in contact with Property Services about buying into the relevant contracts and to confirm the Parish Council's commitment in taking over the toilets in the Village Square to avoid them closing on 1st April 2011. The Parish Council delegated Councillor Ken Morris and Councillor Barry Abraham, in conjunction with the Clerk, to make the necessary decisions on contracts and expenses in respect of the village toilets.

11/074. No Cold Calling Zone (11/059).

The Clerk had been in contact with the Principal Fair Trading Officer for details of the Wootton Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. Once these are available the No Cold Calling Zone will be progressed.

11/075. Wootton Primary School Banner (11/063).

The banner depicting views from the bridge was ordered after the last meeting and is now at the Help and Information Centre. This was shown to the meeting and it was felt this is excellent and it will be put on display.

11/076. Network Cabling at the HIC 11/069).

The work has now been carried out and the office looks much tidier as a result.

11/077. Big Tidy Up 11/057).

The Big Tidy Up litter pick had been arranged for Tuesday 29th March 2011 at 10.00 a.m. Children from the Primary School are going to be involved.

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11/078. Community Governance & Polling Places Review – Boundary Changes (11/372).
Information received regarding suggestions to parish or town council boundaries. There are at present no proposals to take forward suggestions made.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following planning applications:-

11/079. P/00012/11 LDC/30446

Oak Farm, Lower Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

Lawful Development Certificate for retention of timber extension to former stable building.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HAD NO COMMENT TO MAKE ON P/00012/11 LDC/30446.

11/080. P00013/11 TCP/30446/A

Oak Farm, Lower Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge

Continued use of land and building in connection with a printing and vinyl business operation.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD REQUEST AN EXTENSION TO THE DECISION DATE REGARDING APPLICATION P00013/11 TCP/30446/A TO GIVE THE PARISH COUNCIL TIME TO LOOK AT THE SITE AND CONSIDER CONCERNS RAISED AT THE MEETING AND ON LINE AS FOLLOWS:-

- The land is outside of the development envelope.
- Its proposed use would be out of keeping in this rural area and could set a precedent for similar development.
- The infrastructure is not suitable in terms of width, structure and access.
- The land is in an area designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

11/081. P00204/11 TCP/00043/P

Woodside House, Woodside Road, Wootton Bridge.

Demolition of detached garage; proposed detached building to form garden room, utility room and garden store (revised scheme).

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTION TO APPLICATION P/00204/11 TCP/0043/P.

Urgent planning matters: Any other planning applications received after the Agenda was published:-

11/082. P/00242/11 LBC/00922/P

33 High Street, Wootton Bridge.

Revision to previously approved scheme (P/00418/09 – LBC/00922/J) to allow removal of chimney stacks.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTS TO APPLICATION P/00242/11 LBC/00922/P AS THIS IS A LISTED BUILDING AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE CHIMNEY STACKS REMAIN.

To receive any notices of planning decisions, appeals, Tree Preservation Orders etc.

11/083. Decisions

Members were informed of the following decisions received since the last meeting.

P/01624/10 TCP/20245/C – Approved.

P/01912/10 TCP/24682/C – Approved.

P/01920/10 TCP/08784/A – Approved.

P/01765/10 TCP/24058/A - Approved

P/01766/10 TCP/A/02560 - Approved

11/084. Tree Preservation Order

TPO/2911/05 – Land at Woodside Beach Caravan Park, Lower Woodside Road.

11/085. Appeal.

Appeal Ref. APP/P2114/X/10/2127942 – Buttercup Barn. Appeal dismissed.

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

11/086. Report by Local Member

The Local member reported that a decision is going to be made shortly regarding the proposal to merge the fire control centre on the Isle of Wight with Surrey's. This is due to the decision by Central Government to regionalise all of the fire control centres into nine. Details of this proposed merger were outlined, including the decision taken a few years ago regarding investment in mobile data, which will prevent lack of local knowledge becoming a problem as information will be available in the "shout" vehicle.

7. LOCAL BUS SERVICE

11/087. To discuss the Consultation document.

The rural Wight Bus Service is ceasing in the late summer/autumn. This is an issue being looked at by the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC), as well as Parish Council's and other local organisations. Various ideas are coming to the fore, with these initiatives being pulled together.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD SEND A RESPONSE TO THE LOCAL BUS SERVICE CONSULTATION SUPPORTING THE RETENTION OF A COMMUNITY PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE.

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PANEL

11/088. To discuss the progress on the setting up of the Neighbourhood Action Panel and any proposals made.

The first Local Action Group for Wootton/Fishbourne/Binstead was held on 17th February 2011. The meeting addressed the need to ensure that all three areas were accommodated fairly. Minutes had been circulated which detailed the Initial Priorities, with Traffic Calming Considerations for Mary Rose Avenue being raised for Wootton. Any Parish Councillor or Parishioner can make suggestions to the group, with the representative for Wootton Bridge being Councillor R Murphy. The next meeting is due to be held on Thursday 14th April 2011.

9. YOUNG PEOPLE'S REQUIREMENTS IN THE VILLAGE

To discuss youth issues in the village.

11/089. Extra Evening at the Youth Centre.

Councillor S Porter is in early discussions about running an extra evening at the Youth Centre. Costs for this are being looked into.

11/090. Additional WICI Kiosk.

A second WICI (Wootton Interactive Community Information) Kiosk has now been purchased, with the Parish Council being successful in securing grant funding for the majority of this. The kiosk will be located in the Youth Centre.

11/091. Old School Building.

The local member hoped to have more information about the future of the old school building by the end of April 2011.

10. WOOTTON TRAFFIC ORDER

11/092. To consider the response from the Assistant Traffic Technician to the new proposals regarding yellow lining in the village.

The Parish Council's response to the Isle of Wight Council's draft proposals regarding yellow lining in the village had been received by Highways. Included in the response was a request that the Isle of Wight Council ask residents requesting yellow lines in the village to speak to the Parish Council in the first instance. This would give the Parish Council the opportunity to consider the request before any formal decision is taken. The response from Highways to this

request had been received and circulated to members. The local member is to take the response up with Highways.

The Isle of Council will arrange for the proposals to be advertised in the County Press and on lamp posts, which will give members of the public the opportunity to make their own comments.

11. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

To discuss any outstanding Highway issues.

11/093. Station Road.

- The issue of speeding in Station Road was raised, with one of the vehicles in question being from Highways. The local member was to take this matter back to the Isle of Wight Council.
- The issue of a car parking on the pavement was raised. This will be passed to the local beat officer.

11/094. Harwoods Crossing.

The installation of the illuminated sign had been chased. A concern was raised about how effective this would be.

11/095. Pot Holes/Road Subsidence.

The Local Member is endeavouring to get information on this. He hopes to have information available for the next meeting.

12. PLAY AREA AT THE RECREATION GROUND

11/096. To discuss the additional play equipment requested and associated matters.

A request had been made for additional play equipment in the Play Area at the Recreation Ground. Eibe, the original equipment provider, are coming back with proposals. Fencing of the area is also under consideration and quotations are being sought. The Clerk had investigated the availability of grant funding, which may be a possibility up to £10,000. Once quotations are in, the issue of contributions and fund raising will need to be considered. It is hoped that further information will be available by the time of the next meeting.

It was reported that the existing roundabout had been relocated to the new play area, with thanks needing to go to Parks for the excellent job they have made of this.

13. VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP

11/097. To report on the meeting of the Social Committee for Party in the Park held on 22 February 2011.

- Ways of increasing revenue were discussed.
- Events/Entertainment ideas so far, in addition to the usual favourites, included Swing Boats for the afternoon and evening. The Smoke Filled room (from the Fire Service), A Slow Cycle Race, possibly a motor bike show. It was also suggested that a Gang Show is held due to it being 100 years ago that the Scouts started in Wootton.
- The next Social Committee meeting is to be held on Tuesday 5 April at 7.00 at the HIC.

14. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

11/098. IWALC Executive.

There is an IWALC meeting this Thursday, with a presentation by Planning Aid, a National Charity which is being disbanded, about how roles may change regarding planning.

11/099. Community Centre.

A meeting had been held with members of the Community Centre, with a view to forming a closer working relationship. Members of the Community Centre were receptive to the possibility of the WICI Training Suite going into their building and it is hoped that a

representative from the Parish Council can go on to the Management Committee at the Community Centre. It is envisaged that the Parish Council and the Community Centre will work together around the 2012 Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, as well as other village events, including the Christmas Festival.

11/100. Society of Local Council Clerks AGM

The Clerk had attended the AGM of the SLCC on Thursday 17th February 2011 at East Cowes Town Hall. Items discussed included the revision and consolidation of the Accounts and Audit regulation as well as the County Training Partnership. The President of the SLCC (Bruce Poole) has agreed to attend the next branch meeting on Thursday 16th June 2011.

11/101. Introduction to Social Enterprise.

The Clerk had attended a training workshop "Introduction to Social Enterprise" run by the Rural Community Council. This may be of particular relevance if the Parish Council get the opportunity to take over the old school building in New Road.

15. CORRESPONDENCE.

For information only.

11/102. Nothing to report.

16. ACCOUNTS.

11/103. To consider and approve the accounts for payment

Members were presented with the accounts for payment.

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS PRESENTED TOTALLING £6,484.73 BE PAID, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS **APPENDIX A** OF THESE MINUTES.

17. TO RECEIVE ANY ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

11/104. Items to be included on the next agenda:-

No items were raised for the next Agenda.

IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED IT IS ADVISABLE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE TEMPORARILY EXCLUDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW – IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEEETINGS) ACT 1960 S1(2) AND STANDING ORDER N0. 57

18. MINUTES OF THE EXEMPT MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBURARY 2011.

11/105. To approve the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2011.

RESOLVED – THAT THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2011 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

19. GRASS CUTTING AND HANDYMAN CONTRACT

11/106. To consider the quotations received and agree the grass cutting contract for 2011.

Members were informed that one quote had been received from the existing grass cutting contractor.

RESOLVED – THAT THE QUOTATION SUBMITTED BY GROUNDELLS IN RESPECT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT BE ACCEPTED FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

20. JOANNES WALK LITTER SWEEPING CONTRACT 2011.

11/107. To consider quotes received and agree the litter sweeping contract for 2011.

Members were informed that one quotation had been received from the existing litter sweeping contractor for the next financial year.

RESOLVED – THAT THE QUOTATION SUBMITTED BY CLEARVIEW CLEANING IN RESPECT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE LITTER SWEEPING CONTRACT FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR BE ACCEPTED.

21. ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

11/108. To inform the meeting of the nomination for the Royal Garden Party received by IWALC.

The nomination for the Royal Garden Party was shared with members.

RESOLVED – THAT A SUM OF £100.00 WOULD BE PAID TOWARDS TRAVELLING EXPENSES FOR THE NOMINEE TO ATTEND THE ROYAL GARDEN PARTY.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed.....dated.....