

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2010 AT 7.00PM IN WOOTTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present : Councillor Ken Morris Chairman
Councillor Steve Porter Vice Chairman
Councillors Barry Abraham Brian Ballard Dick Doran Barrie Hailstone Peter Mundell
Roy Murphy Miss Sarah Fulford Rob Ashley

Also present: 2 Members of the public
1 Member of the press
Mrs L Smith Parish Clerk
Ms Val Cooper Acting Parish Clerk

Matters raised during the Open Forum

- The presence of dogs in the recently completed playground and the issue of dog waste.
Only a small sign is currently in place.
It was agreed that better signage would be arranged.
- Whether the slide at the Recreation Ground would be utilised in the new playground.
It is understood that this slide will be removed but the roundabout will be moved to the new play area.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

10/090. Apologies were received from Rachael Knight from the Youth Club.

2. MINUTES.

10/091. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2010 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

10/092. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest were received from:-
Councillors D Doran and B Abraham:

Matters relating to the planning application for the Polytunnel at Lakeside.

Councillor S Porter:

Matters which may be raised relating to Wightlink.

Councillor R Murphy:

Matters relating to the WICI.

Councillor B Abraham:

Matters relating to the planning application for the temporary classroom at Wootton Primary School.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Progress reports only.

10/093. Community Turbines (Minute 10/054)

The local landowner who raised this suggestion had reported that the organisation at the forefront of a proposal for this community scheme made a visit to the prospective site and were encouraged that the scheme has significant merits for their continued involvement. In this connection the Parish Council had been invited to visit the farm and view the area that is being investigated and it was suggested a good time would be prior to the formal presentation to the Council at the end of April.

The Parish Council agreed that they would prefer to visit the site for the proposed community turbine after the presentation to the Council.

10/094. Bridge Improvement Works (Minute 10/055)

The Project Engineer, Isle of Wight Council, advised the Parish Council that the design works are ongoing and will go into the next financial year.

10/095. War Memorial St Edmunds Churchyard (Minute 10/057)

Grant funding for the renovation of the War Memorial is still being investigated.

10/096. Playground seating and statue (Minute 09/059)

The sign and bin have still not been erected. This matter will be taken up with the Isle of Wight Council.

10/097. Lloyds Bank Building (Minute 10/072)

The Local Member reported that there are several avenues being explored at present regarding the future of this building and once concrete information is known members will be informed accordingly.

10/098. Dog Bin – Fernhill Cycleway/Ornamental Walk (Minute 10/074)

The Parish Council is on a waiting list for a dog bin that is under used elsewhere on the Island. The merit of this is that both the cost of the bin and the emptying of it will be paid for by the Isle of Wight Council.

10/099. Creek Gardens

Communal dustbins and For Sale boards on the frontage were an issue of concern. This is to be followed up.

5. PLANNING.

To comment on the following applications:-

10/100. P00167/10 TCP/18086/F

Proposed polytunnel
Lakeside, High Street

Two objections had been made online. These were read out at the meeting. The Isle of Wight AONB Partnership raised no objections as the proposed location is only visible from a short section of the bridleway and is screened by hedgerows, woodland and topography.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00167/10 TCP/18086/F

10/101. P/00212/10 TCP/02429/U

Temporary siting of mobile classroom block with associated stores and w.c.s and external steps/decking.

Wootton Community Primary School, Church Road

An objection was read out from a local resident.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00212/10 TCP/02429/U

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

10/102. P//00219/10 TCP/22457/C

Continued siting of two holiday chalets
Ty-Y-Mor, Lower Woodside Road

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00219/10 TCP/22457/C

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

10/103. Decisions.

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

P/00002/10 LDC/24309/D – Refusal of Certificate of Existing Lawful Use or Development

P/00091/10 AGN/23052/E – Approval

P/01781/09 TCP/29936 – Application was officially withdrawn

P/0187/09 TCP/02077/U – Approved

6. YOUNG PEOPLE'S REQUIREMENTS IN THE VILLAGE

10/104. To welcome the Youth Club Leader and Members to the meeting and to discuss youth issues in the village.

The Youth Club leader sent her apologies. There were no young people from the Youth Club present.

7. WOOTTON WICI.

10/105. Progress report

Councillor D Doran updated the meeting about the WICI. Volunteers are still required regarding content and to this effect this matter will be raised at the Village Partnership meeting on 30 March 2010. The grant returns have to be in by the 26th March 2010.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS.

10/106. Community Speed Watch

Unless eight volunteers come forward the speed watch cannot take place in the four roads identified. Speeding in Rectory Drive had also been raised by a resident, with "rat running" also being an issue of concern.

10/107. Highways Issues associated with speeding in Station Road and Mary Rose Avenue

The sign in Station Road is in the throes of being moved as it is not effective where it is currently sited. The issue of speeding in Mary Rose Avenue will be taken up at the meeting with Highways on Friday 19th March 2010. Discussion was raised about 20 m.p.h. being a good way forward for all of the side roads in Wootton Bridge

RESOLVED – THAT 20 M.P.H. WILL BE REQUESTED FOR ALL OF THE SIDE ROADS IN WOOTTON BRIDGE

10/108. Harwoods Crossing

Suggestions for making the crossing safer were put forward. The local Primary School was contacted and asked to make the children aware of the need to be vigilant at this crossing. The school put this in their Newsletter.

RESOLVED – THAT THE SAFETY OF THE CROSSING OUTSIDE HARWOODS GARAGE WILL BE RAISED AT THE MEETING WITH HIGHWAYS ON 19TH MARCH 2010

9. PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE REVIEW

10/109. To consider the Parish Council insurance issues and decide on which company to use.

Alternative quotations for insurance were being considered.

RESOLVED – THAT THE DECISION ABOUT WHICH COMPANY TO USE FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE WILL BE MADE AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 20 APRIL 2010.

10. RECREATION GROUND TOILETS

10/110. To form a working group to look into the asbestos survey carried out on the Recreation Ground toilets with a view to recommending to the Parish Council whether or not to proceed with the renovations required.

It was reported that the asbestos survey needs to be considered in more detail before deciding whether or not to proceed with the renovations. In the meantime investigations regarding possible design, costs and funding streams can be carried out.

RESOLVED – THAT A SMALL COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED TO LOOK AT THE ASBESTOS SURVEY FOR THE DISUSED TOILETS IN THE RECREATION GROUND AND THEIR FINDINGS WILL BE REPORTED TO A FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

11. VILLAGE OPEN DAY

10/111. To discuss whether to have a separate Village Open Day or to have the Open Day as part of this year's Party in the Park

As there will be a big consultation at Party in the Park in July, it was felt that the Village Open Day should be held after Party in the Park.

RESOLVED – THAT THE VILLAGE OPEN DAY WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 2010

12. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

10/112. To remind members of the date of the Annual Parish Meeting and to decide whether to have a guest speaker.

Members were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting is usually held on the same evening as the April Parish Council meeting, which this year is on Tuesday 20 April 2010. The Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 6.30 p.m. and will be held at Wootton Primary School.

RESOLVED – THAT A GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING. .

13. HELP AND INFORMATION CENTRE

10/113. To inform members of the changes to the Isle of Wight Council Outreach Service.

The Isle of Wight Council has now confirmed that they will only be able to provide their Outreach Service on two mornings a week (Mondays and Fridays) which is a 50% reduction. This was of concern as residents find this a valuable service. It was felt that there is now a need to look at the future of the Help Centre including ways of generating an income.

RESOLVED – THAT THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL WILL BE MADE AWARE OF THE LOCAL CONCERNS ABOUT THE REDUCTION IN THE OUTREACH SERVICE AT THE HIC.

- THAT A REVIEW OF THE BEST USE OF THE OFFICE SPACE AT THE HELP AND INFORMATION CENTRE WILL BE CONSIDERED.

14. MARQUEE/POP UP SHELTER

10/114. Consider the viability of purchasing a marquee for village events, instead of hiring.

Quotations had been obtained for the cost of purchasing a marquee. The cost of this could be offset by the annual cost of hiring a marquee for the Party in the Park. The marquee could also be used for other events throughout the year.

RESOLVED – PARISH COUNCILLORS WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT A MARQUEE SHOULD BE PURCHASED FOR VILLAGE USE, SUCH AS PARTY IN THE PARK.

15. CHINESE VISIT TO THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

10/115. To consider purchasing a present from the Parish Council on behalf of the village to present to the Chinese delegation coming to visit the Primary School on the 18th and 19th March.

Councillors Ken Morris and Steve Porter (Chairman and Vice-Chairman) were to meet with the Chinese delegation at the Primary School on the morning of the 19th March 2010. A framed picture of the bridge over Wootton Quay was suggested as a gift on behalf of the village.

RESOLVED – THAT A FRAMED PICTURE OF THE BRIDGE WOULD BE DONATED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL TO THE CHINESE DELEGATION TO COMMEMORATE THEIR VISIT

16. VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP/REGENERATION – PROGRESS REPORTS

10/116. Sports and Fitness Centre Project. Update

There had been a recent meeting regarding the Sports and Fitness Centre. The project had been reviewed and it was clear that little or no capital grant funding is available. Even if money becomes available this would need to be match funded to the sum of £375,000. The conclusion of the meeting was that the Rugby Club would be approached about the possibility of upgrading their building into a multi sports site. This will be dependent on the lease at the Rugby Club. Also, any upgrade of the existing building will be subject to local consultation.

Councillor B Ballard and Peter Foister were thanked for their hard work on the project.

10/117. Partnership Meeting

To endorse the Minutes of the Village Partnership Meeting held on 27.10.09. (Appendix A)

RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 27.10.09, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX A OF THESE MINUTES, BE APPROVED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

17. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

10/118. IWALC Executive. Consider the Pros and Cons of continuing involvement with IWALC.

Due to other commitments, Councillor B Ballard had asked if another Councillor would take on the role of Parish Council representative to IWALC. Councillor D Doran has offered to take on this role. It was suggested that the value of continued membership of IWALC be reviewed after three executive meetings. The Clerk pointed out that as a Quality Council the information gained from IWALC would be difficult to get hold of if the Parish Council is not a member.

RESOLVED – THAT THE VALUE OF CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP OF IWALC WILL BE REVIEWED AFTER COUNCILLOR D DORAN HAS ATTENDED THREE IWALC MEETINGS.

10/119. Island Core Strategy

Outcome of the Island Core Strategy Meeting at Fishbourne on 23.2.10.

It was reported that Fishbourne Parish Council are concerned that there is no mention in the Island Plan to address any of their concerns regarding traffic problems associated with the Wightlink Ferry Terminal.. Fishbourne Parish Council requested each of the four Parish Councils that attended the above meeting contribute to their letter. Discussion took place about this and it was agreed that further understanding was required about what is being asked for.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD WELCOME BEING PART OF A WORKING PARTY WITH THE OTHER THREE PARISH COUNCILS TO JOINTLY FORMULATE A LETTER REGARDING FERRY TERMINAL TRAFFIC IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISLAND PLAN.

10/120. BIFFA

As from 12 April 2010, all backdoor refuse collections will cease and will be kerbside only. It was of concern that consultation had not been undertaken prior to the changes taking place.

10/121. Youth Club

The numbers at the Youth Club are up, as are the lettings, with the club being well used.

10/122. Fairways

Issues around the Queens Harbour Master and the Creek had been discussed. This is being monitored with Fairways.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

For information only:-

10/123. Letter from Councillor Edward Giles, Councillor for Whippingham & Osborne (Cabinet Member for the Environment & Transport.

This related to the Highways PFI and the tremendous importance of this to the Island, its transport infrastructure and economy. The immediate task is now to find a partner to carry out the PFI and explore every avenue to exploit the opportunities this brings.

10/124. Rural Community Council wishes to promote a new regional web site based resource to help communities with their Community Led Planning.

This will be looked at as part of the work with the Wootton Bridge Plan.

10/125. E-mail from IWALC regarding requests for Legal Advice.

Information on procedures had been received and will be kept at the Help and Information Centre.

10/126. Information in from Ventnor Town Councillor Robin Mew and his community wind turbine plan.

This referred to a BBC Panorama programme and their positive spin on the benefits of a wind turbine. Councillor Robin Mew had another view on this which can be viewed at the HIC.

10/127. Health Trainer Links with Town & Parish Councils information in from Public Health Dept.

Within the Isle of Wight Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2020, the following target was set. "Every Parish Council will have a health trainer to support community programmes to provide advice and support for weight management and healthy lifestyles. " In this connection Parish Councils have been approached for their views on this aim and the issues it raises. This of course could all form part of our wider village plan.

10/128. Hampshire Police – Safer Communities.

Councillor B Ballard will take this on.

19. ACCOUNTS

10/129. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.

Members were presented with the accounts for payment.

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS PRESENTED TOTALLING £4,135.11, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX "B" OF THESE MINUTES, BE APPROVED.

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

10/130. Provision of Dog Poo Bags.

The Environment Neighbourhood Officer has stated that dog bags are no longer to be provided in the dispensers. To this effect she is asking the Parish Council whether they would like to provide this service. This matter will go on the next Agenda.

10/131. Rubbish at Ornamental Drive

Three or four bags of rubbish had accumulated but not been taken away.

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

Signed

Date