

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.00PM IN WOOTTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

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

Also present: 11 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press
PC Nick Massey
Val Cooper Parish Clerk

Matters raised during the Open Forum

- There were no matters raised in the Open Forum.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

10/388. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S Porter.

2. MINUTES.

10/389. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2010 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

10/390. Councillor R Murphy declared a personal and prejudicial interest in matters relating to the WICI.

Councillor D Doran declared a personal and prejudicial interest in matters relating to Rectory Drive. Councillors B Abraham & D Doran declared a personal and prejudicial interest in matters relating to the Lakeside.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Progress reports only.

10/391. WICI (10/308).

A “user” training programme is underway. Councillors and “champions” need to get involved in this training which will probably be held at the HIC.

10/392. Annual Report (10/359)

The annual reports are now at the HIC and are waiting to be delivered.

10/393. Shoreline Management Plan (10/368)

A meeting was held at the HIC on 14.10.10 to formulate a response. It was agreed that the Clerks from Wootton Bridge Parish Council and Fishbourne Parish Council would meet on 19.10.10 to complete joint online forms for each unit of the proposed policies.

10/394. Recreation Ground Toilets (10/369).

Confirmation had been received from Property Services that they will leave an inspection cover with the services capped off underneath upon demolition.

10/395. Way Forward with the Help & Information Centre (10/371).

The successful bidder for the Community Tea Room is planning to open the facility from the beginning of January 2011.

10/396. Woodside Development (10/350)

The Project Engineer advised the Parish Council that following consultation with the Isle of Wight Council and Natural England, they have reached an acceptable compromise regarding the concrete slipway. Work will commence immediately.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following applications:-

10/397. No Planning applications had been received.

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

10/398. No other planning applications had been received.

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

10/399. Tree Preservation Order

TPO/1988/10 - 88 Mary Rose Avenue

10/400. Decisions.

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

P/01086/10 – LDC/30264.	Refused
P/01043/10 – TCP/17431/G	Approved
P/01280/10 – LDC/08679/D	Approved.

10/401. Appeals

No Appeals had been received.

6. YOUNG PEOPLE'S REQUIREMENTS IN THE VILLAGE.

To welcome the Youth Club member to the meeting and to discuss youth issues in the village.

10/402. There were no Youth Club representatives at the meeting.

7. PROPOSED TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF HIGH STREET & NEW ROAD AND RESULTANT REMOVAL OF LAYBY

10/403. Outcome of Meeting with Highways.

Following a meeting between the Local Member and representatives from Highways on site, there is the possibility that the layby may be retained but the traffic lights are to be installed in line with the planning consent granted in respect of the Woodside Bay holiday park in July 2005.

Due to the Parish Council and members of the public not feeling the lights are necessary, suggestions included approaching the developer to see if they would make an application for the condition for the lights to be removed and that they approach the owner of the house on the corner of New Road/High Street about shaving off part of their boundary wall. Discussion took place about the public consultation that took place at the time of the planning application for the holiday park. It seems there should have been a consultation about the lights, but residents and businesses were not made aware of this. Concern was expressed about this as it seems the condition for traffic lights came in at a later date.

A letter had been sent to Highways by a local resident which referred to the Government's Manual for Streets published in 2007 which supersedes Design Bulletin 32 and contains revised advice applicable to High Streets. This letter outlined visibility splays and provided photographs of the visibility at the junction of the High Street and New Road. The Isle of Wight Council are saying that the requirements for the new junction and a means of signalised control is set out in the s106 planning legal agreement attached to the permission for the holiday park. The local resident stated that the decision to impose this Highways condition on planning should have been done in conjunction with the Chair and Local Member which did not happen. The local resident had written to Highways to ask them to reconsider signing the 278 agreement. He was thanked for all of his efforts in trying to resolve this matter.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF NEW ROAD AND THE HIGH STREET WILL BE KEPT ON THE AGENDA UNTIL THE MATTER IS SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

8. REVIEW OF THE WOOTTON TRAFFIC ORDER

10/404. To discuss proposals received regarding No Waiting parking restrictions.

Information had been emailed to members about this on 12.10.10. Concern was expressed about the apparent reduction in parking and where the proposals had come from. It seems that some proposals may have come forward from residents and property owners. Discussion took place about there being other areas of the village that are not mentioned.

RESOLVED – THAT A SMALL COMMITTEE WOULD MEET TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE WOOTTON TRAFFIC ORDER AND BRING THESE BACK TO THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

9. HIGHWAYS ISSUES

10/405. Progress Report.

- Brocks Copse Road. The traffic count results had been received which showed no overall speeding problem. Concern was expressed at the meeting about traffic increasing once the development in East Cowes is completed.
- Footways. The speed monitoring results had not been received.
- New Road. Councillor Hailstone will liaise with the Clerk about submitting a letter to the Isle of Wight Council expressing concern that no one from Highways has “walked the road” with him.
- Station Road. Traffic survey to be kept on the agenda.

10. GRAVEL PIT ROAD FOOTPATH N215

10/406. Update on the situation regarding vehicular access.

A local resident referred to a letter he had received from Planning following their site meeting with the owner of the business that has vehicular access over the footpath. Planning do not feel in a position to put in an Enforcement Order and no further action will be taken as it is not felt that the business use materially affects the residential use of the property. The local resident pointed out that the increased vehicular access is affecting the lane and remains a concern. The Local Member had been given different information to the above and will look into this.

RESOLVED – THAT THE LOCAL MEMBER WOULD CLARIFY THE SITUATION OF VEHICULAR ACCESS IN GRAVEL PIT ROAD FOOTPATH.

11. PARKING ON THE SLIPWAY AT THE SLOOP

10/407. To discuss parking on the slipway and how this can be addressed.

Discussion took place about parking across the slipway which means boat owners cannot get access to the creek. It seems that the public highway stops short of the slipway so the double yellow lines across the entrance to the slipway are not enforceable through a traffic regulation order. Advisory markings or yellow box hatchings were discussed, as well as erecting a notice board to the side of the slipway. The slipway is a Public Right of Way, with PC Massey stating that if a vehicle is blocking the slipway the Police would treat this as Wilful Obstruction.

RESOLVED – THAT THE LOCAL MEMBER WOULD LIAISE WITH THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL TO ENDEAVOUR TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF PARKING ON THE SLIPWAY.

12. TOILETS IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE

10/408. To discuss the cleaning of the toilets in the village.

Following reports of the toilets not being cleaned adequately, discussion took place about using Freedom of Information to see how much the Isle of Wight Council pay for the cleaning of these toilets. The Parish Council can then obtain quotations for regular cleaning of the toilets and consider whether or not to take this on.

RESOLVED – THAT THE LOCAL MEMBER WOULD APPROACH THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL FOR THE COSTS INVOLVED IN CLEANING THE TOILETS IN THE VILLAGE SQUARE.

- THAT THE CLERK WOULD OBTAIN QUOTATIONS FOR CLEANING THE TOILETS ONCE THE COSTS ARE KNOWN FROM THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL.

13. CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

10/409. To consider setting up a Parish Council Choir.

At the Village Partnership Meeting held on 6 October 2010, Christmas Festival arrangements were discussed, with a suggestion that Parish Councillors be approached about forming a Parish Council Choir. Several councillors approached the clerk following the meeting to express their willingness to participate at the festival.

10/410. Parish Councillors required for the Christmas Pantomime.

The Christmas Pantomime was discussed at the Village Partnership Meeting on 6 October 2010. Volunteers from the Parish Council were requested, to ensure this pantomime remains an essential part of the annual event.

14. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

10/411. IWALC Executive.

The IWALC Executive Meeting was due to be held on 21.10.10. The Leader of the Council and Chief Executive will be in attendance.

Any Other Meetings

10/412. BIFFA

There had been significant concerns that the degasification plant had not been in operation, with a large amount of waste being sent to landfill.

10/413. Village Partnership Meeting.

i) To report on the Annual General Meeting held on 5 October 2010.

Matters raised included:-

- Re-election of Chairman.
- Re-election of Vice-Chairman.
- Partnership Terms of Reference were reaffirmed.
- Christmas Festival arrangements are underway. Festival to be held on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th December. Church services on Sunday 19th December.
- Pantomime outlined.
- Next meeting to discuss the Christmas Festival – 2.11.10.
- There will be another Big Tidy Up in the new year.

ii) To endorse the minutes of the Village Partnership Meeting held on 6 July 2010.

RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2010 BE ENDORSED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.

iii) Date of the next Village Partnership meeting.

The date set for the next full meeting of the Village Partnership is Tuesday 25 January 2011 at 7.00 p.m. at the HIC.

15. CORRESPONDENCE.

For information only.

10/414. IW Citizens Advice Bureau

A letter had been received requesting financial support by way of a provision in the precept for 2011/2012. LGA 1972 s142 gives Parish Councils to power to support such organisations. It was agreed that this would be put on the precept meeting notice.

10/415. Rural Support Council

A letter had been received asking Town and Parish Councils to consider making a contribution towards the cost of Optio, the Islands Voluntary Car Scheme.

10/416. Hampshire Parish Council Sector Conference 2011- 23rd March 2011. Holiday Inn, Winchester

Information received on this conference which will include speakers and workshops, such as Power of Wellbeing, Finding and Bidding for funding and changes to Planning Legislation.

10/417. SLCC Regional Conference for the South East – 11 November 2010. East Sussex National Hotel, Uckfield

Information received regarding the Conference Programme – Managing the Next Decade.

16. ACCOUNTS.

10/418. To consider and approve the accounts for payment

Members were presented with the accounts for payment.

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS PRESENTED TOTALLING £2,203.38 BE PAID, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS **APPENDIX A** OF THESE MINUTES.

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

10/419. Items to be included on the next agenda:-

- “Rat running” in Rectory Drive. A suggestion was made for a cul-de-sac.

10/420. Other general matters raised included:-

- There will be a Lights of Love Service again this year in the village. The Clerk will obtain details and put these on the village noticeboard, window and website.
- Halloween is coming up, which a lot of vulnerable people can dread. Posters were available in the HIC for people who do not want to be disturbed.
- Gravel extraction still seems to be an issue at Palmers Farm. The Local Member will look into this.

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 ITEM AND THEY ARE INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW – IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 S1(2) AND STANDING ORDER NO. 57.

18. FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE COMMUNITY TEA ROOM

10/421. To approve the Exempt Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 September 2010.

RESOLVED – THAT THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2010 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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