

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2010 AT 6.00 P.M. IN WOOTTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD, WOOTTON BRIDGE.

Present: Councillor Ken Morris (Chairman)
Councillor Steve Porter (Vice-chairman)
Councillors Dick Doran, Brian Ballard, Barrie Hailstone,
Roy Murphy, Barry Abraham, Sarah Fulford

Also present: 2 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.

10/462. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rob Ashley, Councillor Pete Mundell and PC Nick Massey. Councillor B Ballard advised that he would be late arriving for the meeting.

2. MINUTES.

10/463. RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2010 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

10/464. Councillor R Murphy declared a personal and prejudicial interest in matters relating to the WICI.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

Progress reports only.

10/465. WICI (10/425).

Champion training and Councillor training has taken place. Training is being rearranged from the session cancelled due to the snow.

10/466. Shoreline Management Plan (10/426)

A Record of Decision taken under Delegated Powers at County Hall on Weds 8 December decided to go with Option 1 – “that the Isle of Wight Coast Shoreline Management Plan 2 and the policies set out therein be adopted”. The Record of Decision mentioned representations from Wootton Bridge Parish Council and other interested parties but went on to say “the Cabinet Member responded by advising that the issues raised should not influence or change the coastal defence options as set out in the report.”

10/467. Wootton Traffic Order (Minute 10/444).

An acknowledgement had been received to the response sent to Highways and Transport. It was felt that the situation with the traffic lights at the junction of the High Street and New Road needed to be concluded before pursuing the whole Traffic Order for Wootton.

10/468. Christmas Festival (Minute 10/453)

A reminder was given that the festival takes place on Friday 17 December from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. & Saturday 18 December from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

10/469. Cleaning of Toilets in the Village Square (10/429).

Figures had been received from the Isle of Wight Council regarding the cost of cleaning, water, electric and rates for the village toilets. The local Member was hoping to have a list of toilets that will be affected by the budget cuts so that this could be considered further when setting the budget and precept.

10/470. Community Wind Turbine (10/430).

The local landowner offering land for a community wind turbine envisages having information available for the January meeting.

10/471. No Cold Calling Zone (Minute 10/449).

Trading Standards will be attending the Parish Council meeting in January to talk about setting up a No Cold Calling Zone in Wootton Bridge.

10/472. Parking on the Slipway at the Sloop (Minute 10/445).

The local member was waiting for further information from the Isle of Wight Council. It seems there are three slipways on the Island that have similar issues. Yellow lining is a possibility, and a comment was made at the meeting that double red lines are used in some areas on the mainland where there is no parking allowed at any time whatsoever.

10/473. Medical Centre, Brannon Way (Minute 10/432).

The local member reported that although there has been no formal movement forward with the new medical centre, he understands things are moving in the background and the new surgery is to go ahead.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

To comment on the following planning applications:-

10/474. Application No. P/01713/10 TCP/20851/N

Little Canada Centre, New Road, Wootton Bridge

Retrospective application for the siting of 6 static caravans for staff accommodation.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION P/01713/10 TCP/20851/N

10/475. Application No. P/01714/10 TCP/20851/P

Little Canada Centre, New Road, Wootton Bridge

Proposed siting of 15 static caravans to provide staff accommodation.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION P/01714/10 TCP/20851/P

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

10/476. No other planning applications had been received.

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

10/477. Tree Preservation Orders

TPO/1988/40 & TPO/1990/31 – Wootton Lodge, Corner of Church Road, High Street, Wootton Bridge.

TPO/1991/25 – Pink Gin, New Road, Wootton Bridge

10/478. Decisions.

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

P/01266/10 LDC/30300 – Approved.

6. YOUNG PEOPLE'S REQUIREMENTS IN THE VILLAGE.

10/479. To investigate ways of keeping the old school building in New Road open for the community following the Youth Service reorganisation.

Funding is going to be made available from the Big Lottery regarding revamping and updating community buildings through its Reaching Communities programme. Unfortunately their eligibility criteria will probably not be met for the old school building as this funding is for more deprived areas.

Discussion took place about there being a covenant on the old school building. The Isle of Wight Council's plans for the building are unknown at present but the Parish Council would like to see this remain open for the village. Ways of generating an income if the building is taken over were briefly touched on.

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

10/480. Progress Report.

The local member reported that a meeting was due to take place the week beginning 13 December 2010 between Planning and the Developers about the way forward with the traffic lights in the village. It is hoped that there will be an update by the time of the Parish Council meeting in January 2011.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP A WATCHING BRIEF TO MAKE SURE THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT THE JUNCTION OF HIGH STREET AND NEW ROAD ARE PROGRESSED

8. PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT 2011/12.

10/481. To consider the budget estimates submitted for 2011/12

Decisions were awaited from the Isle of Wight Council as to the future of the toilets and grass cutting services on the island. It was felt that this information needed to be available before the budget estimates could be agreed.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER THE BUDGET ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR 2011/12 AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 18 JANUARY 2011.

10/482. To agree the council tax precept for 2011/12.

The council tax precept for 2011/12 could not be agreed due to the lack of information regarding the cuts in service by the Isle of Wight Council.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER THE COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT FOR 2011/12 AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 18 JANUARY 2011.

9. HIGHWAYS

10/483. Station Road – data received from Highways.

Figures received show that a small minority of drivers are still speeding in Station Road, with the highest recorded speed being 57 mph. The average, excluding the fastest 15%, is 32 mph. It is hoped that the speed indicator can be moved and that the time of the speeding can be obtained so that the police can target these times with speed cameras.

The issue of parking on the bend near Gravel Pit Road was raised, as well as busses having to park in the middle of the road for passengers to get on and off.

10/484. New Road – Outcome of “Walking the Road” with Highways.

Councillor Hailstone had met with Mr Burton of Highways to “walk” New Road so that the problem areas could be identified. This meeting had proved useful, with a particular issue being overgrown hedgerows encroaching on the roads and pavements. The local member reported that some residents have been served notices to cut down hedges.

10. JOURNAL OF LOCAL PLANNING.

10/485. To decide whether to subscribe to the Journal of Local Planning.

A free copy of the Journal of Local Planning had been downloaded. It is planned for this journal to be released four times a year at under £50 annual subscription, which would also entitle the Parish Council to consultancy service at preferential rates.

RESOLVED – THAT SUBSCRIBING TO THE JOURNAL OF LOCAL PLANNING WOULD NOT BE TAKEN FURTHER AT THIS TIME.

Councillor B Ballard joined the meeting at 6.30 p.m.

11. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

10/486. IWALC Executive.

- There had been a detailed session with Councillor Giles regarding the bus service. A small subcommittee is being set up to include IWALC, Councillor Giles and Mr Morgan Hughes.
- There is a follow up meeting on budget changes between IWALC and Councillor Pugh and Mr Beynon of the Isle of Wight Council on 10 January 2011. The Clerk, Chair and IWALC representatives will be invited to attend.

Continued

- IWALC are trying to organise workshops for local councillors and clerks on the island, with speakers from NALC about the Localism Bill, as well as hopefully from the Chamber of Commerce and IW Enterprise Partnership. IWALC are endeavouring to get a good dialogue going between parishes so that responses to budget cuts can be pooled.

10/487. Youth Club

A meeting had been held regarding the Youth Club in the village. It is important that any reserve is held for the youth in the village as this money was raised by members and is not Isle of Wight Council money.

10/488. Island Waste

A meeting was due to be held at Forest Road on 16.12.10.

10/489. Fairways Association.

A new Chairman and Secretary are needed in March 2011.

12. CORRESPONDENCE.

For information only.

10/490. Condition of road outside St Edmunds Church & Hedges, Bushes & Shrubs overhanging footpaths.

A letter had been received from a local resident expressing concern regarding the above.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WOULD WRITE TO HIGHWAYS.

10/491. Construction Notice received from Highways regarding surface dressing programme for 2011.

A notice of intention to execute the Island Wide Surface Dressing Programme for 2011 had been received, with Briddlesford Road mentioned in the works programme.

13. ACCOUNTS.

10/492. To consider and approve the accounts for payment

Members were presented with the accounts for payment.

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS PRESENTED TOTALLING £4,085.95 BE PAID, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS **APPENDIX A** OF THESE MINUTES.

14. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2012

10/493. To set the Parish Council meeting dates for the forthcoming year.

The Clerk requested consideration be given to the June meeting being held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month (14 June) to enable her to take two weeks annual leave commencing the 18th June 2011. Consideration also needs to be given to moving the December meeting to the second Tuesday of the month, the same as this year.

RESOLVED – THAT THE JUNE AND DECEMBER MEETINGS IN 2011 WILL BE HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH INSTEAD OF THE THIRD.

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

10/494. Items to be included on the next agenda:-

- A request was made for the local member to provide a report on a monthly basis at the Parish Council meeting regarding Isle of Wight Council issues that will affect the village. If he cannot attend then a written report to the Clerk was requested.
- Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. – This is led by its Patron Prince William to mark her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics. The Challenge will create a network of 2,012 permanently protected outdoor recreational spaces in communities across the UK.

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.

16. STAFF MATTERS

10/495. To consider information from the Clerk.

The Clerk reported that she had passed the Certificate in Local Council Planning (CiLCA). This is a requirement for the Parish Council to continue to be a Quality Parish Council. The Clerk had paid the resubmission fee of £70 and requested consideration be given to reimbursing her out of the training budget set aside.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL REIMBURSE THE CLERK THE SUM OF £70 TO COVER THE RESUBMISSION FEE FOR HER CILCA QUALIFICATION.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

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