

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WOOTTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 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

Also present: 12 Members of the public  
1 Member of the press  
PCSO Katie Berry  
Ms Val Cooper Acting Parish Clerk  
Mr J R Adams Parish Clerk (Gurnard) (Advisory capacity to Acting Clerk)

*Matters raised during the Open Forum*

- *A local resident raised the issue of the request from young people in the village for a skate park. If this becomes a reality then the siting of this on land away from any dwellings was requested. How much use this would get was also raised and whether money could be better used elsewhere.*
- *The issue regarding the possibility of a Community Wind Turbine was raised by a member of the public. He had made contact with a company who specialise in wind turbines and requested they be considered, along with any other company who may come forward. He also offered help with any technical issues.*

It was responded that the proposal for a Community Wind Turbine was in its infancy, with the feasibility study and attendant costs awaited. It was made clear that it was not the Parish Council who had raised the issue of a Community Wind Turbine, with their role being to investigate the proposals before putting this matter forward to the village to see if they wished to take this further.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

**10/051.** Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rob Ashley and Miss Sarah Fulford. Councillor B Abraham sent his apologies for not being able to attend until later in the meeting.

2. MINUTES.

**10/052.** RESOLVED – THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2010 AND 26 JANUARY 2010 BE APPROVED AS A CORRECT RECORD AND SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

**10/053.** A Declaration of Personal and Prejudicial Interest was received from Councillor K Morris in respect of the proposed alterations and extension to the Methodist Church, due to his involvement with the Methodist Church.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Progress reports only.

**10/054. Community Turbines** (Minute 10/022)

The feasibility study and attendant costs were awaited before the matter is put to the village electorate.

**10/055. Bridge Improvement Works** (Minute 10/023)

Still awaiting information regarding the proposals.

**10/056. Island Plan Core Strategy** (Minute 10/006)

A letter had been received from Fishbourne Parish Council regarding a meeting set for 23 February 2010. Two representatives were requested to attend.

It was agreed that Councillors B Ballard and R Murphy would attend.

**10/057. War Memorial St Edmunds Churchyard** (Minute 10/005)

Grant funding for the renovation of the War Memorial is being investigated. An e-mail from a member of the public interested in the restoration of memorials had been received and had been passed on to Mr L Laws (representative from the Royal British Legion).

**10/058. Recreation Ground Toilets (Minute 10/025)**

The asbestos survey had been received. The issue of the toilets will be taken further on the Parish Clerk's return from leave.

**10/059. Playground seating and statue (Minute 09/403)**

Councillor Ballard reported that the siting of the statue of the hare and the seating had been completed, with the reaction to these being positive. Signs are still to be erected and the bin has yet to be put in place, although the concrete base is down.

**10/060. 20 m.p.h. Policy. (Minute 10/031)**

There is a need to move this forward for the village. This could be put in our Transport Plan. The Parish Council may need to think about setting a goal for the 20 m.p.h. policy.

5. PLANNING.

To comment on the following applications:-

**10/061. P/00128/10 TCP/29623/A**

Proposed Conservatory  
28 Church Road

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00128/10 TCP/29623/A

**10/062. Having Declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest, Councillor K Morris left the room for the following application and Councillor S Porter took over the Chair**

**10/063. P/00135/10 TCP/04906/C**

Demolition of rear hall and outbuildings; proposed rear extension to form enlarged hall, kitchen, W.C. facilities and committee room; alterations to front entrance to include disabled ramp; partial demolition of wall and realignment piers; detached store

Wootton Methodist Church

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00135/10 TCP/04906/C

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

**10/064. P/00169/10 TCP/29905/B**

Extension and conversion of redundant farm building to create self-contained annexed accommodation.  
Palmer's Farm, Brocks Copse Road

Members were made aware of an objection by a local resident.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL RAISES NO OBJECTIONS TO APPLICATION P/00169/10 TCP/29905/B

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

**10/065. Decisions.**

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

P/00365/09 TCP/22290/H – Application disposed and filed away.

P/01811/09 TCP/17903/F – Approved

P/01801/09 TCP/19281/G – Approved

P/01887/09 AGN/23052/D - Refused (or not issue Cert).

P/01836/09 TCP/16144/A – Approved

P/01864/09 TCP/29905/A – Approved

**10/066. Appeal.**

Land at Ash Farm, Lower Woodside Road – Appeal dismissed and enforcement notice upheld.

6. YOUNG PEOPLE'S REQUIREMENTS IN THE VILLAGE

**10/066. To welcome the Youth Club Leader and Members to the meeting and to discuss youth issues in the village.**

The young people present had nothing they wished to discuss at the meeting.

**10/067. Report on the bus situation**

Councillor S Porter read out an e-mail received from Southern Vectis outlining the changes they were making to increase seating capacity and an extra bus that had already been laid on.

A young person present said that the bus situation was much better and agreed to keep the Parish Council informed.

7. WOOTTON WICI.

**10/068. Progress report and to inform members of the formation of the Project Team**

Councillor D Doran explained the aims of the WICI (Wootton Interactive Community Information). A web designer had been selected following competitive tender and programmers are working on the interactive content. Some volunteers had come forward but more are needed. The key message is that people with something to say need to get in touch, as well as those who would be willing to volunteer their help.

Councillor D Doran was thanked for his hard work in setting up the WICI.

8. HIGHWAYS MATTERS.

**10/069. Community Speed Watch**

Councillor D Doran reported on the meeting he attended on 22 January 2010. This was not a successful meeting, apart from giving a greater understanding about the rules of this scheme. The speed indicator had been erected in Station Road but the feedback from local residents is that this is not in the right place. Another team of volunteers need to come forward with a view to asking why people are speeding, provided the right preparation /supervision is in place.

RESOLVED – THAT HIGHWAYS WOULD BE CONTACTED ABOUT THE SPEED INDICATOR NOT BEING IN THE RIGHT PLACE IN STATION ROAD.

**10/070. Highways Issues associated with speeding in Station Road and Mary Rose Avenue**

Councillor D Doran reported that Councillor B Abraham had requested a meeting with representatives of Mary Rose Avenue and Kevin Burton of Highways. Councillor Doran had been advised that statistics gathered indicate that few people are breaking the 30 m.p.h. limit in Mary Rose Avenue but there are still problems with the traffic. "Rat running" seems to be a major issue, and accidents only have to be reported if street furniture is damaged or someone is taken to hospital by ambulance,

RESOLVED – THAT A MEETING WOULD BE HELD WITH KEVIN BURTON OF HIGHWAYS TO FURTHER PERSUE A RESOLUTION TO THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN STATION ROAD AND MARY ROSE AVENUE.

**10/071. Harwoods Crossing**

Discussion took place about this crossing being dangerous as motorists do not always stop. Various suggestions were made, with a meeting on site required with Highways to identify the problems.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR B ABRAHAM WOULD ARRANGE A MEETING WITH KEVIN BURTON OF HIGHWAYS TO TRY AND ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF SAFETY AT HARWOODS CROSSING

9. LLOYDS BANK BUILDING

**10/072. Update**

A proposed purchaser had come forward about buying the building from the current owner and taking on its development. Unfortunately the proposed purchaser subsequently decided not to proceed, with there now being a need to secure the future of the building in some other way. Litter in front of the building remains a significant issue and has been ongoing for years. The condition survey remains outstanding, with the owner not keeping to the three monthly meetings on site.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR B ABRAHAM WOULD SPEAK TO THE OWNER AND PLANNING TO TRY AND SECURE THE FUTURE OF THE LLOYDS BANK BUILDING

10. CONSULTATIONS

**10/073. NALC Discussion Document – A Development Strategy and Business Plan**

Information was e-mailed to Councillors about this on 15 January 2010. Councillors were advised that this will probably be addressed through IWALC or they could agree to set up a small committee to formulate any comments.

RESOLVED – AS NO ONE CAME FORWARD TO SET UP A COMMITTEE THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND BUSINESS PLAN WILL BE ADDRESSED THROUGH IWALC.

11. DOG BIN- FERNHILL CYCLEWAY/ORNAMENTAL WALK

**10/074. Update on the progress made.**

Councillor S Porter's offer of purchasing a dog bin still stands, if the Isle of Wight Council will commit to paying for the emptying of this. The Isle of Wight Council has advised the Parish Council that they are no longer able to fund this. The recent Big Tidy Up in Wootton had highlighted the issue of dog waste, with a complaint received about dog waste in the field towards Ice House.

RESOLVED – THAT FUNDING FOR EMPTYING OF THE BIN WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH THE PARISH CLERK ON HER RETURN FROM LEAVE.

– THAT THE ACTING CLERK WOULD BRING THE ISSUE OF THE DOG WASTE NEAR ICE HOUSE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DOG WARDEN.

12. VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP/REGENERATION – PROGRESS REPORTS

**10/075. Sports and Fitness Centre Project**

Councillor B Ballard referred to there being a meeting coming up about this. Without pre-empting the meeting it was becoming evident that this project was a bit ambitious, with there being a need for this to be reconsidered and maybe scaled down as the funds were just not available.

RESOLVED – THAT COUNCILLOR B BALLARD WOULD REPORT ON THE SPORTS AND FITNESS MEETING AT THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

**Councillor B Abraham joined the meeting at 7.57 p.m. Councillor Abraham was able to answer queries and report on items 8 and 9 above, before the meeting continued.**

**10/076. Partnership Meeting**

Councillor K Morris reported on the Partnership Meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2010. This meeting was very well attended and Items discussed at this meeting included:-

- Village Book. This is on the agenda for the next Partnership Meeting.
- Village Plan. The Parish Clerk will concentrate on this on her return from leave.
- Future Role of the Partnership. It was decided to continue the Partnership as it is, as it is an important group.
- Welcome Pack. It was agreed that a Welcome Pack to new villagers was a good idea. Madge Reeves will commence compiling this.
- Christmas Festival. It was agreed that this will be held again this year.
- Party in the Park. Work is in progress with this, with an update to be given at the Partnership Meeting in March.
- Big Tidy Up Day. This was a great success, despite the weather. 20 members of staff from PGL were released to assist the villagers with the litter pick.
- The date of the next Partnership Meeting is 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at the Help & Information Centre.

13. COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS.

To report on the following meetings:-

**10/077. IWALC Executive.**

Councillor B Ballard had nothing to report. If any other Councillor would like to take on the responsibility for IWALC he would be grateful due to other demands. If not, he will continue to take on this responsibility.

Discussion took place about whether involvement with IWALC should continue.

RESOLVED – THAT THE PROS AND CONS OF CONTINUING INVOLVEMENT WITH IWALC NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED AND SHOULD BE PUT ON THE NEXT AGENDA.

**10/078. Wootton Fairway Association.**

Councillor B Ballard reported that the Chairman of the Wootton Fairway Association is leaving and moving away. The WFA are therefore looking for a new Chairman. This will be put forward at the AGM.

**10/079. Wightlink Meeting**

Councillor R Murphy reported that he had been to a Wightlink Meeting. This was about Wightlink developing their Gunwharf terminal to two deck loading. Councillor Murphy expressed concern that Wightlink were only interested in the traffic lights in Fishbourne Lane, whereas this will create increased traffic in other areas of the Island, including Wootton Bridge. Fridge lorries running early in the morning was a further concern that had been raised.

14. COORDINATION OF SERVICES IN ADVERSE WEATHER

**10/080. Consider what can be done if severe weather reoccurs.**

An enquiry had been made regarding coordination of services if the severe weather experienced in January reoccurred. Discussion took place about this being difficult to plan for as it was an unusual occurrence. Community Call is a scheme that was set up to assist people in their homes but this has been poorly supported. Councillor B Abraham stated that the Isle of Wight Council will be reviewing how they responded to the adverse weather conditions and the cost implications of any improvements if appropriate.

RESOLVED – THAT THE ASSISTANT CLERK WOULD ADVERTISE ROUND THE VILLAGE THE DETAILS OF COMMUNITY CALL AGAIN.

15. CHINESE SCHOOL VISIT

**10/081. Wootton Primary School return visit from delegates from China.**

At a recent meeting at Wootton Primary School, the assistance of the Parish Council was requested regarding the return visit from China. This visit had been postponed from February to early March, with the date as yet unknown. Councillor D Doran reported that a Mandarin speaker had been found. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are willing to meet with the delegates in their Parish Council roles.

RESOLVED – THAT THE DATE OF THE CHINESE VISIT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE INVOLVED IN ASSISTING THE SCHOOL WITH THE RETURN VISIT.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

For information only:-

**10/082. Follow Up Workshop for the Isle of Wight Community Flood Plan**

This meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 3 March 2010 at 9.30 a.m. at the Riverside Centre.

**10/083. County Training Partnership.**

Councillor B Ballard reported that correspondence had already been sent on this at the back end of last year. The withdrawal of the training budget by the Isle of Wight Council will result in IWALC being totally independent of the Isle of Wight Council.

**10/084. First Aid Training Course**

First Aid Training was being offered to any local group at Wootton Bridge Scout Hut on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 by the Rural Community. Limited places were available.

17. ACCOUNTS

**10/085. To consider and approve the accounts for payment.**

Members were presented with the accounts for payment.

RESOLVED – THAT THE ACCOUNTS PRESENTED TOTALLING £7,040.70, A COPY OF WHICH FORMS APPENDIX “A” OF THESE MINUTES, BE APPROVED.

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

**10/086. IWALC Executive.** Consider pros and cons of remaining involved.

Other items raised at this point were:-

**10/087. Creek Gardens.** Communal dustbins are now on the frontage, as well as For Sale boards. It was agreed that Councillor B Hailstone will follow this up with Councillor R Ashley.

**10/088. Village Open Day.** This is to be progressed on the Clerk’s return from annual leave.

19. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

**10/089.** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 March 2010 at 7.00 p.m. at Wootton Bridge Primary School.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....