

MINUTES OF BRIGHTSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN BRIGHTSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllr. John Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr S Chorley, Cllr C Bridges, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr D Tolfree, Cllr J Morgan and Cllr. M East.
Mrs Susannah Jennings (clerk)
One member of the Public was present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr R Haviland

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 12th October, which had been prior circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Cemetery Meeting of 12th October, which had been prior circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES

- i Explore and Discover Brightstone Facebook Page – Cllr Chorley, Cllr Roberts and the clerk had a meeting to discuss the Facebook page. It was decided that as the current page has been set up as a Community site it should be kept but the administration of the site should be reset.
- ii Training events for the clerk and Recreation Ground Secretary – The clerk is booked on a Clerks Day Training Session on 16th November at a cost of £20. The Secretary of the Recreation Ground Committee has attended a training session covering Insurance and Inspections of Play Equipment, at a cost of £50. The secretary reported that the session was very useful.
- iii. Resurfacing of Lynch Lane – A number of officers, including a civil engineer from the PFI Contracts Management Team, has been out and inspected the site. They have concluded that all the remedial works highlighted by Brightstone Parish Council have been attended to and are happy with the work. It was noted that the full width of the road seems to have been reinstated.
- iv. New Pavements on Wilberforce Road – It has been reported that Island Roads are to carry out some works to rectify the problem within the next couple of weeks.
- v. IWALC meeting with the Isle of Wight Council – The clerk had distributed a summary of the questions and answers raised at the meeting. The question raised on behalf of Brightstone Parish Council concerning issues with work carried out by Island Roads was listed and the response asked Brightstone Parish Council to contact Island Roads/the IWC officers directly.
- vi. No.12 Bus Service – The clerk had contacted Marc West twice requesting a meeting but had not yet received a response
- vii. Cemetery Bin Store – A quote for the stone bin store has been received but due to the cost, even if 50% of the cost is covered by the benefactor, two further quotes have to be obtained.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, ON GENERAL MATTERS, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no concerns or issues raised.

6. PRESENTATION FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF SWAY (SOUTH WIGHT AREA YOUTH PARTNERSHIP).

Cllr Cirrone welcomed Andy Dorling from SWAY.

Andy explained the activities and groups that SWAY provide to the young people of the Brightstone area (a copy of the latest newsletter and a leaflet was also distributed to councillors).

Andy then explained the future financial situation with funds from the Council Youth scheme finishing in March 2017. SWAY costs £40,000 per year to run and they are hoping to fund £20,000 locally.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

TCP/16869/L, P/01387/16. NTL Transmitting Station, Thorncross Lane, Brightstone. Prior Notification for the removal of 2no. existing antennas and 1no. existing cabinet; the installation of 1no. 0.3 metre dia.dish, 1no. 0.6 metre dia. dish, 3no. antennas located at a height of 22.5 metres above ground level, and 2no. cabinets located within the existing compound and associated development.

This application is for notification only and therefore Brightstone Parish Council did not submit a comment.

TCP/32851, P/01411/16. 25 Ashley Way, Brightstone. Proposed bungalow

Brightstone Parish Council have no objection to the application but would like to ensure that the colour of the brickwork is in keeping with other bungalows in the area. 6 Councillors agreed. One abstention.

8. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

The following planning applications have been granted permission from the Isle of Wight Council.

TCP/32753, P/01016/16. Woodlands Moor Lane Brightstone PO304DL. Householder Application Demolition of conservatory proposed single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation alterations decking

9. TO NOTE DATE OF POSSIBLE MID-MONTH PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING:

The midmonth meeting, if required, will be on 23rd November at 7.45pm

10. UPDATES AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PAVEMENT ON MAIN ROAD, BRIGHTSTONE THAT IS OBSTRUCTED BY A TREE.

This item was postponed by the chairman as local residents who wished to speak on the matter had not yet arrived.

11. UPDATES REGARDING ENFORCEMENT ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH

It was reported that a caravan at the Guet in Limerstone has been connected to services and lights have been seen on in the evening. It was agreed to report this to the Isle of Wight Council Planning Enforcement Team.

The Isle of Wight Council Planning Enforcement Team have reported that they have been unable to contact the owners of the former Countryman site. They are looking at what can now be done.

12. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL TO RESTRUCTURE IWALC

After some consideration councillors discussed the proposal from Ventnor Town Council to restructure IWALC. It was agreed to vote against the proposal as councillors felt that no change is necessary until it is proved that the current structure is ineffective, and if it is to give details of why it is ineffective. It was also felt that the proposed restructure would be undemocratic.

13. TO COMMENT ON THE CONCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME CONSULTATION.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not submit an opinion and councillors could comment as individuals if they wished to do so,

14. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM IWLAC'S DISCUSSION ON YOUTH SERVICES

A summary of notes taken at the meeting between the IWALC and the Isle of Wight Council meeting were distributed to councillors.

15. ELECTRICAL SAFETY TEST FOR THE PUBLIC TOILETS

The clerk reported that an electrical safety test had been booked for next week, on Tuesday 15th November. The necessary test would be in the region of £100 and there may be recommended/essential works to be carried out. Councillors agreed that the clerk could authorise any essential additional work up to a value of £250 if necessary.

Proposed: Cllr Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr Tolfree

All councillors agreed

16. UPDATE FROM THE TOILET REFURBISHMENT WORKING GROUP

Two of the necessary three quotes have been obtained. It is hoped that at least one more quote will be received next week.

It was agreed that the Toilet Refurbishment Working Group would start looking at any grants available and quotes will be considered at the December full Parish Council meeting.

17. UPDATE ON THE SOLENT DEVOLUTION PROPOSAL.

Cllr Cirrone gave an update on the Solent Devolution proposal.

18. UPDATE ON THE PROPSED 20MPH ZONES IN TOWNS AND VILLAGES

Cllr Cirrone gave an update regarding the proposal for the 20mph restrictions in Towns and Villages.

It was agreed to submit a comment to the Isle of Wight Council stating that Brightstone Parish Council would like to request that Town and Parish Councils, and the police, are fully involved in order to give local knowledge and to consider the issue of how speed limits would be enforced.

19. TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATES REGARDING THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON THE BLANCHARDS SITE.

There were no updates to report.

20. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

There was no IW Councillor's report.

The clerk was requested to contact Cllr Seely to request that a report is distributed to councillors.

21. TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET SETTING FOR 2017/2018

The clerk distributed a copy of the first draft budget.

Councillors discussed possible future costs that may arise.

The clerk was asked to add the Cemetery Fee Structure on the next Cemetery meeting agenda.

It was agreed to look at the budget in more detail at the next meeting

22. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR NOVEMBER.

Risk assessment checks all ok. Reserves are acceptable, office equipment in good order, and the first draft of the budget is in progress.

23. TO SIGN DECLARATION TO ADD CLLR EAST AS A BANK SIGNATORY

Cllrs agreed to add Cllr East as a signatory on the bank accounts.

Proposed: Cllr Chorley Seconded: Cllr. Tolfree All councillors agreed.

24. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1629	The poppy Appeal - Remembrance Day Poppy Wreath		18.50	0.00	18.50
1630	The Copyshop.co.uk - Ten copies of the Neighbourhood Plan		76.44	15.29	91.73
1631	Top Mops - Toilet Cleaning Sept 2016		224.39	44.88	269.27
1632	Mrs S Jennings - Oct salary		778.66	0.00	778.66
1633	Sandown Town Council - Play equipment Training		50.00	0.00	50.00
1634	IW SLCC - Clerks Training Day		20.00	0.00	20.00
1635	Top Mops - Toilet Cleaning Oct 2016		224.39	44.88	269.27
TOTAL			1392.38	105.05	1497.43

Proposed: Cllr Roberts Seconded: Cllr Morgan All councillors agreed

25. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st OCTOBER 2016

The Financial Statement to 31st October had been prior distributed to councillors and members of the public.

10. UPDATES AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PAVEMENT ON MAIN ROAD, BRIGHSTONE THAT IS OBSTRUCTED BY A TREE.

Item 10 which had been postponed from earlier in the meeting was now discussed (The members of the public who had expressed an interest in speaking on this item were not present).

Cllr Roberts declared a non-pecuniary interest and signed the declarations of interest book.

A letter from a member of the public, which had been prior distributed to councillors, was discussed.

The letter outlined the safety concerns regarding the tree blocking the pavement, a lack of action from the Parish Council and Island Roads and request to introduce traffic calming measures.

Councillors stated that the Parish Council have looked at this issue and been proactive over a number of years. It was the Parish Council who campaigned to have the 'Slow' letters painted in the road. The Parish Council are also currently in discussion with the Isle of Wight Council and Cllr. Bob Seely about the issue. The Isle of Wight tree officer has stated that the removal of the tree is not possible.

Councillors discussed traffic calming measures and hoped that if the Isle of Wight Council proposal to introduce 20mph zones came into force this would be an area to benefit. The clerk was also asked to request pedestrian on road signs.

26. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPS. ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

FYT Bus – Cllr East reported that the FYT bus will be available for four days over the Christmas Tree Festival and that Father Christmas will be on board on the Friday and Saturday.

The Reading Rooms – Cllr Tolfree reported that the Reading Rooms are holding meetings to discuss disabled toilets and disabled access.

27. CORRESPONDENCE:

- i. The IW Sports Foundation are offering courses in First Aid, Health and Safety and Child Protection.
- ii. Wallgate have carried out a inspection of the Wallgate units in the public toilets – no issues requiring action were raised
- iii. The following tree works requests have been given consent by the Isle of Wight Council:
 - Cedar Cottage in Brook – felling of six conifers and reduction in height of the six remaining conifers,
 - Greenclose in Brook – Lift canopy of the crown and clean one willow tree.
- iv. A hedgerow removal notice has been received regarding Downton Cottage Brook.

28. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS WISH TO RAISE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Metal Storage Container – A resident has enquired about the restrictions on garden buildings and who to contact if it is felt this has been breached. – It was stated that any breach of planning should be reported to the Isle of Wight Council's Planning Enforcement Team.

Cub's 100 Years Celebration Tree – The Brightstone Cubs' hope to plant a tree in the Limerstone Cemetery in the spring.

Tennis Court Footpath – It was reported that there are branches over hanging the footpath the leads to the Tennis Courts.

29. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm at Brightstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.27pm.