

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

Due to Government Advice as a result of the Coronavirus Covid-19 the meeting was unable to be held in person. The meeting was held virtually by Zoom.

**PRESENT :** Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr M East, Cllr R Haviland, Cllr M Huxley, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr P Adams and Cllr C Bridges  
Ward Cllr Steve Hastings  
Mrs J Walker (Clerk & Registrar)

Eight Members of the Public joined the meeting.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE :** Cllr J Morgan

**2. DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED VERBALLY.**

Cllr S Roberts Declared an Interest as an employee of the IOW Council.

**3. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, having been previously circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 had been previously circulated and read. It was suggested agenda item 3 be re worded to include:

`For the Recreation Ground Committee to be disbanded, the Parish Council to take over the running of the Recreation Ground and the longer term lease be granted to the Tennis Club subject to the Charity Commission approval.`

`The Tennis Club at any time, with Parish Council approval, could request the new lease be extended for a new term`

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

Several comments objecting to the IW Road Race event going through Brook had been received.

**5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.**

**South Wight Area Partnership (SWAY)**

They would be very happy to discuss the work they do and attend a future Parish Council meeting or meet via a Zoom meeting. They will forward the March newsletter and update.

**Logs for Sale Signs**

Island Roads have been contacted. They are checking the signs are their property before they will remove them. No decision has been received to date.

**Play Area**

A meeting with one company has been provisionally booked .for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Photos and measurements have been sent to another company. Two other companies have yet to reply.

**Disabled Parking Signs**

These have been ordered and will be put up in Warnes Lane car park.

### **Business Rates Refund**

The IW Council have advised of an overpayment of business rates for the Recreation Ground. A refund of £254.24 will be refunded.

### **Brighstone Holiday Centre**

Public Footpath BS59 has been closed due to works taking place within the holiday centre. The definitive path has been lost due to erosion resulting in no through route along the cliff top between Grange Farm and the IW Pearl. The diversion route will be along the Military Road.

### **6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**21/00198/LBC The Old Coach House, Brook Village Road, Brighstone.** Listed Building Consent for proposed through floor lift.

Councillors had no issues regarding the application. NO OBJECTIONS.

**21/00302/HOU 4 Berry Barn Court, New Road, Brighstone.** Proposed single storey extension.

Cllr P Adams Declared a Pecuniary Interest.

The application conforms with Class A planning regarding size and height for extensions. A concern was raised that there was a condition originally placed on the wall height within the original development site planning application and if the new application for an extension contravened this. Concern was raised from a resident that the view from their property would look into a stone wall if the extension was allowed.

Councillors had NO OBJECTIONS in principal but were concerned the original planning condition would be eroded which could allow for other future building.

**21/00303/LBC 4 Berry Barn Court, New Road, Brighstone.** Listed building consent for proposed single storey extension.

NO OBJECTIONS.

### **7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS**

**20/02001/FUL Elmlea, Warnes Lane, Brighstone.** Installation of new entrance gates; woven hazel/willow fence panels (Revised plans) (revised description) (Revised application). GRANTED.

**20/01662/TW Glenmist, Moor Lane, Brighstone.** T1; Ash Reduce total crown area by approx. 30%. T2; Ash. Remove lower limbs upto approx. 5m to improve form. GRANTED.

**20/01663/TW Woodland Adjacent to Glenmist, Moor Lane, Brighstone.** The trees situated as detailed in the application are to have the work detailed in the management plan submitted as supporting information carried out over a 3 year plan. GRANTED.

### **8. TO NOTE DATE OF POSSIBLE MID-MONTH PLANNING MEETING**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm.

### **9. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED NEW IW ROAD RACES ROUTE TRAVELLING THROUGH BROOK AND CONSULTATION GOING FORWARD ON BOTH ROAD RACE EVENTS.**

The ACU were due to meet on the 8<sup>th</sup> March but it was unclear if this meeting took place. West Wight Councils were planning to have a meeting to discuss the proposed race. A report would be brought back to our next meeting. There were lots of posing questions to be asked which would be put forward before a Public Consultation could be held. A simple Consultation Paper had already been produced which could be revised based on the possibility of two race events, the Diamond Race and the IW Road

Race, and this could include a comments box. There was insufficient information at this stage to answer concerns raised by the IW Road Race as a multi-start race.

A resident had provided certain legislative points within the Road Traffic Act. The resident remained anonymous for fear of repercussions. As part of this legislation the ACU are duty bound to consult with local authorities ie. the Parish Council. To date no direct contact had been made. The Clerk would write to the Chairman of the ACU requesting they consult with the Parish Council directly. A clause ruling pedestrian access should not be prevented for people accessing their property. The closure of roads and pedestrians unable to walk anywhere for safety including to their properties. This would be a breach of the Road Traffic act and should prevent the ACU allowing the race. It was not accepted that the IW Highways Department and the IW Council did not know of these rulings.

It was established that more information was required and brought back as an agenda item for the next Planning Committee meeting.

#### **10. TO DISCUSS REQUESTS MADE BY THE TENNIS CLUB AND THE FUTURE OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE?**

The Solicitor had been instructed to write to the Charity Commission on behalf of the Parish Council. The Charity Commission would be asked if it is possible to cancel the 6 years left on the Lease between the Parish Council and the then Recreation Ground Committee, dissolve the Recreation Ground Committee leaving the Parish Council to solely manage the Recreation Ground by setting up a sub – committee. If the Charity Commission agree a new Lease could be offered to the Tennis Club. This would include conditions but also possibly include a clause that the Tennis Club can request the length of term of the Lease be extended at any time for the benefit of accessing grants subject to Parish Council approval. This would be discussed further when a reply from the Charity Commission had been received.

#### **11. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAY AREA AND TO LOOK AT GRANTS AVAILABLE.**

The Clerk is currently waiting for replies from several companies contacted for quotes. A quote to repair the play tower had been received. Councillors agreed the cost for the repairs.

Proposed: Cllr C Bridges                      Seconded: Cllr S Roberts.                      All Councillors agreed.

#### **12. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE ADDITIONAL INSURANCE FOR THE TRUSTEE OF THE CHARITABLE STATUS OF THE RECREATION GROUND.**

Councillors agreed in principal for additional insurance to protect the sole trustee in the event of a claim. It was recommended the insurance start straight away.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland                      Seconded: Cllr M East                      All Councillors agreed

#### **13. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE NEW CLEANING CONTRACT FOR THE WARNES LANE TOILETS.**

The current contract for cleaning Brighstone public toilets expires at the end of March. Several companies had been approached for quotes. Only two companies had provided quotes. A summary of the quotes had been prior distributed. All quotes A and B had the required Public Liability Insurance. Both contractors were reliable, one was the Parish Council's current contractor.

Councillors decided to accept Quote B as it was the cheaper quote.

Proposed: Cllr M East                      Seconded: Cllr M Huxley                      All Councillors agreed

#### **14. TO DISCUSS RESIDENT CONCERNS OF RUBBISH BEING DUMPED AND BURNT IN HULVERSTONE LANE**

Cllr Hastings had contacted the Strategic Waste Manager who required more information. The Environmental Officer would be contacted.

#### **15. TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.**

Notification of Election Notices had been received and would be displayed on the notice boards and website along with a notice inviting nominations for new councillors. Nomination packs had also been received and sent to current Parish Councillors.

#### **16. TO DISCUSS THE ELECTRICITY ACCOUNT AND CHARGES TO THE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.**

Due to Covid reducing income it was agreed the Museum contribution towards the electricity would be reduced this year to 25%.

Prior attempts to take over the electricity contract from the National Trust had proven problematic. It was decided to leave the contracts with the National Trust to avoid any possibly future problems.

#### **17. TO DISCUSS RESIDENTIAL CARAVANS AT BRIGHSTONE HOLIDAY CAMP AND CLOSURE OF THE FOOTPATH AT BRIGHSTONE HOLIDAY CAMP AND NATIONAL TRUST REQUEST REGARDING PARKING ON THE MILITARY ROAD.**

Enforcement had been contacted following a letter of complaint from a resident regarding people staying in the caravans out of the permitted season times, food left around the site possibly encouraging vermin and sewage issues. Cllr Hastings explained some of the issues were due to vandalism.

Parking on the Military Road would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council when a representative from the National trust would be invited to attend. Ownership of the verge in question needed to be ascertained.

#### **18. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Cllr Hastings provided a written report which had been prior distributed.

Cllr Hastings gave an update on 207 holiday units at Chine Holiday Camp. Contrary to the original planning permission the site had been used during October and March for the last 10 years un-checked. This now gave them automatic permission to use during winter. The IW Council were seeking legal advice but the License would now be a Member decision and not a delegated decision. Concerns were raised regarding drainage, the use of septic tanks and traffic onto the highway.

The Guet would be looked at to check if similar legislation would apply due to the length of time the issue had gone on.

#### **19. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR MARCH.**

None reported. The Risk Assessments list would be updated for the next meeting.

#### **20. TO CONFIRM AND AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
2043	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning February 2021	286.00	57.20	343.20
2044	Mrs J Walker	Salary February 2021	963.12	0.00	963.12
2045	Mrs J Walker	Reimburse IONOS Web Fee	96.00	19.20	115.20
2046	Business Stream	Water Pavilion	44.14	0.00	44.14
D/d	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area	2.00	0.40	2.40
D/d	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	35.48	0.00	35.48
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1426.74</b>	<b>76.80</b>	<b>1503.54</b>
Library					
18	National Trust	Electric	1257.77	146.79	1404.56

19 Business Stream	Water Library	29.88	0.00	29.88
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1287.65</b>	<b>146.79</b>	<b>1434.44</b>

Proposed: Cllr M Huxley

Seconded: Cllr P Adams

All Councillors agreed

## **21. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

The Financial Statement had been prepared and circulated to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. There were no issues arising.

## **22. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.**

The Newsletter would re-start with the May edition.

## **23. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A letter had been received asking if the Parish Council would assist with the cost of providing hedgehog feeding boxes .
- The Clerk had been informed of an increase to the cost of emptying the dog bin at Ashley Copse

## **24. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE**

- Effluent coming from drains in Mill Lane . To be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.
- A fence placed close to the boundary line at a property in Ashley Way. The Land Registry would be contacted to check boundary edge.
- A dropped curb at a property in Ashley Way. Island Roads would be contacted to check if they installed this and if planning permission was given.
- Contractors had been clearing overgrown bushes and identifying TPO trees at Blanchards.
- The possibility of asking businesses to buy and pay for emptying additional dog bins in the Parish would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

## **25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021. If Government restrictions are lifted the meeting will be held at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.49pm.