

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
METHODIST CHURCH, BRIGHSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Mr. J. Cirrone (Chairman), Mr Ken Taylor, Mrs Sue Chorley, Mrs Sue Roberts, Mr David Tolfree, Mr Roy Haviland, Mr Jim Morgan and Mr Colin Bridges.

Cllr Bob Seely.

Six members of the Public and Mrs. S Jennings (Clerk & Registrar).

1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE.

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None declared.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 10th December, having been previously circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the 17th December, having been previously circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman once the following was added: The committee felt that the application should be for full planning permission and not for outline permission.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

a) Footpath BS63 pedestrian sign – The Clerk had been contacted by Ian Middleton of Island Roads who had declined permission for the permanent sign to be attached to the lamp post at the end of the footpath.

It was agreed that the clerk would contact Mr. Anthony Cook of the Isle of Wight Council as Rights of Way are happy to have the sign erected and it is not felt to be a highways issue.

The Clerk also confirmed that the Isle of Wight Council, local Parish Councils and Ward Councillors had been contacted regarding Brighstone Parish Council's concerns about the close proximity of the Military Road to the cliff edge.

A reply from the Isle of Wight Council had not yet been received but Ward Cllr John Medland had replied and has agreed to investigate further.

Cllr Bob Seely said he would contact Cllr. John Medland and work with him on the issue.

**5. TO WELCOME MAURICE KANE AND JOANNA ROCHARDS REGARDING
FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUEST FOR SOUTH WIGHT AREA YOUTH PARTNERSHIP.**

The Chairman welcomed Maurice Kane and Joanna Richards to the meeting.

A summary explaining the projects background, aims and finances were handed out to councillors and members of the public. Joanna Richards explained that SWAY was still in its development stage and hoped to continue the work established in Brighstone by the previous youth worker employed by St Mary's church. It also hopes to expand on these services both within Brighstone and the neighbouring parishes of Niton and Whitwell, Shorwell and Chale.

SWAY is requesting financial contributions from local parish councils in order to deliver the project over the next couple of years. Funding from the IWC is already confirmed but more funds are required to cover the shortfall.

The Chairman thanked Joanna and Maurice for their time and said that all financial requests will be considered at the budget setting meeting in February.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

i. TCP/10320/T, P/01198/14, Millbreck Edge Moor Lane Brighstone. Proposed detached dwelling formation of vehicular access and turning area (revised plans shows reposition of dwelling) (readvertised application).

Brighstone Parish Council's previous comments still stand and have no further comments to add.

All Cllrs Agreed

ii. TCP/32091, P/01451/14, Veme Moor Lane Brighstone. Householder Application Alterations conversion of garage to provide dining room proposed detached garage.

Brighstone Parish Council had no objections but would request that light attenuation measures are put in place at the velux windows to protect the dark skies policy.

All Cllrs Agreed

The Chairman then proposed that agenda item 19 be brought forward – All agreed

19. TO WELCOME CLARE GRIFFINA ND GILL KENNETT REGARDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUEST FOR THE WWSC.

The Chairman welcomed Gill Kennett, Clare Griffin and Brian Friend of the WWSC.

Gill Kennett explained that all the IWC funding, which used to be £102,000 per annum, has now been withdrawn from the WWSC. Many measures have been taken to save and raise more funds including fund raising events, introducing greater incentives on memberships and trying to take back the Youth Area at the front of the building from the IWC but a shortfall of £77,000 per annum still remains.

A copy of the WWSC's business plan was handed out to councillors and members of the public.

It was requested that Brighston Parish Council, along with other local Town and Parish Councils, will be able to give a financial contribution to the WWSC.

The Chairman thanked Gill, Clare and Brian for their time and said that all financial requests will be considered at the budget setting meeting in February.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

Approved by the Isle of Wight Council:

P/01283/14 Thatch Cottage, Military Road, Brook. Alterations to vehicular and pedestrian access.

P/01071/14 Woodend, Brook. Demolition of conservatory; proposed orangery/conservatory.

P/01357/14 Mottistone Manor Farm, Mottistone. Proposed shed and installation of 2 air source heat pumps.

P/01076/14 Calston, Limerstone Road, Brighstone. Demolition of garage and greenhouse; proposed two storey extension on side elevation to provide additional living accommodation including new garage; Juliet balcony at first floor level on front elevation (revised design)(revised application).

P/01320/14 2 Rowdown View, Upper Lane, Brighstone. Proposed single storey extension on side and rear elevations to provide additional living accommodation.

Refused by the Isle of Wight Council:

P/01286/14 Part OS parcel 8800, Bush Rew Wood, Badger Lane, Brook. Lawful Developmet Certificate for continued use of land for garden/recreational use.

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

The possible mid-month planning meeting will be on Wednesday 28th January.

9. TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATES REGARDING THE PLANNING APPLICATION ON THE BLANCHARDS SITE.

There were no updates

10. TO CONSIDER REFURBISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS.

There was a discussion between councillors regarding design, layout and use of the public toilet block and the financial implications. All agreed that the toilets were in need of refurbishment whether it be fixing the current toilets or a complete redesign.

It was agreed that the Chairman discuss possible design and layout with a local architect and ask him to suggest possible options in terms of design and layout.

11. TO DISCUSS CONCERNS REGARDING HEDGE MAINTENANCE ALONG HIGHWAYS.

The primary concern were the hedges along the cycleway, these have now been cut back by Island Roads.

It was agreed to highlight in the next Newsletter that householders are responsible for any hedges that front onto the highway and these should be cut before March in order to protect nesting birds. If hedges which front onto highways are not maintained the highways authority can use enforcement procedures.

12. TO DISCUSS CONCERNS REGARDING DOG FOULING.

Members of the public have recently raised concerns regarding the fouling of local footpaths. It was agreed to remind residents in the next Newsletter to pick up after their dogs.

13. TO RECEIVE POLICE REPORT.

There were no matters of concern to report for the month of December.

Throughout December the Yarmouth Police Team were actively breathalysing drivers as part of the Drink Drive Campaign. In all 130 breathalyser tests were carried out, of these 1 was positive and 1 vehicle was seized due to the driver not having any insurance.

14. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The minutes of the previous Neighbourhood Plan meeting were distributed to councillors and members of the public.

15. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Cllr Bob Seely written report which was distributed to councillors and members of the public:

First, Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a happy and restful Christmas.

First, two non-events. I am still waiting for likely dates for both Blanchards and Atherfield decisions.

Regarding **Blanchards**, I spent two hours last week with the Planning Officer who will be responsible for producing the Planning Department report for Blanchards. I went through issues regarding both previous reasons for rejection and current concerns. This proved very useful for me in understanding both the planning policy guidelines and how they are likely to be interpreted.

It is very unlikely that the report giving a decision will be ready in time for the January Planning Committee meeting. There is no February meeting for the Planning Committee, therefore the decision

will not be presented to the Planning Committee until March, with an announcement in late February. I will clearly continue to monitor this closely.

Next, **Atherfield**. The Planning Inspectorate are running eight-to-ten weeks behind schedule and have yet to agree a date for a site visit. Therefore I have been told there will be no decision until late February at the earliest.

The IoW Council Budget. The IoW Council is finalising its budget ahead of the next financial year. As I am sure you have read in reports, the significant cuts feared will go ahead, with likely job losses and a further retreat of Council services. I will update you more after the Budget meeting in February.

Flooding. I have been in contact with IoW Council and Island Roads about flooding issues in the ward. I am concerned about drainage capacity in some areas to cope with levels of rainwater. Can the PC please let me know of any issues they feel I should be raising with the IoW Council and Island Roads.

Adopted roads. I am compiling a list of all roads in the ward which are adopted but which are not on the Island Roads resurfacing plan - the objective being to get them on the plan. I know of a number of roads in Chillerton and Gatcombe, but I do not know of any adopted roads in Brighstone PC which are not scheduled to be resurfaced. I will be checking with Islands Roads, but if PC members know of such examples, could they please let me know.

Cllr Bob Seely added that the likely committee date at which the Blanchards application will be discussed is on Tuesday 10th March at 14.00hrs.

16. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR DECEMBER.

The Precept would be discussed later on in the Meeting and Reserves were healthy.

17. TO CONSIDER PROPOSAL OF A FIXED PRICE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT UNTIL MARCH 2017

A letter had been received from the grass cutting contractors (letter prior distributed to councillors) regarding an invoicing error and an offer of a fixed rate contract until March 2017.

The Parish Council have been undercharged by £50 per cut over 2014, the contractor is not looking to recover the money back.

Brighstone Parish Council are currently on a fixed contract with the contractor and an offer to extend this contract until March 2017 at this fixed price has been given.

All councillors agreed to the extension of the contract until March 2017.

18. TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUEST FROM BRIGHSTONE ST. MARY'S CHURCH AND AGE UK OUTREACH PROJECT.

A letter of request for financial funding had been received regarding the Brighstone St. Mary's and Age UK Outreach project (letter had been prior distributed to councillors).

After some discussion councillors requested the clerk to ask further questions before the request is considered further when the budget and precept for next year are set. The questions were:

1. What is the £12,000 for, is it all salary or are other expenses included?
2. Is/has the project been extended to Shorwell?

20. TO CONSIDER THE FIRST DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2015/16

A draft copy of the budget for 2015/16 had been prior distributed to councillors.

After some discussion it was agreed that an additional meeting would be needed to fully discuss the issues facing next years budget. It was agreed to call an extraordinary meeting on Wednesday 28th January.

It was also noted that funds may be available to bridge Neighbourhood Plan finances in case of unforeseen overspends.

21. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Ch No.	To	Net	VAT	Gross
1450	Top Mops - December toilet cleaning	208.73	41.75	250.48
1451	Southern Electric - Toilets	18.89	0.94	19.83
1452	Mrs S Jennings - Ink toner	158.64	31.73	190.37
1453	Mrs S Jennings - Dec salary	756.49	0.00	756.49
1454	Mr J Cirrone - Christmas Tree	79.99	0.00	79.99
TOTAL		1222.45	74.42	1296.87

Proposed: Mr Haviland

Seconded: Mrs Roberts

All councillors agreed.

22. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st DECEMBER.

An individual financial statement for December had not been produced due to work on budgets.

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

Wilberforce Hall Committee. There is to be a meeting to discuss the results of an audit conducted regarding a disabled access toilet on the premises.

IWALC. The next meeting of IWALC is tomorrow, Thursday 15th January.

24. CORRESPONDENCE:

Moortown Lane Blocked Drain. A local resident has reported that when an open drain was unblocked by a homeowner due to flooding it was found to be blocked with discarded used dog bags.

It was requested that this is reported in the next Newsletter.

My Life A Full Life. An email had been received requesting an opportunity to talk with councillors at the February or March Parish Council Meeting.

Street Lighting. A letter has been received from a member of the public requesting a street light on New Road outside St. Marys Church.

It was highlighted that this is part of the consultation being carried out as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Flooding on Moortown Lane. A letter from a member of the public has been received highlighting the problem of flooding on Moortown Lane with particular reference to blocked drains and insufficient drainage.

It was noted that drainage along Moortown Lane is part of the Island Roads long term schedule of works.

Tree work notification. Mottistone Manor and Mottistone Farmhouse – Reduce crown of Chestnut and to fell to ground level two Holm Oaks.

Planning, Rowdown View, Upper Lane. A copy of a letter addressed to Cllr Bob Seely had been received regarding the Parish Councils comments and non notification to residents of when the planning application was to be discussed at the Parish Council meeting. The planning application has since been granted permission by the IWC.

Local Access Forum (LAF) Meeting. A special LAF meeting has been arranged to give an introductory briefing on the Coastal Access Scheme. This will take place on Thursday 19th February at 2pm at County Hall.

West Wight Time Bank. An invitation to attend the West Wight Information Event to explain what Time banking is.

Taking the Island Forward. There is a seminar on Monday 16th March at 9am entitled Taking The Isle of Wight Forward.

25. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE

It was asked whether the tree maintenance contractor had planted an oak tree at the bottom of the Brook Green where the cherry tree had to be felled. The clerk said she would check with the contractor. It was noted that residents had reported cyclists travelling at speed along footpaths and this would be monitored.

Mr Bridges said he was meeting with Island Roads on the 23rd January. It was asked if he could mention the flooding which occurs on the Triangle at Brook, that a number of pot holes which were filled in on Warnes Lane have failed and that numerous cars have been stuck in the flood water by Cheverton Farm which floods on a regular basis.

It was also highlighted that there is a category on the Island Roads website for reporting mud and dirt on the highway.

22. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There were no questions from members of the public.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday 28th January at 7.45pm and

Wednesday 11th February at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 10.05pm.