

# **MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr S Chorley, Cllr C. Bridges, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr D Tolfree, Cllr. R Haviland and Cllr. M East  
Mrs Susannah Jennings (clerk)  
Five members of the Public were present

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr Bob Seely  
Cllr S Chorley sent her apologies for the first part of the meeting.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.

## **3. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 9th December, having been prior circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of 6th January, having been prior circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING.**

- i Local Planning Enforcement Issue - The Guet, Limerstone. The clerk is continuing to pursue the issue, a recent email from the IWC Enforcement Team confirmed that no inspection had yet taken place.
- ii Pavement access on Main Road, Brighstone – Island Roads have investigated the issue and added their recommendations to the Network Integrity Register for consideration by the Isle of Wight Council.
- iii. Parish Cemetery bin store – Cllr Cirrone confirmed that no further work had been carried out but that the entrance to the bin store was located to the front of the structure. Councillors agreed that the stonemason should be contacted and a meeting arranged with all parties to discuss locating the entrance at the back of the storage space so that the bins are hidden from view.
- iv. Wildflower Grass Bank, Main Road, Brighstone – A member of the public gave a brief overview of the invasive plant, the Alexander, which is currently becoming a problem on the grass bank. He advised that the plant is cut back two or three times a year and this should prevent its growth. He also recommended planting some more wildflower seeds in order to have a greater mix and have more colour towards the end of the summer months.
- v. Moortown Lane traffic/weight restrictions – Island Roads have confirmed that there are no weight restrictions on Moortown Lane. There is a prohibition of Buses Order covering the road but this does not restrict the size and weight of any other types of vehicle.

The clerk had also contacted the local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for the Yafford area who has agreed to attend one of the Brighstone Parish Council meetings.

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

A member of the public expressed his concern that people are parking on grass verges within the village of Brighstone. Due to the recent wet weather this is causing deep tyre marks in the banks and destroying the grass. It was agreed to add this to the Newsletter asking residents to not park on grass verges, especially during the winter months.

## **6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**LDC/30756/B, P/01503/15.** land adjacent The Willows Moortown Lane Brighstone . Lawful Development Certificate to establish whether planning permission P/01307/12 TCP/30756/A (proposed chalet bungalow formation of vehicular access and hardstanding) was lawfully implemented.

Brighstone Parish Council feel this is a technical and legal issue and it is inappropriate for them to comment.

All Councillors agreed

**TCP/11398/B, P/01518/15.** Hoxall Cottage, Hoxall Lane, Mottistone. Hoxall Cottage, Hoxall Lane, Mottistone. Demolition of rear extension, utility and garage; two storey rear extension; single storey side extension to form additional living accommodation.

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection to the application.

All Councillors agreed.

**TCP/23145/G, P/01507/15.** Berry Barn, New Road, Brighstone. Removal of condition 6 on TCPL/23145 - P/00572/99 and LBC/23145/A - P/00972/99 to allow 3 units to be used as residential.

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection to the application.

All Councillors agreed.

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

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

**TCP/23145/F, P/01112/15** land adjacent to Berry Barn Farm New Road Brighstone . Proposed construction of terrace of 3 dwellings and pair of semidetached dwellings with parking

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

The mid-month planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th January if required.

## **9. TO CONSIDER THE REPAIR OF ST MARY'S CHURCH CLOCK.**

A local resident is currently cleaning the clock and investigating what work needs to be done and which parts require replacing. He has contacted the clock manufacturer who are unwilling to sell individual parts and so a whole unit would have to be purchased.

It was agreed to obtain a quote to cover parts and labour before agreeing to go ahead with the repairs.

## **10. UPDATE ON DRAINAGE WORK AND ROAD DIVERSIONS**

It was confirmed that the main road into Brighstone has now been opened and there will be traffic lights to restrict the traffic to a single carriageway for the next one to two weeks.

Cllr Cirrone reported that the silt along the main road where the drainage works have been carried out had not been cleared away, this means that any surface water runs along the silt and will miss the drain. Cllr Cirrone agreed to contact Island Roads to request the silt is taken away.

## **11. TO DISCUSS AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN BRIGHSTONE.**

It was agreed to postpone this item to the February agenda so that more information could be available.

## **12. TO AGREE THE NEW WALLGATE PUBLIC TOILETS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR HAND WASHING EQUIPMENT.**

The renewal of the Wallgate contract had been prior distributed to councillors.

All councillors agreed to renew the contract.

## **13. TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT**

The police report was distributed to councillors and the public.

## **14. TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATES REGARDING THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON THE BLANCHARDS SITE.**

The Chairman proposed to move this item to the end of the agenda until Cllr Chorley was present at the meeting.

## 15. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Cllr Seely's report was distributed to councillors and the public.

## 16. TO RECEIVE UPDATES OF THE NP MEETINGS

Cllr Cirrone confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan documents had been sent to the Isle of Wight Council. Cllr Cirrone asked councillors whether they thought that, in light of the recent planning decision regarding the Blanchards Development, the Isle of Wight Council consultation should be delayed. All councillors agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan should go ahead as per the previously agreed schedule.

## 17. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR JANUARY.

Risk assessment checks all ok – Reserves acceptable, draft budgets have been prepared and another will be prepared for February.

## 18. TO CONSIDER THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE 2016/17 BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING.

An updated draft budget had been prior distributed to councillors. £500 had been added for the possibility of financially contributing to Planning Enforcement. The 2016/17 budget currently shows an increase in the precept of 3.7%.

Councillors asked whether a 1% salary increase was sufficient. The clerk confirmed that it was as this is the percentage increase Local Government staff have been receiving over the past years.

Concern was expressed about the finances of the Brighstone Newsletter. The clerk was asked to obtain the Newsletter's constitution and enquire about future Newsletter meetings.

## 19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1541	Sutcliffe Play - Recreation Ground spares for maintenance of play equip.		38.68	7.72	46.40
1542	S Jennings - Dec salary		763.77	0.00	763.77
1543	S Jennings - Ink		48.67	9.74	58.41
1544	Newsletter - £42.50 BPNP, £136 PC		178.50	0.00	178.50
1545	Brighstone Methodist Church - Room hire		42.00	0.00	42.00
1546	Wight Community Access - FYT bus donation		300.00	0.00	300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1371.62</b>	<b>17.46</b>	<b>1389.08</b>

## 20. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st December 2015

The Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> December had been covered in item 19 above.

## 21. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPS. ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

**South Wight Medical Practise** – Cllr Roberts and Cllr Morgan had attended the South Wight Medical Practise patient participation meeting. It was an open agenda meeting with only local parish councillors present. The main purpose was to discuss ways to improve the South Wight Practise and discussions included the emergency 111 service, internal issues and procedures at the South Wight Practise and the possibility of a new centre on the Blanchards site in Brighstone.

## 8.30pm Cllr S Chorley joined the meeting

**FYT Bus** – Cllr East is starting his driver training next week and is hoping more leaflets can be distributed throughout the parish to advertise the FYT bus service.

**Island Roads** – Cllr East and Cllr Bridges attended a meeting held by Island Roads for Town and Parish Councils. It was an informative meeting and was mainly to update local councillors of Island Road’s progress and achievements over the past few months.

**Wilberforce Hall** – Cllr Tolfree informed councillors that the Wilberforce Hall had appointed a subgroup to pursue the refurbishment of the toilets. The group are at the stage of compiling detailed plans and they hope the refurbishment will start in March.

## **22. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- i. The Isle of Wight County Training Partnership are running a training course ‘Tendering, Trading and Contract’ on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am until 3pm. The training is for clerks but one councillor from each council is welcome to attend. The cost is £10 per person.
- ii. The access to Compton Beach has been temporarily closed due to damage to the steps and pipe which runs beneath it.
- iii. NALC have asked IWALC for nominations for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> May.
- iv. Following Brighstone Parish Council’s response to the Scrutiny Committee’s Planning questionnaire, we have been invited to attend a committee meeting on Thursday 21st January at 5pm. It was agreed that the clerk and Cllr Cirrone would attend.
- v. The Isle of Wight Council have agreed to pursue Brighstone Parish Council’s request to take over the freehold of the public toilets.
- vi. A member of the public has expressed concern about the number of people exercising their dogs off the lead on the Recreation Ground. The clerk is currently getting quotes for new signs to be put at each of the entrances to the Recreation Ground. Councillors also confirmed that there is a byelaw which states that dogs must not be exercised on the Recreation Ground. It was agreed to raise this issue in the February Newsletter.
- vii. A local volunteer litter picker has reported an increase in the amount of dog fouling along local footpaths. It was agreed to highlight this in the February Newsletter.
- viii. Tree Works Notifications –  
Land adjacent to footpath BS40 – Sycamore to be felled to near ground level.  
8 St Mary’s Court – Silver Birch to be felled & a Silver Birch to reduce crown  
Bay Tree Cottage – Various trees to be reduced in height and two to be felled.

## **23. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS WISH TO RAISE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

**Top Mops** – Cllr Roberts reported that the toilet roll holders had been replaced in the public toilets. The clerk said that this had not been authorised and she would look into it.

**Brook Post Office** – Cllr Haviland reported that the Post Office in Brook would not be returning.

## **14. TO CONSIDER ANY UPDATES REGARDING THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS ON THE BLANCHARDS SITE.**

Cllr Tolfree and Cllr Roberts declared an interest, signed the Declaration of Interests Book, and left the meeting. Cllr Cirrone confirmed that the Planning Inspector had given permission for the Blanchards Planning Application to go ahead against the decision of the Isle of Wight Planning Committee.

All councillors agreed that the Planning Inspector had ignored the Brighstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan and had not given any weight to it.

All councillors agreed that the Parish Council should write to the Secretary of State stating that the Neighbourhood Plan had been ignored and ask him to call the decision in.

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

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.02pm.