

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN
BRIGHSTONEMETHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL 2016 AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr. John Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr S Chorley, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr D Tolfree, and Cllr. M East.
Mrs Susannah Jennings (clerk)
Cllr Bob Seely arrived at 7.45pm and left the meeting at 8.10pm.
Four members of the Public were present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr R Haviland and Cllr C Bridges

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.

3. MINUTES.

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

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 16th March, having been prior circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

- i. Local Planning Enforcement issues – The clerk is continuing to pursue.
- ii Pavement access on Main Road, Brighstone – Bob Seely had agreed to investigate the recommendations made by Island Roads

A reply has been received from Island Roads regarding a speed monitoring exercise carried out at the top of Moortown Lane and confirmed that no further speed monitoring is necessary.

Island Roads have carried out the levelling works on the footpath next to the Methodist Church as requested on the questionnaire.

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

There were no public questions/comments.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

TCP/20260/A, P/00316/16. The Willows Moortown Lane Brighstone. Householder Application Retention and completion of conservatory.

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection

All councillors agreed

TCP/25162/B, P/00341/16. 3 Coastguard Cottages Military Road Brighstone. Demolition of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension alterations proposed two storey side and single/two storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation to include balcony on rear elevation (revised scheme)

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection

All councillors agreed

TCP/31127/A, P/00237/16. Former library, New Road, Brighstone. Demolition of shed; proposed rear extension to form toilet.

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection but would request there be as much disabled access as possible

All councillors agreed

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

The following planning applications had been granted permission by the Isle of Wight Council:

LBC/10711/G, P/00077/16, Weirside Cottage Main Road Brighstone. LBC for internal works

TCP/21786/B, P/00058/16. Sunnymeadow and San Feliu, Moor Lane, Brighstone. Proposed first floor extensions to garages for Sunnymeadow and San Feliu to form additional living accommodation and to include replacement raised roof.

TCP/32116/A, P/00080/16. The Red House, Brook. Demolition of garage; proposed extension on front elevation to form integral garage (revised scheme).

The Chairman proposed that item 19 be considered next as Cllr Bob Seely had a ferry to catch.

19. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

- i. The Isle of Wight Council has had a £16 million central Government funding cut. Hopefully there will be a meeting with the Secretary of State in June.
- ii. There is going to be a 3.99% increase in Council Tax
- iii. There are new plans regarding devolution which includes the Solent region councils.
- iv. There will be a peak in road resurfacing works in 2016 by Island Roads and therefore residents have been asked to be patient.
- vi. Rural broadband in our area should now be active. Residents should be receiving a minimum of 2mb which should be increased to 5mb in the future.
- v. Cllr Seely has the option to call in the Atherfield planning application in order to highlight the importance that conditions are placed on the development.

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

The midmonth meeting will be on 27th April at 7.30pm

9. TO DISCUSS THE PARISH CEMETERY BIN STORE.

Cllr Cirrone had contacted the benefactor to explain the situation. It was agreed that Cllr Cirrone will arrange for the bricks to be sent back to the supplier who will then reimburse the contractor, who will reimburse the benefactor.

The clerk will obtain new quotes for the construction of the bin store and the benefactor has agreed to contribute 50% of the costs.

10. TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST TO GIFT A CEMETERY PLOT AS A GOODWILL GESTURE.

The Clerk explained that a burial had been requested and the Funeral Director had said in advance that they would try and dig a double depth plot but due to the wet weather and the sandy soil it may not be possible. On the application form the purchaser has indicated that if a double depth was not possible they would like to purchase the adjacent plot.

It was not possible to dig a double depth plot and it has now been requested that the Parish Council gift the adjacent plot to the family.

After some discussion and looking at the plot purchase application form councillors proposed to decline the request.

Proposed: Cllr Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr Tolfree

All councillors agreed.

It was also agreed to amend the cemetery rules and regulations to disallow any double depth graves in the future.

11. TO DISCUSS THE HEADSTONE ARRANGEMENT AT THE PARISH CEMETERY.

The arrangement of the burial graves and position of the headstones were discussed. It was acknowledged that when the cemetery was first established a mistake was made by arranging the first row of graves too close to the boundary. Subsequently the hedge has grown and it is now difficult to walk along the first row as the hedge has grown over the footpath.

The second row of graves has now been started but there is a small footpath separating the first and second rows.

It was agreed the second row position is correct and that the clerk would ask if the hedge along the first row be cut a little further back.

Proposed: Cllr Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr Morgan

All councillors agreed.

12. TO DISCUSS FINANCIALLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE BRIGHSTONE AND DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

In order to secure the financial future of the Brighstone and District Newsletter, both Brighstone and Shorwell Parish Councils have been asked to make a financial donation representing £1 per household within their parish.

This would equate to £874 for Brighstone Parish Council.

After some discussion all councillors agreed to the donation which would be reviewed annually.

Proposed: Cllr Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr Chorley

All councillors agreed.

13. TO DISCUSS COMMEMORATING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

After some discussion and considering the timescale it was decided that the Parish Council did not have enough time to arrange their own event but would hopefully be able to support another event within the parish.

14. TO CONSIDER TENDERS FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE TOILET CLEANING CONTRACT

The two tenders received were considered by the councillors.

After some discussion councillors proposed to accept the more financially competitive quote from tender B, which is the current contractor who has always proved reliable.

Proposed: Cllr East

Seconded: Cllr Tolfree

All councillors agreed.

15. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE DRILLING/FRACKING IN THE SOUTH WEST OF THE ISLAND.

Councillors discussed an email received regarding the onshore licences for fossil fuel extraction.

Councillors agreed that it is important to be kept up to date with the issue and if things progress a public meeting will be called to keep everyone informed, and representatives from both sides would be invited.

16. TO DISCUSS THE FIGHT FOR THE WIGHT CAMPAIGN.

Councillors discussed the current and potential financial position of the Isle of Wight Council. It was agreed to ask the Brighstone and District Newsletter to add an article informing the public of the 'Fight For The Wight Campaign' being led by the Isle of Wight Council and the Isle of Wight County press.

17. TO RECEIVE THE POLICE REPORT

The police no longer provide a report to Town and Parish Councils.

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

There were no updates to report.

19. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

This had been moved to earlier in the meeting.

20. TO RECEIVE UPDATES AND PROGRESS OF THE NP MEETINGS

The Independent Examiners Report had been received and prior emailed to councillors.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had met the previous evening to discuss the report and had been disappointed with some of the points made in the report. The main point is that the Neighbourhood Plan stipulates the maximum number of dwellings any new development should have, the Inspector recommends that this stipulation is removed. The Examiners report are just recommendations and the Isle of Wight Council have the decision whether to adhere to them.

It was agreed to send an email to Ollie Boutler requesting a meeting to discuss this and offer some flexibility, suggest adding the words 'approximately 10 units'. It was agreed that Mr. John Brownscombe and Cllr Cirrone would represent the Parish Council at this meeting.

21. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR APRIL.

Risk assessment checks all ok – Cemetery seat to be repaired. The bus shelter is now maintained by Island Roads. Our notice boards are in good repair. No problems reported with the bridge. Asset Register to be updated.

22. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1566	B'stone Methodist Church	Room hire	42.00	0.00	42.00
1567	IW County Press - Toilet tender advert		28.75	5.75	34.50
1568	Southern Electric - Toilets		33.35	1.66	35.01
1569	Wallgate - Toilet units maintenance		612.00	122.40	734.40
1570	Top Mops - March toilet cleaning		208.73	41.75	250.48
1571	Mrs S Jennings March salary		763.77	0.00	763.77
1572	Mr J Cirrone - reimbursement for ink		16.24	3.25	19.49
1573	Mrs S Jennings - expenses		122.03	8.97	131.00
1574	West Wight Sports Centre – Donation		1000.00	0.00	1000.00
1575	Refuse sacks –Cemetery bin		7.80	0.00	7.80
TOTAL			2834.67	183.78	3018.45

Proposed: Cllr Tolfree

Seconded: Cllr Chorley

All councillors agreed

23. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST MARCH 2016

The Financial Statement to 31st March had been prior distributed. This represented a summary of the financial year 2015/16. The internal auditor is booked to inspect the accounts in the first week of May.

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

FYT Bus – Cllr East reported that the FYT bus was doing well although last Friday the bus was delayed due to the works being carried out by Island Roads.

Wilberforce Hall – Cllr Tolfree reported that the works to make access to the seating area will start in the next few weeks.

The Reading Rooms – Cllr Tolfree reported that since the Main Road had been resurfaced the Reading Rooms had experienced problems with water runoff causing flooding. Works to raise some of the ground level seem to have rectified the problem.

IWALC Devolution Workshop – Cllr Tolfree and the clerk attended a Devolution Workshop organised by IWALC.

25. CORRESPONDENCE:

i. An invitation has been received for the chairman and guest to attend the beacon lighting ceremony in honour of the Queens 90th birthday at Carisbrooke Castle on Thursday 21st April.

ii. A letter from a member of the public has been received expressing concern that people are continuing to let their dogs off of the lead on the Brighstone Recreation Ground. It was agreed to place a reminder in the next newsletter.

iii. An invitation has been received from the My Life a Full Life group regarding a special Parish and Town Council event on Wednesday 20th April at 5.30pm at the Quay Arts in Newport.

iv. The Isle of Wight Council have launched a three month public consultation on the West Wight Shoreline Coastal Strategy.

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

Compton Bay – The Isle of Wight Council had planned to have the steps repaired for the Eater holidays but were unable to due to the weather, they will now be repaired in time for the main summer holidays.

Parking at the top of Moor Lane – It was reported that builders working at The Lodge development are still parking on the corner of Moor Lane and the Main Road. It was agreed that Cllr Cirrone would contact the developer.

Dog Bins – It was suggested that the Parish Council produce a map of Brighstone village showing the location of the dog bins.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 11th May at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.
Mid month planning meeting on Wednesday 27th April at 7.45pm.

In accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the next item on this agenda having due regard to the business to be transacted.

28. TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE REGISTRAR POSITION.

The clerk explained her concerns that when she takes her annual leave there is not any official procedure to cover the role of the Cemetery Registrar. At present the files are passed to the chairman but as he works full time there may be occasions when he is not available.

After some discussion it was decided that councillors would consider any solutions and the matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

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