

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN BRIGHSTONE
METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr. John Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr S Chorley, Cllr C Bridges, Cllr S Roberts and Cllr. M East.
Mrs Susannah Jennings (clerk)
Cllr Bob Seely joined the meeting at 7.40pm.
Two members of the Public were present

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr J Morgan, Cllr R Haviland and Cllr D Tolfree

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 14th September, had been prior circulated and read. One amendment was made to the first line of item 9, to change the word beach to breach. Once this amendment had been made the minutes were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

4. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES

- i. Local Planning Enforcement issues – There had been no updates received from the Isle of Wight Council regarding the former Countryman site or the Yafford site.
- ii Pavement access on Main Road, Brighstone – The matter is still ongoing with Island Roads/The Isle of Wight Council and Cllr. Bob Seely has been assisting in getting the issue resolved. Island Roads have requested the contact details of the neighbouring property.
- iii. Resurfacing of Lynch Lane – The clerk wrote to the Cllr. Phil Jordan who raised the issues with a number of Isle of Wight Council officers. No feedback has yet been received but the clerk will follow this up next week.
- iv. New Pavements on Wilberforce Road – Following a number of concerns from members of the public, the clerk has photographed the newly resurfaced pavements in Wilberforce Road and contacted Island Roads. The pavements were only laid about six months ago but have large cracks and weeds growing through in a number of locations.
- v. Fracking Presentation – The Fracking presentation has been postponed until all councillors are back from their holiday and it will be held at a mid-month planning meeting, this will probably be in the new year.
- vi. No.12 Bus Service – The clerk had contacted Matt Kitchin of Southern Vectis. Mr Kitchin's reply stated that the number of people using the number 12 service had not increased and have held at the same level as last year. Mr Kitchin is leaving Southern Vectis and the clerk was advised to contact to Marc West, who is responsible for route and network planning.

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

There were no concerns or issues raised.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

TCPL/03812/H, P/01240/16, Old Myrtle Cottage Brook. Demolition of existing garage outbuilding rebuild to form annex accommodation building (revised scheme)

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection.

All councillors agreed

LBC/03812/G, P/01241/16, Old Myrtle Cottage Brook. LBC for demolition of existing garage outbuilding rebuild to form annex accommodation building

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection.

All councillors agreed

TCPI/19362/C, P/01245/16, Myrtle Cottage North Street Brighstone. Householder Application Demolition of porch replacement porch proposed restoration and alteration of dwelling proposed garden shed and calor gas container

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection to the application but would request some form of light attenuation/screening measures applied to the velux windows as per the Dark Skies policy.

All councillors agreed

LBC/19362/B, P/01246/16, Myrtle Cottage North Street Brighstone. LBC for demolition of porch replacement porch proposed restoration and alteration of dwelling to include rooflights proposed garden shed and calor gas container

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection to the application but would request some form of light attenuation/screening measures applied to the velux windows as per the Dark Skies policy.

All councillors agreed

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

There were no planning decisions.

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

The midmonth meeting, if required, will be on 26th October at 7.45pm

9. TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE FYT BUS AND WELCOME REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FYT BUS GROUP.

Cllr Cirrone welcomed Adrian Harris of the FYT bus who gave a short presentation. Mr Harris explained how the number of people using the Brighstone route has been increasing over the last six months and that Wednesday seems to be the busiest day and Friday the quietest. It is hoped the numbers will continue to increase and it is planned to review the service in November/December. It may be necessary to reduce the service to two days a week from January, ceasing the Friday service, if numbers are not maintained over the winter period.

10. IWALC MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS

Councillors discussed issues they would like raised at the IWALC meeting with the Isle of Wight Council on the 24th October.

It was felt that the concern associated with the work carried out by Island Roads were the main issues. This includes the poor quality of the new pavements with a number of cracks and weeds in them within six months of being laid and the poor state local roads are left in with quarterings dumped at the side of the road.

11. TO DISCUSS DISABLED ACCESS IN BRIGHSTONE

After some discussion with regard to possible locations requiring drop kerbs, it was agreed to request a walk about with Island Roads to discuss suitable locations.

12. TO DISCUSS THE SOLENT DEVOLUTION PROPOSAL AND COMMENT ON THE CONSULTATION.

After some discussion it was agreed to raise the following points:

- a. There is not enough detail/information to make a decision
- b. There has not been enough time to fully consider the proposal
- c. The general public seem unaware of the proposal
- d. Is the money going to be used directly for projects or to finance borrowing? Very confusing/conflicting information.
- e. There are not enough safeguards for the Island.
- f. Concerns that there are no get out clauses.
- g. The objectives seem very short term, there is no vision.
- h. It is unlikely the West Wight will receive any benefits as the money will be spent elsewhere as it is at present.

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

It was agreed to postpone this agenda item until the November Parish Council meeting to give councillors more time to consider the options.

14. TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE.

Cllr Chorley gave an overview of the current Facebook page set-up. It is currently functioning as an 'individuals' page with Cllr Chorley carrying out the monitoring and updating the information. It was agreed that the current Facebook Page should be deleted and a new 'Group' page be set-up. Cllr Chorley, Cllr Roberts and the clerk agreed to have a meeting and action this.

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

There were no updates to report.

16. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Cllr Bob Seely gave a verbal report:

- a. The last Isle of Wight Council meeting was primarily about the Solent devolution proposal.
- b. Cllr Seely has been pursuing the issue regarding pavement access where the large pine tree blocks the pavement. The Isle of Wight Council did try and implement the scheme in 2009 and tried to purchase some land of a neighbouring property but this failed. There is now a new owner of the property. Cllr Cirrone highlighted that a lady pushing a pushchair had been hit by a wing mirror and therefore there is a real safety issue.
- c. There will be a motion at the next Isle of Wight Council meeting for the speed limit in towns and villages to be reduced to 20mph.
- d. This weekend is the IW Literary Festival.

17. THE OUTCOME OF THE NP REFERENDUM AND TO DECIDE WHETHER TO PURCHASE COPIES OF THE NP

The referendum result was 90.4% yes and 9.6% no.

Councillors discussed the need for councillors, the clerk and the Library to hold copies of the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was agreed to purchase 10 copies at a cost of £77.02 for those councillors who wished to have a copy (councillors would be required to return their copy of the NP to the clerk when they ceased to be a councillor), the clerk and one copy to be kept in the library.

Proposed: Cllr Bridges, Seconded: Cllr Roberts All councillors agreed.

18. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR OCTOBER.

Risk assessment checks all ok. Grass cutting is up to date. Burial registers are up to date.

19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1620	Groundsells Contracting -	Grass cutting Sept	700.00	140.00	840.00
1621	PlayQuip Leisure -	New Steam Engine and matting in playground	5000.00	1000.00	6000.00
1622	Mrs S Jennings -	September salary	778.66	0.00	778.66
1623	HM Revenue & Customs -	July, Aug & Sept	92.13	0.00	92.13
1624	John Brownscombe -	NP Consultant	56.83	0.00	56.83
1625	SSE -	Electricity for toilets	31.74	1.58	33.32
1626	Mrs S Jennings -	Ink, paper and stamps	76.63	14.01	90.64
1627	Seely Hall -	Room hire Aug 16	15.00	0.00	15.00
1628	Southern Water -	Cemetery	18.40	3.68	22.08
TOTAL			6769.39	1159.27	7928.66

Proposed: Cllr Roberts

Seconded: Cllr East

All councillors agreed

20. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

The Financial Statement to 30th September had been prior distributed to councillors and members of the public.

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

Recreation Ground Committee – Cllr Chorley reported that the grand opening of the new Stem Engine play equipment had taken place on Tuesday. It had been a great success and there will be photographs on the website.

22. CORRESPONDENCE:

- i. A letter has been received requesting members to make a donation to support the Isle of Wight Team competing at the NatWest Island Games.
- ii. The IWALC workshop on the future of youth services will take place on Thursday 20th October at 6.30pm.
- iii. The following tree works requests have been given consent by the Isle of Wight Council:
 - 13 Woodlands, Brighstone – felling of a Cypress and crown clearance
 - Brookfield, Brook – felling of a Cypress and felling of a hedge
 - Leigh Cottage, Main Road, Brighstone – work on trees in a conservation area
 - Gilmans, Upper Lane, Brighstone – to re-pollard Willow tree back to previous pollard points.

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

Brighstone Forest Footpaths – The footpaths through Brighstone Forest are still very overgrown despite the Forestry Commission being contacted.

Recreation Ground Strimming – When strimming the Recreation Ground the benches at the top of the field are being damaged.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 9th November at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

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