

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN BRIGHSTONE  
METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr S Chorley, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr R Haviland, Cllr. M East and Cllr Colin Bridges (joined meeting at 7.35pm).

Mrs Susannah Jennings (clerk)

Ward Cllr. Bob Seely

Seven members of the public were present.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

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 8<sup>th</sup> February, which had been prior circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> February, which had been prior circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> February, which had been prior circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

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

- i Parking issues in Brighstone – Island Roads have added the request for a limited waiting restriction onto their register of potential highway improvements so that it can be considered in detail by the Isle of Wight Council.
- ii Warnes Lane Car Park fence – The clerk is still establishing who owns the fence.
- iii. No.12 Bus Service – An email has been received from Southern Vectis confirming that from the 9<sup>th</sup> April all journeys will be extended to/from Alum Bay, the Sunday timetable has been reintroduced and the 1.35pm service from Newport now leaves at 1.20pm. Unfortunately they have not had time to fully consider all the requests that were made.
- iv. Parish Council Election guidance notes – The clerk had prior distributed by email these guidance notes to all councillors which explain that the Parish Council should not undertake any activities which could be seen as promoting an individual councillor or party.
- v. Planning Enforcement at the former Countryman site - The Isle of Wight planning enforcement team have closed this case but will re-evaluate the case if required later in the year.
- vi. Parish Council Credit Card – The clerk applied for a credit card online but unfortunately the Parish Council did not fit into any of the categories and the request was declined. The clerk will book an appointment to go into the branch and discuss the issue.

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

A very large pothole on the Main Road approaching Brighstone village was reported.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

Cllr Cirrone, Cllr East and Cllr Bridges declared a non-pecuniary interest and signed the Declarations of Interest book.

**TCP/00895/L, P/00177/17.** Blakes Hill Limerstone Road. Householder Application Alterations single/ two storey extension to form garage bedrooms/ bathroom and living room to include balconies at first floor on north and south elevations dormer windows (revised scheme)

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection to the application

All councillors agreed

**TCP/18664/K, P/00223/17.** Willses, Upper Lane, Brighstone. Variation of condition 2 on P/00514/16 - TCP/18864/J to allow change of materials

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection to the application

All councillors agreed

Cllr Haviland declared a non-pecuniary interest and signed the Declarations of Interests book.

**TCP/13720/A, P/00211/17.** Garden Cottage, Hulverstone. Demolition of garage and side extension; replacement garage; proposed two storey side extension; proposed garden studio.

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection to the application

All councillors agreed.

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

No planning decisions had been received

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

The mid-month planning meeting if required will be held on Wednesday 22nd March at 7.45pm.

#### **9. TO WELCOME THE NEW OWNER OF SEVEN, MAIN ROAD BRIGHSTONE**

Cllr Cirrone welcomed the new owner of Seven.

The owner of seven told the Parish Council of her intention, once repairs to the property have been carried out, to run a small bed and breakfast for walkers, cyclists etc. and to open a small country style tearooms. She also intends to rename the property and will be asking local residents to vote on a selection of five or six names.

#### **10. TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE POSSIBILITY OF OIL EXPLORATION ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT**

Councillors discussed the issue and it was decided to keep this as an agenda item for any updates that may be announced.

Cllr Bob Seely agreed to contact the Isle of Wight Council to ask whether there has been any pre-application discussions.

#### **11. TO DISCUSS REMOVAL OF THE LYCHGATE AND ALTERATIONS TO THE STONE SUPPORTS AT ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH, MOTTISTONE**

Following a letter from a member of the public the clerk has contacted the clerk to the church and asked why the lychgate was removed and whether the current repairs are a temporary measure and if they had planning permission. The Church Clerk had been on holiday and only returned yesterday so has not had a chance to investigate.

It was agreed to postpone the discussion until next month's Parish Council meeting when full details from the church clerk have been received.

#### **12. TO DISCUSS THE TREES FELLED BETWEEN MOTTISTONE BARN AND THE CHURCH, MOTTISTONE.**

Following a letter received from a member of the public the clerk confirmed that permission had been granted from the Isle of Wight Council's Tree Officer to fell the trees.

Councillors discussed the untidy tree stumps that remain and it was confirmed that the land is owned by the National Trust.

The clerk was asked to contact the National Trust and request that the tree stumps be removed in order to make the area tidy.

#### **13. TO DISCUSS THE CONDITION OF LAND AT THE GUET IN LIMERSTONE.**

Following an email from a member of the public councillors discussed the general state of the land at the Guet in Limerstone.

Councillors agreed to write to the Isle of Wight Council Planning Enforcement Team to highlight the general untidy condition of the land and to contact Shorwell Parish Council who have also discussed this site at their Parish Council meeting

#### **14. TO CONSIDER THE PUBLIC TOILETS FREEHOLD CONTRACT DRAFTED BY THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL**

The clerk reported that she had not yet received any information from other Town/Parish Councils but is hoping clerks from Town and Parish Council's effected would meet up to discuss the issue.

#### **15. TO CONSIDER THE 2017/18 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The clerk had prior distributed a draft 2017/18 meeting schedule.

It was noted that the May 2017 meeting had been rescheduled to 17<sup>th</sup> May due to the date of the May elections. The September 2017 meeting is also scheduled to take place on the third Wednesday of the month rather than the normal second Wednesday.

Councillors also agreed to hold the June 2017 meeting on the third Wednesday of the month (June 21<sup>st</sup>).

All agreed to the schedule and the clerk will make the alterations and distribute to councillors and publish on the website.

#### **16. UPDATE FROM THE PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL WEST WIGHT CLUSTER GROUP AND TO AGREE TO SUPPORT LETTER TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL**

The notes from the West Wight Town and Parish Council's cluster meeting had been prior distributed to councillors.

All agreed to support the letter to the Isle of Wight Council regarding the long term future of the Military Road, financial support of the West Wight Sports Centre and the improvement of transport links in the West Wight.

#### **17. TO NOMINATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND MY LIFE A FULL LIFE MEETINGS WITHIN THE WEST WIGHT CLUSTER.**

It was agreed to postpone nominating a representative until after the May elections.

#### **18. TO CONSIDER TENDERS FOR THE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

The clerk explained that she had advertised the grass maintenance contract in the Isle of Wight County Press and had sent out four information packs to various companies. Unfortunately only one had been returned.

Councillors considered the one tender received which was from the current contractor. The tender offered to keep the cost as per last year and to offer this price for the next three years.

Councillors considered the cost and the fact that both the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Administration Committee have been very happy with the contractor over the years.

It was proposed to accept the three year contract plus the offer to keep the cemetery car park weed free between the months of April and October for an additional £200 per year.

Proposed: Cllr Havilland      Seconded: Cllr Chorley      All councillors agreed

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

There were no updates to report.

#### **20. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.**

Councillor Seely gave a verbal report:

1. Cllr Seely is looking at the effect of raised road heights and change in camber once rural roads have been resurfaced as part of the Island Roads works. If anyone has been effected by this they should contact Cllr Bob Seely.

2. There has been some welcome change to the appearance of the former Countryman and the Planning Enforcement Team have been taking action.

The Isle of Wight Council have voted to increase their budget by 4.9%, which is £1.19 per week for the average band C property.

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

Risk assessment checks all ok. Cemetery gates and fences all in good order. Burial registers are up to date. The Recreation Ground rent has been received.

#### **22. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1656	Top Mops - Feb toilet cleaning		224.39	44.88	269.27
1657	Dryad Treework - Ashley copse etc		200.00	0.00	200.00
1658	Mrs S Jennings - Feb salary		785.76	0.00	785.76
1559	Isle of Wight County Press - Grounds maint. Tender advert		46.80	9.36	56.16
1560	County Fencing Supplies - Recreation Ground		36.00	7.20	43.20
1531	Wallgate - Hand cleaning contract (toilets)		105.00	21.00	126.00
1502	Electrical Test Ltd - Toilet electrics work		114.72	22.95	137.67
1473	Mrs S Jennings - Ink from Staples		102.90	20.58	123.48
1444	Southern Water - Cemetery water		19.63	3.93	23.56
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1635.20</b>	<b>129.90</b>	<b>1765.10</b>

Proposed: Cllr Roberts

Seconded: Cllr East

All councillors agreed

### **23. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

The Financial Statement to 28<sup>th</sup> February had been prior distributed to councillors and members of the public.

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

**FYT Bus** – Cllr East reported that the FYT bus seems to be getting a bit busier.

**Website** – Cllr Chorley reported that she has been auditing the website in order that it is up to date before the May elections.

**The Newsletter** – Cllr Morgan reported that the Newsletter's distribution all went ok for the March edition.

**MP Andrew Turner meeting** – Cllr Cirrone reported that he had attended a 'lobby your MP' meeting. Dave Stewart was also present and it was highlighted that the Isle of Wight Council need to work more closely with Town and Parish Councils.

### **25. CORRESPONDENCE:**

i. A letter from the West Wight Sports Centre had been received thanking the Parish Council for their donation this financial year.

ii. A summary of works carried out by Dryad Treework has been received. Most of the work has been pruning of trees, shrubs and weeds on Ashley Way Copse. Work has also been carried out in Brook and Ashley Way verges.

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

**Potholes** – Island Roads have repaired some potholes in the parish but a number remain along the Main Road in Brighstone.

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

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.03pm.