

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN BRIGHSTONE
METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 12th APRIL 2017 AT 7.30PM.**

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

Mrs Susannah Jennings (clerk)

Six members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr S Roberts

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 8th March, 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. Mottistone Tree Stumps – A reply has been received from the National Trust outlining that it is their intention to remove the stumps and alter the driveway if planning permission is granted.
- ii. Land at the Guet, Limerstone – A reply from the Isle of Wight Council has been received stating that the land is permitted to be used for storage as per historic permissions for the barn/stable buildings.
- iii. Planning Enforcement at the former Countryman site – No further details have been received.
- iv. Parish Council Bank card – The Newport branch are not able to discuss issuing a credit/debit card and have advised that it can only be done online. The bank have also said that a credit card would not be possible but the Parish Council could apply for a debit card. The clerk has printed off the application form and will complete this and post to the bank.

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

The bin in Warnes Lane car park is being used by a home/business as it overflowing with rubbish which includes cream cartons, shredded paper, dirty nappies etc.

Cars parking on the bend as you go out of the village towards Limerstone is becoming a safety issue with reports of near misses when passing these vehicles and meeting oncoming traffic.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

TCP/31277/B, P/00347/17. Pitt Place Farm Pitt Place Lane Brighstone. Removal of agricultural occupancy condition (no. 5) on TCP/2982/J (revised)

Councillors decided that they had no comment to make on this application and that it was a case best determined by the Isle of Wight Council.

TCP/33028, P/00362/17. 11 Shippards Road Brighstone. Householder Application Demolition of conservatory and shed proposed single storey side and rear extension

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection to the application

All councillors agreed.

TCP/17229/B, P/00123/17. Brighstone Social Club Main Road Brighstone. Increase to the pitch of the roof to the side of the building to allow for the installation of an accessible WC

Cllr Tolfree declared a non-pecuniary interest and signed the declaration of interests book.

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection to the application

6 councillors agreed, one abstention.

TCP/18664/L, P/00312/17. Willses Upper Lane Brighstone. Installation of solar panels to the east west and south roof elevations of the unit of holiday accommodation store and carport.

Brighstone Parish Council object to this application. Brighstone Parish Council appreciate there is a need to encourage renewable energy but have concerns due to the setting of this building next to the main listed building.

Three councillors agreed, three disagreed, one abstention. The chairman used his casting vote.

TCP/05444/F, P/00384/17. High Rising, Muggleton Lane, Limerstone. Demolition of sun room; proposed single storey extension.

Brighstone Parish Council have no objection to the application

All councillors agreed.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

The following planning applications were granted planning permission from the Isle of Wight Council: P/00092/17. Greenclose, Brook, PO30 4EJ. Demolition of chalet bungalow: replacement chalet bungalow (revised scheme).

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

The mid-month planning meeting if required will be held on Wednesday 26th April at 7.45pm.

9. TO DISCUSS PARKING ISSUES IN BRIGHSTONE

It was confirmed that the request to place parking time restrictions outside the shops in Brighstone has been added to the Isle of Wight Council's list of issues to consider.

The safety issue of cars parking on the bend just outside Brighstone towards Limerstone was discussed and Cllr Cirrone confirmed that he and the clerk were in the process of setting an onsite meeting with police Sgt. Armitage. Councillors agreed that this has become a real danger on a main road which is made worse by the size of some vehicles using the road such as the public buses and farm vehicles.

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

No updates had been received.

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

An email from the clerk of the church council has confirmed that the pillars are a temporary fix until funds can be raised to replace the lychgate.

Councillors asked the clerk to get confirmation as to whether planning permission was granted/required for the temporary fix.

12. TO DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE OF NOTICE BOARDS AND OTHER ITEMS IN THE PARISH INCLUDING WARNES LANE CAR PARK

Councillors discussed a number of maintenance issues within the parish:

Warnes Lane car park fence – Cllr Cirrone and the clerk had attended an onsite meeting with Mr Bean of Island Roads. Mr Bean confirmed that the fence was not part of the Island Roads maintenance contract. It was agreed to write to the Isle of Wight Council to ask if they own it and if they could have it repaired.

General Maintenance – It was agreed that a maintenance person was required in order to carry out repairs to noticeboards etc. and that this would best suit a self-employed person with public liability insurance that the Parish Council could pay at an hourly rate when required.

Black Noticeboard outside Wilberforce Hall – The gold leaf lettering requires adding to with the date '2015' in order to acknowledge winning the Best Kept Village for 2015. A quote has been supplied by the original contractor at £75 if he has to collect and deliver the noticeboard and £45 if it is dropped off to him and collected. It was agreed to postpone this work until after we know the results of the 2017 Best Kept Village Awards.

13. TO CONSIDER THE PUBLIC TOILETS FREEHOLD CONTRACT DRAFTED BY THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

The clerk distributed a summary of responses she had received from other Town and Parish Councils on the Island which listed whether they had signed the contract yet, if they used a solicitor and if they had changed any wording from the original draft contract.

Cllr Haviland agreed to approach local solicitors in the area and ask their opinion.

14. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF TWINNING WITH A FRENCH TOWN

Cllr. Chorley gave a presentation about the possibility of Brighstone twinning with a French Town which closely resembled Brighstone's demographics. Cllr Chorley had approached the Headmistress of Brighstone school who had agreed to give it some thought.

Councillors agreed to consider the idea further once feedback had been received from the headmistress and the new councillors had been elected in May.

15. RESULTS OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME APPLICATION AND ACTIONS REQUIRED.

Brighstone Parish Council's application for the Foundation Stage of the Local Council Award Scheme had been assessed by Suffolk Association of Local Councils. Unfortunately a new guidance template has been released for Parish Council Standing Orders and Financial Standing Orders and in order to pass the criteria Brighstone Parish Council will need to update these documents.

The clerk will update the documents and put on the May agenda.

16. TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM AGE UK

It was agreed to inform Age UK that Brighstone Parish council are planning to set up a grant policy whereby requests for financial support will be considered once a year, probably in October/November.

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

Cllr Tolfree declared a pecuniary interest and left the room.8.38pm

It was noted that the Blanchards site had been sold subject to contract by the Estate Agents Hodes, Rhodes and Dickson.

It was agreed to write to the Estate Agent inviting the new owners to engage with the Parish Council and Community for the benefit of both parties and in order to avoid the circumstances that have arisen in the past when there was no consultation with the community before application.

Cllr Tolfree returned to the room 8.47pm

18. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Due to the forthcoming election and the rules governing candidates Cllr Seely was unable to give a report.

19. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR APRIL.

Risk assessment checks all ok. Cemetery seats have been repaired. The bus shelter is now maintained by Island Roads. The maintenance of noticeboards had been discussed earlier in the meeting. No problems have been reported with the bridge. The asset register will be updated.

20. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
	Wallgate - re-raise of chq				
1665	1661	Cancelled	0.00	0.00	0.00
1666	Ventnor Town Council - re-raise of chq	1665	105.00	0.00	105.00
1667	HM Revenue & Customs		98.40	0.00	98.40
1668	Top Mops - March toilet cleaning		224.39	44.88	269.27
1669	Mrs S Jennings March salary		785.76	0.00	785.76

1670	Southern electric - Toilets	36.38	1.81	38.19
1671	Susannah Jennings - Ink, sadolin, stamps	80.74	13.09	93.83
1672	Suffolk Association of Local Councils	50.00	10.00	60.00
1673	Dryad Treework - Tree felled and other pruning at The Pound	350.00	0.00	350.00
1674	IOW Sports Foundation - Affiliation fees	6.00	0.00	6.00
1675	Brighstone Methodist Church - Room Hire	56.00	0.00	56.00
1676	Brighstone Playing Field - Pavilion sustainability fund	300.00	0.00	300.00
1677	County Fencing Supplies - Safety fence around swings	574.00	114.80	688.80
TOTAL		2666.67	184.58	2851.25

Proposed: Cllr Roberts

Seconded: Cllr East

All councillors agreed

21. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st MARCH 2017

The Financial Statement to 31st March had been prior distributed to councillors and members of the public.

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

FYT Bus – Cllr East reported that from the 4th May the Monday FYT Bus service will cease. The Wednesday and Friday service will continue as normal.

Website – Cllr Chorley reported that she has been auditing the website in order that it is up to date before the May elections. There will also be another Web Group meeting when the new council is established.

The Recreation Ground – Cllr Bridges reported that he had attended the Recreation Ground AGM. The new John Cassell Train was well used in the children's playground. Unfortunately there is not going to be a cricket team again this year.

The Reading Rooms – Cllr Tolfree explained that now planning permission had been submitted for a disabled toilet the Reading Rooms will look for grants to enable the work to be carried out.

The Newsletter – Last month the Newsletter received a complaint about an article, therefore there are plans to introduce a quality proof reader.

IWALC – Cllr Cirrone attended a recent IWALC meeting, the main discussion point was the recent meeting with Andrew Turner.

23. CORRESPONDENCE:

- i. The Brighstone Recreation Ground Annual Report to the Parish Council, accounts and AGM Minutes
- ii. Tree work notification at Chestnut Cottage, Carpenter's Lane, Brook.
- iii. Tree works notification at 1 Woodlands, Brighstone.
- iv. Temporary events notice at Mottistone Manor Farm on the 17th April between 10.30am and 6pm.

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

Broad Lane works – Quarterings left by Island Roads on Broad Lane are still there and the verge has been cut around them

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

Before closing the meeting Cllr Cirrone thanked Cllr Chorley and Cllr Tolfree for their dedication and hard work over the years and wished them both good luck for the future.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.07pm.