

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN SEELY HALL IN BROOK  
ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2017 AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. John Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr J Morgan, Cllr R Haviland, Cllr. M East, Cllr Colin Bridges, Cllr S Roberts and Cllr P Adams.

Ward Cllr. Bob Seely (arrived 7.50pm)

Mrs Susannah Jennings (clerk)

Thirty two members of the public were present.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr. M Huxley.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.

**3. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July, which had been prior circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman once the words – The following were granted planning permission by the Isle of Wight Council – at the beginning of item 7.

The Minutes of the Cemetery Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July, 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. Planning Enforcement Issues

a) The Guet in Limerstone – No further updates. Cllr Cirrone said he would write a letter to be sent to the enforcement team outlining the history of the site.

b) St. Peter and St. Paul church, Mottistone – The clerk had emailed the Isle of Wight Council Enforcement Team asking for an update but had not yet received a reply.

ii. Parish Maintenance – The walk map noticeboard has been removed and is being re- varnished etc. It was found that the map was stuck to the glass and has therefore taken longer than expected.

iii. No Pavement sign near St. Marys Church in Brighstone – This request has been sent to Island Raods.

iv. The no.12 bus service – The winter timetable has been set by Southern Vectis but it is hoped that a meeting with Marc West can be organised over the next couple of months.

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

There were no issues or questions raised by the public.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**TCP/21634/C, P/00821/17**, Mitchells Cottage Moortown Lane Brighstone. Householder Application Proposed single storey conservatory.

Brighstone Parish Council had no objections.

All councillors agreed.

**TCP/33141, P/00797/17**, Land to the rear of Marlingate and adjacent Wellgrounds off Moor Lane Brighstone. Proposed three chalet bungalows with parking and landscaping.

Cllr Adams declared a pecuniary interest. Cllr Adms read out a statement, signed the declaration of interest book and left the room 7.40pm

Brighstone Parish Council object to this planning application. The Parish Council have received a number of objections from local residents both in writing and at our Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council feel that the issue of the surface water has not been considered seriously enough due to the existing problems of flooding

in the area. It is felt that a soakaway would be inadequate for this site. It is also felt that the height of the chalet bungalows will not be in keeping with the area, especially as they will sit on higher ground than the surrounding existing homes. Road safety is also a concern and should be considered, Moor Lane is very narrow and in parts only one car can pass at a time. Finally in order to protect the Dark Skies light attenuation measures should be put in place on the roof lights.

Three councillors objected to the application. Three councillors did not object to the application. Cllr Cirrone used his casting vote as Chairman.

Cllr Adams returned to the meeting at 8.15pm

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

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

**LBC/28803/G, P/00671/17.** Heath Cottage, Main Road, Brighstone. Proposed shower room.

**LBC/00760/N, P/00575/17.** Brook House Brook. Listed Building Consent for reinstatement and improvement to entrance colonnade on north elevation

**TCP/10286/E, P/00654/17.** Greentrees, Gaggerhill Lane, Brighstone. Demolition of utility, garage and car port; alterations to include cladding; proposed single storey extension and porch; proposed store

**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)

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

The mid-month planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 7.45pm.

#### **9. UPDATE ON THE FUTURE OF THE MILITARY ROAD**

Cllr. Cirrone explained that he and the clerk had raised the issue of the future of the Military Road at the West Wight Town and Parish Councils (WWTPC) meeting. The WWTPC group then wrote a letter and subsequently met with the Isle of Wight Council on two occasions, once with IWALC and once representing the WWTPC group. The meetings were with the leader of the council Dave Stewart, the Chief Executive and the deputy leader, Stuart Hutchinson. At these meetings the Isle of Wight Council agreed to put together a task force to start looking at long term options now instead of waiting until the road has to be closed.

Brighstone Parish Council have also asked questions about where the finances are to preserve the Military Road that were promised at the initial stages of the PFI.

#### **10. TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF SPEEDING MOTORCYCLES ALONG THE MILITARY ROAD.**

The clerk had contacted the police regarding the issue and they had replied stating that this has been an issue raised by a number of residents and Parish/Town councils.

Sgt. Armitage has contacted the Traffic Team and the Road Safety Partnership and enforcement will be carried out when time allows.

Sgt. Armitage also stated that articles have been placed in biker's magazines and educational biker schemes are being run.

Sgt. Armitage offered to attend the Parish Council September meeting if he is available.

#### **11. TO CONSIDER JOINING THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT OFFICER SCHEME.**

The clerk had contacted Lee Matthews of the Isle of Wight Council who had advised that it is possible for Brighstone Parish Council to join the scheme. The minimum number of hours is 1 per week at a cost of £10 per hour. A list of services the Environment Officer could provide had been prior distributed to councillors.

It was agreed to join the Environment Officer Scheme and to evaluate its effectiveness in 6 months.

Proposed: Cllr Haviland

Seconded: Cllr Roberts

All councillors agreed

#### **12. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE FYT BUS**

The clerk had received an email from Michael Craig of the FYT bus suggesting that the Parish Council produce a survey to go into the Newsletter to get some feedback from residents regarding their transport needs.

Councillors agreed to add the survey to the next Newsletter (in October) on a cut out page with the Brighstone Parish Council report on the reverse of the page so no other article will be destroyed.

Proposed: Cllr Haviland

Seconded: Cllr Adams

All councillors agreed.

### **13. UPDATE REGARDING THE WEST WIGHT TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL GROUP (WWTPCG)**

Cllr Cirrone reported that the WWTPCG are now meeting regularly and have proposed to announce the formation of the group in the County Press in the near future.

The main issues the group are tackling are the future of the West Wight Sports and Community Centre, the future of the Military Road and transport needs in the West Wight.

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

No updates had been received.

### **15. COUNCILLOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.**

The clerk had prior distributed a list of upcoming training opportunities for councillors run by IWALC.

The first is Chairmanship Skills Training (for everyone not just Chairman and aspiring chairman) on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **16. UPDATE ON THE TOILET REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**

There were no updates.

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

The clerk had received an interpretation of the contract from the solicitors which had been prior distributed to councillors.

It was agreed that everyone was happy with the contract and Brighstone Parish Council should ask the solicitor to proceed with the agreement with the Isle of Wight Council and that Brighstone Parish Council sign the documents.

Proposed: Cllr Roberts

Seconded: Cllr Morgan

All councillors agreed.

### **18. TO CONSIDER THE IMPEMENTATION OF A GRANT AWARDING POLICY.**

A draft policy had been prior distributed to councillors.

It was agreed to go forward with the implementation of a policy but to review the actual wording and form of the policy at the next Parish Council meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Haviland

Seconded: Cllr Morgan

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.**

Ward councillor Bob Seely gave a verbal report.

A. Military Road – Cllr Seely said he would help with fighting for the future of the Military Road

B. Road safety and motorcyclists – Cllr Seely stated that there may be an option of a portable speed camera in the future.

C. Atherfield Bay Planning application – Cllr Seely has expressed that he does not support the application for the site to become all year occupancy.

D. MP Office – Cllr Seely said that as from September he will have his office up and running with five people working for him. Therefore in the future if he is unable to make a Parish Council meeting one of his representatives shall attend.

## 21. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR AUGUST.

Risk assessment checks all ok. Grass cutting is being carried out. Cemetery records are up to date.

## 22. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1697	Mark Mills - Church Clock repair		80.00	0.00	80.00
1698	SSE - Toilet electricity		13.45	0.67	14.12
1699	Isle of Wight Council - election costs		78.16	0.00	78.16
1700	County Fencing Supplies - clearing of Recreation Ground		325.00	65.00	390.00
1701	Information Commissioner - Data protection registration		35.00	0.00	35.00
1702	Top Mops - July toilet cleaning		224.39	44.88	269.27
1703	Mrs S Jennings - July salary		791.37	0.00	791.37
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1547.37</b>	<b>110.55</b>	<b>1657.92</b>

Proposed: Cllr Roberts                      Seconded: Cllr East                      All councillors agreed.

## 23. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2017

The Financial Statement to 31<sup>st</sup> July had been distributed to councillors and members of the public.

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

**The Newsletter** – Cllr Haviland reported that there is a Newsletter meeting next week to discuss a number of issues.

## 25. CORRESPONDENCE:

**War Memorial in Brighstone** – An email from the chairman of the Royal British Legion, Brighstone branch regarding the upkeep of the war memorial – to be put on next month's agenda.

**Island Roads works** – An email from local businesses regarding the closure times of the Main Road into Brighstone – Island Roads are scheduled to discuss this further at an upcoming meeting.

**Hedge in front of Heathfield Cottage** – An email from a resident raising concern that the hedge in front of Heathfield Cottage is not adequately cut back from the road – The District Steward has been asked about this and will have a look.

**Parking on the double bend out of the village** – An email from a resident raising concern about the possibility of cars parking on the verge on the double bend exiting Brighstone Village towards Limerstone.

**Fly-tipping in Warnes Lane** – Concern raised by a local resident who voluntarily picks up litter in the parish regarding fly-tipping next to the recycling bins in Warnes Lanes car park – it is hoped this can be looked into by the Environment Officer.

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

**Island Roads spoil** – a heap of spoil has been dumped by Island Roads in the layby by the former Countryman.

**Mottistone Sign** – The village sign for Mottistone has been damaged.

## 27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the Brighstone Methodist church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.35pm.