

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN BRIGHSTONE
METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2018 AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr. John Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr. R Haviland, Cllr. M East, Cllr M Huxley, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr C Bridges and Cllr P Adams.

Mrs Susannah Jennings (clerk)

Twenty three 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 13th December 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 the 20th December, 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 Issue St. Peter and St. Paul church, Mottistone – No further updates have been received but the clerk has contacted the Isle of Wight Council Planning Enforcement Team to ask if any progress has been made.

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

A member of the public informed the Parish Council that the Brighstone Holiday Camp had been sold.

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council had involvement with the installation of the school's 20mph sign. Although it was installed some time ago it was thought that the Parish Council had only supported the scheme and Brighstone school had organised the installation themselves.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

TCP/20477/E, P/01480/17. Downton Farmhouse, Brook. Householder Application - Demolition of outbuilding, woodstore, garden wall and fence; proposed outbuilding, loggia walkway & alterations to annex; landscaping. Brighstone Parish Council have no objection. All councillors agreed.

TCPL/23145/K, P/01437/17. Berry Barn, New Road, Brighstone. Conversion of barn (Unit 4) to dwelling/house. Brighstone Parish Council have no objection. All councillors agreed.

LBC/23145/J, P/01438/17. Berry Barn, New Road, Brighstone. Listed Building consent for conversion of barn (Unit 4) to dwelling/house. Brighstone Parish Council have no objection. 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 will be held on Wednesday 24th January at 7.45pm.

9. TO DISCUSS TAKING ON THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LIBRARY.

Cllr Cirrone declared an interest and signed the Declaration of Interests book.

Cllr Cirrone explained that currently Isle of Wight Community Action hold the legal responsibility of the Brighstone Library. They entered into a contract with the Isle of Wight Council and hold the lease to the building and insurances etc.

Community Action are now asking for a new body to take over the legal responsibility of the library.

The lease of the building is currently granted by the National Trust at no fee and they have a five yearly maintenance programme for the building. Any interior painting etc. is the responsibility of the library.

There is an existing group of volunteers who would continue to run the day to day duties of the library. All volunteers are asked for references and Mr Jones, Head of Library Services, has agreed to carry out the initial training for all volunteers.

If the Parish Council were to take on the library the Terms of Reference and other Health and Safety documents would have to be updated/created.

The Parish Council would also need to look at insuring the library and the costs involved to do this.

The clerk reported that she had looked into the legal implications of a Parish Council running a library.

1. Parish Councils are not legally allowed to undertake any duties that the principle Council (the Isle of Wight Council) have a statutory duty to do. This does include libraries but Mr Jones has provided the clerk with written confirmation that National Governemnt has confirmed that only the five main libraries on the Island are considered part of the Isle of Wight Council's statutory duty and Brighstone is not included in that duty.

2. Parish Council's can only action something if they have a power to do so. There are no powers that allow a Parish Council to run a library. However there is the 'Power of Competence' that a Parish Council can adopt which would allow it to take action without a power to do so, as long as it is not illegal.

In order to adopt the Power of Competence the clerk would need to complete an assignment which is then sent to Taunton for assessment, the Parish Council have to ensure that at least two thirds of the councillors have been elected, and then the Parish Council are able to officially adopt the Power of Competence at a meeting which needs to renewed every year.

It was agreed that the Parish Councillors look at the existing Terms of Reference etc for the current agreement ready for the next meeting and the clerk would complete her assignment and send it off to be assessed. The issue would then be discussed further at the February meeting.

10. TO CONSIDER RESULTS/SUGGESTED WORKS FOLLOWING THE SURVEY OF THE TREES ON THE RECREATION GROUND AND ALONG BUDDLE BROOK.

The survey had been received and emailed to councillors.

The clerk explained that the survey results showed categories of work that required attention: high priority, medium priority, reduced priority and other noted work.

It was agreed that the clerk would get three quotes for the high and medium priority work.

8.20pm Cllr Huxley declared an interest, signed the Declarations of Interest book and left the room.

The clerk explained that the first tree listed as high priority on the survey was at risk of falling and was located next to the children's play area. She had therefore asked Dryad Treework to quote to fell it as soon as possible. The quote is for £585.

Councillors agreed to ask Dryad Treework to fell the tree as soon as possible for a quote of £585.

Proposed: Cllr East

Seconded: Cllr Morgan

All councillors agreed.

Cllr Huxley returned to the room at 8.22pm.

11. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE ISLE OF WIGHT ARMED FORCES DAY.

Cllr Adams declared an interest and signed the Declarations of Interest book.

After some discussion it was agreed to contribute £100 towards the Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day.

Proposed: Cllr Haviland

Seconded: Cllr East

All councillors agreed

12. TO DISCUSS THE POND IN YAFFORD WHICH IS CAUSING FLOODING ON SURROUNDING ROAD.

After some discussion about the problems this is causing with up to 6 inches of water on the roads in periods of heavy rain it was decided to contact Island Roads and the Highways Department to ask what action could be taken to rectify the issue.

13. TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ISLAND ROAD ISSUE WITHIN THE PARISH

After some discussion it was agreed that councillors would email concerns to the clerk who would then contact Mr Bean of Island Roads to request a meeting to discuss the issues.

14. TO DISCUSS VARIOUS PARKING ISSUES IN BRIGHSTONE.

The lack of parking in Brighstone at peak times was discussed. The clerk was requested to contact the secretary of the Brighstone Methodist Church to ask whether it could be considered that the church car park is opened up for doctors and school staff.

15. UPDATE REGARDING THE WEST WIGHT TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL GROUP (WWTPCG)

There were no updates.

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

No updates had been received.

17. TO DISCUSS THE FORMER COUNTRYMAN SITE IN LIMERSTONE.

Cllr Cirrone declared an interest and signed to the Declarations of Interest book.

Cllr East took the Chair.

Before leaving the room (8.40pm) Cllr Cirrone stated for information that work ceased on site on the 23rd October.

The clerk read a letter that had been received from the Brighstone Village Society which outlined resident's concerns, which included the visual impact the site was having on the village and the amount of time that has passed with the site looking in a worse state than previously. The letter also urged the Parish Council to review all options with the Isle of Wight Council to improve the site.

After some discussion it was agreed that the clerk write to the owner with a copy of the letter from the Village Society and ask whether any information was available to pass onto concerned residents.

Cllr Cirrone returned to the meeting and re-took the Chair 9.00pm.

18. UPDATE ON THE TOILET REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

The clerk reported that she had ordered the two Wallgate units which are due to be delivered early February. A definite start date had not yet been given by the contractor and Cllr Cirrone said he would contact the contractor to get a committed date when the refurbishment would start.

19. TO DISCUSS ACTION REGARDING THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL PLANNING DEPARTMENT RE. THE GUET IN LIMERSTONE.

The clerk reported that a reply to Bob Seely's letter had been received stating that a site visit would take place early January and that an assessment would then be carried out as to whether a meeting with the Parish Council was required.

It was agreed to discuss the issue again at next months meeting.

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

There were no updates to report.

21. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

No report was submitted. Bob Seely has resigned as Ward Councillor and an election is set for the 25th January.

22. TO DISCUSS THE 2018/19 DRAFT BUDGET.

A copy of the latest draft budget had been distributed to councillors.

The clerk informed councillors that the budget would need to be agreed at the February Parish Council meeting in order to send the request to the Isle of Wight Council.

23. TO AGREE TO ADD CLLR. P. ADAMS AND CLLR. M. HUXLEY AS SIGNATORIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNTS.

Councillors agreed to add Cllr Adams and Cllr Huxley as signatories on the Parish Council's bank accounts.

Proposed: Cllr East

Seconded: Cllr Cironne

All councillors agreed.

24. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR JANUARY.

Risk assessment checks all ok. Reserves are acceptable. Draft budgets have been prepared and will be agreed at the February meeting.

25. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1739	Isle of Wight Council - Environment officer	Oct - March 18	240.00	0.00	240.00
1740	ALCC - Clerks Annual membership		30.00	0.00	30.00
1741	SLCC - Clerks Annual membership		128.00	0.00	128.00
1742	SSE - Electric for public toilets		58.70	2.93	61.63
1743	Top Mops - Toilet cleaning	Dec 17	224.39	44.88	269.27
1744	Mrs S Jennings - Dec salary		791.17	0.00	791.17
1745	Mrs S Jennings - Reimbursement of ink costs		49.99	10.00	59.99
D/ debit	Pension contribution		6.38	0.00	6.38
TOTAL			1528.63	57.81	1586.44

Proposed: Cllr Huxley

Seconded: Cllr Haviland

All councillors agreed.

26. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST DECEMBER 2017

The clerk apologised that the Financial Statement had not been prepared but confirmed that there had been no unexpected expenditure.

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

Newsletter – Cllr Haviland reported that a meeting had been held recently and the Newsletter was running well at the moment.

FYT Bus – Cllr East r

eported that from the end of February the Friday service will cease. That will leave just the Wednesday service. There are plans to provide excursions to Newport, such as Asda. These excursions will need to be booked and there will be a charge.

28. CORRESPONDENCE:

Footpath – A request from a resident has been received to improve local footpaths in Brighstone due to muddy conditions in wet weather – to be an agenda item at next months meeting.

Stuart Hutchinson – A reply had been received from Cllr. Stuart Hutchinson following the meeting with Cllr Cironne and the clerk regarding the future of the Military Road and the West Wight Sports and Community Centre.

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

IWALC Constitution – Cllr Haviland had read the IWALC Constitution and felt that it doesn't cover the main objective which is to represent Town and Parish Councils.

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm at the Brighstone Methodist church.

Planning Meeting on Wednesday 24th January at 7.45pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.32pm.