## MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 AT 7.30PM.

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

Mrs Susannah Jennings (clerk)

Cllr. Steve Hastings (Ward Councillor).

Ten members of the public were present.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.

### 3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of 14<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 the 28<sup>th</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. Planning Enforcement Issue St. Peter and St. Paul church, Mottistone No further updates have been received but the clerk has been emailed by the Isle of Wight Council Planning Enforcement Team to ask for the Parish Council's telephone number to discuss the issues.
- ii. Island Road Issues. Brook bus shelter Island Roads are going to repair the roof and walls of the shelter in the next few weeks, they will also re-paint the shelter if necessary in the summer. Road surface near the telephone box in Brook Mr Bean has photographed the road and sent in a report. Yafford Pond Flooding Island Roads have been working with the owner to resolve the problem and ditches have been cleared, more work is to be carried out in the next few weeks.
- iii Parking Issues in Brighstone Brighstone Methodist church have discussed the issue and because of daytime use the church have decided they are unable to offer parking spaces to doctors and teachers etc. Councillors requested that this be an agenda item at next months meeting.
- iv. Isle of Wight Council's support for the Military Road and West Wight Sports and Community Centre A reply from Cllr Stuart Hutchinson had been received agreeing that a meeting to discuss the Military Road could be arranged and stating that the £500,000 in the budget for The Heights was agreed based on a business plan which states that the investment will generate income which will pay back the investment within 5 years.

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

A member of the public raised the issue of speeding on Moortown Lane/Lynch Lane and stated that he had written to the Isle of Wight Council giving reasons why speed restrictions should be implemented on this stretch of road.

A member of the public advised the Parish Council that Brighstone Holiday Centre has been purchased and that a planning application may be imminent.

### 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There were no planning applications

### 7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

There were no planning decisions.

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

The mid-month planning meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th March 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.

The clerk explained that she had not heard back from the examiners regarding her 'Power of Competence' module and therefore, at present, it would not be legal for the Parish Council to take on the responsibility of the library.

The clerk also reported that the Parish Council's current insurer have agreed to cover the library at no extra cost.

Cllr Cirrone stated that the Brighstone library and Brighstone Parish Council have been waiting to receive the up to date bank statement from Community Action IW in order to have an up to date financial position of the library.

Councillors agreed to organise a meeting with the library committee, other library volunteers, Cllr Cirrone, Cllr. Haviland and the Parish Council clerk in order to discuss the practicalities of how the library will run, including how the finances will be organised.

Proposed:

Cllr East

Seconded: Cllr Roberts

All councillors agreed.

It was also agreed that in principle Brighstone Parish Council would take over the legal responsibility of the library subject to results of meetings with the library committee, discussion with Community Action IW and the clerk obtaining her Power of Competence qualification so that the Parish Council can adopt the power.

Proposed:

Cllr Haviland

Seconded: Cllr East

All councillors agreed.

### 10. TO CONSIDER QUOTES FOR THE CONTRACT CLEANING OF THE BRIGHSTONE PUBLIC TOILETS.

The clerk explained that she had contacted contractors for the cleaning of the Brighstone public toilets as the current contract expires at the end of March.

The clerk had prior distributed a summary of the quotes. All quotes Ai, Aii and B had the required Public Liability insurance. Both contractors were reliable, one was the Parish Council's current contractor and the clerk had received good references for the other contractor from other Town and Parish councils.

Councillors decided to accept Quote B as it was the cheaper quote. It was asked that the clerk specify that a 3 month notice clause be added as it is a new contractor.

Proposed: Cllr Roberts

Seconded: Cllr Huxley

All councillors agreed.

### 11. TO DISCUSS THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SMALL GARDEN AREA IN WARNES LANE CAR PARK

The clerk explained that the little garden area next to the entrance of the ladies toilets is becoming overgrown. In the past the primary school looked after it and they do continue to cut it back but no longer tend to it. The school have stated that they do not own it, the Parish Council do not own it and the Isle of Wight Council car park department have also stated that they do not own it.

The clerk and chairman have been looking at community schemes run by local businesses and Island Roads to try and tidy up the area.

It was agreed that the clerk would write to the Isle of Wight Council and Brighstone Primary School stating that the Parish Council are looking at improving the area.

## 12. TO DISCUSS THE OWNERSHIP OF BROOK GREEN AND CONSIDER TREE WORK ON THE AREA.

Paperwork has been given to the clerk that indicates Brighstone Parish Council actually own the Brook Green. In the past it was thought that although the Parish Council cut the grass it did not own the Green, other than the strip of land the other side of the stream.

The Parish Council are therefore responsible for the maintenance of the Green including the trees.

The clerk had asked the Parish Council's current tree work contractor for a quote to carry out tree maintenance on the Green.

Cllr Huxley decalred an interest, signed the Declarations of Interest book and left the room 8.17pm.

The quote outlined work that was required on trees to the rear of 1 to 4 Brook Farm Close, including the removal or pollarding of a leaning horse chestnut.

Councillors proposed to ask the contractor to carry out the work and to fell the horse chestnut.

Proposed: Cllr Cirrone Seconded: Cllr Morgan All councillors agreed.

Cllr Huxley returned to the meeting 8.22pm.

#### 13. TO DISCUSS THE DATA PROTECTION ACT UPDATES.

Cllr Haviland, Cllr Adams, Cllr Cirrone and the clerk had all attended the Community Action Isle of Wight training on the new Data Protection rules coming into force in May.

A number of issues were raised at the training and it was agreed that the clerk would compile a Parish Council Data Protection Policy which would be adopted by the Parish Council at a future meeting.

The issue of the use of personal email addresses rather than the Brighstone Parish domain emails was also raised and the clerk agreed to look at setting up Brighstone email addresses for those councillors that didn't have them or do not currently use them.

### 14. TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE-PROOF SAFE FOR PARISH DOCUMENTS

The clerk explained that due to Data Protection it was necessary to purchase a safe to keep some of the Parish Council documents. As this would include the cemetery files the safe would have to be quite large and fire-proof. An example had been prior distributed to councillors showing a cost in the region of £260.

Councillors agreed that the clerk should purchase a large fire-proof safe

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

### 15. TO AGREE MEETING DATES FOR 2018/2019

The clerk had distributed a draft list of meeting dates for 2018/2019.

It was noted that the September main Parish Council meeting would be on the third Wednesday of the month. All councillors agreed to the meeting schedule, although the June meeting date may change to the third Wednesday of the month at the request of Cllr Cirrone.

## 16. UPDATE REGARDING THE WEST WIGHT TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL GROUP (WWTPCG

The next meeting of the group had not yet been organised. The clerk said she would contact Totland Parish Council to ask when the next meeting would be.

# 17. TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE POSSIBILITY OF OIL EXPLORATION AND FRACKING ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT

There were no updates.

### 18. TO DISCUSS THE FORMER COUNTRYMAN SITE IN LIMERSTONE.

Cllr Cirrone declared an interest, left the room and signed to the Declarations of Interest book (8.40pm). Cllr East took the Chair.

Following the February Parish Council meeting the clerk had written to the owner of the site stating that this would be a regular agenda item and they were welcome to attend meetings. The clerk also asked if there was any feedback the owners would like the clerk to pass onto any members of the public that raised concerns. No reply has been received.

Ward Councillor Steve Hastings stated he had attended a meeting with an Isle of Wight Council officer and was also due to have an onsite meeting in the next week.

It was agreed to have the issue as an agenda item at the April Parish Council meeting when hopefully the Parish Council will have some feedback from the onsite meeting.

Cllr Cirrone returned to the meeting and re-took the Chair 8.50pm.

## 19. TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST FOR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES TO BE PLACED ON THE MAIN ROAD AND THE TOP OF BROAD LANE.

Cllr Cirrone and the clerk are due to have an onsite meeting with Island Roads and the Isle of Wight Council next week.

It was also reported that a vehicle parked on the bend on Main Road has no MOT. The clerk was requested to report the vehicle to Island Roads.

### 20. UPDATE ON THE TOILET REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

The clerk reported that work is progressing and is on schedule to be completed week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> April.

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

Following the February Parish Council meeting the clerk wrote once again to the case officer requesting a meeting and asking if he could give a definition of 'unlawful untidiness'. A response had been received again stating a meeting should not be arranged until the previous case officer returns from maternity leave. He also stated that he was unable to give a definition of 'unlawful untidiness'.

Ward Councillor Steve Hastings said he would further discuss the matter with the current case officer.

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

There were no updates to report.

### 23. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Cllr Hastings had provided a written report for councillors and gave a verbal summary of the report.

#### 24. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR MARCH.

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

#### 25. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Cllr Huxley declared an interest, left the room and signed the Declarations of Interest Book 9.30pm

Ch No.	To Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1755	IOW Armed Forces Day - replacement of chq 1748	100.00	0.00	100.00
1756	Mrs S jennings - Ink and paper	259.42	51.88	311.30
1757	IWALC - Annual subscription	323.53	0.00	323.53
1758	Cancelled			0.00
1759	Mrs S Jennings - Feb salary	791.17	0.00	791.17
1760	Dryad Woodland Enterprise - Tree work and qtrly maint.	785.00	0.00	785.00
1761	Minimag Co Seely Hall Notice board refurb.	234.60	0.00	234.60
d/d	Pension contribution	6.38	0.00	6.38
TOTAL		2500.10	51.88	2551.98

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

Cllr Huxley returned to the meeting 9.32pm.

### 26. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

The financial statement to the 28<sup>th</sup> February had been prior distributed to councillors.

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

**The Reading Rooms** – Cllr Bridges reported that the Reading Rooms committee are still discussing installing a disabled access toilet.

**FYT Bus** –Cllr East reported that the FYT Bus now only runs on a Wednesday and goes to Yarmouth. The new excursions scheduled to run to Newport shopping areas will be advertised in the next Newsletter.

### 28. CORRESPONDENCE:

### Tree Preservation Notices approve by the Isle of Wight Council

Watersmeet, New Road, Brighstone – Reductions of trees

2 Brookside Cottage, Main Road, Brighstone - To fell sycamore

**Southern Vectis no.12** – In the summer timetable there will be an additional journey at 9.30am from Newport and 10.35 am from Alum Bay.

**Island Roads** – An invitation to the Island Roads Annual Asset Management Workshop on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm.

**Website Group** – An email from a member of the website group has been received stating that the current system isn't working. It was agreed to have this on the May agenda

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

**No Footpath Sign** – Cllr Huxley asked if any more information had been received following the request for a 'No Footpath' warning sign on the bend between Broad Lane and Brighstone Church.

**Grange Chine** – Cllr Huxley asked if the 'no parking' seasonal signs were new.

**Wilberforce Hall** – Cllr Bridges reported that vehicles were parking on the pavement outside the Wilberforce Hall again.

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

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at the Brighstone Methodist church. Planning Meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.45pm.