

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, BRIGHSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr M East, Cllr R Haviland, Cllr M Huxley, Cllr S Roberts and Cllr C Bridges  
Ward Cllr. Steve Hastings  
Mrs Joy Walker (Clerk)  
Eight members of the public were present.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr P Adams and Cllr J Morgan

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.

**3. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019, had been previously circulated and read. Cllr M Huxley had been omitted as attending. This was corrected and the minutes were then confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

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

Work had now started on clearing the overgrown banks by the stream.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**19/00740/FUL Bremel Farm, Limerstone Road, Brighstone.** Proposed storage barn.

A concern was raised why there was a planning application on land already for sale The applicant, present at the meeting, confirmed the barn was to be used for storage purposes only and mainly for farm machinery. There were **No Objections** but should be for agricultural use only.

**19/00791/HOU Watersmeet, New Road, Brighstone.** Replacement flat roof to rear.

There were **No Objections**.

**19/00835/RVC Land adjacent to Blanchards, Moortown Lane and between Upper Lane and Main Road..**

Proposed variation of conditions 3,6,8,9 and 18 on P/00966/14 to allow change to site layout.

A roadshow had been arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> September for residents to view the plans. There would be an Extraordinary Planning Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September for residents to comment.

It was decided to bring forward agenda item 17 at this point to allow for several of the public attending to leave the meeting early.

Cllr S Roberts declared a pecuniary interest, signed the Declarations of Interest book and left the room.

The reserved matters applied to the original planning application. A previous meeting with the Planning Officer had discussed various issues some of which had now been addressed. These included the amount of affordable homes and roof heights. Following the roadshow, at which a public comments book would be available, another meeting had been arranged with the Planning Officer. The developer and architect would be invited to the EGM where residents could put forward their views during the first hour.

**7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.**

**19/00682/TW Fernfield, Coastguard Lane, Brighstone.** Beech row – reduce height to approx. 2m to enable rejuvenation of neglected hedge. **Granted** Planning Permission.

**19/00490/TW, 1 Woodlands, Brighstone.** Single Ash Tree. fell to ground. **Granted** Planning Permission.

**19/00542/TW, Brighstone Church of England Primary School, New Road, Brighstone.** Willow (T1) to have crown reduced by approx. 30%.

Lime (T2) to have crown lifted to achieve crown clearance of 2.5m above ground level.

**Granted** Planning Permission.

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

There will be a mid-month planning meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, to start at 7.30pm.

**9. TO DISCUSS NEW COSTS FOR REPLACEMENT FENCING AND ALTERNATIVE TYPES OF FENCING AROUND THE PLAY AREA ON THE RECREATION GROUND.**

This was still under discussion. A quote of approx. £7,000 for replacing the fence with green metal had been received. It was agreed to obtain 2 more quotes for metal fencing and 3 quotes for replacing with timber and concrete spurs.

**10. TO DISCUSS THE PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT.**

The main issue concerned the swing barriers. It was proposed the swing barriers which appear to be too close to the swings be moved.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland      Seconded: Cllr J Cirrone      All Councillors agreed

The wooden equipment was now getting old and the mats need replacing. It was suggested to start replacing and upgrading items. It was also suggested to look at new activities on the recreation ground which would benefit all ages. An article would be put in the Newsletter welcoming ideas from residents. The Secretary of the Recreation Ground Committee would be standing down at their next AGM. The Chairman thanked him on behalf of the Parish Council for all his hard work over many of years.

**11. TO DISCUSS PARKING ISSUES ALONG THE MILITARY ROAD.**

There had been reported parking on the verge opposite Atherfield Camp which blocked visibility when turning right from Chine Lane. It was also reported about parking and a number of vehicles receiving parking tickets at Grange Farm. Classed as a clearway any parking on the road is not allowed. Rows of posts had been put on certain sections of the verge to prevent parking for safety reasons. Island Roads would be contacted regarding parking on verges and to discuss safety of parking to prevent numerous rows of posts being installed along the verges.

**12. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE GUET IN LIMERSTONE.**

Cllr Hastings had written to the Enforcement Officer. The reply was unsatisfactory. He would now seek to gain a second opinion by requesting another more forceful Enforcement officer visit the site. Local residents should be encouraged to write to the Planning Department to complain.

**13. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE WILD FLOWER BANKS AND VERGES SEMINAR.**

The Chairman who had attended the meeting, reported there were differing opinions regarding the idea. There was little time allowed for participation and questions. A report by the AONB and Island Roads would suggest areas which would be suitable for the new cut and collect idea. Concerns were raised at the seminar about only one metre of the verges being cut with areas left behind which would overgrow and encroach onto cut areas. Island Roads would still cut areas identified as dangerous and verges used as footways. The whole idea was still a work in progress.

**14. TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF THE ROAD SIGNS.**

A number of road signs had fallen over or were leaning particularly at Broad Lane, around Yafford and on the Military Road at Brook. The Clerk would contact Island Roads.

**15. TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF THE WILLOW TREE AT BROOK GREEN**

A limb had broken off during recent storm and had been dealt with to make safe. This now exposed further limbs to damage from SW winds. It was suggested to pollard the tree. A quote would be provided for the next Parish Council meeting.

**16. TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF FOOTPATHS AND REPLY FROM RIGHTS OF WAY**

A concern had been raised by a resident regarding the state of the footpath from Galley Lane to Ashley Way BS41. The reply from Rights of Way was to use an alternative route. It was agreed to check the route concerned as part of this path may belong to the Parish Council. This would be kept as an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

**17. TO DISCUSS ANY UPDATE ON THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS ON BLANCHARDS FIELD.**

Discussed under agenda item 6.

**18. TO AGREE COSTS FOR HIRE OF HALL FOR OPEN DAY EVENT AND EXTRAORDINARY MEETING REFERENCE BLANCHARDS.**

The Methodist Church was required to hold the Open Day on September 14<sup>th</sup> and the EGM on 19<sup>th</sup> September incurring hire costs.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland    Seconded: Cllr M East

All Councillors agreed

**19. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE ON HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY AND DISCUSS PRINTING COSTS.**

The surveys were ready to be delivered to residents. Completed surveys would be collected and there would also be a box in the shop for residents to post completed surveys. It was hoped to have all surveys returned by 6<sup>th</sup> October. Additional costs of £176.72 for advisor and printing would be added to accounts for payment.

**20. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE POSSIBLE ENCROACHMENT ON THE RECREATION GROUND.**

A draft letter to be sent to the resident had been received from the solicitor which the Chairman read out to Councillors. It was agreed to ask the solicitor to send the letter with no amendments.

**21. TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF A MEMORIAL BENCH NEAR BROOK BEACH.**

A request for a memorial bench near Brook Beach had been received. The Parish Council do not own this land. The resident would be asked to contact the National Trust and Island Roads.

**22. TO DISCUSS REQUEST TO LOOK AT THE NEW ROUTE OF THE FOOTPATH AT MOTTISTONE MILL.**

The area had now been cleared of the majority of overgrowth and the Parish Council had been invited to look at the new path route before making a decision. A meeting would be arranged when Councillors were available.

**23. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING FORWARD THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE ON THE RECREATION GROUND.**

The solicitor would be contacted to look at the costs of renewing the lease early.

**24. TO RECEIVE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.**

Cllr Hastings provided a written report which had been prior distributed.

Concerns were raised that the proposed retaining wall at Brook did not go far enough. Cllr Hastings stated Island Roads would be happy to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss this. They would be asked to come to the next proposed planning meeting.

Bob Seely MP was attending Parish Council meetings to discuss the proposed Island Plan. With the Housing Needs Survey underway it was agreed to invite him to the next Parish Council meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## 25. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR SEPTEMBER.

It was agreed to re-look at the risk assessment list.

## 26. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Chq	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross	
1891	County Fencing Supplies	Ground	23.94	4.79	28.73	(Already raised 30 Aug)
1892	Mr N Corney	Fence Repairs on Recreation Ground	30.00	0.00	30.00	(Already raised 30 Aug)
1893	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning August 2019	286.00	57.20	343.20	
1894	Hampshire & IOW CRC Ltd	Brook Stream Clearance	80.00	0.00	80.00	
1895	iowprinting	Housing Needs Survey Printing	350.00	70.00	420.00	
1896	Mrs J Walker	Salary August 2019	915.68	0.00	915.68	
1897	Mrs J Walker	Reimbursement Postage & Stationery	42.76	5.48	48.24	
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	34.48	0.00	34.48	
1898	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit	300.00	60.00	360.00	
1899	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting August 2019	1075.00	215.00	1290.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3137.86</b>	<b>412.47</b>	<b>3550.33</b>	

An invoice to pay for the services of the advisor and additional printing for the Housing Needs Survey was handed to the Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. It was agreed to pay in advance of the next Parish Council meeting the invoice for £176.72.

Proposed: Cllr M Huxley

Seconded: Cllr M East

All Councillors agreed.

## 27. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2019.

The Financial Statement had been prepared and circulated to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. The VAT had now been refunded. There were no issues arising.

## 28. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

There were no reports.

## 29. CORRESPONDENCE:

An invitation had been received to attend the Drumhead Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Councillors were able to take partners to this.

An invitation to the Best Kept Village Awards on 26<sup>th</sup> September had been received.

## 30. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

-There would be roadworks on Limerstone road near to the Cemetery for building works.

.The Countryman had now been sold with planning sort to build 2 new houses.

-The dip in the road on Limerstone Road near the Cemetery possibly due to badgers had not been repaired. This would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting along with other outstanding issues with Island Roads.

- The dog bin at Galley Lane /Ashley Way would soon be in place.

- The Dragon Tree in Brighstone had now been shortlisted for Tree of the Year organised by the Woodland Trust. . An item would be put in the Newsletter.

- The person who always collected the graveyard rubbish had retired. The Clerk would write to them thanking them on behalf of the Parish Council for their past work. The rubbish would now be collected by a new resident.

-Island Roads would be contacted regarding Leylandii trees which were causing problems to the pavement and road in Sheppards Road. The road and pavement were due to be resurfaced and it was hoped the tree problem would be solved before this.

- A piece of hardwood had been donated to replace the top of the Parish Council Notice Board outside the Wilberforce Hall. The Clerk would write to the local developer to thank them.

- An article would be put in the Newsletter regarding the Housing Needs survey.

**31. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.20pm.