

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, BRIGHSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.30PM.**

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr M Huxley (Message received post meeting)

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.

**3. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2019, having been previously circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019, having been previously circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019, having been previously circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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

A resident raised concerns about the spoils of the recent tree cutting being left on the verges. This looked untidy especially when entering the Village.

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

i) The Guet at Limerstone: Cllr S Hastings had written to the Chief Enforcement Officer requesting another Officer be appointed to look at the situation. The current Enforcement Officer had been away on holiday and was now very busy with other matters. This was now in hand and a different Officer would be sent shortly to access the situation.

ii) The proposed new route of the footpath at Mottistone Mill: The Chairman suggested that Councillors and a representative from the IOW Council meet with the owner to re-look at the route now it had been cleared. A proposed date had been suggested and awaiting confirmation. A concern was raised that the owner would only be responsible for the maintenance of the route for fifteen years.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

Cllr P Adams declared a pecuniary interest and signed the Declarations of Interest book.

**19/00899/LBC 4 Berry Barn Court, New Road, Brighstone.** Listed building consent for single storey rear extension. There were No Objections.

**19/01012/FUL Land To The South Of The Old Parsonage, Hoxall Lane, Mottistone.** Proposed four shepherd's huts for tourism use, with parking; associated cycle and recycling store.

There were No Objections in principal, however several concerns were raised:

- the narrow roads and possible use of Blind Lane as an entry/exit point.
- the hedges which already encroached onto the narrow lanes would need to be cut regularly to prevent them reducing the road width even further.
- who would be responsible for the maintenance of the drainage ditches.

- the large window in the roof of the huts went against the Dark Skies Policy.

**7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.**

**19/00605/FUL Elmlea, Warnes Lane, Brighstone.** Change of use from residential (C3) to a sculpture, art and heritage exhibition space open to the public(use class D1); renovation works to building and landscaping works. **Granted** Planning Permission.

**19/00606/LBC Elmlea, Warnes Lane, Brighstone.** Listed Building Consent for renovation works to building in connection with change of use from residential (C3) to a sculpture, art exhibition space open to the public ( use class D1). **Granted** Planning Permission.

**19/00647/HOU 23Ashley Way, Brighstone.** Proposed single storey side extension. **Granted** Planning Permission.

**19/00495/TW, 4 Woodside Drive, Brighstone.** Holm Oak to be pollarded to previous pollard points and remaining crown frame work crown cleaned. Holly situated as detailed in application to be felled to near ground level. **Granted** Planning Permission.

**19/00753/TW Berry Barn, New Road, Brighstone.** Tree 1 Poplar – remove, Tree 2 Poplar – remove, Tree 3 Sycamore – remove, Tree 4 Poplar – remove heavily extended lower crown limb. **Granted** Planning Permission.

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

There will be a mid-month planning meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, to start at 7.30pm.

**9. TO DISCUSS WITH BOB SEELY MP THE ISLAND PLAN AND REDUCTION IN HOUSING TARGETS FOR THE ISLAND.**

Unfortunately Bob Seely MP was unable to attend the meeting. The agenda item was not discussed.

**10. TO DISCUSS AND RECEIVE QUOTE FOR POLLARDING THE WILLOW TREE AT BROOK GREEN.**

A quote for £300 had been received which was considered an acceptable cost.

Proposed: Cllr S Roberts

Seconded: Cllr M East

All Councillors agreed

**11. TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH ISLAND ROADS INCLUDING THE DIP IN THE ROAD ON LIMERSTONE ROAD.**

The dip in the road appeared to be due to badgers. Island Roads were waiting for the badger man to check this. A concern was raised regarding the bollards at Hulverstone which had now been there for some time. There was now a considerable drop off the road into the field. Island Roads needed to be contacted. There were concerns that nothing was being done regarding items in the Parish on the Island Roads Integrity List. The list was supposed to give priority to issues on them. Cllr Hastings would contact Cllr Ward to follow up on this issue.

**12. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE NEED OF RE-WIDENING THE STREAM THROUGH THE VILLAGE TO PREVENT POSSIBLE FLOODING.**

The stream had gradually become overgrown and as a result had narrowed in width. There were concerns that the stream would possibly have to take water from the Blanchards site. Advice would be sought from the Environment Agency regarding the possibility of widening the stream.

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

Due to the cost of replacing the entire fence Councillors were asked to consider other options of having no fencing, only having fencing along the bank of the stream and possibly extending this to one side as a protection barrier from the swings. A resident raised concerns of people parking on the Recreation Ground against the current fencing.

The advert for possible future activities on the Recreation Ground would be put in the Newsletter again this month. Suggestions so far received were for a zip wire, golf croquet, outdoor gym and multi-sport court. The fencing and future activities would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

**14. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY AND ANY FURTHER COSTS.**

876 surveys had been distributed of which approximately 100 were possible holiday homes. To date 416 had been collected and returned. The information would now need to be collated by an independent person. A Community Housing Advisor employed by Community Action IOW would be asked. It was agreed the cost of this should not exceed £500.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr M East

All Councillors agreed.

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

A reply had been received from the Rights of Way. The footpath from Galley Lane to Ashley Way BS41 had been established as the path through Ashley Copse which belonged to the Parish Council. The footpaths along the roads in Ashley Way had been resurfaced and it was suggested these were more suitable for use by disability scooters and could be used as an alternative route. A copy of the reply from Rights of Way explaining this would be forwarded to the resident concerned.

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

Cllr S Roberts declared a pecuniary interest and signed the Declarations of Interest book. Nothing further had been received. This would continue to be kept as an agenda item.

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

The solicitor had now sent a letter to the resident and awaiting a reply.

**18. TO RECEIVE ANY GRANT APPLICATIONS.**

One application had been received from Men In Sheds requesting £500. Concerns were raised regarding the premises they occupied with no guarantee they would be able to remain there and the fact they do not have a bank account. Money cannot be given to an individual. It may be possible to buy tools to donate to them but the VAT issue needed to be checked regarding this. This would be an agenda item for the Parish Council meeting.

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

The cost for renewing the lease had been received and forwarded to Councillors. The solicitor would be contacted regarding re-writing the lease in a more understandable format and if this was included in the cost submitted.

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

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

**21. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR OCTOBER.**

The risk assessment list would be updated.

## 22. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Chq No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross	
1900	Community Action IOW	Housing Needs Survey Printing	176.72	0.00	176.72	(Already raised)
1901	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning September 2019	286.00	57.20	343.20	
1902	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting May 2019	725.00	145.00	870.00	
1903	Waytes Court Farm	Removal Of Stream Waste	90.00	0.00	90.00	
1904	Isle of Wight Council	Environment Officer Services 2019-20	480.00	0.00	480.00	
1905	SSE Southern Electric	Electric Public Toilets	61.37	3.05	64.42	
1906	HMRC	PAYE Quarterly Payment	275.41	0.00	275.41	
1907	Mr J Cirrone	Reimbursement Stationery / Parking	7.50	0.00	7.50	
1908	Mrs J Walker	Salary September 2019	915.68	0.00	915.68	
1909	Mrs J Walker	Printer Ink	55.50	11.10	66.60	
1910	Brighstone Methodist Church	Room Hire July, August & Sept 2019	70.00	0.00	70.00	
1911	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting September 2019	700.00	140.00	840.00	
D/D	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	34.48	0.00	34.48	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>3877.66</b>	<b>356.35</b>	<b>4234.01</b>	

Proposed: Cllr M East

Seconded: Cllr S Roberts

All Councillors agreed.

## 23. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019.

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

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

- The Newsletter was doing well financially. There would be a meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> October points of which would be reported back at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Concerns were raised over losing the Secretary of the Recreation Ground Committee and who would replace him. A request would again be put in the Newsletter for volunteers.
- The Chairman and Cllr East had attended a meeting at which the MP Bob Seely was present. Issues discussed were Housing Needs, Southern Water and Care in general. It had proved a useful meeting giving the impression that people were now being listened to. The MP along with the IOW Council were challenging the house building numbers and pursuing the possibility of the Island Plan Strategy being rewritten with a possible new consultation looking at the Island becoming a special case.
- There was due to be a meeting of the Reading Room Committee. Cllr Bridges was the Parish Council Representative but had not been informed. He was unable to attend and Cllr East would attend as Deputy. The Chairman asked if a copy of their Constitution and Terms of Reference could be provided to clarify how the Reading Room was run.

## 25. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter from the Treasurer at St Mary's Church thanking the Parish Council for the Grant money last year to repair the Church paths had been received along with the remaining left over funds of £252.43 which would be used to help fund the maintenance of the Church clock.
- Notification of the closure of the Byways from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 until April 2020 had been received.

- Notification of removal of the telephone box. Due to the closing date for comments by 18<sup>th</sup> October the Clerk would write and ask for an extension to allow for this to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

**26. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.**

- Cllr P Adams, Vice Chairman of Brighstone British Legion Branch, thanked Councillors who had attended the Drumhead Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.
- A second person is required to assist with Facebook. This would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.
- There was a concern that Parish Councillors who work for the IOW Council should sign the Declarations of Interest book before the start of any Parish Council meetings. The Clerk would contact IWALC to clarify this.

**27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.22pm.