

# **MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, BRIGHSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM.**

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained the Cemetery Meeting had been postponed due to Councillor absence preventing a quorum. The meeting would now be held in February.

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr S Roberts, Cllr M Huxley 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 11<sup>th</sup> December 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 17<sup>th</sup> December 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 three concerns:

- the continued issue of speeding along Lynch Lane
- issues with fly tipping, a large quantity of tyres had been tipped at Mottistone and in Warnes Lane
- flooding in Lynch Lane possibly due to the road re-surfacing. Residents in Lynch Lane had contacted Island Roads.

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

i) St John Ambulance training day: the Methodist Church and St John Ambulance had been contacted and a proposed date of either Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March or Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March would be confirmed. The evening would be advertised in the next Newsletter.

ii) A letter of objection to removal of the telephone box had been sent to BT and the IOW Council. A reply had not yet been received.

## **6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

**19/01244/FUL Three Bishops, Main Road, Brighstone.** Proposed detached dwelling; formation of vehicular access off Warnes Lane (revised plans) (readvertised application). The following concerns regarding the revised application were raised:

- No improvement had been made to the visual splay from the proposed access, which does not appear to meet the minimum requirement set by the Statutory Guide, to improve the visibility looking upwards in Warnes Lane.
- The revised plan shows an ALCO drainage channel at the junction of the proposed access to Warnes Lane. Questions were raised as to the ownership of the land on which the proposed new splay is positioned. It appears part of the new splay is over the ALCO drain.

- The revised plan of the pub car park does not comply with planning guidelines for size of individual spaces for parallel parking and end to end parking.
  - No provision has been made for disabled parking.
  - Questions were raised as to the accuracy of the Planning Consultants report. Concerns were raised if legally pedestrians would be allowed to walk over the proposed splay area or if they would have to step into the roadway.
  - There is still no report on how the Warnes Lane car park is used Monday to Friday during school hours. It was pointed out that toddlers and parents also use Warnes Lane on their way to Play School.
  - Concerns were raised as to the workability of the proposed car parking layout. There seems to be a lack of reversing space and the one line of parking appears to include the land where a drainage ditch is located.
  - There is no area of the car park which is redundant and the proposed site of the new dwelling is not previously developed land as stated in the application.
- Councillors agreed that the previous objections still remain and with the above additional concerns **OBJECT** to the revised application.

**7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.**

**19/013337/HOU, Lorien, Brook Village Road, Brighstone.** Proposed garage extension. **Granted.**

**19/01388/TW Ford Cottage, Main Road, Brighstone.** Sycamore tree to be felled to near ground level. **Not objected to.**

**1952/2 G12 8 Woodlands, Brighstone.** Poplar tree to have first limb over the fence removed and 3 smaller limbs growing towards the property in the lower crown removed. The remaining crown is to have the overextended crown in the upper crown to be reduced by up to 3 metres to leave a natural form. **Granted.**

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

There will be a mid-month planning meeting on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January to start at 7.30pm.

**9. TO DISCUSS MAINTENANCE ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH.**

All notice boards needed to be refurbished. The Parish notice board outside the Wilberforce Hall would have a new top. The Cemetery gates needed re-painting. A new post is required to support the information sign at Ashley Copse. The bench at Limerstone requires refurbishment. The resident who donated the bench would be contacted.

**10. TO DISCUSS THE OVERHANGING BRANCHES FROM WILLOW TREES ON BROOK GREEN.**

Photographs of the trees had been provided and shown to Councillors. A quote of £300 had been received to remove the overhanging branches. Councillors agreed it was a reasonable cost and agreed to the branches being removed.

Proposed: Cllr M East

Seconded: Cllr P Adams

All Councillors agreed

**11. TO DISCUSS THE ASH TREES IN ASHLEY COPSE AND BUILD UP OF SOIL AT THE TOP OF ASHLEY COPSE.**

A letter had been received from the resident explaining the reason the soil had been put there and the intention of planting a Hawthorn hedge. However the soil at the top of Ashley Copse had now been removed and no hedge would be planted.

**12. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE POSSIBLE NEED OF RE-WIDENING THE STREAM THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND BEST WAYS OF PROTECTING THE BANKS FOR RESIDENTS WHOSE PROPERTY ADJOIN THE STREAM FROM FLOODING.**

A resident present at the meeting did not consider it necessary to widen the stream. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting to allow for further consultation with the Environmental Agency.

**13. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO STREET LIGHT OPERATING TIMES.**

The IW Council were possibly going to propose that street lights be turned off at 12.00 – 5.00am. An item would be put in the Newsletter asking for residents` general opinion and any concerns regarding this possible proposal.

**14. TO DISCUSS NEW COSTS FOR REPLACEMENT FENCING AROUND THE PLAY AREA ON THE RECREATION GROUND AND TO RECEIVE ANY IDEAS FOR NEW ACTIVITIES ALSO ON THE RECEPTION GROUND.**

Not all quotes had been received for the replacement fencing and hedging. A meeting at the Recreation Ground by Councillors to discuss the possible future activities there was arranged for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30pm. It was suggested to have a Disclaimer Notice for the Play Area but after discussion it was deemed not necessary.

**15. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY.**

The draft document for the survey had been received. A meeting would be arranged with the Housing Needs Group to discuss.

**16. TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE SECOND PERSON TO ASSIST WITH THE FACEBOOK PAGE.**

The Web Group had not yet been contacted to discuss the possibility of taking this over. This would be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

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

Nothing further had been received. Cllr S Hastings had written to the Planning Officer regarding any further updates on the pinch point.

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

The solicitor had been contacted to arrange a meeting with the resident concerned. The solicitor was also asked to attend the meeting.

**19. TO DISCUSS GRANT FUNDING FOR THE MEN IN SHEDS.**

No further details from Men In Sheds had been received. It was agreed not to discuss this agenda item further until a representative from Men In Sheds contacted the Parish Council.

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

The Recreation Ground Committee in its present form had been dissolved to protect the present Trustees from liability. This liability would then pass to the Parish Council. The Recreation Ground Committee had been contacted. Councillors were asked to consider if dissolving the Committee should be permanent and the Parish Council have a sub-committee for the Recreation Ground. It was pointed out if this were the case the Parish Council would not be able to access grants. This would be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

**21. TO DISCUSS COMPLAINTS ABOUT ADVERTISING BANNERS AT A PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE.**

The resident of the property concerned attended the meeting. They explained the Planning Office had been contacted and they had been told planning permission was not required. However to save any further concerns the resident would no longer continue to advertise.

**22. TO DISCUSS THE OVERGROWN AREA SURROUNDING THE DRAGON TREE.**

The landowner had not yet been contacted. This would be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

**23. TO DISCUSS THE WARNES LANE PUBLIC TOILET CLEANING STANDARDS.**

There were concerns regarding the standard of cleaning regarding the toilets following several complaints. The Clerk would write to the cleaning company.

**24. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT IN THE VILLAGE.**

This was considered to be a good idea with Warnes Lane car park the possible site. Electric could be connected from the toilets. The Clerk would contact another Parish Council currently in the process of installing an electric point to obtain further information.

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

The Enforcement Officer visited the site and is satisfied that there is no residential use on the site. There is an issue of storage and there are various vehicles and mobiles full of hoarded materials. The Officer has serious concerns about the landowner`s wellbeing and considers formal action by the Planning Authority would not be in the best public interest. The case would be put on hold for 6 months when the site would be re-visited. The landowner had been told to use the 6 months to tidy the site. Councillors considered the issue had now been ongoing for some considerable length of time and this decision was unacceptable. The Chairman and Clerk would write to the Head of Enforcement requesting action.

**26. TO RECEIVE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT.**

There was no report for this meeting due to the Christmas break.

**26. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR JANUARY.**

There was nothing to report.

**27. TO CONSIDER THE SECOND DRAFT OF THE 2020/21 BUDGET.**

Concerns were raised about the overall percentage increase to the precept. It was suggested to take out the contingency amount and use the Parish Council reserves to reduce the precept increase. The Clerk would check the amount the Parish Council could legally have as reserves and any restrictions as to how reserve monies could be spent.

**28. TO CONFIRM AND AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.**

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1928	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning December 2019	286.00	57.20	343.20
1929	B`stone Methodist Church	Hire of Hall Oct, Nov, December 2019	42.00	0.00	42.00
1930	Mrs J Walker	Salary December 2019	915.68	0.00	915.68
1931	Mrs J Walker	Reimbursement Web Domain & Printer Ink	29.99	6.00	35.99
1932	HMRC	PAYE Quarterly Payment	172.98	0.00	172.98

1933	SSE Southern Electric	Electric Public Toilets	103.72	5.18	108.90
D/d	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	34.48	0.00	34.48
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1584.85</b>	<b>68.38</b>	<b>1653.23</b>

**Library Account**

4	Wight Fire Co Ltd.	Service Fire Extinguishers	36.60	7.32	43.92
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>36.60</b>	<b>7.32</b>	<b>43.92</b>

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr P Adams

All Councillors agreed.

**29. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2019.**

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

**30. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.**

There was nothing to report.

**31. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- There would be a meeting of the West Wight Town and Parish Councils on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.
- An Infrastructure Workshop would be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January from 1.30- 4.00pm. Councillors were invited to attend.

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

- The dip in the road by Limerstone Cemetery had become worse since the road repair. Traffic cones were needed around the area.
- Raw sewage was still a problem in Main Road and Mill Lane and Galley Lane. This was an environmental issue which Southern Water needed to attend to.
- Fly tipping of garden waste at Chilton Chine had been reported.
- A concern was raised about the Clerk entering the building to prepare for meetings on her own especially in the dark winter evenings.
- Cones were still on the road by the Sun Inn, Hulverstone. Cllr Hastings would contact Island Roads.
- A waste and recycling survey is on line. Comments should be made by 14<sup>th</sup> February.

**33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.37pm.