

MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, BRIGHSTONE ON WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM.

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

To be declared as appropriate at agenda items.
Cllr S Roberts signed as an employee of the IOW Council.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 8th January 2020, 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 28th January 2020, 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 regarding the flooding issues in North Street and water coming up from the drainage covers. Island Roads would be contacted.
A question was asked about the continued issue of speeding along Lynch Lane. Cllr S Hastings was pursuing this.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

- i) Warnes Lane Toilets: the issues had been discussed with the cleaner who agreed to address the problems. The toilets were now cleaner and the broken toilet roll holder replaced. The Clerk would continue to monitor the standard of cleaning.
- i) St John Ambulance training day: the Methodist Church and St John Ambulance had been contacted and a date of Monday 2nd March had been confirmed. Ten people booked for the 6.30pm session. The evening would be advertised again in the next Newsletter.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

19/00835/RVC Land Adjacent To Blanchards Moortown Lane and Between Upper Lane and Main Road Brighstone. Proposed variation of conditions 3, 6, 8, 9 and 18 on P/00966/14 to allow change to site layout (revised plans relating to plot 1) (revised plans relating to the design and layout of buildings and plots, landscaping and external lighting. Revised highway layout and site levels) (readvertised application). This was not discussed and deferred to the next Planning Committee meeting due to insufficient detail on the online planning site. An extension to the comment submission time had been granted to allow for the plans to be viewed and discussion with the Planning Office.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

None

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

There will be a mid-month planning meeting on Tuesday 25th February to start at 7.30pm.

9. 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.

It was noted the stream was running slower in some areas. Cllr M Huxley would arrange a meeting with the Environment Officer and take advice. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

10. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO STREET LIGHT OPERATING TIMES.

This had not yet been discussed by the Isle of Wight Council. One letter of support for the proposed reduction in lighting hours had been received from a resident in response to the recent Newsletter article. The item would be put in the Newsletter again this month.

11. TO DISCUSS NEW COSTS FOR REPLACEMENT FENCING AROUND THE PLAY AREA ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

Three quotes had been received which were previously circulated to Councillors. Following discussion it was agreed to accept Quote C. The relevant contractor would be contacted.

Proposed: Cllr S Roberts Seconded: Cllr M Huxley All Councillors agreed.

12. TO DISCUSS COSTS FOR HEDGE PLANTING AROUND THE PLAY AREA ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

Although three quotes had been sought only two had been received in time for the meeting. Councillors were given costings and after discussion agreed to accept Quote A. The relevant contractor would be contacted.

Proposed: Cllr M East Seconded: Cllr P Adams All Councillors agreed.

13. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE NEW ACTIVITIES ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

Councillors had met at the Recreation Ground to consider the possible suggestions received. Costs to provide these would now be looked at along with access to any type of Grant available.

14. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY.

The Housing Needs Group had met and discussed the received draft document for the survey. There were some changes required to the document and a further meeting of the Group would be needed. This would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

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

An item asking for a volunteer would be put in the next Newsletter. Cllr J Cirrone would contact the Web Group. This would be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

16. 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, the meeting date to be arranged to meet his busy schedule. A costing so far incurred was also requested. To date there had been no response. The Clerk would contact the solicitor for an update.

17. TO DISCUSS AND RECEIVE QUOTES FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE PARISH GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT.

Three quotes had been received which were previously circulated to Councillors. Following discussion it was agreed to accept Quote B which offered a fixed rate for the next three years. The relevant contractor would be contacted.

Proposed: Cllr M Huxley

Seconded: Cllr R Haviland

All Councillors agreed.

18. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE ISSUES OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE AND THE TRUSTEE INSURANCE.

There was no Recreation Ground Committee at present, the Committee having been dissolved for legal reasons to protect the present Trustees from liability. To be covered by the Parish Council Insurance Policy the new Committee would be a sub-committee of the Parish Council which would have to report to the Parish Council who would make the final decisions. Following discussion it was agreed to remove all Trustees names from the Charity since although having resigned were still liable until removed, and to dissolve the Charitable Status of the Committee. The Trustees would be notified when they had been removed from the Charity list and released from liability. As a committee run by the Parish Council the Clerk would be the point of contact. The Parish Council would take over the funds and the two bank accounts.

Proposed: Cllr M Huxley

Seconded: Cllr M East

All Councillors agreed

19. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF BRINGING FORWARD THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE ON THE RECREATION GROUND AND TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR A LICENCE TO OPERATE FROM THE TENNIS CLUB.

With the Parish Council taking over the Recreation Ground there was no longer a need for a lease The Tennis Club, a non-profit making club, had requested a Licence to Operate. They required this as security of tenure which would allow them to use Club funds to resurface the tennis courts and for possible further improvement of facilities to the Tennis Club. A draft copy of a Licence had been prior circulated to Councillors. It was agreed the Licence agreement should be overseen by a solicitor with some amendments made especially regarding hours of operation and length of the Licence. The Parish Council in the meantime were happy to give a written form of assurance to the Tennis Club.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr J Cirrone

All Councillors agreed

.20. TO DISCUSS THE BENCHES PROVIDED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THEIR UPKEEP.

Island Roads would be contacted to look at the bench in Limerstone which was in need of repair.

21. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE GUET IN LIMERSTONE.

A reply had been received from the Head of Enforcement in response to a letter sent by the Clerk. The response explained there were specific issues which made it difficult to pursue at this time, therefore nothing would be done until after 6 months. Councillors agreed this was unacceptable and the AONB would be contacted for their opinion.

22. TO REPORT ON NO. 12 BUS SERVICE FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH SOUTHERN VECTIS.

Southern Vectis had stated there would be no further improvements to the service while it still runs at a loss. An idea for a new service which ran from Ryde via Havenstreet, Staplers and Newport which then continued on the No 12 route to Alum Bay and then to Yarmouth was suggested. This new route would incorporate a large number of the tourist attractions en-route and would link the port in Ryde to the port in Yarmouth. Discussions regarding this were at an early stage but in principal was considered a good idea.

23. TO RECEIVE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

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

He added the Enforcement Officer would be going to Brighstone Holiday Centre since recent landslips had resulted in safety issues.

24. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR FEBRUARY.

There was nothing to report.

25. TO CONSIDER THE THIRD DRAFT OF THE 2020/21 BUDGET.

The third draft of the budget had been previously circulated to Councillors

Following concerns raised about the overall percentage increase to the precept on the second draft budget further savings by reducing spending were made including amounts to the contingency, website and training. This reduced the overall increase by £1100 the percentage increase reduced from 7.90% to 4.85%. This was accepted and would be requested to the Isle of Wight Council.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr M East

All Councillors agreed

28. TO CONFIRM AND AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
1934	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning January 2020	286.00	57.20	343.20
1935	Community Action IOW	Housing Needs Survey Consultant Fee	206.95	0.00	206.95
1936	Mrs J Walker	Salary January 2020	915.68	0.00	915.68
1937	Mrs J Walker	Reimbursement Stationery	23.32	4.67	27.99
1938	Brighstone Village Shop	Christmas Tree	81.72	3.27	84.99
1939	IOW Armed Forces Day	Donation IOW Armed Forces Day 2020	100.00	0.00	100.00
1940	Business Stream	Water Cemetery	23.41	4.68	28.09
1941	IWALC	Subscription/Affiliation Fees	382.15	0.00	382.15
1942	SLCC	Membership Fee	173.00	0.00	173.00
1943	Mrs J Walker	Reimbursement Web Domain	59.88	11.98	71.86
D/d	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	34.48	0.00	34.48
TOTAL			2286.59	81.80	2368.39

Library Account

Reimbursement Book Donation B`stone

5	Boni Reeks	School	25.00	0.00	25.00
6	Business Stream	Water Library	36.08	0.00	36.08
7	National Trust	Electric Library	255.42	11.56	266.98
TOTAL			316.50	11.56	328.06

Proposed: Cllr S Roberts

Seconded: Cllr M Huxley

All Councillors agreed.

29. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st JANUARY 2020.

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:

None

32. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- The Newsletter had sufficient reserves to allow for community fees to be reduced by 50%.
- The dip in the road by Limerstone Cemetery had still not been repaired and cones were still on the road by the Sun Inn, Hulverstone. Island Roads would be contacted again and invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting.
- Flooding in Lynch Lane was continuing to be a problem.

33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.47pm.

Following the meeting a short presentation was given by the Chairman of Brighton British Legion regarding the new bench which would be placed near to Berry Barn. The bench, which had been donated, depicted Warhorse, a soldier wearing a first world war helmet, poppies and a Florence Nightingale nurse.