

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2020**

Due to Government Advice as a result of the Coronavirus Covid-19 the meeting was unable to be held in person. The meeting was held virtually by Zoom.

PRESENT : Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr M East, Cllr R Haviland, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr M Huxley and Cllr C Bridges.
Ward Cllr Steve Hastings
Mrs J Walker (Clerk & Registrar)

Three Members of the Public joined the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : Cllr P Adams

2. DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED VERBALLY.

Cllr S Roberts Declared an Interest as an employee of the IOW Council.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 9th September 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 22nd September 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.

None received.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

-Work to replace the Play Area fencing was due to start Thursday 22nd October.

-Biffa appeared to be now emptying the waste bin in the Play Area.

-Island Roads had replaced the dog bin at the entrance to the Recreation Ground which had the lid missing.

- Brighstone War Memorial has been added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historical Interest.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

20/01400/HOU 1 Woodside Drive, Upper Lane, Brighstone. Proposed wooden framed orangery extension. Councillors agreed there were NO OBJECTIONS to the application. It was noted the AONB had not commented on the application.

20/01546/6PA Land at Galley Lane, Brighstone. Agricultural prior notification of a new barn. This application had already been REFUSED prior permission.

20/01624/FUL Three Bishops, Main Road, Brighstone. Proposed detached dwelling (revised scheme). The revised application layout had moved the property and access to it closer to the pub which had resolved some issues regarding the dangers in Warnes Lane. The car parking was still not considered sufficient. Car parking would be needed for the letting rooms which would result in less parking for functions in the pub making the business less viable. Vehicles would be forced to park in the road or Warnes Lanes car park. The footpath from Warnes Lane into and through the pub car park which had been in use for over 40 years was still blocked and had not been reinstated. There was no identified need for this type of property and it did not count towards the required housing stock. It

should be noted the pub and its car park are registered as a Community Asset. The AONB had already objected but Island Roads had given approval. All Councillors agreed to OBJECT to the application.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

20/01240/HOU Ford Cottage, Main Road, Brighstone. Creation of a wildlife pond. GRANTED.

20/01546/6PA Land at Galley Lane, Brighstone. Agricultural prior notification of a new barn. This application had already been REFUSED prior permission.

The Chairman agreed with Councillors to bring forward agenda item **13. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE LICENCE FOR THE TENNIS CLUB** to allow for this to be discussed earlier in the meeting and allow the Tennis Club Representatives to leave the meeting.

8. TO DISCUSS FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED DIAMOND MOTORCYCLE RACE AND HOW WE GO FORWARD WITH THE CONSULTATION.

The Parish Council had been made aware of a video in which an interview with organisers from Diamond Races stated they had a 10 year agreement with the IOW Council to hold the race. It appeared the Risk Assessment had been compiled and had already been registered with SAG. Researching the IOW Council Minutes no record of any discussions had been found available for Public access. Based on this video interview the Chairman asked Councillors for a Mandate to write to IWALC to bring this to their attention and for a Freedom of Information request. The Chairman also asked to be able to raise this issue at the MP's next Zoom meeting. Councillors agreed to this.

An email had been received from the Clerk of the Course to advise that due to Covid Regulations a face to face Public Consultation would not now go ahead but a Public Consultation would be held by Zoom.

This was considered completely inadequate with many members of the Parish unable to access Zoom and therefore unable to take part. The Clerk of the Course would be written to conveying this as not acceptable.

The Parish Council do not consider they have been correctly consulted or kept informed in any way. Despite repeated requests for the Risk Assessment and changes which would be made to the roads nothing has been provided. There appears to be a complete lack of consultation with Parishioners with many not receiving the original letter, which was claimed to be delivered to every household, and the majority not receiving the latest booklet produced in October which again was supposed to be delivered to households but instead has been left in some shops and buildings in the Parish for people to collect. It appeared the doctors' surgery and school have not been fully consulted. With the lack of information and consultation the Parish Council could not prepare its own Parish Consultation to be delivered to residents the results from which the Parish Council would make a decision.

It was agreed to write to IWALC and to SAG requesting that due to lack of an Open Public Consultation and the possible future threat from Covid any decision to allow the race to go ahead in 2021 should be delayed.

9. TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CURRENT PLANNING SYSTEM – THE WHITE PAPER.

It was agreed to support MP Bob Seely in his attempts to limit the amount of building on the Island and achieve special status for the Isle of Wight regarding this. A letter would be sent to the MP.

10. TO DISCUSS THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE PARISH MAINTENANCE PERSON.

- A regular weekly maintenance check was required especially with regard to the Recreation Ground and Play Area and any problems should be reported.
- Regular maintenance was required to benches, notice boards, gates etc.
- Brook needed to be included in the regular checks.
- Councillors should check and raise any issues in their own areas.
- It was agreed the Public Toilets should be left unlocked at night.

11. TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF SOCIAL DISTANCING IN THE VILLAGE AND HOW THEY ARE MANAGED.

The Parish Council will only raise the issue if they become aware of any problems.

12. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE ENCROACHMENT ON THE RECREATION GROUND AND GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF THE RECREATION GROUND.

It was agreed to clear the ditch and remove any growth on the Recreation Ground side of the fence and the entrance to the recreation Ground from New Road. The property owner would be asked to remove any growth from their side of the fence. The Probation Service would be contacted to clear the ditch and cut back the overgrown areas along the length of the Recreation Ground in the Spring. The solicitor would be informed of this decision.

13. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE LICENCE FOR THE TENNIS CLUB.

The Tennis Club Chairman and Secretary were present at the meeting via Zoom. Recent legislation from IWALC had stated that assets of Parish Councils should not be leased since no-one should have exclusive use of public facilities. It would be wrong for the Parish Council to grant a Lease which gave sole rights to a portion of land over which anything could be done and the Parish Council not being able to have a say. The Tennis Club had been forwarded a draft copy of a Licence to Operate. This was considered to be inadequate by the Tennis Club which would be unable to access grants since a Licence did not give the same security of tenure. Access to available grants was required to help develop and expand the Tennis Club, the only facility of its kind in the West Wight, into a Centre of Excellence. The Clerk would look at clarity of grant requirements for both Lease and Licence terms regarding the Tennis Club.

14. TO DISCUSS FINANCES AND NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAY AREA.

The wooden frames of the swings and climbing frame were rotten and it was considered rather than repair to replace some of the play equipment with new. Several Councillors would meet at the Play Area to look at the equipment. It was suggested going to the school and ask the children for ideas of what they would like to use in the play area. Costs would be looked into which should include fitting.

15. TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL PARISH COUNCIL COMPUTER.

Following issues with the current computer and its age it was agreed to purchase a new computer.

Proposed: Cllr S Roberts Seconded Cllr J Cironne All Councillors agreed

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

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

17. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR OCTOBER.

None reported.

18. TO CONFIRM AND AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Cllr M Huxley Declared an Interest.

Chq No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross	
2000	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning September 2020	286.00	57.20	343.20	
2001	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Timber Bridge & Notice Board Posts	1380.00	276.00	1656.00	
2002	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting August 2020	725.00	145.00	870.00	
2003	Dryad Woodland Enterprise	Tree Maintenance Wilberforce Road	595.00	0.00	595.00	
2004	Dryad Woodland Enterprise	Tree Maint Ashley Copse / Wilses Cnr	200.00	0.00	200.00	
2005	HMRC	PAYE Quarterly Payment	141.33	0.00	141.33	
2006	Mrs J Walker	Salary September 2020	924.44	0.00	924.44	
2007	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting September 2020	725.00	145.00	870.00	
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	34.48	0.00	34.48	
dd	SSE Southern Electric	Electric Sports Pavilion	23.14	1.15	24.29	
dd	SSE Southern Electric	Electric Public Toilets	62.23	3.11	65.34	Paid28/9
TOTAL			5096.62	627.46	5724.08	
Library						
dd	Biffa	Green Waste Collection	6.00	1.20	7.20	
TOTAL			6.00	1.20	7.20	

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr J Morgan

All Councillors agreed

19. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2020

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

20. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

The Newsletter had restarted printing in October and would now continue to be published on a regular basis.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

Several emails both FOR and AGAINST the Diamond Races had been received.

No other correspondence.

22. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE

- The notice board in Warnes Lane car park was leaning and a piece of wood sticking out was dangerous. The maintenance person would be contacted to take it down.
- Island Roads had left an open hole dug on Brook Village Green. To be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr Haviland would arrange for Parish Council records to be moved to the Pavilion for storage.
- Island Roads needed contacting to clear the silt trap at Hunnyhill by Chilton Lane.
- The hedges alongside Blanchards needed cutting. To be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

- The costs of the dog bin for Ashley Way would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 9th December 2020. If Government restrictions are lifted the meeting will be held at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.39pm.