

**.MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 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, Cllr C Bridges and Cllr P Adams
Ward Cllr Steve Hastings
Mrs J Walker (Clerk & Registrar)

Three Members of the Public joined the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE : None

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 20th October 2020, having been previously circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting of the 20th October 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.

Encroachment on the Recreation Ground

The solicitor has been informed of the Parish Councils decision made at the October Parish Council meeting.

Dog Bin Ashley Copse

An update on costs for this has been requested. Also the cost of emptying the bin only should the Parish Council purchase the bin separately. To date no reply has been received.

Drainage

Island Roads have been asked to clean the drain at the top of Chilton Lane where it meets Main Road, Hunnyhill which silts up. They have also been asked to clear the drainage ditch along the side of the listed wall on the opposite corner where the grass edges have grown onto the roadside blocking the drainage.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

20/01777/FUL The Village Shop, Main Road, Brighstone. Demolition of side structure; Proposed single storey side and rear extensions; alterations including new door and new sign board to front elevation. The applicant, present at the meeting via Zoom, explained the extension and changes would improve access for bringing goods into the shop cutting the time taken for deliveries shortening parking time from delivery vehicles. The new door would allow access for the Post Office area which would ease queues for customers wanting the grocery shop. There were NO OBJECTIONS to the application.

20/01712/HOU 1 Woodlands, Brighstone. Proposed detached garage. All Councillors agreed there were NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

None received.

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

The Tennis Club Chairman and Secretary were present at the meeting via Zoom.

The Licence previously offered by the Parish Council did not give the security of tenure the Tennis Club required to access available grant funding. Only a Lease would be acceptable. Recent legislation from IWALC had stated that assets of Parish Councils should not be leased and there were still concerns the Parish Council would not have control over the use or any proposed development on the land. The original Trust Deed also has conditions limiting the number of buildings on the Recreation Ground and also states there should be no sub-leases. Following discussion it was agreed to request another copy of the email from IWALC and to look at the possibility of the Parish Council issuing a lease but with restrictions included to prevent any development on the land without the Parish Councils approval. The Clerk would contact the solicitor to ask if the Parish Council were able to issue a lease of this type.

A further possible solution, looking to the long term, was that the Tennis Club move to nearer the Pavilion which could be used as the Club House with two new courts built by the side of the building. Changing rooms, toilets and catering facilities were all available in the Pavilion. Parking was available by the Pavilion. The current tennis courts could be used as a multi-purpose court for other sports. A working group to include Councillors and members of the Tennis Club could look into this and possible costs involved.

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

A draft consultation paper had been prior distributed to Councillors. Another proposed consultation paper, a more simplified version, was read out at the meeting by Cllr R Haviland. This would be circulated to Councillors. Following a discussion regarding the time to deliver the consultation paper it was decided by a majority decision to deliver after Christmas and not in November. (5 Councillors for after Christmas, 2 Councillors for November). The content of the consultation paper would be finalised at the next meeting when Councillors had received both versions.

It was considered that priority should be given to request that the race be delayed until 2022 primarily for Covid reasons. IWALC would be contacted requesting support for the Parish Council with this. It was also noted that Cllr Hastings agreed to the proposal that the event be delayed. There were still many unanswered questions and not enough information being received. Many concerns were raised eg. of how over 50,000 people would access the area before 9.30am and leave afterwards and the possible road congestion this would cause. Safety risks to properties on the race route was another concern. The Parish Council had still not received the Risk Assessment despite several requests. Questions should be asked of the IOW Council which appeared to be happy to let the event go ahead. It was considered the whole process was being pushed through too quickly.

The permit to allow the race would be down to SAG (Safety Advisory Group). There had been a meeting of SAG in October and the next meeting would be in the new year. It was noted the person responsible for assessing the application with a view to issuing the permit was also Secretary of the ACU and a member of Diamond Races. This would suggest a clear conflict of interest.

It was suggested that the IOW Council Leader be asked to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss why the Diamond Race could not be delayed and put back to 2022.

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

This agenda item was deferred until next month.

11. TO DISCUSS THE OPEN HOLE ON BROOK VILLAGE GREEN.

A blocked drain had resulted in a hole being dug which had now been left open for three months. The Clerk would write to Island Roads to ascertain when the work would be completed.

12. TO DISCUSS THE HEDGES ALONGSIDE BLANCHARDS.

The Clerk would write to Hose Rhodes Dickson to request the hedges be cut. The farmer who rented Blanchards field would be asked to cut the grass.

13. TO RECEIVE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT AND REQUESTED UPDATE ON THE GUET AND INSTALLATION OF DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT THE TOP OF BROAD LANE AND MAIN ROAD AND IN NEW ROAD.

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

The Guet – the Enforcement Officer had been due to visit the site but was now self-isolating. The person was still living at the Guet, the caravan was still there and the area was a disgrace. Cllr Hastings would write to planning.

Double yellow lines – District reviews had been suspended until next year due to Covid and dates for future reviews were not available. The lines had been requested now for several years and were on the priorities list for safety. Cars were now parking on both sides of the road by the school and doctors surgery. Cllr Hastings was asked to pursue this before there is an accident.

14. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR NOVEMBER.

There is a water leak in the Ladies toilet.

The notice board at the top of Warnes Lane car park which was leaning has been removed and the fence repaired. This was done free of charge by the maintenance person.

15. TO CONFIRM AND AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Chq No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
2008	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning October 2020	286.00	57.20	343.20
2009	Wight Digital Solutions	Computer Repair and Upgrade	120.00	24.00	144.00
2010	Business Stream	Water Pavilion	37.19	0.00	37.19
2011	Minimag	Noticeboard Renovation	290.66	0.00	290.66
2012	Minimag	Painting Cemetery Gates	45.00	0.00	45.00
2013	Mrs J Walker	Salary October 2020	924.44	0.00	924.44
2014	Mr J Cirrone	Reimbursement Printer Ink	17.00	0.00	17.00
2015	Groundsell Contracting Limited	Grass Cutting October	725.00	145.00	870.00
2016	Mrs A Russell	British Legion Flowers	26.98	0.00	26.98
D/d	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area	2.00	0.40	2.40
D/d	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	34.48	0.00	34.48
TOTAL			2508.75	226.60	2735.35
Library					
16	Business Stream	Water Library	29.14	0.00	29.14
TOTAL			29.14	0.00	29.14

16. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st OCTOBER 2020

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

17. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

The Newsletter would be printed in November which would be the combined December and January issue.

Cllr M East had been asked if he would represent the Parish Council on the Brighstone Community Support Group. All Councillors agreed to this.

18. CORRESPONDENCE

None received.

19. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE

- The Motocross organisers had lodged an appeal to planning.
- The cliff edge at Compton was very close to the Military Road. Cllr S Hastings would contact Island Roads.
- Cllr S Hastings was asked to keep the Parish Council informed of the facts from the IOW Council regarding discussions with Diamond Races.
- The Clerk was working additional hours to those contracted. The number of hours and salary review would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.
- Covid was affecting the income for village halls. It was agreed to set some monies aside from the budget to help the local village halls.
- The costs of the dog bin for Ashley Way would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

20. 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 9.19pm.