

MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 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 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 and the Leader of the IOW Council joined the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE :** Cllr J Morgan

2. DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED VERBALLY.

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

Cllr C Bridges Declared an Interest regarding agenda item 13.

The Clerk Declared an Interest regarding agenda item 17.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 11th November 2020, had been previously circulated and read. A small amendment was made to agenda item 9 from 40,000 to 50,000. The Minutes were then confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of the 24th November 2020, having been previously circulated and read, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman agreed with Councillors to bring forward agenda item

9. TO DISCUSS AND FINALISE THE CONSULTATION LETTER AND DELIVERY TO HOUSEHOLDS REGARDING THE PROPOSED DIAMOND MOTORCYCLE RACE AND ALSO TO DISCUSS ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING.

to allow for this to be discussed earlier in the meeting and allow the Leader of the IOW Council to leave the meeting.

The IOW Council Leader, Cllr D Stewart, present at the meeting via Zoom, was asked two questions. Firstly, if a Licence was issued for the race would it automatically be renewed each year or did it need re-applying for? Secondly, when the road signage is removed to prepare for the race what is put in place for road safety purposes? Cllr Stewart was unable to answer either question. The question of the Licence would need to be referred to SAG. He was focused on safety both for the race and for the wider population. A letter received from the IOW Council stated they had issued a letter of Support in Principal to Diamond Races regarding their intention to hold an event in 2021. The Support in Principal details a number of conditions which will need to be complied with and requires the submission of an Event Management Plan, to include risk assessments covering all aspects of the proposed event. It does not give Diamond Races permission for the event or provide them with the full support of the Isle of Wight Council at this time. The process is managed by SAG a multi-agency group. The decision will involve consultation with other statutory bodies and will need to meet Legislative requirements. It will then be brought to the IOW Council's Cabinet for the final decision.

Cllr Stewart was asked about the conflict of interest regarding the Clerk of the Course who is a race organiser who has compiled the Risk Assessment for the event. He is also the Secretary General of the

ACU who will receive the Risk Assessment and issue the permit for the race to go ahead. It was thought that SAG would have legislation in place for this type of situation and would possibly be scrutinised by a third party.

A concern was raised about speeding and copycat riders. A suggestion was made to ask local biker group members not to encourage speeding. There may also be the possibility of mobile speed cameras on the Military Road.

If the event went ahead there would be a review of any problems which had arisen which would be put back to SAG for consideration.

The principal way the proposed event and engagement with Parishes was questioned. The local Parish Councils should have been consulted from the start. It was agreed things should have been done differently with discussions with the affected Parish Councils first to obtain their comments and feedback from the local communities. The Parish Council had still not received the Risk Assessment asked for since 27th July 2020. Parish Councillors are elected representatives for the community, dealing with many questions regarding the proposed race and felt a comment by a member of Diamond Races that Parish Councils are there only to `facilitate information` derogatory.

There were concerns regarding the potential number of people which possibly could be as many as 100,000 coming to the area. The Isle of Wight Act which set legislation for numbers of people over 5,000 would need to be looked at concerning this.

The Consultation letter was agreed with a few minor changes. This would be brought back to the next Planning Committee Meeting for final approval.

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

None received.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

Drainage Hunnyhill

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

Brook Village Green

Island Roads have been contacted regarding the open hole on the Green. To date there has been no response.

Hedges Alongside Blanchards

Hose Rhodes Dickson will contact the developer to request they cut the hedges back and also cut the grass in the field. They explained the contracts for the land were due to be completed by the end of November.

VAT Refund

The Parish Council have now received the VAT refund money.

Water Leak in the Toilets.

This was due to a leaking pipe on the flush system and has now been repaired.

Storage Cabinets for the Pavilion

These have now been ordered and will be delivered in approx. two weeks.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

20/01808/HOU Chiltern Green House, Hoxall Lane, Brighstone. Retention of garden chalet and carport/garage; garden shed. The applicant, present at the meeting via Zoom, explained due to moving a garden chalet by 3 metres a planning application was required. All Councillors agreed there were NO OBJECTIONS to the application.

20/01976/HOU Blenheim Cottage, Chilton Lane, Brighstone. Proposed single storey rear extension; porch. All Councillors agreed there were NO OBJECTIONS to the application.

20/01873/FUL Fairfields, Limerstone Road, Brighstone. Proposed detached dwelling.

It was agreed to defer this application until the Planning Committee Meeting on 15th December 2020.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

20/01624/FUL Three Bishops, Main Road, Brighstone. Proposed detached dwelling (revised scheme)

Planning REFUSED.

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

Tuesday 15th December at 7.30pm.

10. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE FINANCE FOR THE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAY AREA.

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 19: To consider the first draft of the 2021/22 budget.

11. TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF DISABLED PARKING SPACES IN WARNES LANE CAR PARK AND OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL IN NEW ROAD.

There are two disabled parking spaces in Warnes Lane car park which are not clearly marked and more prominent signage is required. Cllr Hastings would enquire about new disabled signs. The school will provide provision outside the school gates for parking if required.

12. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE SPONSORSHIP FOR THE LIBRARY BOOK AWARDS FOR THE PRIZES FOR THE CHILDREN'S SECTION OF A COMMUNITY POETRY AND PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION.

A request of £40 to purchase book vouchers for prizes was agreed by Councillors.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr J Cirrone

All Councillors agreed

13. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE PAYMENT FOR THE INCREASE COST OF THE PLAY AREA FENCING.

The length of fencing had been incorrectly calculated and an additional amount of fencing was required. Councillors agreed to pay the additional costs incurred.

Proposed: Cllr S Roberts

Seconded: Cllr R Haviland

All Councillors agreed

14. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE COSTS OF THE DOG BIN AT ASHLEY COPSE.

A quote of £310.25 to provide and install a dog bin had been received. Costs had also been looked at for the Parish Council to purchase the bin and have it installed separately. It was agreed, due to only a small difference in cost and legislation requirements for siting the bin, to accept the quote to provide and install the bin. There would be a yearly cost of £322 (subject to annual uplift every April) for emptying the bin.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr C Bridges

All Councillors agreed

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

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

To date there had been no reply from the solicitor. The Tennis Club Secretary said this was very disappointing and the cost of resurfacing the tennis courts would now increase. He was concerned

about the current surface on which moss was growing and which would now need spraying. It was suggested by the Parish Council that if the tennis courts surface were unsafe to play on they should be closed. Also the Tennis Club would be responsible for any accidents to persons using the tennis courts. The Tennis Club Secretary stated they were not unsafe and the Tennis Club had insurance through the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association). The Clerk would chase the solicitor for a reply.

16. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLORS REPORT.

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

17. TO DISCUSS THE CLERKS WORKING HOURS AND APPROVE THE NALC PAY INCREASE FOR CLERKS.

The Clerk left the meeting for this agenda item.

Councillors agreed the NALC pay increase should be backdated to April 2020 when it was introduced and Councillors also resolved that the Clerk be reimbursed for all the extra hours worked since July.

Having taken no leave this year the Clerk would be on holiday for two weeks over Christmas.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr J Cirrone

All Councillors agreed

18. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR DECEMBER.

None reported.

19. TO CONSIDER THE FIRST DRAFT OF THE 2021/22 BUDGET.

The increase in the precept was considered too high. It was suggested the Parish Council use reserves to offset any increase in spending this year. The figures would be reconsidered and brought back to the next Parish Council meeting for further discussion.

10. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE FINANCE FOR THE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAY AREA.

It was agreed to obtain the cost of replacing equipment rather than have a set budget for the play area. The main items to replace were the swings and the climbing frame. The Clerk would obtain quotes for these.

20. TO CONFIRM AND AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
2017	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning November 2020	286.00	57.20	343.20
2018	Jon Howard	Computer Clean up / Clear Login Issue	25.00	0.00	25.00
		Finish Computer Clean Up / Set Up			
2019	Jon Howard	Dropbox	30.00	0.00	30.00
2020	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External Audit Fees	200.00	40.00	240.00
2021	Business Stream	Water Cemetery	19.68	3.93	23.61
2022	Mrs J Walker	Salary November 2020	924.44	0.00	924.44
2023	Helen Ockendon	Donation Library Competition Prizes	40.00	0.00	40.00
2024	J R Fencing & Sons Ltd	Play Area Fencing	3000.00	600.00	3600.00
2025	SBT Plumbing & Heating Ltd	Water Leak Public Toilet	58.00	11.60	69.60
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			4619.60	713.13	5332.73
Library					
D/d	Biffa	Library Green Waste Collection	6.00	1.20	7.20

TOTAL

6.00

1.20

7.20

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr M East

All Councillors agreed

21. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30th NOVEMBER 2020

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

22. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

An article in the Newsletter had given the wrong email addresses for the Clerks in Brighstone and Shorwell.

The IOW Council had made money available to Community Support Groups to help people in need and help fund food banks.

23. CORRESPONDENCE

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

No other correspondence.

24. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE

- One of the bins in the Cemetery was broken. Cllr S Roberts would remove the wooden bin and replace it with a spare bin she had.

- Wire mesh may be required on the railings of the new footbridge to the Recreation Ground to prevent a small child putting their head through.

- Further dog bins were required for the Recreation Ground. This would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 13th January 2021. 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 9.52pm.