

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13th JANUARY 2021**

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 and Cllr C Bridges
Ward Cllr Steve Hastings
Mrs J Walker (Clerk & Registrar)

Two 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 December 2020, had been previously circulated and read. A small amendment was made to wording from `arose` to `arisen` agenda item 9. The Minutes were then confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of the 15th December 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.

To be discussed in agenda items.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

20/02034/HOU Willses, Upper Lane, Brighstone. Proposed single storey extension to form garden room. Being smaller in size it was considered to be an improvement on the last design. Councillors had NO OBJECTIONS to the application.

20/02035/LBC Willses, Upper Lane, Brighstone. Listed Building Consent for proposed single storey extension to form garden room. Councillors had NO OBJECTIONS to the application.

20/02088/HOU Coffe. Moortown Lane, Brighstone. Proposed detached garage.

The building would be in the front garden and in front of the property. However there were similar structures further along the road. Councillors had NO OBJECTIONS.

20/00038/ENF Chilton Farm, Military Road, Brighstone. Appeal Notice. Change of use of land to Motorcross. The previous concerns raised still applied. The close proximity of properties to the site and issues of noise, pollution and dust to these properties would result in the loss of all amenities on race days. Also loss of business to local B&B and holiday letting businesses. The number of meetings being every other weekend was considered to be excessive and unacceptable to both businesses, local residents and tourism to the area in general. Another Motorcross site at Chale approx. 6 miles away is only used occasionally. It was considered there is no apparent reason why this site could not be used more often and for that reason there is no justification for an additional site within the AONB.

Councillors agreed to OBJECT to the Appeal and support the IOW Councils Enforcement Order.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

20/01712/HOU 1 Woodlands, Brighstone. Proposed detached garage. GRANTED.

20/01829/HOU 28 Wilberforce Road, Brighstone. Proposed detached garden room. GRANTED.

20/01804/CLEUD Chine Farm, Military Road, Brighstone. Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of site as mixed use of residential chalets and residential static caravans. GRANTED.

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). GRANTED.

P/01449/18 Land adjacent to Blanchards, Moortown Lane and Between Upper Lane and Main Road Brighstone. Approval of reserved matters on P/00966/14 for appearance and landscaping (Readvertised application – revised plans showing changes to site layout and external appearance). GRANTED.

20/01808/HOU Chiltern Green House, Hoxall Lane, Brighstone. Retention of garden chalet and carport/garage; garden shed. GRANTED.

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

Tuesday 26th January at 7.30pm.

9. TO DISCUSS THE NEW COVID LOCKDOWN AND HOW IT COULD AFFECT THE PARISH.

The Community Support Hub had decided to deliver a leaflet to every household regarding the Covid rule to `Stay at Home` and provide contact numbers for help and information. They would also put a notice on each notice board. The group considered they could deliver the leaflets using the rules of permitted exercise. Councillors did not support this idea and considered with the current Covid rules this was not the right time to be delivering leaflets. It was suggested a notice could be put on the notice boards with information and useful telephone numbers. Cllr Hastings would provide the most relevant numbers.

With people walking more for exercise litter was becoming a problem. A notice would be put on the notice boards asking people to place litter in the bins or take litter home.

10. TO DISCUSS AND FINALISE THE CONSULTATION LETTER AND DELIVERY TO HOUSEHOLDS REGARDING THE PROPOSED DIAMOND MOTORCYCLE RACE.

It was considered the situation should be reviewed every two weeks. The new Covid lockdown rules had denied the Parish Council the opportunity to have a consultation in a safe manner with the Parish. SAG and Cllr Stewart should be notified of this. To date SAG had not yet met. Cllr Hastings felt the race may not go ahead this year with possible route changes for the race being discussed. Cllr Stewart would be asked to provide a monthly report on the progress of the Diamond Race. He would also be invited to attend the February Parish Council meeting.

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

Costs for new swings and replacement climbing equipment was approximately £10,000 depending on whether timber or metal frames were used. It was suggested to look at costs using Norleg a company which provides rustic looking timber equipment. Also swings and equipment for disabled.

12. TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE PARISH.

A concern was raised that two affordable homes in Brighstone had been bought by people who had no connection with the Parish. Brighstone house prices are above the average price making affordable homes unaffordable to young local people. Many smaller properties were being bought as second homes. It was suggested if it would be possible for the IOW Council to put a levy on the price of affordable houses and limit the sale to those under 30 years of age.

13. TO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL DOG BINS AT THE RECREATION GROUND.

The number of dog bins in the village and costs involved for emptying these would be looked at before possibly requesting additional dog bins for the Recreation Ground. The possibility of local businesses sponsoring a dog bin to help with costs could be looked at. An article to this effect could be put in the Newsletter.

14. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE LICENCE FOR THE TENNIS CLUB AND THE FUTURE OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE?

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

Correspondence from the solicitor did not recommend granting a Lease with the current Lease still having seven years left to run. An offer of a `letter in principal` that the Lease would be renewed when it expired was not acceptable to the Tennis Club. They needed the Lease to be renewed to access grant funding. The Licence originally requested would not give the level of Security of Tenure required by the Tennis Club. It was asked if the Tennis Club would pay the costs involved for drawing up a Licence originally requested by them which could not now be used. A reply to this was not forthcoming by the Tennis Club. The Tennis Club were also asked if they had funds to resurface the courts only. The Tennis Club Secretary admitted that they had.

It was considered beneficial to retain the Charity status for the Recreation Ground. It was suggested the Recreation Ground Committee be reformed with its members coming from different areas of the Community and not solely consisting of councillors or sports organisers. The original Lease was confused with many later alterations and additions being made over the years. The Charity Commission would be contacted to see what they would allow regarding a new Lease.

With the continued lack of decision with both the Tennis Club Lease and the Recreation Ground the solicitor would be contacted to arrange a zoom meeting with him to try to resolve matters.

15. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLORS REPORT.

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

Cllr Hastings was asked when Island Roads would be doing the Military Road at Compton.

Cllr Hastings would provide the Parish Council with an update but this was currently seeking planning permission and would go ahead straight away when permission was granted.

16. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR JANUARY.

None reported.

17. TO CONSIDER THE SECOND DRAFT OF THE 2021/22 BUDGET.

Adjustments had been made to the first draft of the 2021/22 budget to reduce the precept from 8.47% to 6.68% which was still considered to be too high. It was proposed to bring the contingency costs to zero reducing the increase in precept to 1.3%.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr J Cirrone

All Councillors agreed

18. TO CONFIRM AND AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Chq No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
2026	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning December 2020	286.00	57.20	343.20
2027	Beardsalls	Housing Needs Survey Printing	37.71	7.54	45.25
2028	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting November 2020	350.00	70.00	420.00
2029	Mrs J Walker	Salary December & Pay Arrears 2020	1991.24	0.00	1991.24
2030	Mrs J Walker	Reimbursement Web Domain Fee	9.99	2.00	11.99
2031	HMRC	PAYE Quarterly Payment	141.33	0.00	141.33
2032	The Village Shop	Christmas Tree	81.72	3.27	84.99
2033	SLCC	Membership Fee	166.00	0.00	166.00
D/d	SSE Southern Electric	Electric Public Toilets	131.74	6.58	138.32
D/d	SSE Southern Electric	Electric Sports Pavilion	29.82	1.49	31.31
D/d	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area	2.00	0.40	2.40
D/d	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	135.28	0.00	135.28
TOTAL			3362.83	148.48	3511.31
Library					
17	Wight Fire & Security	Fire Extinguisher Safety Check	108.72	21.74	130.46
TOTAL			108.72	21.74	130.46

Proposed: Cllr M Huxley

Seconded: Cllr M East

All Councillors agreed

19. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st DECEMBER 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 is currently suspended.
- The Cemetery Rules briefly discussed at the Cemetery Committee meeting would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter had been received regarding the re-routing of the Public Bridleway BS83 by Mottistone Mill. A reply has been sent advising there has been no changes to the route.
- Copies of correspondence sent to Island Roads regarding the tree roots causing the breakup of the driveway entrance and pavement outside Cedar Cottage, Main Road, Brighstone had been received.
- Residents at Hunnyhill had written to the Enforcement Officer regarding a digger driven through a hedge to clear a roadway to the top of the field exposing asbestos material and rubbish to the rear of their property. The digger had also destroyed a small portion of garden belonging to another property adjacent to the field.

22. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE

`Logs For Sale ` posters had appeared on various poles in the Parish. Island Roads would be notified.

The state of the road at Wickenhill Lane and gullies in Limerstone needed attention. Island Roads would be contacted.

Hawthorn trees by the tennis courts damaged in the high winds had been dealt with. The costs would be brought to the next Parish Council meeting.

Silt traps and gullies needed emptying and clearing from the corner of Hunnyhill to Moortown Lane. Island Roads would be contacted.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10th February 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 9.54pm.