

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL'S MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th APRIL 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 M Huxley, Cllr S Roberts, Cllr P Adams Cllr J Morgan and Cllr C Bridges
Ward Cllr Steve Hastings
Mrs J Walker (Clerk & Registrar)

Seventeen Members of the Public joined the meeting.

The Chairman held a minutes silence in respect of the Duke of Edinburgh before the meeting began.

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 10th March 2021, 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 30th March 2021 had 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.

There had been reports from farmers of children chasing sheep. An item would be put in the next Newsletter asking people to respect the Countryside Code.

Several comments objecting to the IW Road Race event going through Brook had been received.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

Ashley Way Copse

It has been established that although the land is owned by the Parish Council the path is the responsibility of Rights of Way. They have inspected the path and consider it safe for use. They have re-opened the path after the Parish Council closed it following an accident by a resident. Any insurance claim will the responsibility of the IoW Council not the Parish Council. The resident has been informed of this.

Rubbish Burning at Hulverstone Lane

The Environment Agency have written to the landowner responsible. Since writing to them no further burning has occurred.

2020/21 Accounts

The accounts are currently being prepared for the external auditor.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

21/00537/HOU Perchance, Hunnyhill, Brighstone. Proposed single storey rear extension. Councillors had NO OBJECTIONS to the application.

Cllr S Roberts Declared a Pecuniary Interest.

21/00538/HOU Fastnet Cottage, Main Road, Brighstone. Proposed double carport. Councillors had NO OBJECTIONS to the application.

21/00433/FUL Sea View & Caravan at Chine Farm, Military Road, Brighstone. Demolition of existing property and removal of caravan; proposed two replacement dwellings. The proposed dwellings were considered to be an improvement on the existing. Councillors had NO OBJECTIONS.

21/00540/FUL Dunsbury Farmhouse, Dunsbury Farm Lane, Brook. Proposed two additional windows to holiday unit. Councillors had NO OBJECTIONS to the application

21/00611/FUL Land to West of Corner Stones and Downs Reach, Moor Lane, Brighstone. Proposed development of four dwellings with associated garages and parking. Issues raised were the height of the two houses obstructing the view of the Downs, the houses did not have garages and the site was a greenfield site in the AONB. The additional properties would put increased pressure on an already overburdened sewer and drainage system. The proposed properties did not meet the identifiable need for affordable homes. Councillors voted 5 for and 3 against the application.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS

21/00198/LBC The Old Coach House, Brook Village Road, Brighstone. Listed Building Consent for proposed through floor lift.). GRANTED.

8. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 27th April at 7.00pm.

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

Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm.

10. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE PROPOSED NEW IW ROAD RACES ROUTE TRAVELLING THROUGH BROOK AND CONSULTATION GOING FORWARD ON BOTH ROAD RACE EVENTS.

The Parish Council had written to the ACU but no reply had been received. The race organisers had now been written to requesting they make accurate information available to residents by leaflet and /or an article in the Newsletter. The Parish Council was increasingly concerned about the time scale for this since a full consultation paper with residents could not be done until everyone was fully informed.

Currently the IoW Council had not received any official application from the race organisers to hold the event. The organisers must first obtain a permit from the ACU followed by a motor race order application which has to be made not less than six months before. The organiser then has to apply and be granted a special event traffic regulation order which would only be valid for three days. A longer order application would need to be made to the Secretary of State. SAG cannot authorise the event but only advise on the Health and Safety issues to ensure public safety.

As there had been no proposal put forward by the race organisers the Parish Council considered the event should be removed from the calendar for this year. This would allow for the organisers to consult and provide more information with both Parish Councils and residents affected by the proposed race next year. Brighstone Parish Council could then carry out their own full and proper consultation with residents.

11. TO DISCUSS REQUESTS MADE BY THE TENNIS CLUB AND THE FUTURE OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE?

The Parish Council were willing to give the Tennis Club a new lease but the existing lease would need to be dissolved first. The Charity Commission would be written to to seek their advice in the matter. The Chairman of the Tennis Club requested doing a full presentation to the Parish Council. As this was now an outgoing Council it was suggested this was left until after the elections when the new Councillors could be then be fully informed.

12. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAY AREA AND TO LOOK AT GRANTS AVAILABLE.

The Clerk had only received two quotes to date. Councillors agreed to look at costs to repair the swings.

13. TO DISCUSS PARKING ON THE MILITARY ROAD.

A representative from the National Trust, present at the meeting, explained there were concerns regarding safety on the Military Road. The road, which is classed as a clearway with a speed limit of 60mph, has vehicles parking on the verges. Parking on verges outside the car park entrances severely reduce visibility entering and exiting the car parks. A possible suggestion was to restrict parking to verges on the North side of the Military Road which were wider allowing for vehicles to fully park off the road. The wooden posts already on the South side could be extended to prevent parking on this side. Councillors raised concerns that people would have to cross the road presenting another safety issue. It was asked if walkways behind mounds of earth could be considered for safety of pedestrians since parts of the coastal path were close to the edge of the cliff and road side. Also if the hard standing in the car park, reduced due to erosion, could be extended and the use of an additional field to provide extra off road parking in Summer. Neither was currently being considered by the National Trust.

14. TO DISCUSS THE COMPLAINT REGARDING THE CLEARING OF LAND UP GAGGERHILL LANE.

Cllr M Huxley Declared a Pecuniary Interest

A complaint had been received regarding bonfires being lite near to a thatch cottage especially in the evening. The land was untidy with a large container on site.

It was explained the area was being cleared to try to restore the land. The fires were small with a standpipe close by and only lite when safe to do so. The risk of fire and thatch was taken very seriously. Due to the age and impact on the elderly couple who are very worried about the risk of fire especially at night, Councillors resolved that:

- the bonfires should be moved further away from the cottage.
- burning should only be done in the daytime when it can be overseen and not in the evening.
- the site is kept tidy.

The Clerk would write to the parties involved.

15. TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST BY MEN IN SHEDS TO MEET IN THE PAVILION.

The Pavilion could be used as a meeting place but not as a workshop. A representative from Men in Sheds present at the meeting explained they needed somewhere to use as a workshop which would be a

permanent base. They have their own insurance. A suggestion was made of contacting local farmers who may have a free building which could be used. The Parish Council were still willing to offer the Pavilion to meet in the interim. Agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

16. TO DISCUSS THE CONCERNS OF THE PATH CONDITIONS IN ASHLEY WAY COPSE AND OTHER MAINTENANCE ISSUES.

Rights of Way have taken responsibility for the path. There is the possibility the Parish Council could take the initiative to improve the path at a joint cost with Rights of Way. Councillors were asked to consider this by the next meeting.

17. TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS.

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Planning Meeting would be the last meetings before the elections. Three Parish Councillors were stepping down, Cllr M East, Cllr J Morgan and Cllr S Roberts.

18. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF LOCAL BUSINESSES SPONSORING THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF ADDITIONAL DOG BINS.

An article would be put in the next Newsletter.

19. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLORS REPORT.

No report due to the IoW Councillor elections.

20. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR APRIL.

The bouncer had been removed from the play area due to a broken spring.

21. TO CONFIRM AND AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
2048	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning March 2021	286.00	57.20	343.20
2049	Mrs J Walker	Salary March 2021	947.98	0.00	947.98
2050	Mrs J Walker	Reimburse IONOS Domain Fee	16.10	3.22	19.32
2051	Mrs J Walker	Reimburse Disabled Parking Signs Cost	17.97	3.60	21.57
		Posts and Installation Disabled Parking			
2052	MiniMag Co	Signs	122.36	0.00	122.36
2053	Isle of Wight Council	Environment Officer Services	432.00	0.00	432.00
2054	HMRC	PAYE Quarterly Payment	490.23	0.00	490.23
2055	Business Stream	Water Cemetery	8.09	1.62	9.71
2056	Groundsell Contracting Limited	Grasscutting March	350.00	70.00	420.00
D/d	SSE Southern Electric	Electric Public toilets	128.27	6.41	134.68
D/d	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area Feb & March	4.00	0.80	4.80
D/d	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	35.84	0.00	35.84
TOTAL			2838.84	142.85	2981.69
	Library				
20	Wight Fire & Security	Intruder Alarm System Service	82.68	16.54	99.22
21	Business Stream	Water Library	17.25	0.00	17.25
TOTAL			99.93	16.54	116.47

Proposed: Cllr M Huxley

Seconded: Cllr M East

All Councillors agreed

22. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31st MARCH 2021

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

23. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

None.

24. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from Brighstone Newsagents asking if the Parish Council had any objections to them putting a bench on the pavement outside the Wilberforce Hall. There were no objections to this. Councillors thought an additional bench a good idea.

25. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE

- There was a mobile home caravan at a cottage on the Military Road. Enforcement had already been contacted.
- The hole in Brook Green was still there. Clerk to contact Island Roads.
- Pedestrians In Road signs already requested were needed where there were no pavements eg. Limerstone Road. Cllr Hastings would chase this up.

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12th May 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 10.09pm.