

MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr C Bridges, Cllr N Stuart, Cllr D Alldred, Cllr D Wavell and Cllr N MacLennan

Mrs Joy Walker (clerk)

Five members of the public were present.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr R Haviland

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 12th October 2022 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 12th October 2022 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 24th October 2022 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.

A resident reported abandoned tyres in the bushes at Brook Shute and Brighstone Shute.

It was suggested that residents secure bin lids with a bungee strap to help prevent lids opening and rubbish spilling out when bins blow over during high winds. An item would be put in the Newsletter.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

Environment Officer – Having contacted the Environment Officer asking them to attend a meeting, it seems we have now reverted back to the previous Officer. She has been sent a list of Parish Council meeting dates and will hopefully attend a meeting in the near future.

Planning – Having written to the four Planning Officers again, two representatives will be attending the Parish Council meeting.

The Guet – No Enforcement Notice has been served. The Parish Council will be informed when this has been done.

Parking Opposite Brighstone Garage - The District Steward attended the site and took photographs of two vehicles that were parked in the layby at that time. The DS advised them that there are laws preventing vehicles being sold from the public highway and requested that the garage does not use the layby for this purpose. Having checked the photographs, one vehicle was definitely advertised for sale on WightBay whilst parked in the layby. The DS will monitor the vehicles being parked in the layby and will report this to the IWC who have the ability to enforce the law preventing vehicles being sold from the public highway.

Public Toilet – The damaged Ladies toilet has now been repaired.

Brook Green – The maintenance person has taken the broken post away to be repaired. There are three others, all loose where they have rotted through. These will also be replaced before winter sets in.

Parish Councillor Vacancy – Notices of the vacancy were put up for the statutory period. The Proper Officer has not received the required number of requests from Registered Electors for an election and the vacancy must now be filled by co-option

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

22/01860/FUL Gaggerhill Farm, Gaggerhill Lane, Brighstone. Use of agricultural dwelling as unrestricted open market dwelling.

Following discussion Councillors resolved by vote not to comment and recommend the IoW Planning department decide the outcome of the application. 5 Councillors Agreed, 1 Objected.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

None received.

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

Tuesday 22nd November, to start at 7.30pm.

9. TO WELCOME AND RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SCHOOL FROM THE HEADMISTRESS AND CHAIR OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS.

Councillors welcomed the Headteacher and Chair of Governors of the school who gave a presentation outlining the difficulties facing the school going forward in the current economic climate. Concerns raised included falling birth rates nationally, lack of affordable housing in the area, poor bus services and the threat of the new school in Freshwater. The school had an improved Ofsted report which teachers and Governors were striving to maintain and improve on. Councillors offered their support to ensure the school does not become any part of future school closures if they arise. With two senior planning officers present at the meeting councillors stressed the need for more affordable type homes to allow young people to stay in the village and keep the child entry numbers into the school up to the required level.

10. TO DISCUSS PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE IOW COUNCIL.

The Parish Council welcomed two representatives from the IoW Council Planning department. Planning officers listened to councillors concerns regarding decisions made by the planning department in recent years highlighting in particular issues at Atherfield and Chine Farm and why comments had not been considered. It was considered that decisions did not fully consider issues such as the Dark Skies Policy, drainage concerns and the need for affordable houses to bring young families into the area. Councillors requested there should be more dialogue between the Parish Council and planning officers regarding any future applications in the Parish before the applications are determined.

11. TO DISCUSS PARKING ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE AND ON THE MILITARY ROAD.

Issues on the Military Road had been dealt with. It was suggested a parking time restriction of 30-45 minutes in the village would help with parking issues. The Parish Council would also investigate the possibility of buying the pub car park to provide additional parking in the event the pub could close.

12. TO AGREE ANY ADDITIONAL CLAUSES TO BE ADDED TO THE NEW LEASE BETWEEN THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE.

The Recreation Ground Trustees would like a meeting with the solicitor to discuss their position and responsibilities. The Parish Council agreed to pay the costs for this meeting.

Proposed: Cllr N Stuart Seconded: Cllr D Wavell.
To be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

All Councillors agreed

13. TO RECEIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR.

The Proper Officer has not received the required number of requests from Registered Electors for an election and the vacancy would now be filled by co-option. Notices for Co-option of a Councillor would be put up and an item put in the Newsletter.

14. TO DISCUSS UPDATES TO THE PARISH WEBSITE.

Two quotes had been received to update the Website:

Quote A £749 to rebuild the website and £19 per month to administer.

Quote B approx.£250 to update the website.

A definite cost would be looked at for quote B. Councillors would make a final decision at the next Parish Council meeting.

A logo for Brighstone Parish would be looked into.

15. TO DISCUSS AND ADOPT TWO MEMBERS TO THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Cllr D Alldred and Cllr D Wavell agreed to join the Cemetery Committee.

16. TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET 2023/24 (FIRST DRAFT)

This would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

17. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR NOVEMBER.

A tree on the Recreation Ground fell over during the recent storms landing on a residents shed . The tree has been removed and the insurance company informed.

The path from Upper Lane leading to the Southern Housing carpark is slippery and in poor condition. It is understood this path belongs to Rights of Way who will be informed.

18. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning October 2022	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary October 2022	985.40	0.00	985.40
bp	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grasscutting October	440.00	88.00	528.00
bp	Concept Plumbing & Heating	Toilet Repair	237.76	47.55	285.31
bp	West Wight Town & Parish Councils	WWT&TP Association Clerk Fees	154.00	0.00	154.00
bp	Ringway Islands Roads Limited	Dog Bin Emptying	191.40	38.28	229.68
bp	Dryad Woodland Enterprises	Tree Removal	75.00	0.00	75.00
2134	J Cirrone	Reimburse Stationery	5.89	0.00	5.89
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	37.20	0.00	37.20
TOTAL			2427.82	173.83	2601.65
Library a/c					
bp	Business Stream	Water Library	26.44	0.00	26.44
TOTAL			2454.26	173.83	2628.09

Proposed: Cllr J Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr D Alldred

All Councillors agreed

19. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST OCTOBER 2022.

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.

IWALC Issues – improve communications going to planning.

Community Action Warm Room Initiative – possible use of village halls, Methodist Church and Scout Hut for this.

Speed Watch – pushing on with this and liaising with the police.

Reading Room – minutes of the last meeting would be forwarded when received.

21. CORRESPONDENCE:

Several emails and letters had been received regarding the dog walking on the Recreation Ground. These had all been replied to.

22. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

Christmas Tree: It was agreed to purchase the tree to be put outside the Wilberforce Hall.

Grant Awards – to be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

Covid Support Fund – the remaining money would not have to be returned to the IoW Council. It was suggested this could be used for donations to various local organisations.

Church Yard – a bench was missing and two stones had been pushed over.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 14th December 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.