

MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM.

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

Mrs Joy Walker (clerk)

Two members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr N MacLennan

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 11th January 2023 having been previously circulated and read were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Cemetery Committee Meeting minutes were unavailable and will be signed at the next Parish Council meeting.

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

None.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

The Environment Officer had been contacted requesting information on the services they provide. They had also been invited to the Parish Council meeting. To date no reply had been received.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

None.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

None.

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

Tuesday 28th February, to start at 7.30pm.

9. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR.

Two possible candidates had come forward. Only one candidate attended the meeting who gave a short presentation to Councillors. After a short discussion it was agreed to invite the candidate to join the Parish Council. Jane Frost was duly co-opted as Parish Councillor.

Proposed : Cllr J Cirrone

Seconded : Cllr D Wavell

All Councillors agreed

10. TO DISCUSS UPDATES TO THE PARISH WEBSITE.

No further details due to account access issues. It was agreed to advise of future updates for agenda inclusion purposes.

11. TO DISCUSS COMPILING DATA FOR INSTALLATION OF VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS.

There had only been one response to the article in the Newsletter. The company installing the charging points would be contacted.

12. TO DISCUSS THE BUDGET 2023/24 (THIRD DRAFT)

The third draft had provided a proposal which would lower the amount allocated for spending on the Recreation Ground from the previous drafts.

Following a discussion in which councillors considered the spending for the coming year and the on-going cost of living crisis for residents, councillors agreed to the lower increase in the precept for the coming year.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr J Cirrone

All Councillors agreed

13. TO DISCUSS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ENVIRONMENT OFFICER.

An Invoice for Environment Officer Services had been received. It was questioned who the Officer was and that nothing visible appeared to be happening. The Environment Agency had been contacted requesting information on the services they provide but to date no reply had been received. Councillors agreed to withhold payment of the invoice until answers to the questions asked had been received. Cllr Stuart would follow up on the issue.

14. TO DISCUSS AVAILABILITY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE PARISH.

On the Blanchards development, four single local residents were known to have been allocated four of the six one bedroomed flats for rent. Only one of the two bedroomed part ownership properties had been known to have been allocated to a local resident.

Vectis Housing would be contacted to enquire how many local people had been allocated properties on Blanchards in total.

15. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FOLLOWING A MEETING WITH THE TRUSTEES OF THE RECREATION GROUND AND THE SOLICITOR.

The Recreation Ground Committee had requested that the original lease between the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Committee be surrendered immediately which would allow for a new lease to be put in place which would allow for a 99 year period.

The new lease would allow for subleasing and enable the Recreation Ground Committee to access funding with any long term commitment. In the meantime, the Recreation Ground Committee are working towards resolving the issue with the Tennis Club.

Permission was given for the Clerk to write to the solicitor to begin the process of the new lease.

Proposed: Cllr D Alldred

Seconded: Cllr N Stuart

All Councillors agreed

16. TO DISCUSS THE RUBBISH ISSUE AT GRANGE CHINE.

A resident, present at the meeting, explained local people has been collecting the rubbish from the beach which was put into a green bin provided by Grange Farm. The bin was no longer available due the IoW Council now charging for emptying the bin. It was questioned who would now collect the large amount of rubbish collected from the beach which included a drum of cooking oil which was an environmental issue.

Cllr N Stuart would look into this. Cllr Alldred would look at costs for the Parish Council to provide a skip as a possible one-off solution.

17. TO RECEIVE IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Stuart provided a verbal report.

Discussions to be held regarding the following:

Planning department – the Guet, Brighstone Holiday Camp and Hollis Drive.

The IoW Budget and what services will be cut.

Island Roads - regarding fly-tipping, yellow lines and drainage.

Enforcement – regarding Brighstone Holiday Camp.

Cllr Stuart was asked to talk to Planning regarding infrastructure especially drainage which cannot cope with the extra building.

18. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR FEBRUARY.

The defibrillator was showing a red light.

19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Ch No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning January 2023	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary January 2023	1049.48	0.00	1049.48
bp	Mrs J Walker	Reimb Legionella Thermometer Kit	102.00	20.40	122.40
bp	IWALC	IWALC / NALC Subscription Fee	408.20	0.00	408.20
bp	Business Stream	Water Cemetery	14.42	2.88	17.30
bp	Business Stream	Water Pavilion	55.57	0.00	55.57
dd	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area	2.00	0.40	2.40
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	42.40	0.00	42.40
TOTAL			1975.24	23.68	1998.92
Library a/c					
bp	Business Stream	Water Library	29.27	0.00	29.27
TOTAL			2004.51	23.68	2028.19

Councillors agreed to pay a late invoice of £200 for the Church Clock repairs and maintenance.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr D Alldred

All Councillors agreed

20. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST JANUARY 2023.

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

21. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

- Seely Hall would like to install a defibrillator. Agenda item for the next PC meeting.

- IWALC: there will be a Dark Skies launch on 17th -18th February.

10th February a virtual meeting with all interested parties regarding the Military Road.

-AONB: money available to provide improved access eg. disabled access. Agenda item for next PC meeting.

- AONB: AGM at Brading Roman Villa on 17th April.

22. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Further information had been requested regarding the request for siting a memorial bench. Councillors agreed the person providing the bench would be responsible for any maintenance and could suggest a possible site for the bench, but the overall decision would be for the Parish Council to decide.

- The Vicar had contacted the Parish Council regarding the future use of the Exchange building explaining it was no longer used by Hampshire Constabulary, Age UK and Sway. The church suggested it could be used as Church and Parish office.

A reply would be sent explaining the building is nothing to do with the Parish Council.

23. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

Possibly invite Lora Peacey-Wilcox to a future meeting to discuss the amount of correspondence not replied to by the IoW Council. Agenda item for next PC meeting.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.14pm.