

MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE 2023 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr C Bridges, Cllr N Maclellan, Cllr J Frost and Cllr N Stuart (Ward Councillor)
Mrs Joy Walker (Clerk)

Six members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr R Haviland, Cllr D Alldred and Cllr D Wavell
Cllr N Stuart would be arriving late.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council of the 10th May 2023 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 enquired about the building work at Hunnyhill. They were advised work had currently stopped due to concerns raised by the Parish Council.
- Concerns raised about the parking at the junction of North Street and Upper Lane and speed of vehicles along Upper Lane.
- Street lights at the entrance to Blanchards and the pinch point. This had been raised with planning asking if the lighting is appropriate.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

Parking in New Road

Island Roads have been contacted regarding the increase in parking in New Road and the dangers of this highlighted to them. They were asked when double lines would be installed told that the request for double yellow lines was already on the Highway Safety Register.

Island Roads have confirmed the request is on the Highway Safety Register for consideration. However, Island Roads cannot make any changes to the existing highway network without the consent of the Isle of Wight Council. Requests for change are then held on the 'Highways Safety & Improvement Register' and a feasibility investigation undertaken by the Safety Officer of Island Roads. This will determine if there is a need for a change. The Isle of Wight Council then considers all these requests to determine which should be implemented within their small available budget.

Tennis Club's Request For Correspondence

The Tennis Club had now been informed that the solicitor was unable to provide the correspondence requested due to many letters containing privileged information.
No reply has been received from the Tennis Club regarding this.

Overgrown Footpaths

Rights of Way have been made aware of the numerous overgrown paths in the area which they have listed for cutting shortly.

Warnes Lane Carpark

Following a complaint from a resident regarding the overgrown state of the carpark and weeds coming through fences in the adjoining gardens Island Roads have confirmed the carpark is booked in soon for cutting and should be done in due course.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00791/HOU Brook Cottage, Brook Village Road, Brighstone. Demolition of outbuildings and single storey extension; proposed replacement single storey extension, detached garage building and shed; alterations. Councillors requested light attenuation be applied to the skylight on the North elevation. There were no other comments. Councillors had No Objections.

23/00864/FUL Cedar Cottage, Brook Village Road, Brighstone. Proposed detached self-contained annexe and covered parking area (revised scheme). Councillors had No Objections.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

23/00525/HOU The Lindens, New Road, Brighstone. Proposed single rear extension.
Permission GRANTED.

23/00454/HOU 13 The Woodlands, Brighstone. Proposed single storey side extension.
Permission GRANTED

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

Tuesday 27th June, to start at 7.30pm.

9. TO DISCUSS AND CONFIRM THERE ARE NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH BDO LLP.

The Clerk explained BDO LLP are the new external auditors and required assurance each year that there were No Conflicts of Interest. Councillors confirmed there were No Conflicts of Interest and the Chairman and Clerk duly signed the form to forward to the Auditors.

10. TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF THE TREE INSPECTION.

Deferred to the next Parish Council meeting. The Tree Surgeon would be invited to the meeting.

11. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE NEW CONTRACT FOR THE ELECTRIC SUPPLIES FOR THE PUBLIC TOILETS AND PAVILION.

Quotes had been obtained by the Clerk. After discussion Councillors agreed to accept the cheapest quote provided by British Gas Lite. It was also agreed the contract should only be for one year.

Proposed: Cllr C Bridges Seconded: Cllr J Frost All Councillors agreed

12. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED DARK SKIES POLICY

Councillors agreed to support Shorwell Parish Council in withholding any letter of support until the IoW Council imposes a Supplementary Planning Report or equivalent to go forward. The document should have specific relevance to the Dark Skies area and set out clear guidelines and rules. A possible meeting with a planning officer could be arranged to discuss this. To be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

13. TO DISCUSS THE OVERGROWN HEDGES AND VERGES ON ROADS THROUGHOUT THE PARISH.

Island Roads would be contacted to establish exactly what the cutting programme is. Cllr Phil Jordan would be contacted to lodge a complaint regarding the state of verges and hedges, lack of visibility at

road junctions, impassable cycle routes, lanes and paths and weeds in tarmac. He would be asked what is written in the contract with Island Roads. Action: Cllr N Stuart.

14. TO DISCUSS THE AMOUNT OWED BY THE TENNIS CLUB REGARDING THE LEGAL FEES FOR THE LICENCE.

The Tennis Club had been informed of the solicitors reply to their request for copies of documents. No reply had been received from them. The Tennis Club would be contacted again. Action: Clerk

15. TO DISCUSS REPAIRS TO THE MEMORIAL SURROUND AND OTHER MAINTENANCE ISSUES WITHIN THE PARISH AND HOW MEN IN SHEDS MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THE WORK REQUIRED.

A representative from Men in Sheds, present at the meeting, stated they would like to become more involved in the local area and were willing to work with the Parish Council in helping with various maintenance issues. A meeting would be arranged with Cllr J Cirrone to discuss the repairs to the Memorial surround and possible other maintenance issues required. Action: Cllr J Cirrone

16. TO DISCUSS THE STANDARD OF CLEANING IN THE PUBLIC TOILETS.

Air fresheners would be requested especially for the Mens toilet. Action: Clerk

17. TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST FROM ISLE OF WIGHT PRIDE TO PURCHASE AND FLY A PROGRESS FLAG.

Councillors discussed the request and resolved not to purchase and fly the flag as in the past the PC have only offered public money to organisations who provide a service to and within the local community.

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18. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Cllr N Stuart provided a written report circulated at the meeting.

19. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR JUNE.

All checks completed.

20. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Chq No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning May 2023	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary May 2023	1049.51	0.00	1049.51
bp	Mrs J Walker	Reimburse Printer Ink	21.99	0.00	21.99
bp	Playsafety Limited	Play Area Annual Inspection	82.00	16.40	98.40
bp	ARB Consultancy Ltd	Tree Inspection	780.00	0.00	780.00
bp	Business Stream	Pavilion Water	51.16	0.00	51.16
bp	Dryad Woodland Enterprise	Tree Maint. Ashley Way Copse	200.00	0.00	200.00
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			2530.23	16.80	2547.03

Proposed: Cllr N Stuart

Seconded: Cllr J Frost

All Councillors agreed

Chairman

12th July 2023

21. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST MAY 2023.

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.

- IWALC agreement that the IoW Council takes account of Parish Councils concerns especially regarding enforcement.
- AONB were looking to Parish Councils for guidance on providing services required eg. disabled access to beaches.
- West Wight Councils looking collectively at contributing to provide an Enforcement Officer for the area.

23. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Complaints had been received regarding the state of the grass on the Recreation Ground and the fact it had not been cut for some time. The Contractor would be written to advising of the terms of contract and that the grass be cut accordingly.
- A letter from the Recreation Ground Committee regarding the Byelaws on the Recreation Ground was read out requesting the Parish Councils support in encouraging residents to observe the Byelaws especially regarding dogs. The issue of grass cutting was also raised.

24. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- The fence by affordable housing would be removed and replaced with a gate.
- Replacement of the fence around the play area was being looked at by the Recreation Ground Committee.
- Trees around the play area required cutting to establish a hedge.
- A sign on an unadopted road advertising the names of the housing was too obtrusive. To be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

25. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER.

Cllr N Stuart to forward report to Clerk.

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12th July at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.27pm.