

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023
AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr R Haviland, Cllr D Alldred, Cllr D Wavell, Cllr J Frost,
and Cllr N Stuart (Ward Councillor)
Mrs Joy Walker (Clerk)

Four members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr C Bridges and Cllr N Maclellan

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of the 9th August 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 said he had been cutting the grass opposite the Newsagents to keep it tidy. He was thanked for doing this but this should be the responsibility of Island Roads.

- The new lights at the pinch point are on all day.

Island Roads would be contacted regarding both the above.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

- Island Roads had been contacted regarding the speed sign in Brook which was not working correctly and asked to either repair or remove the sign.

- Replies had been received from Rights of Way regarding the overgrown pathway and from Island Roads regarding the verges, hedges and street lighting in the village.

The replies had been forwarded to Councillors.

- A reply from the Cabinet member for Transport and Highways confirmed they are currently looking in a serious way at the proposal requesting all village lights are turned off between midnight and 5.00am.

- Tennis Club had been contacted again regarding payment of fees for licence. A reply had been received. To be discussed agenda item 11.

- Accounts 2022-23 – The External Audit Report had been received. There were no matters of attention raised or advisories. Public Notices of Completion of Audit have been prepared.

- Councillors advised of change of date for the November Parish Council Meeting which would now be on November 15th 2023.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/01340/FUL Rose Cottage And Pool Cottage, Thorncross Lane, Brighstone. Proposed conversion and alterations of “Rose” & “Pool” cottage to form single dwelling, demolition of part rear extension and construction of new single storey rear extension, demolition of porches and replacement front porch.

Historically the cottages had been used for holiday accommodation. Planning would be asked if the properties were stipulated for holiday accommodation use and, if so, had there been any application for change of use. It is disappointing that two affordable homes could be converted to one non-affordable property. Councillors resolved to submit a Neutral comment.

23/01423/6PA Scroggs Farm Reservoir South of Limerstone Road, Brighstone. Agricultural prior approval for extension to agricultural irrigation reservoir (revised scheme).

This application had already been decided by planning as no LPA application was required.

23/01278/FUL Mottistone Manor, Brighstone Road, Brighstone. Proposed change of use of part of building from residential to provide exhibition space.

The application would open more of the building to the Public. Councillors had No Objections.

23/01302/LBC Mottistone Manor, Brighstone Road, Brighstone. Listed Building Consent for proposed change of use of part of building from residential to provide exhibition space.

Councillors had No Objections.

23/01220/CLEUD Brighstone Holiday Centre, Military Road, Brighstone. Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of caravan site in accordance with planning permission ref; P/02032/05 Councillors raised concerns that the wording in the LDC application was ambiguous with one condition referring to the caravan site and another condition referring to the whole site. Clarity was therefore needed. All councillors agreed that the Parish Councils comments to planning be delayed to allow for Cllr D Alldred time to look into the matter and write a response which would be agreed by all councillors before submission.

23/01437/CLEUD Melton Croft, Gaggerhill Lane, Brighstone. Lawful Development Certificate to establish a legal commencement on works P/00712/16

Councillors had No Objections to the application however it was pointed out that there appears to be a discrepancy in Section 10 Proposed Housing on the application form. The information states 3 bedrooms, total 3 houses and should read 3 bedrooms, total 1 house. Councillors questioned if the incorrect total figure of 3 houses could possibly lead to 3 properties being built in the future.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

23/01007/FUL Unit 4, Isle of Wight Pearl, Military Road, Brighstone. Change of use to allow Unit 4 to be used as a beauty salon (including hair, massage and nail treatments) Permission GRANTED.

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 Permission GRANTED.

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

Tuesday 26th September, to start at 7.30pm.

9. TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES WITH THE NEW ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICER.

The new Environment Officer attended the meeting and discussed various issues with councillors. A main issue raised concerned dog fouling in which the Officer agreed he would monitor the situation by including sporadic patrolling, put up temporary signs, spray areas with yellow paint where fouling had occurred and to issue fines of up to £1000 for anyone caught not clearing up after their dog. He would

also arrange to meet with either Cllr D Wavell or Cllr D Alldred to discuss issues with asbestos from fallen buildings at Brighstone Holiday Camp and beach cleaning.
The Clerk would forward a map of Brighstone showing the main walking routes.

10. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE PROPOSED DARK SKIES POLICY

The Island Plan had to be decided first before any Supplementary Document would be considered.
There was no further information.

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

A reply from the Tennis Club was read out which suggested they may wish to hold a further committee meeting to discuss the matter further and were awaiting the draft heads of terms document for the prospective new sublease. The Parish Council feel unable to proceed with the issue of the new lease with the Recreation Ground Committee, which will enable them to issue a sublease, until the issue of the cost of the licence is resolved. The Tennis Club would be asked for a representative to attend the October meeting to offer an explanation of why they will not pay.

12. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME.

Councillors resolved this should be kept as it is. Councillors would respond individually.

13. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE DETAILS OF THE REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE THIS COMING YEAR.

The IoW Council and Island Roads had agreed to organise and fund the road closure for the Parade to go ahead, the final arrangements to be agreed with an article being placed in the October Newsletter explaining the final timetable.

14. TO DISCUSS THE VARIOUS ISSUES AND CONCERNS IN CHILTON LANE.

Several residents have raised concerns regarding various issues in Chilton Lane:

- A small caravan in a field: this did not appear to be an enforcement issue at this stage but would be monitored.
- Two openings into Chilton Lane from fields. District Stewart would be contacted.
- Numerous poles erected in a field which could possibly be for erecting a building and a cable in the hedge alongside the carriageway, possibly supplying electric to a package treatment works. Planning and enforcement would be contacted.
- Pipe water appearing to come from a pipe in a field near Stitch Cottage. Environment Officer would be contacted.

The Chairman asked for the agenda items 15 and 16 to be discuss in reverse as both items were linked.

15. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF LAND AT THE SIDE OF THE PLOT OWNED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL IN WILBERFORCE RD.

The Parish Council were considering the plot of land in the form of a driveway which would link Wilberforce Road to Main Road via the Reading Room land including the front car park. There is currently access over the land to the Telephone Exchange. It was proposed the Clerk would carry out a search with the land registry to establish who owns the land and what access rights are already in place.
Agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

16. TO DISCUSS THE READING ROOM AND SOCIAL CLUB POSSIBLE AMALGAMATION OF COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES.

Cllr D Wavell declared a personal interest.

Currently two separate committees, the Reading Room and Social Club had agreed to combine the committees to simplify the running of the organisations and were looking at the potential of developing the site with an entrance into Wilberforce Road and extend the facilities on offer. It was hoped it would attract younger members and be a centre the whole village could use.

The Reading Room currently has charitable status. The Charity Commission would be contacted to gain approval to create a single entity combining both committees. The main committee would be Trustees which would include a representative from both churches, two members of the Parish Council. originally one would be the Chairman. Of the Parish Council. Professional support would then be sought to put together the plans and find funding.

17. TO DISCUSS WIGHTFIBRE`S REQUEST FOR WAYLEAVE ACCESS OVER BROOK GREEN AND COLOUR OF COMMUNICATIONS CABINET.

The cabinet was already in place. Councillors agreed to the wayleave. WightFibre would be contacted asking if they have a standard fee they pay for the wayleave agreement.

18. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE QUOTES FOR THE TREE MAINTENANCE ON THE RECREATION GROUND, BROOK GREEN AND ASHLEY WAY COPSE.

Quotes from three separate tree surgeons had been received for the tree maintenance work which were discussed by councillors.

Councillors resolved to accept quote A which was the cheaper of the quotes received.

19. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR`S REPORT.

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

20. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR SEPTEMBER.

All checks completed.

21. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Chq

No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
dd	SSE Southern Electric	Electric Toilets Final Invoice	20.95	1.04	21.99
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning Aug 2023	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary August 2023	1049.51	0.00	1049.51
bp	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting August	767.86	153.57	921.43
bp	Focus Plumbing & Heating	Legionella Risk Assessment	268.50	53.70	322.20
dd	British Gas	Electric Toilets	20.06	1.00	21.06
dd	British Gas	Electric Pavilion	23.52	1.18	24.70
bp	Brighstone Methodist Churc	Hall Hire	144.00	0.00	144.00
bp	Ventnor Town Council	Wallgate Units Main	462.00	92.40	554.40
bp	BDO LLP	External Audit Fee	252.00	0.00	252.00
bp	Dryad Woodland Enterprise	Tree Main Ashley Way	200.00	0.00	200.00
dd	SSE Southern Electric	Electric Pavilion Final Inv	22.76	1.13	23.89
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			3576.73	304.42	3881.15
Library A/C					
bp	National Trust	Library Rent	50.00	10.00	60.00
TOTAL			3626.73	314.42	3941.15

(Already raised 1st Sep

22. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST AUGUST 2023.

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.

- The Newsletter was just breaking even financially. No donation had been received from the Parish Council. Agenda item for next Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr J Cirrone had been asked to attend the next school Governors meeting. He would suggest a representative from the Parish Council attend in future.

24. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Notice of work to start on Public Bridleway BS83 Mottistone Mill. This is to divert the originally pathway.
- Details of a Crime and Community workshop to be held on 6th November open to a representative from the Parish Council.
- Invite to the Best Kept Village Awards. Cllr N Stuart to attend.

25. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- Defibrillator for the Seely Hall. Supplier to be contacted again. Action: Cllr J Cirrone
- The low-level lighting in Blanchards is too bright. Action: Cllr N Stuart
- The safety wire on part of the new fencing around the play area was coming away. Action: Cllr J Cirrone

26. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER.

- The Parish have a new Environment Officer who will be patrolling looking at issues especially dog fouling.
- Mottistone Mill Path being re-routed.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.48pm.