

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2023
AT 7.30PM.**

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

Twenty members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr D Alldred and Cllr N Maclellan

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of the 13th September 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.

None.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

Chilton Lane Issues: the Island Roads Steward has attended the site and has taken pictures of the new entrances. It is currently under investigation and has been passed to the development control team. Enforcement have appointed an Officer who has informed he is unable to investigate as he knows the complainant. The case will be re-allocated.

The environment officer is looking into the continuous water leak which appears to be coming from a field at the bottom of Chilton Lane.

WightFibre Wayleave Fee: They do not make payments in respect of wayleaves but try to encourage communities and landowners to assist them freely by providing permissions.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No new applications had been received. Several other issues relating to recent planning applications were discussed.

20/01281/FUL Section of Military Road, Brighstone. Cllr J Cirrone will attend the IOW Planning Committee on 17th October when the application for stabilisation work on the Military Road will be discussed.

Planning Enforcement Proposals: it is proposed Town and Parish councils provide funding for additional planning enforcement either individually or by several parishes joining together as an area group. This would be discussed at the West Wight Town and Parish Council meeting.

To be and agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

23/01220/CLEUD Brighstone Holiday Centre, Military Road, Brighstone A rebuttal had been sent to planning by the agent. Parish Councillors disagreed with the contents of this and a response would be drafted. Action: Cllr D Alldred

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

23/01233/HOU 4 Coastguard Cottages, Coastguard Lane, Brighstone. Replacement garage. Permission GRANTED.

23/01155/RVC Hunny Hill Farm, Hunny Hill, Brighstone. Removal of condition 5 and variation of conditions 2,6,7,8 and 9 on 21/01758/FUL relating to the omission of the footway, construction management plan and access road details including drainage. Permission GRANTED.

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. Permission GRANTED.

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

Tuesday 24th October to start at 7.30pm.

9. TO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY BS83 DIVERSION ORDER AT MOTTISTONE MILL.

Many residents, present at the meeting, raised various issues regarding the re-routing of the bridleway in a lengthy discussion with councillors.

The following points were raised:

- Loss of public access to an historic building of national significance being sketched by William Turner directly from the current Bridleway. The Sketch is now owned by the Tate gallery.
- Potential change on the flow of water down the Buddle Brook.
- The bridleway was already in use at the time the current owners purchased the Mill.
- The swimming pool installation was allowed through planning without concerns for the public seeing pool users.
- This part of the property has only become part of the residential dwelling since the installation of a swimming pool.
- The boggy ground and tree roots would make it difficult to build and maintain a new path which could be usable all year-round
- Concerns were raised regarding the effect on the surrounding environment
- There is no clear definition of ‘Teething problems’, of what will and won’t be covered and in what time scale or how the IOW Council will fund any problems.
- with reference to the current bridle way there was strong public feeling that the existing width had been allowed to narrow mainly due to the planting of a Yew tree hedge which has not been fully clipped back to the original width.

Due to the strong level of public feeling shown both from correspondence received and residents views attending the meeting along with new information brought forward at the Parish Council meeting councillors agreed to OBJECT to the Diversion Order

The Parish Council would also request that should the Diversion Order be taken forward it should command a far wider consultation through a Planning Inspectorate or be withdrawn as any further expense by the IOW Council is considered to be a gross waste of public funds.

10. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME.

Councillors considered they were unqualified to comment on this item.

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

A request for a representative from the Tennis Club to attend the Parish Council meeting was declined by the Tennis Club.

Following discussion councillors agreed that all work should be suspended on the lease between the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Committee which would in turn would prevent the granting of a sublease between the Recreation Ground Committee and the Tennis Club. The solicitor would be written to requesting all work be suspended. He would also be asked to provide an itemised account of costs for the work to date incurred for the lease and separate itemised account of costs for work towards the Head of Terms for the sublease. It would then be decided what percentage of costs the Tennis Club should pay towards the costs.

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

The Parade had been advertised in the Newsletter. There were no further updates.

13. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE DONATION TO THE NEWSLETTER.

Councillors agreed a donation of £250 be donated to the Newsletter. This amount had already been allocated within the Budget as payment towards printing the Parish report.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr C Bridges

All Councillors agreed

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

A Land Registry search had shown the plot in question did not belong to either The Old House or the Telephone Exchange. The Estate Agents would be contacted to ask if they could provide the name of the owner.

15. TO DISCUSS THE UPKEEP OF THE PLANTERS AND OTHER VISIBLE UNTIDY ISSUES AROUND THE VILLAGE.

Two Planters were no longer being looked after. An item would be put in the Newsletter asking for volunteers.

The planter at the Wilberforce Hall was overgrown and needed to be moved.

Action: Cllr J Cirrone and Cllr C Bridges.

16. TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2023/24

Two applications had been received.

Ability for Dogs: unfortunately this was refused as it did not pertain directly to the Parish.

Brighstone Community Library: no grant funds were currently available. The budget for grants would be considered and brought back as an agenda item for the next meeting.

17. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

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

The issue of Lilygrove was ongoing. Cllr N Stuart would discuss with the MP.

18. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR OCTOBER.

The Enforcement Officer had raised several issues in the play area which would be looked at.

The wire on the inside of the fence along the play area was loose.

19. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

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No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning Sept 2023	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary Sept 2023	1049.51	0.00	1049.51
bp	Mrs J Walker	Printer Ink	22.59	0.00	22.59
bp	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting September	767.86	153.57	921.43
bp	Isle of Wight Council	Environment Officer Fees	547.00	0.00	547.00
bp	HMRC	PAYE Quarterly Payment	123.72	0.00	123.72
bp	Dryad Woodland Enterprise	Tree Maint Re Tree Report	1950.00	0.00	1950.00
bp	Mrs J Walker	Land Registry Search	39.90	0.00	39.90
bp	Brighstone Men In Sheds	War Memorial Plinth	125.00	0.00	125.00
dd	British Gas	Electric Pavilion	7.36	1.60	8.96
dd	British Gas	Electric Toilets	17.71	0.89	18.60
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			4996.22	156.46	5152.68

Proposed: Cllr D Wavell

Seconded: Cllr N Stuart

All Councillors agreed

20. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 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.

AONB were forming a steering group for IWALC.

School Governors Meeting: there was currently no threat of closure to the school.

22. CORRESPONDENCE:

Mottistone Mill Bridleway Diversion: Many letters and emails of objection had been received.

The Parish Council would send a letter of Objection to Rights of Way.

A Freedom of Application letter had been received requesting copies and details of all work relating to the Brighstone Parish Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr J Cirrone would reply.

23. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

Purchase of the Christmas Tree – it was agreed to have a tree again this year.

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr D Wavell

All Councillors agreed

24. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER.

Public Bridleway BS83 Diversion Order at Mottistone Mill.

Planters.

Parish Notices being removed.

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 15th November at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.23pm.