

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023
AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr C Bridges, Cllr J Frost, Cllr N Maclellan and
Cllr D Alldred
Mrs Joy Walker (Clerk)

Two members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr R Haviland, Cllr D Wavell and Cllr N Stuart

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of the 11th October 2023 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 11th October 2023 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 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 raised an issue that the labels on the bins in the cemetery were no longer readable. Also one of the slates on the bench in the cemetery was loose.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

Chilton Lane: Enforcement had been contacted again asking who the replacement officer was dealing with the issues in Chilton Lane.

Enforcement have advised nothing can be done about the caravan parked in the field in Chilton Lane unless someone starts living in it.

Military Road: The Cabinet Member for Highways has been contacted requesting a meeting be set up to discuss possible ways forward to save the road. No reply to date has been received.

Tennis Club: The solicitor has been written to asking him to suspend any further work regarding the Parish Council lease with the Recreation Ground and the Recreation Ground sublease for the Tennis Club.

Flower Planters: Two ladies have volunteered to look after the planters at the Wilberforce Hall and Moor Lane.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/01823/HOU 6 William Fox Avenue, Brighstone. Proposed veranda on rear elevation.

Councillors had NO OBJECTIONS but request all lighting be compliant with the Dark Skies Policy.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

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 GRANTED

20/01281/FUL Section of Military Road, Brighstone. Stabilisation works to road, to include installation of piled wall (Further information received – revised Environmental Statement, revised Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment, revised Planning and Transport Statement, Written Scheme of Investigation for Archaeological Borehole Survey, Method Statement for removal of piled wall and pile cap. Response to Planning Comments on piled wall design, Erosion Monitoring Report) (Readvertised application). REFUSED

22/00080/FUL Land to the West of Corner Stones and Downs Reach, Moor Lane, Brighstone. Proposed development of four dwellings, two detached garages, vehicular access, parking and landscaping (revised scheme). REFUSED

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

Tuesday 28th November to start at 7.30pm.

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

No further correspondence had been received from Rights of Way or the IOW Council in response to the Parish Councils letter. Rights of Way would be contacted to see if any progress is being made or if the IOW Council will be taking it forward with a far wider consultation through a Planning Inspectorate.

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

The solicitor had been written to and asked to suspend any further work on the lease between the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Committee and the sublease between the Recreation Ground Committee and the Tennis Club. He was also asked for an itemised account of costs incurred to date. No reply had yet been received from the solicitor or the Tennis Club. Both would be written to again.

11. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED IOW COUNCIL PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY.

Parish Councils were being asked to fund enforcement officer costs. Following discussion it was agreed more information was needed. Planning would be written to requesting more information. Cllr Alldred would contact Shorwell Parish Council for their opinion. The issue was also due to be discussed at the West Wight Town and Parish Councils meeting in January.

12. TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE REVISED BUDGET FUNDING FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS REQUESTS.

It was proposed there should be an increase in the allowance for grant funding to £1000 in the next budget for 2024/25 as some requests for grants could not be met this year.

Proposed: Cllr J Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr D Alldred

All Councillors agreed

13. TO DISCUSS SIGNAGE AT THE PINCH POINT ON MAIN ROAD.

The sign at the pinch point on leaving the village is not visible due to a tree. Island Roads would be contacted to establish when they are going to move the sign. It is generally considered that the give way to oncoming traffic should apply to traffic entering the village centre due to poor visibility through the pinch point when coming from that direction.

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

Following research on the plot in question it appears there is right of way access over the land both by the Telephone Exchange and access to the side of The Old House. There is also pedestrian access. Councillors agreed there was no point pursuing the purchase of the land due to it already having right of way access.

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

Two volunteers had come forward to look after the planters at Moor Lane and the Wilberforce Hall. The planter at the Wilberforce Hall still needed to be moved. Action: Cllr J Cirrone and Cllr C Bridges. Island Roads would be contacted to look into overgrown hedges and trees which were obstructing paths.

16. TO DISCUSS THE RENEWAL OF THE THREE BISHOPS AS A COMMUNITY ASSET.

After a brief discussion Councillors resolved the Community Asset should be renewed.

17. TO DISCUSS THE RECENT FLOODING IN THE VILLAGE AND LOOK AT ANY MEASURES TO REDUCE THE RISK IN FUTURE.

A meeting would be requested with Island Roads and possible farmers to identify areas at risk which include blocked drains outside Prior Cottage on Main Road, Upper Lane, New Road and end of Galley Lane, Gaggerhill and Moortown Lane and ditches in Coome Lane and Wicken Hill.

18. TO DISCUSS ADVERTISING FOR A REPLACEMENT TRUSTEE FOR THE RECREATION GROUND.

Due to the recent resignation of a trustee The Recreation Ground Committee the Chairman asked for councillors agreement to advertise in the Newsletter for the next three months for a replacement trustee to join the four exiting trustees. Applicants should contact the Clerk. Councillors had no objections to this.

19. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Cllr N Stuart was not at the meeting and no report had been forwarded.

20. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE FIRST DRAFT BUDGET 2024/25.

The first draft of the budget had been prior distributed to councillors. It was considered there should be an additional £300 to Seats and Notice Boards as many needed replacing, an additional £1000 to Donations and a small amount of £50 to Community Events. The Clerk would amend the figures and recalculate the precept for the next Parish Council meeting.

21. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR NOVEMBER.

The Enforcement Officer had raised two issues in the play area which were being looked at. The wire on the inside of the fence along the play area was loose. The soap dispenser in the gent's public toilet was not working.

22. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

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No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning Oct 2023	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary October 2023	1049.51	0.00	1049.51
bp	MrJ Cirrone	Printer Ink	42.00	0.00	42.00
bp	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting October	396.43	79.29	475.72
bp	West Wight T&P Councils	Association Clerks Salary	154.00	0.00	154.00
bp	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Play Area Fencing	4200.00	840.00	5040.00
bp	Brighstone Newsletter	Newsletter Donation	250.00	0.00	250.00
bp	Business Stream	Water Pavilion	35.79	0.00	35.79
bp	Business Stream	Water Cemetery	2159.00	4.32	25.91
dd	British Gas	Electric Pavilion	23.28	1.16	24.44
dd	British Gas	Electric Toilets	19.86	0.99	20.85
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			8675.44	926.16	7464.19
Library A/C					
bp	Business Stream	Water Library	51.47	0.00	51.47
TOTAL			8726.91	926.16	7515.66

Proposed: Cllr D Alldred

Seconded: Cllr J Frost

All Councillors agreed

23. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST OCTOBER 2023.

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

24. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

The Reading Room meeting had been delayed.

25. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter had been received raising concerns about the horsebox parked on the side of the Military Road. The vehicle being taxed and having an MOT and not breaking any parking restrictions was considered to be legal. The Parish Council would contact the environment Officer to see if he could do anything as it appeared someone was living in the horsebox.
- A complaint had been received about the condition of the road in Coastguard Lane, Brook. Island Roads would be contacted.

26. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- The ivy had been cut away from the Library building.
- Cows were getting out of a field in Lynch Lane. Island Roads would be contacted. To be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.
- As no further correspondence had been received the Cabinet Member for Transport would be contacted again regarding the proposal to turn off street lights during certain hours.
- The Clerk asked for the December meeting to be moved from the 6th to the 13th December. All councillors agreed to this.

27. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER.

Remembrance Parade.

Trustee Vacancy.

Additional services to buses.

Flood support contact information.

Flower Planter response.

28. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

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