

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023  
AT 7.30PM.**

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

One member of the public was present.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman)

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

None

**3. MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 having been previously circulated and read were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman.

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

A resident had tidied the car park.

**5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.**

**Signage at Pinch Point:** Island Roads had been contacted asking for the sign hidden by a tree to be moved.

**Horse box on the Military Road:** the Environment Officer had visited the owner. It seems he is not breaking any laws. He has an arrangement with the camp site for washing and toilet facilities and for disposal of rubbish. The vehicle is taxed and insured and is legally parked in an area where there are no parking restrictions. The owner has provided contact details should the Parish Council wish to discuss anything with him.

**Streetlights:** a reply had been received from the IoW Council who would contact Highways.

**State of Road at Moortown Lane:** the District Steward would forward the complaint to Wightfibre.

**Flooding Issues:** Island Roads had been contacted requesting a meeting.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**23/01935/HOU The Old Brewhouse, Coastguard Lane, Brighstone.** Demolition of sun room; proposed alterations to fenestration.

Councillors OBJECT to the application due to the skylight and vertical lighting which is not compliant with the Dark Skies Policy.

**7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.**

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

**23/01475/HOU Seareenity, Limerstone Road, Brighstone.** Proposed installation of 12 roof mounted solar panels on rear east and west elevations; new detached garage and bin store. GRANTED

**23/01668/HOU Leigh Cottage, Military Road, Brighstone.** Proposed alterations and extensions; new front boundary wall. REFUSED

**8. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE PUBLIC BRIDLEWAY BS83 DIVERSION ORDER AT MOTTISTONE MILL.**

The following reply had been received from Rights of Way:

“Objections were received to the making of the order. This means that the Council cannot “confirm” the order. The Council will now consider and assess the objections and decide on whether to abandon the order or refer it to the Planning Inspectorate for determination. As the consideration and assessment of objections is ongoing and this is a statutory process it would not be appropriate to comment further at this stage”.

**9. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE AMOUNT OWED BY THE TENNIS CLUB REGARDING THE LEGAL FEES FOR THE LICENCE.**

Due to the Chairman`s absence this agenda item was adjourned to the next Parish Council meeting.

**10. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE PROPOSED IOW COUNCIL PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY.**

No reply had been received from planning requesting further information as to how the proposed enforcement strategy would work and how it would be charged. It was proposed that a strategy be drawn up with other parishes in the AONB area to deal with enforcement issues.

**11. TO DISCUSS LIVESTOCK ON THE ROADWAY IN LYNCH LANE.**

This had now been resolved.

**12. TO DISCUSS THE RENEWAL OF THE THREE BISHOPS INCLUDING ITS CAR PARKING AREA AS A COMMUNITY ASSET.**

The Clerk had received the details and application form to request renewal of the Community Asset. A Land Registry and Title Search were required along with signatures from local registered parish electors. Cllr J Frost would collect the signatures.

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

No meeting had to date been arranged with the District Steward. It was suggested that a meeting be organised with Island Roads and all the other various organisations concerned eg.AONB. Cllr Stuart was preparing a report regarding the Buddle Valley. It was suggested a flood and management plan was required to manage any future flooding issues in the Parish.

**14. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR’S REPORT.**

Several points were being referred to the Draft Island Plan. These include reference to the Dark Skies, flooding, sewage capacity, modular buildings, visual appearance of buildings and buffer zones to woodlands. It was also recommended as the Military Road is in a tourist area it should be maintained as an essential route.

**15. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE SECOND DRAFT BUDGET 2024/25.**

The second draft of the budget had been prior distributed to councillors. The amendments suggested at the previous meeting had been included. This draft was generally considered acceptable but would be brought back to the next meeting when the Chairman would be present for a final discussion.

**16. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR DECEMBER.**

The soap dispenser in the gent’s public toilet had been repaired.

The standard of cleaning in the disabled toilet was not acceptable. The cleaner would be contacted. All other risk assessments are up to date.

## 17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Chq No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning Nov 2023	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary Nov 2023 & Pay Arrears	1447.31	0.00	1447.31
bp	Mrs J Walker	Printer Ink	22.59	0.00	22.59
bp	Focus Plumbing and Heating	Wallgate Unit Repairs Toilets	85.00	17.00	102.00
dd	British Gas	Electric Pavilion	22.27	1.11	23.38
dd	British Gas	Electric Toilets	15.23	0.76	15.99
dd	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area	2.00	0.40	2.40
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	89.20	0.00	89.20
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1984.77</b>	<b>19.27</b>	<b>2004.04</b>

Proposed: Cllr D Alldred

Seconded: Cllr D Wavell

All Councillors agreed

## 18. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023.

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

## 19. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

The Reading Room had held an EGM regarding the joining of the two committees, the Reading Room and the Social Club committees. This was voted through with a few minor rule changes required. The Charities Commission would be contacted to confirm their agreement to this. If agreed there would now be one main committee.

## 20. CORRESPONDENCE:

- The IW Observer Newspaper asked if the Parish Council would like to place and Christmas wishes advert in the paper. Councillors decided against this.
- A request from a resident to put a medium size tent on Brook Green in June as an additional venue for a party being held in the Seely Hall had been received. Councillors requested more information regarding size of tent, times, number of people and parking arrangements. The event may require a licence. To be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

## 21. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- A blocked drain on the corner of Hulverstone Lane. Island Roads would be contacted.

## 22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 8.40pm.