

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JANUARY 2024
AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), 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)

Twelve members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of the 13th December 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 the issue of a rumour that the hedge at Blanchards along Main Road is to be either laid or removed. The Chairman explained there was no substance to this rumour and that the hedges around the site are the responsibility of the developer. It is expected that the hedges may be tidied up at the end of the development and no more.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

Three Bishops Pub: The paperwork had been prepared to apply for the renewal of the Three Bishops Public House and car park as an Asset of Community Value. Once the public signatures have been received supporting the application the documents could be submitted.

Public Toilets: The cleaner had been contacted regarding the level of cleaning especially with regard to the disabled toilet.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/02176/HOU 11 William Fox Avenue, Brighstone. Proposed single storey side extension.

Concerns were raised that the extension will increase the size of a two bedrooomed property deemed affordable into a much larger property which will become less affordable. The extension also narrows the distance between properties. Councillors had NO OBJECTION overall.

23/02178/FUL Hunny Hill Farm, Hunny Hill, Brighstone. Amended house type including garage on Plot 6. Councillors raised the following points:

- The original planning permission granted has moved away from the original small size properties deemed affordable.

- The application is for a much larger property, higher in height which will damage the views to the Downs from the Military Road an original consideration.

- The additional glazing is against the designation of the Dark skies policy.

- The addition of a garage instead of the original carport reduces the distance between the properties.

- There are concerns that if the application is granted it will set a precedent for future changes to plots and properties sold on the development with the result the entire development will be of various

designed properties and will resemble nothing like the original design and layout of the area that permission was originally granted for. Councillors OBJECT to the application.

23/02106/HOU High Timbers, Upper Lane, Brighstone. Proposed extension to front dormer replacement front porch; alterations and conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation; alterations to include cladding and replacement roof coverings; proposed shed. Councillors have NO OBJECTIONS.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

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

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

Tuesday 23rd January, to start at 7.30pm.

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

An email received from the Tennis Club and circulated to Councillors disputed they had requested a Licence to Operate from the Parish Council.

The Parish Council had clear written evidence in both correspondence and Minutes of previous Parish Council meetings that the Tennis Club had requested the Licence. Councillors agreed the Tennis Club should pay the full costs incurred. It was resolved to write to the Tennis Club asking for a representative to come to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the issue.

10. TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY TENT ON BROOK GREEN.

It was explained the tent would be approx. 20 x 30ft in size and would be used as temporary overspill for an event to be held in the Seely Hall. No electric to the tent was required. A 'lollipop' person would be available to assist road crossing. An owner of a nearby field would be approached about parking. Councillors had no objections.

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

Following discussion, it was resolved to set up a Flood Prevention Group which would identify and learn from issues caused by flooding this year. The Group would be made up of Cllrs Cirrone, Stuart, Alldred and Wavell. A meeting would be arranged to discuss the Terms of Reference. It was hoped to eventually include local landowners and various other bodies eg. AONB.

12. TO DISCUSS AND OUTCOME OF THE ZOOM MEETING WITH THE IOW COUNCIL RE: DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AND THE MEETING WITH ISLAND ROADS DISTRICT STEWARD.

Cllr J Cirrone, Cllr N Stuart and the Clerk attended a Zoom meeting to discuss the proposed yellow lines and changes to parking. As previously requested it was asked that:

- the double yellow lines should be continuous in New Road with no gaps.
- in Broad Lane one parking space as existing should be left for the property with no off-road parking.
- a 45-minute parking restriction in the village centre outside the pub and shops to include the Village Shop. Anything other than limited parking would harm the local businesses.

A reply from Island Roads was totally against what was asked for and what had been requested several times before as long ago as 2016. It was agreed to draft a reply which would be sent to Councillors for comment.

13. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE APPLICATION FOR THE SUN INN AND CARPARK AT HULVERSTONE TO BECOME A COMMUNITY ASSET.

A large majority of residents were in support of having the Sun Inn listed as an Asset of Community Value to prevent the property from becoming a private house and/or the car park used for future development. A local community group had formed along with the support of the MP Bob Seely. Councillors resolved to support the application to retain the business as a Public House.

14. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

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

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

The Second Draft was brought back for the Chairman's approval. Following discussion, it was agreed to remove the £1500 allocated to Enforcement. The final draft budget would be brought back at the next Parish Council meeting.

The cost of the toilets was raised. This would be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

16. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR JANUARY.

All risk assessments are up to date.

17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Chq

No.	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning Dec 2023	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary Dec 2023	1093.71	0.00	1093.71
bp	Mrs J Walker	Norton Security Renewal	49.99	0.00	49.99
bp	Mrs J Walker	Domain Renewal	9.99	2.00	11.99
bp	HMRC	PAYE Quarterly Payment	391.65	0.00	391.65
bp	SLCC	Membership Renewal Fee	183.00	0.00	183.00
dd	British Gas	Electric Pavilion	21.32	1.07	22.39
dd	British Gas	Electric Toilets	17.71	0.89	18.60
dd	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area	4.00	0.80	4.80
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	47.60	0.00	47.60
TOTAL			2120.14	4.76	2124.90

Library A/C

bp	Wight Fire & Security	Fire Extinguishers Service	47.56	9.51	57.07
TOTAL			2167.70	14.27	2181.97

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr N Stuart

All Councillors agreed

18. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST DECEMBER 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 and Social Club merged committees would be holding their inaugural meeting in January.

The AONB was now called National Landscapes. The steering group would be electing a new Chairman at their next meeting.

The next Recreation Ground Committee meeting would be on 22nd January. The organisers of the village show have been invited to attend.

20. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Details of services offered by Living Well and Early Help had been received. They would be invited to the March Parish Council meeting.
- Several emails had been received regarding the Blanchards hedge rumour.

21. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- The condition of the road at Brook. A group of residents had sent a complaint to Island Roads.
- Newsletter items: Blanchards Hedge, Three Bishops and Sun Inn ACV and Flood Group.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.25pm.