

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BRIGHSTONE (I.W.) PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 2025**

Members present:- Cllr Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr Haviland, Cllr Frost, Cllr Bridges,
Cllr Alldred, Cllr MacLennan, Cllr Wavell and Cllr Stuart

1. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To confirm and Sign the Minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 12th February 2025

The Minutes were confirmed and duly signed.

4. Public Participation received on General Matters at the discretion of the Parish Council

There was none.

5. Clerks Report and update.

The PC and RGC Lease – the list of requirements to be included has been forwarded to the solicitor.

Brighstone Community Library – The National Trust been contacted making them aware we are changing the heating and carrying out a check on the RCD before installing new heaters. EDF have agreed to suspend payment of invoices for the electric until question of the meters and incorrect account number have been resolved.

Island Roads has been contacted requesting a meeting with District Steward to discuss the edges of the roads and grass verges.

Environment Officer Charges – the IW Council have been contacted asking if the inspection done by the EO can be tailored to inspections to those requested by the Parish Council to reduce costs.

Recreation Ground Invoices have been sent to the Tennis Club and the Football Club for use of the Recreation Grounds Last Year.

The Clerks reported was noted.

6. To consider Planning Application 25/00250/HOU 37 Wilberforce Road Brighstone.

Demolition of side conservatory; proposed dingle storey side extension.

The Council had no objection to this planning application.

7. To receive Planning Decisions

Hunny Hill Farm Hunny Hill Brighstone **Granted.**

Red House Brook Village Road Brighstone **Granted**

8. To note date of possible mid-month Planning Meeting – 25th March 2025

Noted.

Councillors were pleased to note that the Appeal Inspector had dismissed the appeal lodged regarding Brighstone Holiday Camp. Cllr Alldred had attended the hearing on behalf of BPC.

Councillors agreed that following this decision the LPA should be encouraged to engage Planning Enforcement regarding the stationing of caravans in the agricultural field between Brighstone Holiday Camp and Grange Chine campsite. Cllr Alldred agreed to draft a letter to this effect to be circulated to Councillors for approval prior to the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Alldred for attending the Meeting.

9. To discuss and update bringing forward the new Lease between the Parish Council and

the Recreation Ground Committee.

Councillors discussed this agenda item. Recommendations have been sent to the Solicitor what the Recreation would like to do and want to do including slight change to the constitution.

A representative of the Junior Football Club spoke to the Council regarding a draft agreement needed to be put in place as soon as possible to play football on the Recreation Ground. Grass cutting of the pitch was also discussed and it was asked how many cuts Groundsell were contracted to do it. Football Club were happy to do additional cutting, when necessary, extra to the contractors cuts.

10 To receive the outcome of the meeting with Southern Vectis regarding the No 12 bus.

The main comment put forward to the Parish Council by local bus users was regarding the big n the middle of the Day. Southern Vectis stated this was because the drivers were used on the school run but improving the service would be looked at.

The IW Council is looking at destinations for the long term and looking at ways of improving the No 6 and No 12 services.

A Councillor pointed out that Southern Vectis do offer a through ticket if you journey extends beyond the No 12 but it is not advertised.

11.Receive update regarding the Library electric supply.

The Chairman reported that he had sent again photographs of the old meters in the Library which he had sent a year ago to establish the correct pan numbers for each of the two meters. The Chairman also expressed concern regarding the existing storage heaters which are now drawing power 24 hrs a day under the new smart meter, he will be meeting the electrician in the morning to look how quickly the heaters can be changed.

National Trust are aware we are changing meters and when we get the new heating on in the library, we will see what effect it has on the bills. Cost of heating at the moment is £700 per month. The National Trust is responsible and our Council has a Safety Certificate.

This is to be an agenda item in April.

12. To discuss and update the Website upgrade.

It was reported the building of the new website is progressing.

13. To discuss and update the plaque for the Jubilee trees.

Cllr Stuart is still awaiting the lettering size.

14. To receive reports from Brighstone Reading Room and Social Club.

No report has been received.

15. To receive Isle of Wight Councillors Report. Cllr Nick Stuart reported on the following:-

a. Devolution

The Isle of Wight would stay as a Unitary Authority. Regarding there being a Mayor there has to be full consultation on this matter. The Mayor could be an addition there to deal with strategy the Isle of Wight will put into motion with the other 3 Authorities. All will be equal members. The Government have made it very clear what they want.

b. Scrutiny Committee

c. Committee System

The new Committee System in May will give all Councillors a say and individual Councillors can be held to account

d. Flood Report

Cllr Stuart reported there had been 317 drains that were flooded. The key thing that has come out of that is that we all should set up a flood prevention policy to mitigate such problems working with Island Roads. As a Council we need to look at a strategy as we do not get any support as Island Roads sticks to its contract. We just have to keep pushing and pushing. Councils can identify where public money is being wasted.

e. Roads

Public Money is being wasted if problems on the roads are not sorted out. We need to upgrade our roads. We need to arrange meeting between Parish Councils, IW Council and Island Roads.

f. Housing Needs Survey

It was suggested that Brighstone needs to review its housing needs survey.

16 To receive Risk Assessment checks.

Nothing to report.

17. To confirm and agree accounts for payment.

It was duly proposed and seconded the accounts for payment were approved and signed.

18. To receive Financial Statement to the 26th February 2025

The Financial Statement was agreed.

19. To receive reports from Representatives on outside bodies

It was reported to the Council that there was agreement with the IW Council on the Committee System.

20. Correspondence.

Correspondence had been received requesting signage being placed on the pavement outside the Wilberforce Hall advertising the opening time of the business opposite.

This is not a Parish Council issue they cannot make a decision on such a matter it is an Island Roads issue. Council to refer this matter to Island Roads.

21. To receive matters Members may wish to raise.

Members raised the issue of a parked camper van.

Members were asked if they had heard that the National Trust was to create an area for children. It may be an issue coming up.

It was raised about our PM attending the next Parish Council Meeting. The Clerk to write again to him invite him.

22. Items to be included in the Newsletter.

This was delegated to Cllr Cirrone.

23. To note the date of the next Parish Council 9th April 2025 at Brighstone Church Methodist Hall.

This item was noted.