

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL 2025 AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr J Cirrone, Cllr R Haviland, Cllr J Frost, Cllr D Alldred Cllr N MacLennan and
Cllr N Stuart (Ward Councillor)
Mrs Joy Walker (clerk)

One member of the public was present.

1.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr D Wavell, Cllr C Bridges

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of the 12th March 2025 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.

- The new website is complete and, with a few content changes, will be ready to share with councillors. With the upcoming change in personnel, it makes sense to gather all legally required info and update that and officially launch the site with the new councillors in place.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/00337/RVC Atherfield Bay Holiday Camp, Military Road, Brighstone. Variation of conditions 2,3,8,13,15,16,18 and 28 on 21/01129/RVC to allow proposed changes to layout and retention of clubhouse and maintenance store as built.

The application varied what was already in place. Lighting, waste water, hot tubs were major issues along with car parking. A lengthy joint report to send to the IoW Planning department had been drafted by both Brighstone and Shorwell combined and sent to councillors for approval. This highlighted many concerns raised by both Parishes. Councillors agreed to submit this report as drafted and OBJECT to the application.

21/00093/FUL Land At And Rear of 7 Hollis Drive, Brighstone. Proposed construction of 6 dwellings, to include partial demolition and extension of existing dwelling to facilitate formation of new vehicular access; landscaping (revised description) (readvertised application).
The overriding issues raised previously especially concerning drainage had not been overcome. All previous comments put forward for the previous application would therefore be carried forward and re-submitted. Councillors agreed to OBJECT.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

24/01594/HOU Marys Cottage, Dunsbury Farm Lane, Brook. Proposed single storey side extension providing utility room; detached outbuilding providing garage and playroom on the ground floor with studio space above; alterations to vehicular access and relocation of bin store. (additional information received). GRANTED

8. TO NOTE DATE OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 7.30pm

9. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE BRINGING FORWARD THE NEW LEASE BETWEEN THE PARISH COUNCIL AND THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE.

A copy of the old Recreation Ground constitution compiled in 2014 together with recommended changes has been forwarded to the solicitor for inclusion in the new lease.

There would be five elected members of the community acting as trustees alongside one representative of the Parish Council and one representative of each of the organisations operating on the recreation ground forming the committee, all would have one vote.

A copy of the proposed constitution would be sent to the Charity Commission for approval.

10. TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW SPENDING FOR FUTURE PARISH REQUIREMENTS.

The play area was in need of refurbishment. Councillors agreed to purchase a new bench to replace the dilapidated bench in the play area. It was proposed by Cllr Cirrone and seconded by Cllr Stuart to spend up to £300 for the purchase. All councillors agreed.

Cllr Cirrone also proposed the purchase of 2 new black planters which would replace the stone troughs relocated to other places in the village. These would be put by the new noticeboards. Seconded by Cllr MacLennan, all councillors agreed.

11. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE LIBRARY ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPLAINT WITH THE PREVIOUS PROVIDER.

This had now been resolved and the final invoice received. The new heaters had been purchased and the electrical works done. The Library Committee had resolved not to change the heaters for another year and look at the possible use of a dehumidifier to protect the books during winter.

12. TO DISCUSS REQUEST FROM BRIGHSTONE COMMUNITY LIBRARY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The Parish Council were keen to see the Library continue and resolved to support the Library financially if needed going forward.

The PC would need to analyse costs now that the heaters had been changed in the Library building and consideration will be given in next years budget for the need to offer support following the analysis of the more recent costs.

13. TO DECIDE WHO WILL CARRY OUT THE MAINTENANCE ITEMS IDENTIFIED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

There were two people suggested, one from Brook and one from Brighstone, Each would be contacted regarding work needed in their respective areas.

14. TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATE REGARDING THE PLAQUE FOR THE JUBILEE TREE.

Cllr Stuart provided a draft wording for the plaque presented to Councillors All agreed to the wording.

15. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM BRIGHSTONE READING ROOM AND SOCIAL CLUB.

The BRR&SC Committee were looking into the possibility of an EV Charger. The PC were in support of this. The AGM was due to be held on Friday 11th April 2025.

16. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

- the main council would be changing to a committee, there would be no cabinet and decisions would now be made by all councillors in varies stages.
- a meeting with Island Roads was still to be organised.
- the IoW cabinet Member for Highways would be contacted about the speed restriction of 20mph through the village. There appeared to be no interest regarding quiet roads.
- still to pursue night lighting at the pinch point.
- issues with the yellow lines in New Road would be raised.
- Natural England do not appear to be spending any money in West Wight.

17. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR APRIL.

All risks completed.

The play area was in need of attention.

18. TO CONFIRM AND AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

chq	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
	Island Cleaning				
bp	Solutions	Toilet Cleaning March 2025	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary March 2025	946.75	0.00	946.75
bp	Mrs V Taylor	Clerk Duty Cover and Expenses	123.12	0.00	123.12
bp	HMRC	PAYE Quarterly Payment	793.71	0.00	793.71
bp	Naked Ltd	Parish Website Upgrade	579.00	0.00	579.00
bp	Naked Ltd	New Parish .Gov Domain	305.00	0.00	305.00
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric Pavilion	18.73	0.94	19.67
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric Toilets	20.31	1.02	21.33
dd	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area	3.20	0.64	3.84
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	50.88	0.00	50.88
TOTAL			3141.87	2.60	3144.47
	Library A/C				
bp	Mrs N Bradley	Reimburse 3 x Dimplex Heaters	233.97	46.80	280.77
bp	EDF Energy	Electric 2024	1891.29	0.43	1891.72
bp	P E Sexton	Electrical Works	125.00	0.00	125.00
		Electric 1st March - 31st March			
dd	Octopus Energy	25	147.38	0.00	147.38
TOTAL			5539.51	49.83	5589.34

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr N Maclellan

All Councillors agreed

19. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST MARCH 2025.

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

20. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

- The Seely Hall AGM had been held. Cllr Haviland had now resigned.
- The RGC had asked about how to access the funds allocated by the PC. A meeting had been asked for with the PC to discuss this. This had yet to be arranged.
- The Tennis club had questioned the rent increase under the proposed sub lease.
- IWALC were working with the IOW Council to consult with local Town and Parish Councils on matters which most concerned them. There was also a push to encourage people to stand as councillors.

21. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A request for permission to access archived PC minutes had been received.
- An email from a resident complained about the state of a properties garden and the health hazard from the rats seen there.
- A request for grant funding from a non-for-profit organisation had been received. This was not from a local organisation and little information had been given.
- A thank-you from Brighstone Library thanking the PC for the donation had been received.

22. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- the wooden fence around the substation had holes in it from strimming. SSE had been written to.
- Complaints were being received about the number of cars from the garage on the Military Road parked on the verge and in the layby opposite.

A decision had not been made regarding the new costs for having an environmental officer.

To be an agenda item at the next PC meeting.

- All documents to councillors for PC and Planning meetings would be sent electronically. A printed copy would be available at meetings.

23. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER.

Election

Retiring Councillors thank-you

Play area replacement bench and improvements. Request for ideas.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.37pm.