

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025 AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr D Alldred, Cllr D Wavell, Cllr N Maclellan, Cllr J Frost, Cllr T Prior, Cllr E Nicholson and Cllr N Stuart (Ward Cllr)
Mrs Joy Walker (clerk)

One member of the public was present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 7th May 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.

Audit – All documents have now been forwarded to the external auditors. All legally required notices have been displayed on the noticeboards and parish website.

War Memorial – A volunteer has come forward to look after the war memorial.

Code of Conduct – The IoW Council has adopted an amended Councillor Code of Conduct. It has been suggested local parish councils may wish to revise their Code of Conduct based upon the IoW Councils.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

25/00505/CLPUD 32 Wilberforce Road, Brighstone. Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey rear extension. GRANTED.

25/00391/LBC Felicity, Brighstone. Listed Building Consent for proposed replacement of 3 single glazed painted windows with double glazed timber painted windows. GRANTED.

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

Tuesday 24th June, to start at 7.30pm.

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

All requested documents had now been sent to the solicitor.

The RGC had asked the Clerk to send a letter to the Charity Commission notifying them of how the RGC would be represented in terms of committee members. Following discussion, councillors resolved that as this involved the Charity Commission the letter should be compiled and sent by the

RGC. A statement within the letter should state that the PC, as landlords, had agreed to the change in committee representatives.

10. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE INSTALLATION OF THE SMUGGLERS MOSAIC.

The impressive, finished mosaic was presented to councillors. Originally the mosaic was to be put on the toilet block wall but other sites were now considered where the mosaic could be more prominently viewed. Possible sites included the side wall of the bus shelter and the site of the old map. Other walls in the area were also a possibility. All site would be looked at and discussed at the next PC meeting. It was agreed, once in position, an unveiling ceremony could be held, along with a commemorative plaque. A possible date of the Village Show 19th July was suggested. Two small mosaics, a Ladies sign and a Gents sign, were given to the PC to go on the toilet building.

11. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE MEETING WITH THE PLANNING AGENT FOR ATHERFIELD BAY CAMP.

The Planning Agent along with several representatives explained what they would like to do with the site. Although critical of previous work done, they did not provide any further information on how they would deal with the concerns of both parish councils. It was stressed the developers needed to comply with planning and asked to respond with how they would address the concerns already raised eg. the lighting issues. It was possible a future planning application for their future proposals would come forward.

12. TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COSTS TO SITE A PICNIC BENCH ON SMALL AREA BY BUS STOP AND AGREE HOW MUCH MONEY IS AVAILABLE TO OFFER FOR NEW PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

It was agreed to put bike racks by the bus stop. Various designs and sizes for the picnic bench would be looked at by councillors. It was proposed to spend up to £500 for the picnic bench.

Proposed: Cllr D Alldred

Seconded: Cllr D Wavell

All Councillors agreed

It needed to be defined who was responsible for the safety checks for the play area and to clarify this within the new lease. Representatives from the RGC would be invited to the next meeting to discuss this and also the replacement equipment for the play area. The RGC would be asked for costs for a low, mid and high specification for equipment they would like to consider for the play area. It was proposed a maximum budget of £25,000 be allocated for the play area.

Proposed: Cllr D Alldred

Seconded: Cllr J Cirrone

All Councillors agreed

The slide would be removed for safety issues.

13. TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO ATTEND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Suggestions put forward-

Saturday Meet the Councillors and Chat.

PC Facebook page – Cllr Wavell to look into, Agenda item for next PC meeting.

PC being more visible at events eg. a stand at the BHS village show.

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

Nothing to report.

15. TO AGREE AND RATIFY THE PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL.

The insurance had been renewed with Zurich. It was noted many insurance companies would not consider PC insurance.

Proposed: Cllr N Stuart

Seconded: Cllr D Wavell

All Councillors agreed

16. TO DISCUSS THE CUTTING OF THE BANK ON MAIN ROAD INFRONT OF BLANCHARDS.

Several complaints had been received about the state of the verge alongside Blanchards.

Cllr N Stuart would look into the Adopt A Verge scheme whereby the PC would oversee the maintenance of the verge looked after by volunteers

An item would be put in the Newsletter explaining this and advising volunteers would be asked for.

17. TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE PARISH COUNCIL DATA PROTECTION POLICY RENEWAL.

A copy of the updated NALC Data Protection Document had prior been sent to councillors.

Following discussion councillors agreed to amend the training section with more appropriate wording best suited to Brighstone PC. Overall, the document was considered more in-depth than the existing Data Protection Policy currently being used. Councillors agreed to adopt the NALC document.

Proposed: Cllr D Wavell

Seconded: Cllr J Cirrone

All Councillors agreed

18. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

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

Councillors were asked to send to the Clerk specific areas they would like included for discussion at the meeting Cllr N Stuart was arranging with Island Roads. The Clerk would prepare a list to be sent to Cllr N Stuart to give to Island Roads.

19. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR JUNE.

The slide in the play area was unsafe and would be removed.

All other risks completed.

20. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

chq	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross	
bp	Zurich Insurance	PC Insurance Renewal	1168.58	0.00	1168.58	(Raised 30th May)
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning May 2025	301.17	0.00	301.17	
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary May 2025	946.75	0.00	946.75	
	Dryad Woodland	Trees Maintenance Ashley				
bp	Enterprise	Copse	200.00	0.00	200.00	
bp	Groundsell Contarcting Ltd	Grass Cutting May	767.86	153.57	921.43	
bp	Wight Fire & Security	Fire Extinguiher Service Pavilion	58.39	11.68	70.07	
bp	J Cirrone	Refund Planter Compost	18.00	0.00	18.00	
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric Pavilion	19.76	0.99	20.75	
dd	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area	3.20	0.64	3.84	
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	50.88	0.00	50.88	
bp	J Cirrone	New Bench (Refund)	216.66	43.33	259.99	
bp	J Cirrone	Refund Planter Liner	5.08	0.00	5.08	
bp	Norma Bradley	Refund War Memorial Plants	25.50	0.00	25.50	
TOTAL			3781.83	210.21	3992.04	

Library AC

bp	EDF Energy	Late Payment Charge	1.00	0.00	1.00	(Raised 14th May)
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric Library	80.54	4.03	84.57	
TOTAL			3863.37	214.24	4077.61	

Proposed: Cllr J Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr T Prior

All Councillors agreed

21. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST MAY 2025.

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

22. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

IWALC - new councillor training was available.

Seely Hall – now had a defibrillator in place.

Newsletter – the AGM had been held. The next committee meeting would be on 2nd July.

23. CORRESPONDENCE:

- An enquiry about when the roads in Blanchards would be finished and the area tidied up.

The Clerk would write to the developer asking for an update.

24. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- The hedge in Warnes Lane was overgrown and making access to the car park difficult for some vehicles. Overgrown hedges were also in Hollis Drive and along Upper Lane.

- Many of the Rights of Way paths were not cut for their entire length of the path making them passable for only a certain distance.

25. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER.

Blanchards verge and volunteer request.

Play area slide removal.

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 9th July at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.50pm.