

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

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

Four members of the public were present.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr D Wavell, chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr J Cirrone, Chairman.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr J Cirrone, Cllr E Nicholson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 11th June 2025 having been previously circulated and read were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

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

None.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

None.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/01846/FUL Land To North Of Sandrock, Gaggerhill Lane, Brighstone. Retention of stable, turn out area for horses, shipping container, permeable track and vehicular access; Proposed alterations including cladding and extension to existing shed/store; continued use of land for grazing of horses; use of buildings and land in association with arboricultural, forestry and woodland management business. Councillors had No Objections to the application and voted to write to the planners in support of this application on the basis of encouraging agricultural use of land.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

None received.

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

Tuesday 22nd July, to start at 7.30pm.

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

An update email has been received from the solicitor who has recommended the name of a surveyor. Several members of the RGC will be attending the next PC meeting in August to discuss various points raised. They have also forwarded the draft HOTs (Heads of Term) agreed with the Tennis Club. A quote of £850 plus VAT had been received to clear and remove the slide in the play area. Councillors agreed to accept the proposed quote.

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

Various sites in the village centre had been considered. Of these sites it was recommended that the mosaic be placed behind the wall of the Wilberforce Hall grounds to the left of the bus shelter this being a very prominent position. The Wilberforce Hall committee had agreed to this. It was agreed, once in position, an unveiling ceremony could be held the date to be decided. An item would be put in the Newsletter.

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

A meeting had taken place with the developer and several councillors. The joint views of both Brighstone and Shorwell PC had been put forward of the site. The current planning application had been withdrawn and a new application would be brought forward. The proposed new application would be presented to both parish councils before being sent to the IoW Council. The developers would try to incorporate the wishes of the parish councils regarding lighting etc. however the developers state the hot tubs would have to remain.

12. TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COSTS TO SITE A PICNIC BENCH ON SMALL AREA BY THE BUS STOP.

Pictures and costings of the proposed new bench had been prior forwarded to councillors. The cost of the proposed bench would be £270 plus VAT which would include delivery.

Proposed: Cllr N Stuart

Seconded: Cllr D Alldred

All Councillors agreed

13. TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE.

This would be a Parish Council page within Facebook which would be an Information Only page and a No Response page for any comments left. Two councillors and the Clerk would be the administrators. A demo page would be drawn up and brought for approval to the next PC meeting.

14. TO DISCUSS CUTTING BACK TWO OF THE HEDGES AROUND THE PARISH CEMETERY AT THE END OF THE NESTING SEASON.

The overgrown hedges are making it difficult for the gravedigger to dig graves under the hedge. A quote would be obtained to cut the hedge back. To be an agenda item at the PC meeting.

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

Improvements were made where possible. Membership was growing.

16. TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST FOR A COMMEMORATIVE BENCH TO BE PLACED ON BROOK GREEN.

A request had been made to have a bench with a memorial plaque placed on Brook Green in memory of a person who had owned a property there for 40 years. The Seely Hall Committee had no objections to this. Councillors agreed to the bench with the proviso that the family paid the costs for the installation and maintained the bench afterwards. Councillors would decide where on Brook Green the bench would be sited.

It was considered a Bench Register should be kept for all the privately bought benches.

17. TO DISCUSS AND REVIEW THE PARISH COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT.

A copy of the updated IoW Council Code of Conduct and the current PC version had prior been sent to councillors.

Following discussion councillors agreed the IoW Council policy was too in-depth and the existing PC policy was sufficient with an amendment under section 12. This would now read 'Councillors should register all gifts', the £50 wording being removed.

It was agreed to have a separate policy which covered Bullying and Harassment.

Proposed: Cllr D Alldred

Seconded: Cllr N Stuart

All Councillors agreed

18. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

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

-Money had been made available to Natural Landscapes who were considering creating two new woodlands. Any ideas councillors may have should contact either Cllr N Stuart or Natural Landscapes direct.

Island Roads were agreeable to come to a PC meeting possibly in October or November.

19. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR JULY

The play area has several issues. To be an agenda item for the next PC meeting.

All other risks completed.

20. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

chq	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning June 2025	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary June 2025	946.75	0.00	946.75
bp	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting June	767.86	153.57	921.43
bp	Mrs A M Mascarenhas	Smugglers Mosaic Glass	201.71	0.00	201.71
bp	HMRC	Quarterly Payment	961.50	0.00	961.50
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric Public Toilets	47.73	2.39	50.12
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric Pavilion	20.86	1.04	21.90
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			3301.66	157.64	3459.30
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dd	Biffa	Waste Collection Library	12.50	2.50	15.00
TOTAL			3314.16	160.14	3474.30

Proposed: Cllr N Stuart

Seconded: Cllr N MacLennan

All Councillors agreed

21. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH JUNE 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 - AGM had appointed new officers.

Recreation Ground Committee – looking at costs of a toilet cleaner.

23. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A resident asked for the parking outside Calon Café to be addressed.

This was not a PC responsibility but a Highways issue.

- A resident brought to the attention the plastic flowers placed on a bench in Upper Lane.

We agreed to thank the resident and will look to create a set of guidelines for all publicly maintained areas such as benches and planters to provide clarity to all residents.

- A person who had donated a large amount of money to the Library asked for her mother to be named in the Newsletter.

It was agreed to carefully word an item in the Newsletter but the question of whether names of donors should be made public would be an agenda item for the next PC meeting. It was suggested this may be a question asked of all donors as many like to do this privately.

24. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- The horse box parked in the layby on the Military Road. The layby had been adopted by Island Roads who had agreed the vehicle should not be parked there. They were checking on the legality of the vehicle, road tax insurance etc.

25. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER.

Thank you for library donations.

Play area regeneration and slide removal.

Smuggler Mosaic.

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 13th August at 7.30pm at the Seely Hall, Brook.

There being no further business, the Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.22pm.