

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BRIGHSTONE
METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 7.30PM.**

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

Two members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 10th September 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.

A resident raised the issue of dog fouling on the Recreation Ground.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

Stream Clearance - the Probation Service had been contacted and a meeting was being arranged to discuss with them the work required.

Bench Upper Lane – a letter had been delivered to the resident concerned.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

25/01044/HOU Wish House, Hunny Hill, Brighstone. Demolition of utility extension and raised terrace; proposed single storey extension and alterations to fenestration. GRANTED

25/01086/HOU 4 Hollis Drive, Brighstone. Proposed two storey extension and single side extension; proposed cladding to first floor. GRANTED

25/01058/FUL 1 Brook Hill House, Brook Village Road, Brighstone. Proposed PV panels on roof. GRANTED

25/01059/LBC 1 Brook Hill House, Brook Village Road, Brighstone. Listed Building Consent for proposed internal alterations including installation of lift and PV panels on roof. GRANTED

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

Tuesday 28th October, to start at 7.30pm.

9. TO DISCUSS THE RECENTLY PURCHASED CARD MACHINE FOR THE LIBRARY.

A member of the Library Committee had contacted the PC Chairman asking for his DOB and that of one other councillor. It was still unclear if the card machine company required details of the PC councillors or those of the Library Committee. The Clerk would contact a member of the library committee to clarify this.

10. TO DISCUSS THE LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME CONSULTATION.

There did not appear to be anything different from the previous year to consult on. Councillors resolved to leave it as it is.

11. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED WEST WIGHT QUIET ROADS NETWORK.

This was the same idea which had been previously proposed of a lower recommended speed limit of 20mph and priority given to walker, runners, cyclists and horse riders. Some funding would come from Natural Landscapes (AONB). Councillors agreed to support the proposal.

Proposed: Cllr D Alldred

Seconded: Cllr D Wavell

All Councillors agreed

Cllr N Stuart was asked if he could pursue the Parish Councils previous request for a reduced speed limit on Brighstone village centre roads.

12. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE POSSIBLE PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

There was nothing new to report.

13. TO DISCUSS THE POSTS ALONG BROOK GREEN.

Several posts were broken and others in poor condition. It was suggested the posts were removed completely. However, it was pointed out that the fence provided a barrier for the Green and stream from the road and prevented vehicles parking on the Green. An alternative suggestion to repairing the low posts was to replace the low posts with a higher fence although aesthetically this would not look so good. Cllr E Nicholson would ask the residents of Brook which they would prefer and would report back at the next PC meeting.

14. TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST FROM THE SCHOOL AND THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY IF THE ELECTRICAL SUPPLY FOR SHOWS ON THE SCHOOL FIELD COULD COME FROM THE PUBLIC TOILETS.

Information would need to be gathered from both the school and Horticultural Society regarding what items the power would be needed for.

Several factors had to be considered:

- If the feed would be strong enough or if the fuse board would need to be changed.
- Where an outside box would be fitted.
- How the use of the outside electric could be separately metered.

An electrician would be contacted for advice and costs.

15. TO DISCUSS THE PLANTING OF TREES ON THE LAND OWNED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL IN WILBERFORCE ROAD.

Cllr D Alldred proposed making use of the land as an additional amenity space by planting fruit trees to make a Community Orchard providing fruit and a habitat for insects. Councillors were divided on this proposal which could prevent any future planning use for the land. Following further discussion a vote was taken.

6 Councillors voted for the proposal and 2 against.

Cllr D Alldred would come back to the PC with costs for the trees and planting.

16. TO DISCUSS THE NOMINATION OF A TREE WARDEN.

The Parish Council would ask for a volunteer Tree Warden. This could be a shared role between several volunteers. An item would be put in the next Newsletter with a link to a site providing more information.

17. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE.

The new website was nearly finished but there was still information needed to be transferred over. A notice would be put on the new website directing people to use the old .org website which is currently still being updated with any new information.

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

A meeting was being organised with other groups in the village to discuss how they can compliment each other.

19. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Devolution – the IOW Council had voted in favour of a Mayoral authority.

Natural Landscapes – funding would be available towards the Quiet Roads proposal. The area around Brighstone would be included in this.

20. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR OCTOBER

The lock on the toilet door in the Ladies had been repaired.

The Willow tree branches which came down in the high winds have been removed.

All other checks complete.

21. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

chq	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning September 2025	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary August 2025	975.75	0.00	975.75
bp	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting August	767.86	153.57	921.43
bp	Dryad Woodland Enterprise	Hedges Limerstone Cemetery	620.00	0.00	620.00
bp	Dryad Woodland Enterprise	Removal Wind-damaged Willow	100.00	0.00	100.00
		Hedge Cutting Completion			
bp	Dryad Woodland Enterprise	Cemetery	620.00	0.00	620.00
bp	Tim Prior	Maintenance Works	75.00	0.00	75.00
bp	Sutcliffe Play	Cradle Swings Play Area	591.00	118.20	709.20
bp	HMRC	Quarterly Payment	1041.00	0.00	1041.00
bp	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Removal of Play Area Equipment	940.00	188.00	1128.00
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric Pavilion	20.04	1.00	21.04
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric Toilets	20.53	1.03	21.56
dd	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area	4.19	0.84	5.03
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	53.76	0.00	53.76
TOTAL			6130.30	462.64	6592.94

Proposed: Cllr J Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr N Stuart

All Councillors agreed

22. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025.

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

23. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

None.

24. CORRESPONDENCE:

- An email from a resident in Shippards Road asked for PC permission to move a boundary fence. The new fence would be erected within the residents land and would still leave the regulation width of the adjoining public footpath. Councillors had no objections to this
- A request had been received from the RGC for funding of goal posts. A Grant application would be forwarded.
- The IOW School Transport Consultation: To be put in the Newsletter.

25. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- Mottistone Manor: a hedge and old wooden fence had been removed and replaced with metal framed fencing which was out of character for a rural area. The Natural Trust would be contacted asking why they had changed the fencing and if any other areas had or were being treated the same way.
- Best Kept Village Awards: Brighstone was commended. A report with marking would be provided to help know which areas to improve for next year.
- Mosaic: posts were now ready to collect for fitting.

26. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

Dog Fouling letter.
School Travel Consultation
Tree Warden
Play Area
Police contact details.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12th November at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

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