

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT BRIGHSTONE
METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 7.30PM.**

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

Two members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr D Wavell, Cllr E Nicholson

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 12th November 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.

Brook Hill House (BHH) Woodland Plan – a letter had been sent to the Head of Planning from the Parish Council supporting the project and questioning why the IoW Council had not responded to the property owner and advisers request for approval of the woodland management.

A response had been received with assurances that IoW Planning Department would continue to seek to work with the landowner and their advisors with a view to reaching resolution.

Warnes Lane Car Park – Island Roads have been contacted regarding the overgrown bushes and brambles etc.

Burial Plot Request – the person concerned has been informed of the Parish Councils decision.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

25/01415/HOU Warders Cottage, Thorncross Lane, Brighstone. Proposed alterations to extend height of chimney GRANTED.

25/01468/LBC Warders Cottage, Thorncross Lane, Brighstone. Listed Building Consent for proposed alterations to extend height of chimney. GRANTED

25/01466/HOU Elmlea, Warnes Lane, Brighstone. Demolition of external WC and shed; proposed single storey extensions to form annexed accommodation and workshop/studio/office; associated landscaping and additional parking area; new shed (revised scheme) GRANTED

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

Tuesday 23rd December, to start at 7.30pm.

9. TO DISCUSS HOW THE MONEY FOR THE PLAY AREA IS TO BE SPENT.

A representative from the Recreation Ground Committee, present at the meeting, explained that due to the length of time it would take to match fund and proceed with the wider plans for the play area basic equipment for the area needed to be purchased now. This equipment would form part of the future plans for the play area. It was proposed that the PC provide an additional £5000 to the already ringfenced £25000 to help in getting the play area improved sooner.

Proposed: Cllr D Alldred

Seconded: Cllr T Prior

All Councillors agreed

10. TO DISCUSS THE WILDFLOWER BANK ON MAIN ROAD ALONGSIDE BLANCHARDS.

The bank had recently been cut by Island Roads but still looked untidy. Following discussion councillors resolved, that although this had been previously done, to put an advert in the next newsletter and on Facebook asking for volunteers to look after the bank as a wildflower bank. If no volunteers came forward then the PC would have to return to having the bank cut regularly.

11. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE POSTS ALONG BROOK GREEN.

Two quotes had been received to replace the posts with a third quote still required. Councillors discussed looking at supply only quotes for the timber and then having the posts fitted and painted. The use of metal sleeves to protect the bottom of the posts from strimmers was also discussed.

12. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE INSTALLATION OF THE NEW PICNIC BENCH.

In response to the PC request to put the bench in the grounds of the Wilberforce Hall the Wilberforce Hall Committee had initially said no but they would be approached again.

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

No further action had been taken. The item was still to go on to Facebook.

14. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE NOMINATION OF A TREE WARDEN.

No response had been received from the advert asking for a volunteer in the Newsletter. It was resolved to leave the advert on the PC website but no other action would be taken.

15. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF SHARED COSTS BETWEEN LOCAL PARISH COUNCILS TO PROVIDE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT.

Following a lengthy discussion it was considered more information about the structure of the scheme was required from the planning department. Questions needed to be answered as to how this would work, what or who would the PC be paying for, the amount of money required from each parish, how many parishes would be involved and if the monies contributed would apply solely to West Wight.

16. TO DISCUSS THE RENEWAL OF THE ELECTRICITY CONTRACT FOR BRIGHSTONE COMMUNITY LIBRARY.

Several quotes from various suppliers had been distributed to councillors. After careful discussion it was proposed to accept quote A on a fixed 12 month contract with Octopus Energy.

Proposed: Cllr D Alldred

Seconded: Cllr J Cirrone

All Councillors agreed

17. TO RECEIVE AND DISCUSS THE SECOND DRAFT BUDGET.

The second draft of the Budget had been prior circulated to councillors. Following discussion, it was recommended that an amount of £2000 be included for a possible Enforcement Officer.
A third and final draft of the budget would be brought back to the next PC meeting.

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

No update due to Cllr Wavell absence. To be an agenda item at next PC meeting.

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

Nothing to report.

20. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

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

- A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme meeting in Brighstone was planned for late January.

21. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR DECEMBER.

All checks complete.

22. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

chq	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross	
bp	SLCC	Arnold Baker Admin Book	148.50	0.90	149.40	(Raised 13th Nov)
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning November	301.17	0.00	301.17	
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary November	975.75	0.00	975.75	
bp	County Fencing Supplies	Mosaic Post Fixings	39.50	7.90	47.40	
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric Pavilion	21.08	1.05	22.13	
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric Toilets	19.73	0.99	20.72	
bp	Brighstone Museum	Grant Donation	150.00	0.00	150.00	
bp	Brighstone Primary School	Grant Donation	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	
bp	St Mary's Church Brighstone	Grant Donation	500.00	0.00	500.00	
bp	Brighstone Youth Football	Grant Donation	186.00	0.00	186.00	
bp	Brighstone Community Library	Grant Donation	1000.00	0.00	1000.00	
bp	Brighstone Rec. Gd. Com.	Grant Donation	425.00	0.00	425.00	
bp	Tim Prior	Maintenance Costs	100.00	0.00	100.00	
bp	Brighstone Village Shop	Christmas Tree	140.83	28.17	169.00	
bp	J Cirrone	Christmas Tree Lights	23.70	0.00	23.70	
dd	Biffa	Waste Collection Playarea	4.19	0.84	5.03	
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	53.76	0.00	53.76	
TOTAL			5089.21	39.85	5129.06	
Library A/C						
dd	Octopus Energy	Electric November	124.26	0.00	124.26	
TOTAL			5213.47	39.85	5253.32	

Proposed: Cllr J Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr J Frost

All Councillors agreed

23. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2025.

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

24. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

None

25. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A letter of thanks from Brighstone Church had been received for the grant money awarded.

25. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

- Several councillors would be attending the unveiling of the Mosaic.
- Cllr Stuart was still to get the inscription completed for the Jubilee tree.
- Cllr J Cirrone announced he would be resigning from office at the Annual Parish Meeting next year. An item would be put in the next newsletter asking for expressions of interest from anyone in becoming a Parish Councillor
- Outstanding maintenance items and the repositioning of the defibrillator would be an agenda item at the next PC meeting.

26. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

- Traffic Warden Activity A reminder to residents about parking in the bus stop and on double yellow lanes.
- Wightfibre connections.
- Wildflower bank volunteers.
- Neighbourhood Watch meeting.
- Possibility of Parish Councillor interest.
- Police contact details.

27. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 9.34pm.