

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH, BRIGHSTONE ON TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2019 AT 7.30PM.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr M East, Cllr J Morgan, Cllr C Bridges, Cllr R. Haviland, Cllr P. Adams and Cllr M Huxley  
Mrs J Walker (Clerk & Registrar).

**1. APOLOGIES for ABSENCE.**

Cllr S Roberts

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

**3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER.**

None.

**4. TO RECEIVE ANY PLANNING DECISIONS.**

**19/00256/TWTPO 3 Woodlands, Brighstone.** Beech Tree Fell to near ground level as tree has died.  
**Permission Granted.**

The Chairman asked for agenda points 5 and 6 to be reversed to allow for an early presentation regarding the Sculpture Garden. There were no objections to this.

**5. PRESENTATION BY KAREN GRAINGER REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE SCULPTURE GARDEN AT ELMLEA, WARNES LANE, BRIGHSTONE.**

An informative discussion regarding the intention of the proposed property and garden was given. It was explained the property would not be used for residential but as commercial. The intention was to create an “experience” by using sculptures and various art forms complimenting original features and areas within the building and in the garden. Various forms of material, including recycling old objects, would be used to make the sculptures. Opening hours would be limited to daytime, initially 10.00am – 5.00pm on Thursday and Saturday and 11.00am – 4.00pm on Sunday, so would not require any form of lighting at night. Signage would be required. An awareness of parking issues had been made with Warnes Lane car park, the main parking area, being very busy especially at school times. A planning application had now been submitted. The Chairman thanked Karen Grainger for providing information on her intentions and invited her to attend a future meeting when the planning application had been received by the Parish Council.

**6. PRESENTATION BY THE AONB.**

An Officer from the AONB gave a very interesting and informative talk. A slide show showed the areas on the Island currently managed by the AONB which included the Dark Skies area included in the Island Plan. He gave an enthusiastic report regarding the Island becoming a UNESCO Biosphere and the leverage in other matters this prestigious award could give. Projects the AONB were working with included Sensitive Farming, working with a co-operative of farmers to improve techniques used in farming eg. water drainage, and Road Verge Management, changing ways verges were managed to protect wild flowers some of which were only found on the Isle of Wight. In response to a question regarding the influence the AONB may have regarding planning applications it was explained the AONB, using the Rights of Way Act, have a Duty of Regard to conserve and enhance the landscape and work with the IW Council in this. They have their own planning adviser who will provide pre-planning advice. Depending on the application a more collective decision is sometimes required which may need consultation with the Scrutiny Committee. Overall the AONB have a good relationship with the IW Planning Department who do listen and mostly agree to robust advice provided. Biosphere status added weight to arguments with building and the AONB were

trying to have this included in the Island Plan. A copy of the Local Management Plan for the AONB 2019-2024 would be sent to the Clerk. The Chairman thanked the Officer for coming to the meeting and for his enthusiastic presentation.

**6. OTHER MATTERS IN RELATION TO PLANNING MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

A resident in Hulverstone had requested if a road mirror could be placed opposite Hulverstone Lane to enable better visibility when entering the main road. There was no reason why this could not be done.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.02pm.