

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 2024 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr C Bridges, Cllr D Alldred, Cllr D Wavell, Cllr R Haviland
And Cllr N Stuart (Ward Cllr)
Mrs Joy Walker (clerk)

Five members of the public were present.

1. TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS AND TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2024/25 AND SIGN THE ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Cllr D Alldred proposed re-electing Cllr J Cirrone as Chairman.

Seconded by Cllr R Haviland.

There were no other nominations.

All agreed to elect Cllr Cirrone as Brighstone Parish Council's Chairman.

Cllr Cirrone signed the Acceptance of Office.

2. TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS AND TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR 2024/25.

Cllr J Cirrone nominated Cllr C Bridges Seconded by Cllr D Alldred.

There were no other nominations.

All agreed to elect Cllr Bridges as Brighstone Parish Council's Vice Chairman.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr J Frost and Cllr N Maclellan

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

5. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the 10th April 2024 having been previously circulated and read were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of the Cemetery Committee Meeting of the 10th April 2024 having been previously circulated and read were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. TO ELECT MEMBERS TO THE CEMETERY AND PLANNING COMMITTEES.

Cemetery Committee members:

Cllr J Cirrone, Cllr C Bridges, Cllr D Alldred and Cllr D Wavell All Councillors agreed

Planning Committee: All Councillors All Councillors agreed

7. TO ELECT MEMBERS AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

Wilberforce Hall:

Cllr D Alldred All Councillors agreed

IWALC:

Cllr J Cirrone and Cllr N Stuart All Councillors agreed

B'Stone & District Newsletter: Cllr R Haviland and Cllr N Maclellan	All Councillors agreed
IW Sports & Rec. Council: Cllr J Cirrone	All Councillors agreed
Police Liaison: Cllr N Stuart	All Councillors agreed
Brighstone Reading Room: Cllr C Bridges and Cllr D Wavell	All Councillors agreed
Seely Hall: Cllr R Haviland	All Councillors agreed
Brighstone Recreation Ground: Cllr J Cirrone	All Councillors agreed
Website: Cllr D Wavell	All Councillors agreed
Waste: Cllr N Stuart	All Councillors agreed
Island Roads: Cllr D Alldred	All Councillors agreed
Brighstone Library: Cllr J Cirrone and Cllr R Haviland	All Councillors agreed
School Liaison: Cllr J Cirrone and Cllr J Frost	All Councillors agreed
Natural Landscapes: Cllr N Stuart	All Councillors agreed
CPRE: Cllr N Stuart	All Councillors agreed

8. TO AGREE DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FROM MAY 2024 TO MAY 2025.

The Dates and Times of Meetings List having been previously circulated were agreed by all Councillors.

9. TO DISCUSS AND CONFIRM THERE ARE NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH BDO LLP

Councillors confirmed there were No Conflicts of Interest with BDO LLP and the Chairman and Clerk duly signed the form to forward to the auditors.

10. (a) TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE 2023/24 ACCOUNTS.

The internal auditors report had been prior distributed to councillors.

There were no matters to be raised in the report.

(b) TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2023/24.

A copy of the Annual Governance had been prior distributed to councillors.

All councillors agreed each of the Annual Governance Statements and the Chairman and Clerk signed the declaration.

(c) TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE YEAR ENDING ACCOUNT STATEMENTS FOR 2023/24.

A copy of the Accounts Statement had been prior distributed to councillors.

All councillors agreed the figures and the Chairman and Clerk signed the declaration.

11. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

None arising.

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

None.

13. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

Brighstone Holiday Camp – Enforcement had been contacted requesting an update. Nothing to date had been received.

Tennis Club – following another request for payment the outstanding donation money towards the Recreation Ground had now been received.

Bus Shelter alongside Blanchards – this is owned by Island Roads and not, as previously thought, Southern Vectis. The District Steward from Island Roads had attended the site and raised a job order for the shelter to be recoated in the next few weeks.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

23/00507/HOU 14 Sirenia Close, Brighstone. Proposed side extension.

No issues were raised. Councillors had No Objections.

15. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

None received.

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

Tuesday 28th May, to start at 7.30pm.

17. TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT CONSULTATION REGARDING SCHOOL PLACEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND.

The Director of Childrens Services from the IOW Council attended the meeting and gave an informative account of the school consultation process during this year. The full results of the lengthy consultation process will not be decided until September. Any schools selected for closure would be from July 2025. It was pointed out that when considering the closure of any school the decision should not solely rely on pupil numbers. Other general considerations put forward were transport, air quality, community value and other facilities a particular school can offer eg.a recreation ground for sports. To provide a strong representation for Brighstone school an article would be put in the Newsletter asking for everyone with an interest in the school and its long-term future to respond to the

forthcoming consultation.

Agenda item to be retained for future Parish Council meetings.

18. TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE CHARGING FOR USING THE PUBLIC TOILETS.

Councillors agreed not to charge for using the public toilets. A form of asking for a donation using a scanning code would be investigated. Cllr D Wavell would produce a draft poster highlighting the cost of running the toilets and appealing for a donation from people using the toilets. This was agreed in principle. To be an agenda item for the next Parish Council meeting.

TO DISCUSS THE RECENT CUTTING OF THE BANK INFRONT OF BLANCHARDS AND ITS FUTURE MANAGEMENT.

A volunteer group has offered to take over and maintain the verge alongside Blanchards as a wildflower bank. The Parish Council has agreed but will not take any responsibility for the work done or for the volunteers' personnel safety. The bank in question is not owned or the responsibility of the Parish Council and therefore cannot give permission for the volunteers to proceed. The volunteers will need to contact Island Roads to gain permission and liaise with them regarding cutting times on the bank.

It was agreed the Parish Council would contact Island Roads requesting that a mower width at the base of the bank continue to be cut to ensure the footpath is kept clear.

20. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE THE PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE RENEWAL.

Councillors agreed to renew the current insurance.

Proposed: Cllr J Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr D Alldred

All Councillors agreed

21. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

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

22. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR MAY.

All risks done.

23. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

chq	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning April 2024	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary April 2024	914.00	0.00	914.00
bp	Mrs J Walker	Printer Ink	65.89	0.00	65.89
bp	Zurich Municipal	Parish Insurance	1133.37	0.00	1133.37
dd	British Gas	Electric Pavilion	32.62	2.95	35.57
dd	British Gas	Electric Toilets	16.18	0.81	16.99
bp	Groundsell Contracting Ltd	Grass Cutting	396.43	79.29	475.72
bp	B R Townsend	Internal Audit	105.00	0.00	105.00
	Dryad Woodland				
bp	Enterprise	Tree Main Ashley Way Copse	200.00	0.00	200.00
bp	Business Stream	Water Cemetery	19.66	3.93	23.59
bp	Business Stream	Water Pavilion	53.14	0.00	53.14
dd	Biffa	Waste Collection Play Area	2.00	0.40	2.40
dd	Pension payment	Mrs J Walker	47.60	0.00	47.60
TOTAL			3287.06	87.38	3374.44

Library A/C

bp	Business Stream	Water Library	32.51	0.00	32.51
TOTAL			3319.57	87.38	3406.95

Proposed: Cllr R Haviland

Seconded: Cllr D Wavell

All Councillors agreed

24. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 30TH APRIL 2024.

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

25. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

- Newsletter: a new lady had taken over producing the newsletter and would be assisted by the person who produced the May newsletter.
- IWALC were discussing possible community and rural social housing within the area.
- Natural Landscapes (AONB) had held their AGM. Minutes would be forwarded to Councillors.
- Brighstone Reading Room had held their AGM. Minutes had been forwarded to Councillors.
- Brighstone Recreation Ground: Cllr J Cirrone intended to resign as a Trustee. Discussions with the other Trustees were being held as a way forward. A report would be sent to the Parish Council following the AGM.

26. CORRESPONDENCE:

An email offering free copies of the Rural Crime Prevention Booklet had been received. Councillors agreed to order several to place in the Library etc.

27. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

Cllrs D Alldred, D Wavell and N MacLennan were composing a letter and action plan to send to the Tennis Club. When completed this would be forwarded by the Clerk.

28. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN NEWSLETTER.

- Chairmans Annual report.
- Verge alongside Blanchards.
- School consultation.

29. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

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

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.45pm.