

**MINUTES OF BRIGHSTONE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
BRIGHSTONE METHODIST CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH 2024
AT 7.30PM.**

PRESENT: Cllr J Cirrone (Chairman), Cllr J Frost, Cllr R Haviland, Cllr C Bridges, Cllr D Wavell, Cllr D Alldred, Cllr N Maclellan and Cllr N Stuart (Ward Councillor)
Mrs J Walker (Clerk)

Three members of the public were present.

The Chairman requested an additional item to be added to the agenda before the meeting began.
TO DISCUSS THE LIBRARY ELECTRICITY ISSUES.
There were no objections to this.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

None

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting of the 14th February 2024 having been previously circulated and read were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of the 27th February 2024 having been previously circulated and read were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice- Chairman who chaired the meeting in the Chairmans absence.

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

A member of the public raised an issue with the standard of cutting and the way the grass verges had been left along Blanchards and Upper Lane. The developers would be written to.

5. CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES.

Sun Inn and Car Park

The application for the ACV has been submitted. A confirmation of receipt has been received.
The application will be decided by the 23rd April 2024.

Double Yellow Lines

The Parish Councils objection to the break in the yellow lines in New Road as shown on the plan have been lodged.

Tennis Club and Recreation Ground

The tennis club have been contacted explaining the PC have written documents and details in the minutes confirming their request for a licence. They were also asked for a representative to attend the February PC meeting. To date no reply has been received.
The tennis club have also been invoiced for last year's contribution towards the upkeep of the Recreation Ground payable by 31st January. To date this has not been received.
The solicitor has been written to instructing him to continue bringing forward the new lease between the Parish Council and the Recreation Ground. As previously requested, he has been asked for costs of work to date and separate costs regarding work towards the licence for the tennis club.

Tent On Brook Green

The request for a temporary tent on Brook Green will not now be required for various reasons.

Public Toilet

The door on the disabled toilet has been damaged. The toilet is temporarily closed while repairs are undertaken.

Portrait of the King

In response to the Newsletter article the Wilberforce Hall has requested a portrait. This has been ordered.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/00280/HOU High Timbers, Upper Lane, Brighstone. Proposed extension to front dormer; replacement front porch; alterations and conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation; alterations to include external rendering and replacement roof coverings; proposed shed (revised scheme).

Councillors had No Objections to raise.

Atherfield Bay Holiday Camp, Military Road, Brighstone.

Main concerns were with building control issues raised at the previous Parish Council meeting and lighting. Cllr Allred was working with Shorwell Parish Council to produce a draft comments response which would be forwarded to Councillors for their comment.

7. TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISIONS.

None.

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

Tuesday 26th March, to start at 7.30pm.

9. TO DISCUSS THE IOW SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD) CONSULTATION.

Cllr D Allred would draft a response to this which would be forwarded to councillors for comment.

10. TO DISCUSS THE CUTTING OF THE GRASS VERGE ALONGSIDE BLANCHARDS.

Island Roads would be contacted requesting the first cut on the bank in front of Blanchards be delayed until June to allow for the wildflowers to flower and seed. Island roads would be asked to cut the first foot of the bank in April to stop overgrowth onto the footpath.

This would only be for a trial this year to be reviewed before next years cutting programme.

The following cuts this year would be first week of August and last week of October.

An article would be put in the Newsletter asking for volunteers to form a group to maintain the verge and keep it weed free.

11. TO DISCUSS AND UPDATE THE AMOUNT OWED BY THE TENNIS CLUB REGARDING THE LEGAL FEES FOR THE LICENCE AND NON-PAYMENT OF CONTRIBUTION TO RECREATION GROUND COSTS.

The Tennis Club had not responded to any correspondence. There had been no reply from the solicitor to date. To be an agenda item for next Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk would send to councillors the document for surrendering the old lease which would need to be agreed before bringing forward the new lease.

12. TO AGREE FOR CLLR D WAVELL TO BE THE SECOND PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE READING ROOMS COMMITTEE/BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Proposed: Cllr J Cirrone

Seconded: Cllr D Alldred

All Councillors agreed

13. TO DISCUSS AND AGREE PAYMENT FOR THE RECREATION GROUND TRUSTEE INSURANCE.

The Insurance document provided the same cover as previous year with only a slight increase in cost.

Proposed: Cllr C Bridges

Seconded: Cllr D Alldred

All Councillors agreed

14. TO DISCUSS THE COST OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS.

Councillors agreed to retain and maintain the toilets at the current cost level. Cllr D Wavell would look into a form of donation service which could be fitted and help to offset costs.

15. TO RECEIVE I W COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

The Ward Councillor gave a brief overview of his report:

The Exchange – this was owned by the IOW Council. The Church would no longer be renting it after the end of March.

At this point the Chairman brought forward agenda item 23

TO DISCUSS THE LIBRARY ELECTRICITY ISSUES.

The Library were experiencing numerous problems with EDF regarding installing Smart meters and invoicing. It had been decided by the Library Committee not to pay any invoices until the issues had been resolved. A complaint had already been lodged by the Clerk and a further challenge would be put forward regarding the level of response so far received. Councillors D Maclennan, J Cirrone and R Haviland would look into the issues.

Returned to Councillor`s Report:

Flooding – a replacement drain had been installed in Coombe Lane which should stop water going down Lynch Lane and into the village.

Coastguard Lane – Island Roads had agreed to level the surface of the Lane to stop damage to vehicles. They would consider some form of surfacing and would be looking at the ground water issue.

Buddle Valley – this was ancient woodland which was hoped to get ecological studies started.

IoW Council Island Plan Strategy – a recommendation put forward for a buffer zone of 50 metres around ancient woodland had been accepted.

Military Road – meetings had been held in Brook and Brighstone. No reply had been received to a letter sent to the Cabinet Member for Transport.

16. RISK ASSESSMENT CHECKS FOR MARCH.

The door on the disabled toilet had been damaged.

There were no other risks identified.

17. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

ch No	To	Description	Net	VAT	Gross
bp	Island Cleaning Solution	Toilet Cleaning Feb 2024	301.17	0.00	301.17
bp	Mrs J Walker	Salary Feb 2024	1101.80	0.00	1101.80
bp	Mrs J Walker	Microsoft 365 Renewal	59.99	0.00	59.99
bp	Mrs J Walker	IONOS Contract Renewal	96.00	19.20	115.20
bp	Mrs J Walker	Printer Ink	22.59	0.00	22.59
bp	Mrs J Walker	Land Registry Search	6.00	0.00	6.00

bp	Mark Mills	Church Clock Maintenance	80.00	0.00	80.00	
bp	Zurich Insurance	Rec Ground Trustee Insurance	167.19	0.00	167.19	
bp	IOW Council	Council Tax Rec Ground	119.76	0.00	119.76	
chq	Mr Edward Blackman	Refund Cancelled Burial Plots	400.00	0.00	400.00	
dd	British Gas	Electric Pavilion	29.60	4.94	34.54	
dd	British Gas	Electric Toilets	17.77	0.89	18.66	
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			2451.47	25.43	2476.90	
Library A/C						
bp	Brighstone Newsletter	Newsletter Donation	350.00	0.00	350.00	(Raised Feb)
TOTAL			2801.47	25.43	2826.90	

Proposed: Cllr N Stuart

Seconded: Cllr N Maclellan

All Councillors agreed

18. TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 29TH FEBRUARY 2024.

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

19. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES.

Newsletter Meeting – the accounts were down by £762 due to a loss in commercial advertising. To provide additional income the community donations previously cut to 50% would decrease to 33% and the cost per page would increase to £20 from January. To be an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting for the Parish Council to discuss and agree the increase in donation.
AGM Brighstone Reading Room and Social Club – now needed a Treasurer.

20. CORRESPONDENCE:

- A resident had requested to know why the Parish precept was so high.
- Details of a Biosphere Festival on 29th and 30th June had been forwarded to Councillors.
- An invitation to attend the Red Squirrel Forum discussing a Tree Warden scheme had been forwarded to Councillors.

21. OTHER MATTERS MEMBERS MAY WISH TO RAISE.

The Newsagents were closing. The papers would be taken over by the Village Shop.

22. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER.

Blanchards verge cutting trial.
Request for Treasurer for the Reading Room.

23. TO DISCUSS THE LIBRARY ELECTRICITY ISSUES.

Already discussed during Ward Councillors Report.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Main Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 7.30pm at Brighstone Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, and closed the Meeting at 9.12pm.