

# St Helens Parish Council

**Minutes of the planning committee meeting held at St Helens Community Centre at 6.45pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**

**In attendance:**

**Miss Ryan, Mr Thomson, Mr Campbell.**

**Clerk: Mrs Dyer**

**2 members of the public.**

**TCP/20081/C - P/01062/16**

**East View, Latimer Road, St. Helens, Isle Of Wight, PO33 1TR.**

Removal of condition 7 on P/01443/14 TCP/20081/A to allow ground floor window to be retained, variation of conditions 2 4 and 5 on P/01443/14 TCP/20081/A to allow alterations to approved design to include retention of first floor bay window and new roof window. **NO COMMENT**

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**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held at St Helens Community Centre at 7pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.**

**In attendance:**

**Chair: Miss Nancy Ryan**

**Councillors: Cllr Bacon, Mr Campbell, Mrs Duckett and Mr Thomson.**

**8 members of the public.**

**101/2016 Apologies for absence.**

John Earnshaw and Joe Robertson sent apologies.

**102/2016 Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Bacon item 5 – IW Council Consultations.

**103/2016 Minutes – To approve the minutes of the meetings held on:**

**13th June 2016**

Mr Thomson proposed that the minutes be approved. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Campbell.

**RESOLVED** – Minutes signed as true and correct.

**11th July 2016**

Mr Campbell proposed that the minutes be signed as true and correct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Campbell.

**RESOLVED** – Minutes signed as true and correct.

**104/2016 Public Forum.**

A member of the public reported:

A broken bench on the village Green

The Village sign was dirty and covered in ivy.

The Goal posts require painting.

A member of the public raised concerns over public toilet provision. They believed that the provision of public toilets within the village and on the beach was vital for attracting visitors and the local economy.

A member of the public raised concerns they would like referring to the Transport Infrastructure Task Force – they raised concerns regarding ferry fares and reported that some of their customers had been quoted in excess of £500 to bring a car and caravan over to the Island this summer on the ferry. They believe the high cost of ferry travel is deterring visitors and adversely affecting the Island's economy.

A member of the public raised concerns over the broken light and palm tree at Nelson's Quay. The Clerk promised to chase this up.

A member of the public reports concerns over dangerous parking on Station Rd. Clerk to report to PCSO and make enquiries about parking restrictions.

#### **105/2016 IOW Council/IWALC Consultations.**

Cllr Bacon declared that he would not comment on the consultations as involved in a different part of the process due to his role within the IOW Council, however, he was happy to answer any queries.

- Solent Governance review- To agree on consultation response.
- Transport infrastructure consultation – To agree response.

Points agreed to include in consultation response:

**New Highway Improvement Schemes** – There needs to be a better system of getting new highways schemes approved especially with regards to safety improvements.

**Infrastructure** – A review is needed into ferry costs. Better planning required to take into account new housing developments.

- Rights of Way Improvement Plan - To agree consultation response.

Agreed response:

St Helens Parish Council supports the plan, in principle, but feel there are a few issues that need to be addressed.

Town and Parish Council's across the Island should be consulted to ensure that any "missing" paths are included on the definitive map resulting in an Islandwide audit of footpaths to ensure all footpaths, cycleways and bridlepaths are recorded.

It is not clear in the plan where the funding for many of the objectives is likely to come from. Clear priorities should be set and funding sought to implement the plan especially with regard to improving access for wheelchair and pushchair users, creating safe routes to school, circular walks, improving the security of Urban Paths (improved lighting) and improvements to drainage to ensure paths are accessible year round.

#### **Paths missing from the Definitive Map in the St Helens area. We would like these adding to the map.**

The Old Railway track to Bembridge from St Helens running parallel to Bembridge Embankment

Path from Newlands to Mill Rd

Path from St Michaels to Station Rd

Path from Mill Road to North Quay

The new permissive path from Laundry Lane to Carpenters Farm Campsite

Path from Downsview Rd to Nelson's Quay (steps)

Path from Daishes Lane to Latimer Rd

Path from Laundry Lane to Quay Lane

**106/2016 To discuss the Parish Council sponsoring local school Children to enter a story writing competition.**

No proposal.

**107/2016 Toilet Provision-**

- To receive any new information:

The Clerk reported that following the meeting regarding the car boot sales the Clerk had spoken to Tricia Stillman, Alex Minns, and Jonathan Bacon about the future of the Beach Hut leases and the toilets on the seafront.

She reported that the license for the beach huts is due for renewal at the beginning of 2017 and a Section 25 has been served on the current licensee, terminating the agreement on the 31<sup>ST</sup> December 2016. The Clerk reported that during the discussion IW Council officers reported that at the moment they were minded to take back the beach huts under IOW Council control, make some improvements and then offer them back for sale or lease with a mixture of tenures. Obviously this would need to be formally agreed but these were the thoughts at the time of the meeting. A similar project has been undertaken at Colwell Bay and officers are hoping to offer a comparable scheme in St Helens. They will be looking into feasibility and have promised to keep us informed. The IW Council believe the toilets are vital to this process as having toilet facilities is likely to have an affect on the resale value of the beach huts. Therefore, they have agreed to look into ways to ensure provision is ongoing on the seafront.

The IW Council have promised to keep the Parish Council informed of their plans which will need to be finalised before next Spring.

The Parish Council do have the budget to continue providing toilets on the seafront for the Winter, as has been done in previous years, if Councillors wish to continue provision until future plans for the beach huts are finalised?

There have been some issues with the toilets this summer they have been very busy due to the good weather and some have been "out of Order" due to broken flushes or being blocked.

- **To discuss future provision**

Mr Thomson proposed that the parish council continue running the Duver toilets until further information is received regarding future plans and discuss again in the Spring.

2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Ryan

**RESOLVED**

**108/2016 To discuss and agree IOW Day arrangements.**

The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust who had agreed to hold a Wildlife Activity Day on the Old Church Green on IW Day (24<sup>th</sup> Sept). She expressed her gratitude to the trust for all of their help.

**109/2016 To discuss and agree employing a planning consultant to help with the Village Design element of the Parish Plan.**

**Deferred to future agenda.**

### **110/2016 Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk reported that:

She has received a few complaints over the summer regarding the Car Boot Sales. The complaints have mostly been to do with traffic management before and during the boot sales.

She was invited to attend a meeting with IW Council officers to discuss the matter. The IW Council have now written to the Sports Association insisting on the provision of Marshalls and a better traffic management plan. They have also been sending out Enforcement Officers to check that the marshalling is being undertaken correctly. The Sports Association have been warned they are at risk of not having their license renewed if the problems continue.

Brading Haven Yacht Club (BHYC) wish to make an application for a grant from the Southern Co Op. They have requested a letter of support from the Parish Council. This is a small bid that may provide money for materials needed toward providing disabled access to the Clubhouse and Changing rooms.

Parish Councillors were all happy for the Clerk to write supporting the bid.

A Councillor representative from each Parish/Town Council has been invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday 20th September at 4.00pm in Bembridge Village Hall. To discuss the "My Life a Full Life" programme.

Nicola Longson Programme Director of MLAFL will give an update and Councillor's will be invited to give feedback. The Clerk asked for a Councillor to volunteer to attend. – No volunteers.

Japanese Knotweed path by Vine Inn - the IW Council and Island Roads are in discussions over who is liable to treat the weed. The path doesn't appear to be detailed on the project network. The Clerk has replied to them that the parish council don't mind who removes and treats the weed as long as it is dealt with. She has asked for them to let me know when it had been resolved.

### **111/2016 Finance report.**

- To receive quarterly finance report – Please see attached.
- To approve invoices due for payment

#### **Invoices**

Southern Electric	Electricity- Toilets Green	£84.76
DARES	Unblocking toilets Duver	£60.00
Lisa Dyer	Refund-Ink cartridges	£112.92
Biffa	Bins Old Church Green	£105.26
Island Roads	Litter Bin collection	£971.52
Lisa Dyer	Quarterly office/broadband	£45
Lisa	Mileage reclaim	£14.28
BDO LLP	External Audit Fees	£240
Southern Electric	Electricity -Toilets Duver	£235.80
Focus Plumbing and Heating	Maintenance – Duver toilets	£144

Cllr Bacon proposed that all invoices be approved for payment as per report.

2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Ryan

**RESOLVED** - All invoices approved for payment.

- **Update on Alto Card**

The Clerk reported that the Alto card was no longer being offered by the bank and had been withdrawn from the market and she suggested that the Parish Council apply for a Fairfx prepayment card which had similar charges and usage as the Alto card.

Cllr Bacon proposed that a fairfx card be applied with the condition that the application only be completed if the charges for the card were similar to those of the Alto card.

2<sup>nd</sup> Miss Ryan

**RESOLVED**

- To receive external auditors report  
External Audit report received, noted and approved.

**112/2016 Councillor's reports and requests for items on future agenda.**

Mr Thomson would like Section 106 monies to be back on the agenda next month.

Mr Thomson would like the parish council to discuss named voting and would like including on a future agenda.

Mr Thomson would also like to form a committee to discuss the questionnaire sent out regarding the public toilets.

Mr Thomson asked about sandblasting the anchor at Nelson's Quay – the Clerk has asked for a quote but due to its position it is more difficult than first thought.

Mr Thomson has undertaken a survey of both the Sports Pavilion and the Community Centre and compiled an energy efficiency report that stated he believed that the Sports Association was a more energy efficient meeting venue with less of a carbon footprint, therefore he would like the matter discussed again. The Clerk told him that the matter could not be discussed again for six months unless three letters requesting the matter be reviewed were received. – Report attached.

Miss Ryan reported that The Village of Angels committee was due to meet at the beginning of October to discuss plans for this year's events.

Miss Ryan and Mr Campbell reported over hanging brambles on St Michaels Rd and the footpath at the end of Field Lane.

Mrs Duckett reported that the Horticultural Society have some monies available to support a local horticultural project. The sum is approximately £300.

Cllr Bacon reported that the plans for the Youth club were coming along and that surveys and plans for the redesign are being undertaken. The committee are looking for a considerable amount of money to help with the rebuild.

Cllr Bacon would also like the issue of storing equipment to be put on the agenda as the Village Fayre, Parish Council and Sports and Carnival Committees all needed storage.

**Meeting Closed at 8.58pm.**

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