

# St Helens Parish Council

Ordinary meeting, Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7.00 pm at St Helens Community

Paper A



Centre

**Present: Councillors: Chairman J Coleman, M Anderson C Hind, J Spit,  
V Duckett and I Thomson**  
**Clerk: R Priest**  
**Public: Eleven**

## Minutes

Action

### 104/18/19 Apologies-

Apologies received from Cllr J Robertson and K Tutton, and IW Cllr M Murwill. Cllr Coleman, Chairman for the meeting, congratulated Cllr Robertson, and Mrs Robertson, on the safe delivery their baby.

### 105/18/19 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation-

There were none, and members noted their contact details were in the public domain in respect of the GDPR.

### 106/18/19 Minutes-

Cllr Robertson referred to the minutes and Cllr Hind proposed, seconded Cllr Anderson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record.

**Resolved** – Minutes approved unanimously, Cllr Spit proposed and seconded by Cllr Anderson, and unanimously approved.

### 107/18/19 Chairman's Announcement-

Cllr Coleman thanked members that were able to attend the Remembrance Day service at the Church, and those that participated in the creation of a Living Cross outside of the Community Centre, the placing of Poppy Pebbles created by local school children, pupils also designed commemorative mugs with the Parish providing one for each student, wrote special poems marking the Centenary of the end of WW1 and read in church.

### 108/18/19 Public participation-

Mr MacInnes raised concerns over the issues relating to the National Trusts management of the Duver, noting the repair of the footpath and leakage at high tide, a growing area of marsh weed and potential future impassability, as well as possible collapse of part of the creek.  
Mr Williams raised concerns about the implications of the content of the draft Public Space Protection Order.

### 109/18/19 Report of Isle of Wight Ward Councillor-

Cllr Tyndall noted the current IW Council budget setting round and potential areas of savings had been circulated ahead of February 2019 meeting, to enable Parish/Town Councils opportunity to comment if they wish; he noted the decision to establish a Housing Company, to enable the authority to build affordable houses; and he updated members on the situation regarding alleged abandoned vehicles on the Green, and noted that most were not abandoned as defined by the legislation, those that had unclear ownership were being further investigated.

Cllr Tyndall noted that there was consultation on Waste services, and this had possible implications on the budget, and Cllr Coleman noted the public could comment on line; members also asked if Parking on the Duver was to be subject to overnight charging.

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### **110/18/19 Correspondence with National Trust regarding the Duver**

Members discussed recent correspondence and thanked Mr MacInnes for raising concerns, Cllr Hind noted the site visit with Cllr Robertson and the Clerk, and members agreed to invite representatives from the National Trust to a meeting in the New Year, in addition to highlighting the offer of help from local residents and the need to bring forward remedial work.

### **111/18/19 Network Integrity Prioritisation**

Members noted the request, from IW Council, to prioritise the 10 items on the Network Integrity Register for St Helens, out of over 4,000 for the whole Island. Members noted that the Carpenter's Road items could be aggregated, as well as Station Road groupings, and that a further ward walk with Island Roads would help inform the process, especially highlighting road safety issues in Latimer Road, as well as implications of planning decisions on Road Safety. The Clerk would draft and circulate a reply before submission.

### **112/18/19 To discuss Dogs on Leads and IWC Public Space Protection Order Proposals**

Members noted the letter from IW Council and that IW Council Orders are coming to an end, and that Parish/Town Councils can request new orders to be put in place, subject to satisfying the conditions set out in the letter, and that Orders falling within the jurisdiction of the Environment Officers' service will only be enforced in areas where the service has been commissioned.

Members felt the documentation caused unnecessary concern in the local community, especially businesses, members also noted the Hampshire policy that set out a positive way of encouraging dog owners and others to act responsibly; members agreed for the clerk to draft a response and circulate before submission by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr Anderson proposed that there should be a policy ensuring that Dogs should be on leads from the beginning of Beach Huts to the Sea Mark, for a given period. Cllr Spit suggested improved signage, and Cllr Duckett said signage should be positive messaging of good behaviour, and Cllr Coleman reminded members the limitations of enforcement and potential costs, and to ensure any proposals recognise position of National Trust, if their land is also a public space.

### **113/18/19 To discuss IWC Proposals for Flag Pole on Church Green**

Members unanimously agreed not to take on responsibility for the Flag Pole.

### **114/18/19 Finance-**

a/ The RFO presented the following invoices for authorisation which were **agreed**:

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
300185	S Hook (replacement cheque for 300172)	58.55
300186	Island Highways and Transport Consultants (Parking)	408.00
300187	Biffa Waste (Duver bin)	108.91
300183	WJ Nigh & Sons (WW1 Commemorative Mugs)	234.00
300189	Community Action (Oct)	732.08
300190	Clerk Expenses (inc IT, Stamps)	91.96
300191	Cllr M Anderson (IWALC exp)	13.70

- b/ Members noted and agreed the bank reconciliation statement and quarterly reports, and noted they were on the website. Members also noted update on the clerks recent meetings and planned meeting for 2019/20 Budget.
- c/ The Clerk reminded members that all accounts were available at the meeting for inspection, and the clerk also outlined the process of approving accounts for payment.

**115/18/19 Planning applications received-** the Council considered the following applications:

- a/ TCP/33626 – P/00738/18 – 70 Downs View Road, proposed demolition of semi-detached dwelling, replacement detached dwelling.

**Resolved:** Members noted the need for the work, Cllr Duckett proposed and Cllr Hind seconded that the application was supported and no comment made.

**116/18/19 Notifications received from Planning Authority –**

- a/ Members noted decision previously made and circulated by the planning authority.

**117/18/19 Maintenance –**

Cllr Coleman noted the recent meeting with Probation Services and the request for the Memorial Shelter to be the first work to be commissioned once the cost of materials had been ascertained and availability of service identified. Members thanked Cllr Coleman for taking forward.

**118/18/19 Member Matters-**

- a) The Clerk had not received any questions on the work of the Council by noon 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.
- b) Cllrs Spit and Hind updated members on recent meetings with Grounds Maintenance service provider, and noted no further cuts or work to be undertaken before March, and concerns regarding over mowing of grass by sports association had been discussed with sports association, members also noted removal of cuttings was a priority and clerk would contact association again.
- c) Cllr Spit noted the recent WW1 Commemorative events, and Cllr Duckett noted that the Lynch Gate memorial was built around 1920 and the commemorations would continue.
- d) Cllr Coleman updated members on recent meetings to take forward the Duver project before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019, noting that legal documents had just been received, meetings with preferred providers held to discuss the requirements requested by Councillors at the previous meeting, and the phasing of the work, with a briefing for all members to be arranged once the information requested was available, including consideration of the drainage, and the clerk noted he had not commissioned further drainage work due to cost before renovation, and that alternative provision had been arranged. Cllr Coleman also noted the current situation regarding Station Road Toilets.
- e) Cllr Spit noted future development of Bench Policy, and that a draft would be available at a future meeting, and that he had met local residents with the clerk on this matter. Cllr Spit also noted that the Parish had been allocated a grant of £4,500 to take forward a local history project that would link the benches and involve local stakeholders.
- f) Cllr Coleman updated members on discussions re Christmas 2018 projects and the outcome of the stakeholders meeting, the tree would be in place by the end of November, ready for December's Village of Angels event. Cllr Coleman thanked the Bembridge Business Association for their grant.
- g) Cllr Spit reported that Emergency Team recently met, and that the Team had rationalised their operational practice and advised the local authority accordingly.
- h) Cllr Thomson asked for the Emergency Team be an agenda item for next meeting as all Town and Parish Councils had to have an Emergency Team.

**118/18/19 Key Messages**

In the absence of Cllr Tutton, the Clerk would draft and submit the key messages to local media.

**119/18/19 Date of next meeting-**

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed ..... (Chairman) 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018