

St Helens Parish Council

Ordinary meeting, Monday 11th February 2019, 7.00 pm at St Helens Community

Paper A



Centre

Present: Councillors: Meeting Chairman J Robertson, J Coleman, C Hind, V Duckett, and I

Thomson.

Clerk: R Priest

Public: Thirty one and IW Cllr B Tyndall

Minutes

154/18/19 Apologies-

Apologies received from Cllrs Spit, Tutton and Anderson, and IW Cllr Murwill.

155/18/19 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation-

Members declared an interest in item 162/18/19 Precept setting for 2019/20, and the RFO?clerk approved a dispensation and recorded accordingly.

156/18/19 Minutes-

Cllr Coleman referred to the minutes and Cllr Hind proposed, seconded Cllr Coleman, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2019 be approved as a true and accurate record.

Resolved – Minutes approved unanimously (Cllrs Robertson and Thomson abstained as not at previous meeting)

157/18/19 Chairman's Announcement-

Cllr Robertson welcomed residents to the meeting and thanked Cllr Tutton for the work he had put into producing the comprehensive draft response to the IW Plan consultation, and also thanked members for attending recent briefings to develop and inform the Parishes response.

Cllr Robertson welcomed Robin Lang and David Mears, from the National Trust, to present plans for the Duver and respond to questions from residents. Mr Lang highlighted actions taken to date, as well as for proposals going forward, and welcomed Parish Councillors being involved in future briefings. Residents highlighted concerns regarding maintenance and ingress of water from Mill Pond, and concerns over erosion of the beach: Mr Lang noted investment in footpaths, improved interpretation panels, and the advice the National trust had received regarding overall Salt Marsh Vegetation, and would continue to monitor the Duver, and they welcomed residents offer to seek to take forward installation of additional shingle to shore up the beach to protect against erosion, subject to landowner consent.

158/18/19 Public participation-

Mr Dyer outlined ongoing concerns regarding the damaged wall on the Green, and Cllr Tyndall highlighted the actions taken by IWC including writing to the landowner, and would monitor future responses.

Mr Williams thanked Cllr Tutton for a comprehensive draft response to the Island Plan, and highlighted the inconsistency of the ONS statistics used in the IWC Draft Plan, including reduction in national targets down from 240,000 to 159,000. Cllr Tyndall noted the IW Council shared the concerns over unrealistic targets and, with the MP, representations had been made to Central Government, and also noted that the Island did not have the builder capacity to build the number of houses, per annum required; and Mr Williams also noted that where the IW Council had granted permission, developers often did not build within a reasonable period effectively land banking a development, and Cllr Tyndall noted the IWC were in the process of insisting that if a development hadn't started within 3 years of permission, the developer would need to re-apply for permission.

159/18/19 Report of Isle of Wight Ward Councillor-

Cllr Tyndall noted Good report on Children Services, Defra highlighting above average recycling rates on the Island, and updated residents on Guildford Park proposal possibly having outline permission subject to developer resolving concerns over access and egress issues.

160/18/19 To note, and comment as appropriate, on the IWC Consultation on the Draft Island Plan and Brownfield site documentation

The Chair thanked Cllr Tutton for his thorough work on providing the response paper, and Cllr Thomson noted it was a brilliant piece of work, and members unanimously voted to confirm the response as the Parish's response to the consultation but encouraged residents to respond individually. Cllr Duckett noted recent attendance at training events, and the Chairman noted the Parish response would be on the website, and IWC Officers invited to a future meeting with members.

161/18/19 To update members on the Heritage Trail Project

Deferred to next meeting.

162/18/19 Finance-

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

Chq No	Payee	Amount £
300204	Hants & IW CRC Community Payback Service	85.00
300205	Cllr Spit – Heritage Trail Grant IT	40.43
300206	Island Roads (Duver/Broomfield Dog Bins)	253.80
300207	Community Action (IW) Jan 2019	732.08
300208	DARES – Duver Toilets	144.00
300209	R Priest (Clerk exp – stationery)	117.04

- b/ Members noted the 3rd quarter bank reconciliation and discussed the Budget Options for 2019/20, and members noted increased cost pressures, and the uncertainty regarding Station Road Public Toilets and confirmed a budget of £35,820 for 2019/20.
Resolved: Cllr Coleman proposed, Cllr Hind seconded, with Cllrs Robertson and Duckett in favour and Cllr Thomson against.
- c/ Members confirmed the precept for 2019/20 as £33,571 with a CTS Grant of £249.
Resolved: Cllr Coleman proposed, Cllr Hind seconded, with Cllrs Robertson and Duckett in favour and Cllr Thomson against.
- d/ The clerk advised members of the increase in room hire charges and forthcoming training.

163/18/19 Planning applications received- the Council considered the following applications:

- a/ TCP/33233/A– P/00003/19 – Olivers, The Castle, Castle Lodge. Proposed demolition of dwellings and proposed replacement dwelling and landscaping.
Resolved: Members were unanimously supportive of the application, subject to the concerns raised (Natural England and Ecology Officer) being addressed and construction site issues being addressed, ie finishing one building project before starting next project to reduce disruption to local community.

164/18/19 Notifications received from Planning Authority –

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

165/18/19 Maintenance –

Members noted items covered by Member Matters.

166/18/19 Member Matters-

- a) The Clerk had not received any questions on the work of the Council by noon 10th February 2019. Cllr Thomson raised concern regarding water issues in Gents toilet at Station Road and members supported Cllr Thomson's proposal to close the Gents subject to clarification on deregulation of Station Road Toilets, and enable accessible toilet to be open, and to monitor situation.
Resolved: Members unanimously supported the proposal to open accessible toilet and close the Gents until clarification of de-regulation.

- b) Cllr Coleman updated members on the progress of the Duver Toilets project, including forthcoming meeting with contractors;
- c) Cllr Hind and Duckett were confirmed as Parish Council representatives at future meetings with National Trust, and IW Cllr Tyndall would also be involved, and members would report back as appropriate.
- d) Cllr Hind updated members on recent meetings with IWC regarding the Greens, and Cllr Coleman circulated the revised specification agreed with IWC and contractors, with the Sports association provided with copies for comment, and members agreed the specification for 2019/20 with a copy on website: members thanked Cllrs Tutton, Hind and Coleman for taking forward.
- e) Cllr Coleman reported on meetings with Island Roads and proposal to replace existing waste bins on Duver with bigger dual use recycling bins, the Parish Council agreed to replace one Bin with recycling bin and add new Dog Bin, within budget.
- f) Members discussed future Agenda items, including inviting local Police Officer, IWALC attendee and the development of the Heritage Trail.

167/18/19 Key Messages

The Clerk noted the main items as the response to the Island Plan consultation, Precept decision, Station Road Toilet situation, feedback from National trust and recycling bins on Duver.

168/18/19 Date of next meeting-

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 11th March 2019, at 7pm in St Helens Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed (Chairman) 11th February 2019