St Helens Parish Council

Ordinary meeting, Monday 14th November 2019, 7.00 pm at St Helens Community

Present: Councillors: Chairman J Coleman, V Duckett, K Tutton

And I Thomson.

Clerk: R Priest

Public: Five and IW Cllr B Tyndall



Minutes

76/19/20 Apologies-

Apologies received from Cllr Robertson, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Spit and IW Cllr Murwill.

77/19/20 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation-

There were none; Cllr Thomson inspected the accounts and asked for further details on 2018/19 accounts and the plumbing of the Duver Toilets.

78/19/20 Minutes-

Cllr Coleman referred to the minutes and Cllr Tutton proposed, seconded Cllr Duckett, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 2019 be approved as a true and accurate record.

Resolved – Minutes proposed by Cllr Spit and seconded by Cllr Duckett, unanimously approve.

79/19/20 Chairman's Announcement-

Cllr Coleman updated members regarding the Parish Council vacancy; the installation of the defibrillator on the Duver and the launch on National Restart a Heart Day, and thanked Baywatch Café and Old Mill Caraan Park for their support; Cllr Coleman noted the receipt of the South East England in Bloom Silver Gilt Award, as well as recycling initiatives on the Duver, and the end of mechanical beach cleaning until 2020; and noted research into alternative lighting for the Xmas tree, within the allocated budget.

80/19/20 Public participation-

Mr J Bacon welcomed the support of the Parish Council for the Annual Carnival and asked the clerk if the Parish could include a request for volunteers in the parish magazine, and also noted the Primary School Gala on Friday 18th October at the Yacht Haven. Mr B Williams asked if the Parish Council could review the wording of Agenda item 5, 'Public Participation on matters set out below'.

81/19/20 Report of Isle of Wight Ward Councillor-

Cllr Tyndall updated members on no further planning discussion on Guildford Park plans, IW Council's challenge to reduce overall housing numbers in the Core Strategy and using evidence to support alternative figure with next draft likely due in March 2021; and Cllr Tyndall also noted the proposed closure of Beech Grove GP surgery in Brading, and members noted this was CCG issue and would write to the local surgery regarding any potential impact on local provision. Members asked about the Parking Strategy for the 2020 Fort Walk Happening, and Cllr Tyndall confirmed plans in place, and also responded to questions on the parking charges on the Duver, and the clerk would re-send earlier emails.

82/19/20 To note and comment as appropriate on Station Road Toilet Closure

Members discussed the background to the current situation, the delay in Defra resolving deregistration issue, and Cllr Coleman reported on recent meeting with IWC and confirmed the toilets had been returned to the IWC under the tenancy at will, with utilities reading at handover, and building being made secure, as well as Community Payback clearing overgrowing hedges. Members would discuss this issue once IWC clarified situation, and members would continue to explore options.

83/19/20 To note and comment as appropriate East Wight development applications

Cllr Duckett outlined the background to this item, and the absence of any Regional approach to applications on the Island, for example applications that cross ward boundaries, with subsequent impact of adjacent infrastructures, such as roads and amenities. Cllr Tutton highlighted concerns regarding proposals in Seaview, and members agreed to write to planning department and councillors accordingly.

84/19/20 To discuss specification for Duver Toilets Maintenance 2020 onwards

Members discussed draft specification and made minor amendments, and agreed to secure appropriate quotes prior to December 2019 meeting, with new service from 1st January 2020. Members agreed to close men's and ladies toilets on Duver from 1st November 2019, in line with previous years, but keep accessible toilet open; and Cllrs Tutton and Duckett available to discuss details of specification with any potential applicant. Cllr Thomson asked about Legionella testing, and the Chairman noted this was not the agenda item, and could be raised under item 14, Cllr Thomson complained and left the meeting, and said that he would be writing to the monitoring officer again.

85/19/20 Finance-

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

Chq No	Payee	Amount £
300249	IWNHS Trust Defibrillator (and training)	1600.00
300250	RBL Donation (wreath)	50.00
300251	Island Roads (Dog Bins Duver & Broomlands)	1034.88
300252	Idverde (grounds maintenance)	1016.40
300253	PKF Littlejohn (2018-19 Audit)	240.00
300254	HIWCRC Community Payback (15, 24, 29 & 31 August)	340.00
300255	Clerk expenses (Oct 2019, SSE, Stamps, Broadband, Mats)	310.88
300256	Community Action (Sept Salary inc NALC Award & FOI)	1096.83
300257	Brighstone Landscaping (Sept 2019)	60.00
300258	SLCC (training)	240.00
300259	Community Action (Oct Salary)	828.86
300260	FW Marsh (Securing Station Road Toilets)	473.11

- b/ Members confirmed update of bank mandate, including Clerk and additional councillors;
- c/ Members noted additional FOI hours and £235 cost to parish council.
- d/ Members noted minute 71/19/20 and agreed tendering process.
- e/ The Clerk detailed the response previously given to Cllr Thomson regarding 2018/19 accounts, and that a full reply had previously been provided.

86/19/20 Planning applications received- 19/01146/HOU – Hillgrove Cottage, Upper Green Road, PO33 1UL – Demolition of existing extension, single storey extension, 2 dormer windows and new window: Members were concerned regarding apparent usage of inappropriate windows on one the earliest buildings in St Helens, and would research application further before commenting.

87/19/20 Notifications received from Planning Authority – Notifications previously circulated and noted.

88/19/20 Maintenance – Property next to map area (guttering) and west green, with possible budgeted tree planting.

89/19/20 Member Matters- (not covered by agenda)

- a) The Clerk had not received any questions on the work of the Council by noon 13th October 2019.
- b) Members discussed the actions taken to protect the Green (inc West), and Cllr Duckett reported on discussions with Idverde and IW Council, and further meetings planned including options for Boulders, and options for Station Road Surface Water with indicative budget of £1500.
- c) The Clerk updated members on Heritage Trail Project and meetings with the Church, and school.
- d) The Clerk updated members on the work of Community Payback Team, including clearance around Station Road Toilets, and proposed work in Map area, and on Church Green, which had bookings for 2020.
- e) Cllr Coleman advised residents of ways to contact the Clerk and have items on agenda.

90/19/20 Key Messages

Members noted SEEIB Award, defibrillator, and Carnival request for volunteers.

91/19/20 Date of next meeting-

The date of the next Ordinary meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th December 2019.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed(Chairman) 9 th December 2
