

**Minutes of the planning committee meeting held at St Helens Sports Pavilion at 7pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013.**

**70/2013 - TCP/06729/F - P/00779/13**

Weymouth Cottage, Lower Green Road, St. Helens, Isle Of Wight, PO331TS.

Householder Application: Demolition of lean-to single story rear extension to provide additional bedroom, wet room and utility room.

**No Comment**

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**In Attendance**

**Chair: Mrs Parker**

**Councillors: Cllr Bacon, Mr Campbell, Mr Cleaver, Mrs Russell, Mrs Shaw, Mr Thomson.**

**Clerk: Mrs Dyer**

**71/2013            Apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from Mr Earnshaw – Holiday.

**72/2013            To receive any declarations of interest.**

Mr I Thomson - Prejudicial Interest in item 10 finances.

**73/2013            To confirm the minutes of the meeting on the 10th June 2013.**

Mrs Shaw proposed that the minutes be signed as true and correct.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mr Campbell

**RESOLVED**

**74/2013            Public forum.**

Mr Anderson raised

- That there are still abandoned cars in the car park.

The clerk assured him that they had been reported and that some had been issued with tickets and some had already been moved.

- The memorial shelter needs painting.
- Goal posts need painting.

Mr Dyer raised

- Holes in the R86 Mill Wall – Clerk assured him that this had been reported and chased as it was unclear initially who was responsible for the maintenance. Island Rds are now looking into it.
- R88 Gaggen Edge. The bridge is in a poor state of repair.

Mr Williams raised

- Would like the Cricket poles removed at the end of every match not the end of the season.
- Posts have not removed from outside the pavilion as the IW Council promised.
- The posts on the West Green are too far from the Boundary and traffic is now using nd parking on that section of Green outside the posts.
- The hedge by Boundary Oaks on Carpenters Road that borders the West Green is now so overgrown that it has taken 30 – 40 foot off of the West Green, the property appears to have removed their boundary fence and claimed some of the Green.

Mr Wade reported

- Potholes on Field Lane.
- He was unsure if the habitual and Vexatious complaint policy applies as he has reported this matter before. The Chair assured him that the policy would come into force for persistent unreasonable complainants and not for matters such as these.

The meeting was attended by a number of local young people who wished to request the Parish Council support them with their aim of having a skate park installed within the village. They requested help with identifying suitable land and securing funding. It was suggested that the school should be approached to see if they had land that could be used.

**75/2013      To discuss the displaying of the Parish Council minutes.**

The Clerk reported that the Post Office were happy to hold a copy of the minutes for people to read if they wished, however, her advice was that this should be an approved copy of the minutes.

Mrs Shaw proposed that the draft minutes be displayed in the Post Office and at the community Centre.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Bacon

6 In favour

1 abstention

**RESOLVED**

**76/2013      To receive an update on the Economic Improvement Grant works.**

The clerk reported that the new benches had been erected and notice board installed and that the posts and chain works were due to start shortly.

She reported that she was still waiting to hear from Island Roads regarding whether there are any limitations on the size of bin they will empty and whether they will empty bespoke bins.

**77/2013      St Helens Green**

**a, to receive a report from the Chair regarding the meeting about the Green with the Parks Manager at County Hall.**

The Chair, Clerk and Cllr Bacon met Alex Minns and John Metcalfe from the IW Council to discuss some issues with the management of the Greens.

- The issues discussed included problems with parking and lack of enforcement.
- Abandoned vehicles
- The legal status of the car park
- Fly-tipping

It was agreed that the legal team would look into the options open to them regarding enforcement of parking regulations, bye-laws and the legal status of the car park. A further meeting is to be arranged once they have researched these further.

**Please see attached the Chair's report.**

**b, To discuss issues regarding St Helens Green arising from the report.**

The Chair allowed both Councillors and members of the public to air their concerns.

These concerns included:

- Rubbish dumping on the horseshoe trail and car park.
- Water run off from a blocked off well.
- Erosion of the Green.
- Tree stumps by Sheepstar Cottage.
- Parking outside of the Well House.

**78/2013 To receive an update/report from the Carnival Committee.**

Councillor Bacon reported that all was well with the Carnival Committee although the recent fundraising events had been unsuccessful. They had, however, managed to secure a grant for £300 to help towards costs.

He appealed for help on the Carnival day (August Bank Holiday) as there will be a lot to set up and take down.

Cllr Bacon also reported that the garage where the Village Fayre and Carnival equipment is stored will be unavailable from the 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. He said he was happy to continue storing the equipment but it would have to be outside under a tarpaulin or similar as he no longer had the space to store the equipment.

**79/2013 Clerks report.**

The Clerk reported that:

- there has been some confusion over who takes responsibility for the holes in the Mill Wall, due to it being maintained by both the IW Council and Island Roads. They have been chased to ensure something is done quickly.
- There is £522.21 left remaining from the Economic Improvement Grant, which match funded gives the Parish Council £1044.21 to spend.
- Bins this weekend were overflowing on the Duver and Old Church Green.
- Abandoned cars in Car park have been looked into and enforcement action will be taken where necessary.
- Have received complaints about the increasing amount of stones on the beach, can something be done?

**80/2013 Financial Report – To receive report and approve any payments due.**

The Clerk reported that the balance of the Parish Council account was £30280.52 and that the account had been reconciled.

Mr I Thomson	Chq662	Refund for benches purchased	£88.20
Mrs S A Chester	Chq663	Toilet cleaning April (Standing Order not sent by bank)	£606.67
Southern Electric	Chq664	Electricity toilets on the green	£53.38
Martin Rivers	SO	Landscaping	£240
Easycleaners	SO	Toilet cleaning July	£606.67

Cllr Bacon proposed all payments be approved as per report.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs Shaw

**RESOLVED**

**81/2013      Councillor's reports and items to be included on future agenda.**

**Mrs Russell reported**

- that there had been some broken glass left behind after the Car Boot sales.
- She had been approached by parents requesting that a barrier be placed at the end of the path between Station and St Michaels Rd to discourage children from running along onto the Main Rd.

**Cllr Bacon reported**

- There have been issues with water run off and the sewerage pumping station at the bottom of Duver Hill.
- The work on the Duver Rd bridge will start within the next 18 months. A 6 week closure will be necessary to undertake the work. Once the work is complete the road will be returned to two lanes and the traffic lights removed.

**Mr Cleaver reported**

- Concerns that people are cycling 2 abreast along the seawall.

**Mr Thomson reported**

- concerns over dogs being allowed on beaches. It was agreed that the clerk would contact the council and chase up what was happening with the proposed "Dogs on a lead" order.

**Meeting closed**

**9.20pm**