

St Helens Parish Council.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7 pm on the 11th April 2016 at St Helens Sports Pavilion.

In attendance:

Chair: Miss Ryan

Councillors: Cllr Bacon, Mr Campbell, Mrs Parker, Mr Robertson, Mr Thomson, Mrs Yates.

Clerk: Mrs Dyer

6 members of the public.

36/2016 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Mr Earnshaw who is unwell.

37/2016 Declarations of interests.

None received.

38/2016 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on the 15th February 2016 and the 14th March 2016.

15th February 2016

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

2nd Mr Campbell

RESOLVED – Minutes signed as true and correct.

Mr Thomson raised the point that he believed the minutes were incorrect as they did not include comments from Mr Earnshaw confirming that Mr Bacon rather than himself had made a comment regarding public health.

14th March 2016.

Mr Campbell proposed that the minutes be signed as true and correct.

2nd Mrs Parker

Miss Ryan raised that the venue for the meeting was incorrect. The meeting was held at the Sports Pavilion not the Community Centre.

RESOLVED – Minutes signed as true and correct with amendment noted above.

39/2016 Public Forum

A member of the public raised that the tap outside the toilet block at the Duver had been turned on again. The Clerk replied that she had already reported it to the Council.

A member of the public raised the mess behind the toilet block on the Green.

The Clerk responded that she had asked the Cleaner to clear the paths and had reported the rubbish to the IW Council.

A member of the public reported that 3 large tree stumps had been dumped on the West Green. – Clerk to report to the IW Council.

A member of the public raised a concern that in his opinion 2 questions were missing from the questionnaire. Those being “ Does St Helens need public toilets?” and “Who do people think should pay for the toilets?”.

40/2016 Chairman’s report.

No report as Mr Earnshaw absent.

41/2016 Public Toilet Provision -

- a. **To receive update on outstanding matters and report on the survey regarding public toilets within the village and discuss way forward.**

The Clerk gave a report on the survey results (see attached).

- b. **Public toilet block on the Village Green – To approve quotes for electrical works.**

Mr Campbell proposed that the quote from Electrical be approved.

2nd Mr Thomson

RESOLVED.

42/2016 To adopt Dignity at Work Policy.

Miss Ryan proposed the Dignity at Work Policy be adopted.

2nd Mr Robertson.

RESOLVED – Policy Adopted.

43/2016 Bin provision – Old Church Green to agree on providing Biffa style bins on the Old Church Green for the Summer.

Mr Thomson proposed that the parish council provide a Biffa Style bin on the Old Church Green again this year from the May Bank Holiday Weekend until the beginning of September.

2nd Mr Campbell.

RESOLVED.

44/2016 To receive update regards to meeting with IW Council and Sport’s Association regarding Car Boot Sale arrangements for 2016.

The Clerk gave a report on the meeting held at County Hall with representatives from the IW Council and Sports Association.

She reported that the Sports Association had been requested to move the start time of the car boot sale from 8am to 9am as it was felt that the disturbance caused to local residents on a Sunday morning was unreasonable.

It was also requested that they obtain a mobile phone and keep their website updated to ensure the Clerk was not unnecessarily disturbed early on a Sunday morning.

The Sports Association undertook to refer these proposals back to their committee for agreement.

45/2016 HM Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations – to receive update and discuss plans.

Councillors suggested that commemorative planting to celebrate the occasion be put on the next agenda.

46/2016 Clerk's report.

The Clerk reported the following:

Lee Matthews from the IW Council has confirmed that 4 rubbish bins only will remain on the Village Green and that all others will be removed as his department no longer has the budget to pay for collections.

The toilets on the Duver remained opened after the 31st March and Sue continued to clean them twice a day until they closed. I have asked her to tidy up the paths and debris from around the toilet block on the green and the cricket club have promised to move/dispose of rubbish dumped there.

As requested last month she has checked with the Clerk's at Chale and Niton and they have reported they have not had any dealings or issues with complaints or enforcement over car parking on their village greens.

Gaggen End Path – The Clerk has reported the dangerous state to the National Trust and had been assured that remedial works should commence shortly. The National Trust have promised to inspect and see if the path needs closing on safety grounds before the work is undertaken.

47/2016 To receive finance report – to approve invoices due for payment.

EP	£48	St Helens Sports Association	Hall hire Oct- Jan
EP	£45	Lisa Dyer	Office and Broadband use
S/O	£606.67	Easycleaners	Toilet cleaning.
E/P	£888	The Landscape Group	Greens maintenance.
Alto	£42.00	The Print Store	Survey printing.
Alto	£21.08	Staples	Number stamping kit.
EP	£27.03	Lisa Dyer	Mileage

Miss Ryan proposed that all invoices be approved for payment as per report.

2nd Mr Campbell.

RESOLVED – All invoices approved for payment.

48/2016 Councillor Reports and request for items on future agenda.

Mr Thomson reported that there is a damaged dog bin on Mill Rd – The Clerk conformed that this had already been reported but will be chased up.

Mr Thomson also raised that he had received a complaint from a local resident regarding parking on the Green by the Doctor's Surgery – The Clerk confirmed that she was aware and had reported to the IW Council.

Cllr Bacon reported that a questionnaire regarding the Youth Club would be going out shortly to local residents.

Cllr Bacon also reported that the East Wight Partnership are looking into the possibility of extending the pavement from Laundry Lane to Carpenters Road.

Mr Campbell asked what was happening in the field adjacent to Guildford Road – Cllr Bacon said that the activity had been noted and that enquiries were being made.

Miss Ryan reported that another banner had appeared on the railings by the school.

Miss Ryan also requested volunteers to help with the organisation of the Village Fayre –Mrs Yates offered to help.

49/2016 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS To resolve that in accordance with s.1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted – To Approve payroll provision and staff pension provision.

Miss Ryan proposed that Community Action IW be appointed as payroll provider for the Parish Council.

2nd Mrs Yates.

RESOLVED.

Miss Ryan proposed that the Parish Council appoint the People's Pension as their automatic enrolment pension provider and provide a staff pension with an employer contribution rate of 6 %.

2nd Cllr Bacon

RESOLVED.

Meeting Closed 8.56pm.