

St Helens Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee held at 6.45pm on Monday 11th July 2016 at St Helens Sport Pavilion.

In attendance: Mr Campbell, Mr Earnshaw (Chair), Miss Ryan and Mr Thomson.

85/2016 TCP/20081/B - P/00864/16

East View, Latimer Road, St Helens, Isle of Wight, PO331TR.

Variation of conditions 2 and 8 on P/01443/14 TCP/20081/A to allow alterations to parking arrangements.

NO COMMENT

86/2016 TCP/32701 - P/00850/16

Broad Acre, Hilbre Road, St Helens, Isle of Wight PO331TJ.

Householder Application: Demolition of conservatory, alterations single/two storey extension to provide additional living accommodation and decking.

NO COMMENT

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held at 7pm on Monday 11th July 2016 at St Helens Sports Pavilion.

In attendance:

Chair: Mr Earnshaw

Councillors: Cllr Bacon, Mr Campbell, Mr Robertson, Miss Ryan and Mr Thomson.

Clerk: Mrs Dyer.

87/2016 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Mrs Yates.

88/2016 Declarations of Interest.

None received.

89/2016 Co-option of a new Councillor.

Mr Earnshaw proposed that Mrs Victoria Duckett be co-opted to the Parish Council.

2nd Miss Ryan

RESOLVED – Mrs Duckett co-opted to the Parish Council.

90/2016 Public Forum.

A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council were aware that the IW Council were reviewing the registered footpaths on the Definitive Map and asked that the parish council ensure that all the paths in the village are registered. He mentioned two of specific

concern, Laundry Lane to Wall Lane and the path at the back of the boatyard on Bembridge Embankment.

A member of the Public also raised why some of the names of roads and paths within the village have been changed? Copse Rod has been changed to St Michaels Road and Gaggen Hedge has been changed to Gaggen End. Please ensure that Gaggen Hedge is called Gaggen Hedge.

A member of the public raised that the over flow pipe that drains from the Mill Pond isn't wide enough and is causing smelly ponds on the Duver. He asked if the Parish Council could contact Natural England to see whether they are happy with the management of the area?

A member of the public ask how the parish plan is progressing? It was explained that the Housing Needs Survey needs to be undertaken before much more can be done.

91/2016 Solent Governance review- To agree on consultation response.

Deferred to a future agenda.

92/2016 To discuss the ongoing issues of running water Station Road.

The Clerk reported that neither the Isle of Wight Council nor Island Roads wanted to bear the cost of installing a French Drain to solve the problem of running water on Station Road. The running water becomes an issue in the winter as it turns to ice and becomes slippery with algae at other times of the year.

Councillors requested a meeting is organised with Island Roads, the IW Council and the Parish Council to seek a solution to the matter.

Cllr Bacon also suggested that the Clerk write and to ask who is legally responsible?

93/2016 To discuss the Parish Council sponsoring local school Children to enter a story writing competition.

Deferred to September.

94/2016 To discuss Section 106 payments and monies available.

The Clerk explained that the IW Council are holding £5800 in Section 106 payments for use in open spaces within the village.

She informed Councillors that it was possible for the Parish Council to request that the monies be used for projects around the open spaces in the village. There was no guarantee that the IW Council would agree to the requests but the Parish Council had an opportunity to request some funding for open space projects.

Mr Campbell asked that the Parish Council look into replacing some of the broken equipment in the play park with something more suitable for older children.

Mr Thomson requesting the Parish Council look into sandblasting the anchor at Nelson's Quay and Mr Earnshaw suggested that the Parish Council get quotes for fixing the victorian lamppost on Nelson's Quay too.

A member of the public requested that maybe some monies can be given to the Down to the Coast scheme to help with the Portan Stone.

95/2016 To discuss Walk the Fort parking issues.

The Clerk explained that she had received a complaint regarding the chaotic parking during the Fort Walk last year. Cars reportedly parked on the Village Green and one rolled down the hill and crashed into a parked car. Emergency access to Duver Rd was severely restricted due to poor parking.

Miss Ryan had serious concerns with the Parish Council getting involved in any way, they never have in the past. She believes the event is dangerous and any involvement by the Parish Council may suggest some sort of responsibility on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Bacon suggested that the Parish Council make a formal request to the Police to be available in the Village during the lowest tides in August to police parking and ensure the public is safe.

Councillors agreed – Clerk to write to the police requesting their attendance.

96/2016 To discuss and agree IOW Day arrangements.

The Clerk explained that she had been in contact with the Wildbeach project about running an event for families on the Old Church Green for IOW Day (24th September). They were interested in running an event but the two people responsible are currently on Annual leave, they have agreed to contact the Clerk to discuss further on their return.

Councillors were happy to further explore the Wildbeach project running an event and wished to support wherever possible.

97/2016 To discuss a changing the venue of Parish Council Meetings.

Miss Ryan proposed that meeting now be held at St Helens Community centre.

2nd Mr Earnshaw.

RESOLVED - Parish Council meetings to be held at the Community centre from September.

98/2016 Clerk's Report.

Mrs Duckett has raised issues with the haphazard signage on the Old Church Green, Nodes Point often put an 'A' board up, there are a number of signs and bins and she believes the area could be made more attractive. Maybe this should be addressed by the Parish Plan open spaces committee if they are happy to take a look?

The Clerk reported that she had received a request from a local resident about holding a family fun day on the Green to raise money for the charity 'SOBS' which stands for survivors of bereavement by suicide. The Clerk asked whether Councillors were happy that this event is exempt from Green hire charges? Councillors agreed that the Clerk should request the IW Council exempt this event from normal Green hire charges.

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Anne Marston the Ecology Officer at the IW Council regarding the reports she made about Japanese Knotweed. They are now dealing with the reports and confirmed that they are awaiting feedback from the inspection reports. They also confirmed that the National Trust are aware of the situation on their land.

The Clerk reported that she is taking Annual leave abroad from 30th August – 8th September .

She also reported that she had no real update about any possible interest in the toilet block on the Duver, as soon as she has further information she will put the matter back on the agenda.

99/2016 Finance report

- To receive finance report
See attached
- To approve invoices due for payment.

Finances Due July 2016

Southern Electric	£174.16	Electricity Toilets
Easycleaners	£607.67	Toilet Cleaning
Wages/Payroll admin	£801.18	Wages
Lisa Dyer	£9.68	Maintenance supplies refund
Biffa	£140.68	Bin Old church green
ICO	£35	Information commission registration
The Landscape Group	£888	Grass cutting

Mr Campbell proposed all invoices be approved for payment.

2nd Cllr Bacon

RESOLVED - All invoices approved for payment.

- **Update on Alto Card**

The Clerk explained that Unity Trust are withdrawing the Alto Card from the 30th August. The Alto card is a prepayment charge card used by the Clerk for purchasing supplies on behalf of the Parish Council. The Alto card has been free she is researching alternatives and will report back in September.

100/2016 Councillor's reports and requests for items on future agenda.

Mr Thomson raised the sign for the school in Broomlands Close and asked whether it had planning permission? The Clerk will raise with the planning department.

Mr Thomson also reported that the broken lamppost on Nelson's Quay and said that Mr White picked up the broken bits of the lamp and is keeping them safe until it can be fixed.

Mr Thomson also raised that he would like the way the parish council undertakes public surveys reviewed. He believed the last had some short comings and would like the process reviewed to ensure these shortcomings are addressed.

Miss Ryan raised that she had received complaints about the standard of Grass cutting this year. The Clerk promised to raise this with the contractor.

Miss Ryan also reported that the Brambles on Duver Hill need cutting back. Clerk to report to Island Roads.

Miss Ryan also gave an update on the Village Fayre, she reported that they did not make as much money from the car boot this year probably due to uncertainty with the weather, but the Fayre just about broke even.

Miss Ryan also explained that she had encountered difficulties putting the K9 dog signs up, they did not come with any fixings and she needed to purchase some to enable them to be

put up. She also reported that she wasn't able to put them up herself and that either a skilled volunteer was required or the Council would have to employ someone to do it.

Mr Earnshaw asked whether there was any update on removing the palm tree at Nelson's Quay? The Clerk promised to chase up the quote.

Cllr Bacon reported that the meeting regarding the Youth Club was well attended and the plans received unanimous support, a business case was now being developed.

Cllr Bacon also reported that the fun fair would be back this year over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Robertson requested that the concerns regarding footpaths raised in the Public Forum be put on the September agenda.

Mr Campbell reported that the bin at the end of Broomlands Path was not being collected. Clerk has reported to Island Roads.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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