

St Helens Parish Council.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7pm on the 14th November 2016 at St Helens Community Centre.

In attendance:

Chair: Mr Earnshaw

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

113/2016 Apologies for absence.

None received.

114/2016 Declarations of Interest.

None received.

115/2016 Co-option

- To receive recommendation of Co-option committee
The committee recommended that Mr John Coleman be co-opted to the Parish Council.
- To vote on the recommendation
Mr Earnshaw proposed that Mr Coleman be co-opted to the Parish Council
2nd Mr Campbell.
RESOLVED – Mr Coleman be co-opted to the Parish Council.
- To receive signed declaration of acceptance of office.
Mr Coleman signed the declaration.

116/2016 Minutes – To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2016.

Mr Thomson disputed the wording of the proposal in the Sept minute number 107/2016.

He believed the minute of the proposal should be amended to: *Mr Thomson proposed that Parish Council should continue to run the Duver toilets over the Winter as the budget was already provided.*

A named vote was requested.

Mr Thomson proposed that the minutes be approved with the amendments suggested above.

2nd Miss Ryan

RESOLVED – Minutes approved with amendment to minute 107/2016.

For

Mr Bacon

Mr Campbell

Mrs Duckett

Miss Ryan

Mr Thomson

Abstained

Mr Earnshaw

Mr Robertson

Mr Coleman

117/2016 Public Forum.

A member of the public asked that the path from St Michaels Rd to Station Rd and the path from North Quay to Mill Rd be added to the list of paths that are considered for addition to the Definitive Footpath Map.

A member of the public also offered storage for Village Fair and Carnival equipment.

A member of the public commented that it is not just the Mum's from the school that park on the Green lots of people park on the Green at differing times.

A member of the public reported that the Cricket Poles had been taken down from around the Cricket Green.

A member of the public asked whether the Parish Council thinks it will get the support of the IW Council for parking restrictions on the Green.

118/2016 Chairman's report.

Nothing to report.

119/2016 Footpaths – To receive update from Clerk regarding footpaths not registered on the definitive map.

It was agreed to form a working party to look into the Village footpaths, whether they were correctly recorded on the definitive map and to meet with Darrel Clarke at the IW Council to enquire as to how the parish council would get any paths missing for the map included.

Mr Earnshaw, Mr Campbell and Mrs Duckett volunteered to be on the working party.

It was agreed that they would report back next month.

120/2016 To discuss whether the Parish Council should conduct a review into survey methodology.

Mr Thomson asked that the parish council review the processes involved in Village surveys, he believed there could be improvements made to the way they are undertaken. It was agreed that Mr Thomson and Mr Coleman form a working party to look into how surveys could be improved in future.

121/2016 To discuss response to IWALC consultation over new management structure.

Councillors agreed to not comment on the proposals.

122/2016 To report issues with parking on the Village Green.

Mr Thomson reported that he had been approached by a resident who was concerns that people were parking on the Village Green adjacent to the car park at school pick up times causing damage to the Green.

A debate followed and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Isle of Wight Council asking them to prosecute those infringing the Byelaws by parking on the Green.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should request a costs breakdown for management of the Green so the parish council can consider whether there would be any benefit in them taking over the management of the Green.

It was agreed to obtain quotes for the installation of collapsible posts on the Eastern side of the car park to stop vehicles accessing that part of the Green.

123/2016 To discuss whether the Parish Council require the services of a planning consultant to help with the Parish Plan.

It was agreed to obtain some estimated costs and look into what services could be offered and report back at a future meeting.

124/2016 To discuss and agree whether to adopt named voting on Parish Council resolutions.

Mr Thomson requested a named vote and proposed that named voting be adopted for all parish council votes in future.

2nd Mr Campbell

RESOLVED – named voted adopted for all Parish Council resolutions.

In favour

Cllr Bacon
Mr Campbell
Mr Coleman
Mrs Duckett
Mr Thomson

Against

Mr Earnshaw
Miss Ryan
Mr Robertson

125/2016 Storage - To discuss and agree the Parish Council leasing storage for the Parish Council, Sports and Carnival and Village Fair equipment.

Mr Wade offered some storage space free of charge at his property.

Miss Ryan reported that the owners of Ricksons on Upper Green Road had offered some storage space.

126/2016 To receive update on the plans for Village of Angels for this year.

Miss Ryan reported that the preparatory meetings for the Village of Angels had been poorly attended and she has concerns over the future of the event as there is too much to do for the few volunteers they have.

They plan to launch this year's event at the school.

127/2016 To agree the arrangements for Christmas lighting and decoration within the village.

The Clerk reported that Mr Gaskin who has previously supplied the village Christmas trees had agreed to supply and erect the trees again this year at a similar discounted rate as last year. He has tested the lights and neither set is working so the Clerk will have to order 2 replacement sets.

It was agreed to get quotes for one anchor point in the middle of the village for next year.

It was thought that the connection costs would be similar to previous years.

It was agreed to look into having one central tree in the centre of the Village for future years.

Clerk to consult IW Council and research costs for the installation of a new tree anchor.

128/2016 Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported:

Bench Duver Hill - Initial conversations with Island Roads were positive and I thought it likely that they would replace the bench at their own expense, however, after looking at the bench and where it is sited on Duver Hill, Island Roads will not quote to install a replacement as they do not believe the bench is in a suitable safe position and don't want to be associated with it. It isn't on the project network and therefore not their responsibility. Their advice is something we may want to check with our own insurers about whether to install a replacement bearing in mind the advice received from them.

Street Lights - Island Roads can replace the street lights but as they are not on project network this would be at the parish council's expense. They do have the Victorian heads and they can fit with much more efficient lighting, however, the gentleman that did the quotes for street lighting unfortunately passed away recently and there has been a delay in getting the quotes to us. They have contacted me apologising but are now unable to generate a quote for works until Spring next year. FW Marsh have also been asked for a quote.

West Green Reseeding - It would appear from the general conditions of hire that reinstatement costs are to be borne by the Sports Association. By email Tricia Stillman from the IW Council has asked for the site to be inspected and cost obtained to put the damage right.

Abandoned vehicles - Island Roads and the IW Council have investigated 2 cars have been moved by the owner to Vine Rd, one is subject to removal procedures and the others have been found to be legally parked.

Wedding Request Old Church Green - A request for a wedding for a local couple has been made and the Council will be asked to formally consider next month, however, to aid with their plans I have been asked to get a provisional Yes or no before the next meeting. It is planned for **22nd April - Warburton**

Pension - The Clerk has completed the statutory declaration on behalf of the Council with the Pensions Regulator and will be providing a pension as agreed from this month.

129/2016 Finance Report – to approve invoices due for payment.

Invoices for payment

EP	Lisa Dyer	£16.45	Refund for Printer paper/stamps
SO	Easycleaners	£606.67	Toilet Cleaning (Sep)
EP	The Landscape Group	£888	Quarterly grass cutting
SO	Easycleaners	£606.67	toilet cleaning (Oct)
EP	SLCC IOW	£20	Clerk's refresher course 16/11
EP	DARES	£60	Unblocking toilets (Green)
EP	Focus Plumbing Heating	£66.00	Repair toilets (Duver)
EP	Biffa	£119.54	Bin collection
EP	St Helens Sports Assoc	£84.00	hall hire
EP	Lisa Dyer	£3.00	Envelopes

Received

HMRC	£1082.49	VAT Refund
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Mr Campbell proposed that all invoices be approved for payment.

2nd Mr Bacon

Resolved – Unanimous.

130/2016 Councillor's reports and requests for items to be included on future agenda.

Mr Thomson asked that a handy man be found to put up the dog signs.

Mr Thomson asked that the donation from the Horticultural be put on the agenda for discussion be put on next month's agenda.

Mr Coleman asked that the pier broken by an Island Rds contractor at Nelson's Quay be chased up and progress reported back to Council

Mrs Duckett asked that the gate post that was broken by Island Rds be chased up and progress reported back to Council.

Mr Coleman would like to see a pointer to where the the Audit Report is on the website and the Council's homepage.

Mr Campbell reported that the oath between St Michaels Rd and Station hadn't been swept for some time.

Mr Thomson reported that he had received a report from a local person regarding some over- hanging hedges around the village. He was advised to suggest they report to Island Roads as they have the powers to deal with hedges.

Meeting Closed 9.15PM.

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held following the Full Council Meeting on the 14th November 2016 at St Helens Community Centre.

131/2016 To consider the Parish Council's response to the IW Council consultations on supplementary planning conditions regarding

- Parking Places
- Rubbish and Recycling storage

Parking Provision

The Council expressed concerns about the lack of parking provision required within Town centre Boundaries, especially within residential developments. Public transport on the Island falls short of that

provided in many other towns and cities across the country therefore Islanders tend to rely on the car for transport and parking needs to be provided. Town Centre are congested at present and insufficient provision will only add to the problem.

Residential parking guidelines in the Council's opinion should provide more parking. New developments often have narrow roads therefore people tend to park on pavements forcing pedestrians into the highway, especially those with wheelchairs or pushchairs, it also looks unsightly. St Helens already has a parking problem due to old narrow lanes and lack of parking, this consultation should be an opportunity to improve local parking not add to it by insufficient provision within new developments. The Parish Council believe each area should be assessed individually to gauge the nature of parking issues within that locality, a one policy fits all approach is not appropriate in this instance. They would like to see the number of allocated residential spaces increased from a minimum of 1 to 1.5 for 1 and 2 bedroom properties and feel that sheltered accommodation provision should be increased to 1 space per dwelling, as spaces need to be provided for the residents own vehicles, those of carers and visitors and we believe 0.25 to be insufficient.

Refuse/ recycling consultation

The agreed response to consultation was as follows.

The number of bins we now have look unsightly and there is inadequate storage for all of these rubbish receptacles making the street scene look untidy. Therefore the Parish Council welcome these proposals but have a few points/concerns that we believe should be addressed. On some levels the proposals are meaningless, the amount of storage specified is a recommendation, not a requirement, and it is not clear whether failure to meet these targets would result in refusal of an application. Also some of the terminology used is also meaningless with statements likes "internal storage up to 100 litres". This could mean anything from 0.1 – 99.9 litres, the Parish Council believe it would be better to specify a minimum capacity.

Meeting closed 9.32 PM.

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