



Ordinary meeting, 10 July 2017, 7.00pm at St Helens Community Centre

**Present: Councillors: M Anderson, J Coleman, V Duckett, T Woodcock [for part],
B Tyndall [IWC]
Clerk: P Baxter;
Public: Eleven.**

Minutes

Action

In the absence of the Council's Chairman, the Vice Chairman took the chair.

065/17/18 Apologies-

Cllrs J Robertson and I Thomson.

066/17/18 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation-

There were none.

067/17/18 Minutes-

Cllr Duckett proposed, seconded Cllr Anderson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017 be approved.

Resolved – Unanimous.

068/17/18 Pre-application Planning advice [without prejudice to future formal application responses] -

Mr P Salmon presented proposals for land to the east of West Green [lane], accessed off Field Lane, for 8 single-storey houses, with contemporary design, undertaking that offsetting contributions to the provision for affordable housing elsewhere would be made. Comments from public and councillors included concern for traffic volume and road safety in the vicinity of the access point.

Ms Emily Doll presented proposals for the demolition of the 'Olivers' bungalow and the re-integration of its grounds into those of The Castle, Duver Road. A metal fabricated Pavilion was proposed to one side of the bungalow plot, for leisure and occasional accommodation purposes. Comments included concern for the visual amenity of the site when seen from the harbour-side.

The meeting Chairman noted previous advice from Cllr Woodcock that he would be leaving the meeting at approximately 7.30pm, and with all **agreed**, moved the next item up the agenda to permit as inclusive debate as possible.

069/17/18 Co-option to office of Councillor-

The Clerk advised that three eligible applications had been received for the two vacancies, from Mr A Campbell, Ms C Hind, and Mr K Tutton, recommending that any enquiries to be made of each candidate be managed in alphabetical order of surname. The Chairman invited each candidate to say a few words in support of their application, and councillors posed questions in response. The Chairman then called for votes to be cast for each seat in turn. On Seat A being put to the vote, Mr Campbell received 2 votes and Mr Tutton 2 votes, with none for Ms Hind. The Chairman exercised a casting vote for Mr Tutton. On Seat B being put to the vote, Mr Campbell received 1 vote, and Ms Hind 3 votes. The Chairman declared that Ms Hind and Mr Tutton had been co-opted to the Council and invited them to take their seats for the remainder of the meeting. Declarations of acceptance of office were signed and delivered to the Proper Officer.

[Cllr Woodcock left the meeting at 7.40pm]

070/17/18 Public participation-

There was none.

071/17/18 Ward Councillors' reports-

Cllr Tyndall noted that as a member of the IW Council's Planning Committee he would not be making any comment on planning applications put before this Council. Cllr Tyndall reported that efforts were being made by IW Council to save Sandown Academy, that he had received a complaint about cars parking on the village Greens, to which he would respond, and a further complaint that parked cars were obstructing the junction of Downsview Road with Station Road. The Clerk advised that statutory highway obstructions were a matter for the Police.

072/17/18 Planning applications received-

The Council considered the following applications:

a) Application [P/00683/17](#) Land adj. to 9 and r/o 10-14 Stonewood Gate, St Helens PO33 1FY Outline permission for 9 residential units with access and layout being established. Cllr Hind proposed, seconded Cllr Anderson, that the Council objects to the proposals as they seek to over-develop the available space, with no space provided for visitor parking, and that traffic volumes, pedestrian safety and water/sewerage issues should be taken into consideration with the combined effects of proposals for the adjacent site.

Resolved - Unanimous

b) Application [P/01584/11](#) Land east of Rowborough Farm Cottages, Carpenters Road, Brading PO36 0QD. Sustainable tourism and wetland enhancement project.

Cllr Duckett proposed, seconded Cllr Tutton, that the Council objects to the proposals as it would contribute to the loss of a green corridor between existing settlements, there appears to be no defined need for the development which would increase noise and traffic volumes for no apparent benefit to the village.

Resolved - Unanimous

073/17/18 Public toilets at Station Road and the Duver-

The Clerk reported on a meeting that morning with a manager from Wallgate, suppliers of the hand-wash equipment in both toilets. Only Station Road units were covered by an in-date service contract, with one disconnected from its power supply. The two defective Duver units may be serviced and repaired if brought into a service contract relationship. The Clerk went on to describe the options open to this Council if it were to move away from the temporary Tenancy at Will arrangement with IW Council, which include complete withdrawal from one or both buildings or taking on long-term conditional leasehold or purchase arrangements for one or both buildings. Cllr Tutton proposed, seconded Cllr Anderson, that immediate arrangements be made to bring the Duver toilet equipment into a Wallgate service contract, that an electrician be engaged to repair the Station Road power supply, and that the September meeting agrees consultation arrangements to gather public opinion on the future of this Council's involvement.

Resolved- Unanimous.

Cllr Tyndall left the meeting at 8.50pm

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074/17/18 Village Greens Partnership Agreement for managing maintenance-

The Clerk, in noting the decision to accept the wording of the revised Agreement at the last meeting, reported that he had secured a revised costs contribution of £1500 from IW Council. Cllr Coleman proposed, seconded Cllr Tutton, that the Clerk as Proper Officer be authorised to sign the Agreement as now framed on behalf of the Council.

Resolved- Unanimous

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075/17/18 Website-

Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded Cllr Duckett, that the new community website be adopted for use by the Council, managed by the Clerk and to include the consequent change in email address, and that one month's notice be given to the current supplier for termination of their service.

Resolved- Unanimous.

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076/17/18 Grant applications-

The Clerk presented a number of grant applications received:

a) Citizens Advice: Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded Cllr Duckett that the application be declined.

Resolved- (4/1) carried.

b) Sports and Carnival Society: Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded Cllr Tutton, that £150 be awarded. Cllr Duckett proposed that £300 be awarded, there being no seconder the proposal fell.

Resolved- Unanimous.

- c) Rock Solid Youth Club: Cllr Tutton proposed, seconded Cllr Hind that £108 be awarded, being 3 months room booking fees. Additional potential sources of funding were also recommended.

Resolved- Unanimous.

- d) Brading Haven Yacht Club bursary scheme: The Clerk reported receipt of a proposal for the Club to seek expressions of interest from young persons, resident in St Helens, to try sailing. This followed his attendance with the Vice Chairman at the Club to meet the Commodore and staff. The scheme is intended to be financially supported by this Council if viable numbers of applicants come forward. Cllr Coleman proposed, seconded Cllr Duckett, that the Scheme be approved.

Resolved- (2/1) 2 Abstentions. Carried.

077/17/18 Finance-

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

Chq No	Payee	Amount £
300107	Age UK (IW) (grant, last meeting)	109.62
300108	Biffa Waste Services (wheelie bin)	272.28
300109	Idverde (grass cutting)	1028.40
300110	P Baxter (expenses)	61.80
300111	Rock Solid Youth Club (grant)	108.00

078/17/18 Maintenance-

- a) Cllr Anderson reported the re-emergence of vegetation at the top of the Old Church Tower at The Duver. The Clerk undertook to enquire as to the owner of the tower, pending any future decision to intervene.
- b) The Clerk reported a difficulty in finding a contractor to excavate the groundworks in such close proximity to possible underground telephone cables near the cabinet. It was **agreed** to explore the use of timber baulks to effectively raise the bed level, rather than lower it.
- c) It was **agreed** to retain the third picnic bench in service at the Old Church Green.

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079/17/18 Member matters-

- a) No questions deposited.
- b) Cllr Duckett requested that the memorial tree at The Old Church Green be placed on the next agenda.

080/17/18 Key Messages-

Cllr Tutton undertook to circulate by email the key messages to be taken from the meeting for inclusion in an article for the parish magazine.

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081/17/18 Date of next meeting-

The date of the next meeting, scheduled for 11 September 2017 was confirmed.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed (Chairman) 11 September 2017