



Ordinary meeting, 11 September 2017, 7.00pm at St Helens Community Centre

Present: Councillors: M Anderson, J Coleman, C Hind, I Thomson, J Robertson,
M Murwill [IWC]

Clerk: P Baxter;

Public: Fifteen.

Minutes

Action

082/17/18 Apologies-

Cllrs Duckett, Tutton and Woodcock.

083/17/18 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation-

There were none.

084/17/18 Minutes-

Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded Cllr Hind, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2017 be approved.

Resolved – Unanimous.

085/17/18 Public participation-

Mrs Balchin made representations regarding the consideration of planning applications and other business that might arise in August, when the Council is not scheduled to meet. Mr Dyer noted the existence of the village greens car park since the 1930s. Mr Wade expressed concern for the length of time available for the consideration of advertised planning applications before determination by IW Council.

086/17/18 Ward Councillors' reports-

Cllr Murwill reported that the two Ward members had been considering 18 issues raised with them, of which 4 remained open, and offered his support should the Council consider a form of 'Members' Surgery' to be provided at Council meetings. Updates were also furnished on Sandown school, the success of revised rules for trailers at Waste sites, and the possible introduction of road-side householder garden waste collections.

087/17/18 Meetings procedure-

- a) Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded Cllr Thomson, that a Members' Surgery be provided before the commencement of the Council's formal published agenda, for members of the public to informally meet councillors, and Ward councillors, on matters of concern to them. The Clerk confirmed that this process was feasible, provided it is made clear that the Council is not in session, that opinions expressed would be personal only, and that matters arising not on that evening's agenda would require future agenda provision to enable their proper consideration.
Resolved – Unanimous.
- b) The Clerk explained the limit of his powers to summon Members to Ordinary Meetings of the Council, which was not scheduled to meet in August. The Council may only make decisions at meetings properly advertised and, apart from confidential items, held in public. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would consult with the Chairman, who is authorised in Standing Orders to convene an Extra-ordinary meeting should a matter arise, including planning applications, outside the Ordinary meetings schedule.
- c) Cllr Thomson reported a vacancy arising on the parish Emergency Plan team. Mr Ellison Withe volunteered, and the Clerk undertook to provide contact details.

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088/17/18 Public toilets consultation-

Cllr Coleman proposed, seconded Cllr Hind, that the previously agreed consultation should consist of a Public Meeting launch event on 25 September at which a briefing can be given, to be advertised by posters and on website, with comment by email, letters, questionnaire and website form. The Clerk undertook to draft the documentation for consideration by Members before its publication at the meeting and to prepare the website.

Resolved- 4/0, 1 abstention. Carried.

It was **agreed** to defer a decision on additional directional signage until after the future of the toilets is resolved.

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089/17/18 Village Greens-

a) The Clerk reported that discussions with IW Council officers were continuing on Greens issues such as parking. A summary sheet of example issues was circulated, and the Clerk undertook to report back to the Council once a range of possible outcomes was available with which this Council and Ward members could engage with. The Clerk confirmed that discussion would include a proposal that a full review of on-street parking around the village be arranged, and not just that on the Green or its car park area. Cllr Robertson proposed, seconded Cllr Coleman, that the Clerk be authorised to progress with discussions on behalf of the Council, pending Council scrutiny of possible solutions.

Resolved- Unanimous.

b) The Council **noted** receipt of a complaint regarding the cricket nets and grass cuttings compost on the Greens, which had been passed to IW Council for a response. It was **agreed** that a recommendation also be made that the nets be removed at the same time as the boundary poles each season, and only re-erected when use is required.

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090/17/18 Car Boot sales-

The Clerk reported that an end of season review meeting has been convened by IW Council, for concerned parties to consider the car boot sale event. Cllr Thomson undertook to attend for the Council, accompanied by the Clerk. The Council supported the issues raised in a resident's complaint received, since passed to IW Council for consideration as the event licensing authority. Concerns for pedestrian safety, effective marshalling and impact on residents would be raised at the meeting.

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091/17/18 Planning applications received-

The Council considered the following applications:

a) Applications P/01012/17 and P/01013/17 The Castle, Upper Green Road, St. Helens, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 1XP. Restoration and repair of the listed building, including internal and external alterations, new foul drainage and M&E, removal of twentieth century accretions and erection of a single storey greenhouse extension.

Resolved - it was **agreed** that there were no objections.

b) Application P/01016/17 Castle Lodge, Upper Green Road, St. Helens, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 1XP. LBC for replacement roof to potting shed; proposed lead clad roof to lean to; external alterations including reinstatement of finials and new chimney.

Resolved - it was **agreed** that there were no objections.

092/17/18 Decisions received from the Planning Authority-

Application [P/00807/17](#) Mill Haven, Mill Road, St. Helens, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 1UD Demolition of conservatory; workshop/stores and garden store; 2 storey side and rear extension; single storey side extension. Decision: *Approved*.

093/17/18 Grant applications-

The Clerk reported progress with the Brading Haven Yacht Club bursary scheme, now advertised and taking expressions of interest;

It was **agreed** that further information was required before considering a request from the Isle of Wight Society for the Blind.

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094/17/18 Community Speedwatch-

The Clerk reported progress with enquiries related to the potential for starting a scheme. It was **agreed** that enquiries should continue with concern noted for speeding on Eddington Road, Carpenters Road and Station Road.

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095/17/18 Finance-

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

Chq No	Payee	Amount £
300113	DARES Ltd (toilet clearance)	60.00
300114	Idverde (Nelsons Quay gravel top-up)	78.00
300115	Ventnor Town Council (Wallgate contract)	482.40
300116	Biffa (waste bin)	81.68
300117	HMP Isle of Wight (bench)	310.00
300118	P Baxter (expenses)	194.46
300119	Island Roads (dog bin emptying)	992.64

096/17/18 Maintenance-

- a) Cllr Thomson reported that the Mill Road dog waste bin was frequently full of general waste. Cllr Robertson proposed, seconded Cllr Hind, that adhesive signs be purchased and displayed on dog waste bins identifying them for dog waste only.
Resolved- Unanimous
- b) Cllr Thomson reported the hedgerow on the path alongside the Vine Inn was overgrown, requiring cutting back. The Clerk undertook to make a report.
- c) Mr Withe reported the dog waste bin in Lower Green Road as in very poor condition. The Clerk undertook to investigate and progress.

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097/17/18 Member matters-

- a) No questions deposited.
- b) Cllr Thomson queried progress on the planning enforcement request for the A-Board signs on Eddington Road. The Clerk updated the Council on his report originally made, and lack of response from IW Council. The Clerk undertook to chase again.
- c) Cllr Hind reported that cyclists were using the Gaggen Path and being a hazard to pedestrians. The Clerk undertook to raise the matter with National Trust as the landowner.

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098/17/18 IW Council Leader's Seminar-

Cllr Robertson undertook to attend the Seminar, accompanied by the Clerk, and it was **agreed** that the priorities of Communications, Village Greens and Toilets be put forward for potential discussion.

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099/17/18 IWALC workshop-

It was **agreed** that no attendance would be made to this event.

100/17/18 Key Messages-

Cllr Robertson undertook to write a 'key messages' article for the parish magazine.

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101/17/18 Date of next meeting-

The date of the next meeting, scheduled for 9 October 2017 was confirmed. It was also **agreed** that a Members' Seminar be held on 23 October to consider the content of a Corporate Plan.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm