



Ordinary meeting, 13 November 2017, 7.00pm at St Helens Community Centre

**Present: Councillors: M Anderson, J Coleman, V Duckett, I Thomson, J Robertson,
K Tutton, B Tyndall [IWC];**

Clerk: P Baxter;

Public: Twenty-one.

Minutes

Action

119/17/18 Apologies-

Apologies received from Cllr C Hind.

120/17/18 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation-

There were none.

121/17/18 Minutes-

Cllr Duckett proposed, seconded Cllr Coleman, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2017 be approved.

Resolved – Unanimous.

122/17/18 Public participation-

Mr Dyer reported that a number of stones were lying on the Green as hazards, and observed that water run-off was a hazard affecting the pavement near the Station Road Bus Stop. The Clerk noted that he had reported the run-off already to Island Roads and IW Council, with site inspections and a work scheme being planned by them. Mr Williams sought clarification on the Draft Budget, which the Clerk provided, and Mrs Balchin suggested that the National Trust make a contribution to the running costs of the Duver toilets.

123/17/18 Ward Councillors' reports-

Cllr Tyndall reported some of the achievements of IW Council in the first six months of the new administration, explaining that these would shortly be set out in a Newsletter.

124/17/18 Public toilets at The Duver and Station Road-

The Clerk reviewed the consultation process and offers made of potential contributions to costs from commercial interests, noting that the Baywatch Café and the Beach Huts Lessee had both agreed in principle to fund up to £2000 each per annum, subject to terms and a final total running costs quotation. The Clerk also noted that the National Trust and Nodes Point Caravan Park had declined his offer to participate. The Clerk presented summary data drawn from the responses received to the public consultation and each Member summarised their views. Cllr Thomson requested Recorded Votes.

Cllr Anderson proposed, seconded Cllr Thomson, that the Duver toilets remain funded.

Resolved – Unanimous.

Cllr Coleman proposed, seconded Cllr Tutton, that the Station Road toilets remain funded.

Resolved – Carried. **For:** Cllrs Coleman, Duckett, Robertson, Tutton;

Against: Cllrs Anderson, Thomson.

Cllr Robertson proposed, seconded Cllr Coleman, that the Duver toilets remain open all year.

Resolved – Carried. **For:** Cllrs Anderson, Coleman, Duckett, Robertson, Thomson;

Against: Cllr Tutton.

Cllr Duckett proposed, seconded Cllr Coleman, that the Station Road toilets remain open all year.

Resolved - Carried. **For:** Cllrs Coleman, Duckett, Robertson, Tutton;

Against: Cllrs Anderson, Thomson.

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Cllr Tutton proposed, seconded Cllr Robertson, that the Duver toilets be adopted from IW Council on either a 125 Year Lease or a Freehold, with a decision on which option to be taken after the consideration of further 'due diligence' legal and technical enquiries.

Resolved – Carried. **For:** Cllrs Anderson, Coleman, Duckett, Robertson, Tutton;

Against: Cllr Thomson.

Cllr Tutton proposed, seconded Cllr Robertson, that the Station Road toilets be adopted from IW Council on either a 125 Year Lease or a Freehold, with a decision on which option to be taken after the consideration of further 'due diligence' legal and technical enquiries.

Resolved – Carried. **For:** Cllrs Coleman, Duckett, Robertson, Tutton;

Against: Cllr Thomson;

Abstained: Cllr Anderson.

The Clerk undertook to commence 'due diligence' enquiries, prioritising those for The Duver building, whilst further advice is awaited from IW Council on the Common Land status of the Station Road site.

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125/17/18 Draft Budget 2018/19-

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) presented the first of a series of draft budgets, explaining the budget setting process and the requirement for the Council to determine its precept demand in February 2018. The Council **agreed** that no substantial alterations to the draft were required at this stage and the RFO undertook to monitor developments before presenting a further draft to the next meeting.

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126/17/18 Planning applications received-

a) The Council considered the following application:

Application TCP/33233 'Olivers', Duver Road, St Helens PO33 1XY

Demolition of 3-bedroom bungalow/outbuilding and replacement with 1-bedroom dwelling for private use.

Cllr Duckett proposed, seconded Cllr Thomson, that the Council make no objection.

Resolved – Unanimous.

127/17/18 Planning and Conservation Area-

- a) The Council considered an invitation from IW Council to put forward suggested greenfield or brownfield sites within the parish that may be suitable for housing development. No suggestions were made.
- b) The Clerk reported on the facility for IW Council to make an 'Article 4 Direction' within planning regulations to the effect that Planning Permission would be required for the demolition of a front boundary wall at properties within the Conservation Area. Cllr Duckett proposed, seconded Cllr Robertson, that the Council make application to the Planning Authority for such a Direction to be made.

Resolved – Unanimous.

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128/17/18 Car Boot Sale arrangements for 2018-

The Council **noted** Cllr Coleman's report on his attendance with the Clerk at a recent management meeting between IW Council and the Sports Association, to review planned arrangements for the event in 2018. The Sports Association is to consider whether an alternative site or the provision of additional marshals will meet an expectation from IW Council that event safety management be improved.

129/17/18 Grant request

The Clerk presented a grant request from the Isle of Wight Music, Dance, and Drama Festival Charity. Cllr Robertson proposed, seconded Cllr Thomson, that the request be declined as it did not demonstrate the community benefit test set out in the Council's Grants policy.

Resolved- Unanimous.

130/17/18 Finance-

The RFO reported a number of items of income:

LV Insurance – payment for the damaged bench £310;

IW Council – Grounds Maintenance grant £1500;

St Helens Horticultural Society costs contribution to Latimer Road garden £373.10.

The Council **agreed** that the Chairman should write to the Society to thank it for its generous contribution, and that a small plaque be affixed to the bench recording the occasion of the garden's refurbishment and the Horticultural Society's generosity.

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

Chq No	Payee	Amount £
300125	Royal British Legion (wreath donation, S.137)	50.00
300126	P Gaskin (50% Christmas tree installation)	450.00
300127	Brading Haven Yacht Club (grant, S.137)	108.00
300128	Biffa Waste Services (wheelie bin)	108.91
300129	IW Council (elections cost share)	30.16
300130	St Helens Sports Assoc (room hire)	9.00
300131	Idverde (Latimer Road garden grundworks)	160.80
300132	P Baxter (expenses)	91.81
300133	Cranfield Electrical (electrical alterations)	80.00

131/17/18 My Life a Full Life-

Cllr Coleman reported on his attendance at the North-East Forum meeting, which was **noted**.

The Clerk reported that no response had been received to his request for clarity on the Parish Council's expected role within the Forum. It was **agreed** that future participation would remain under review pending further clarity being received.

132/17/18 Christmas tree-

The Council **noted** the Clerk's report on arrangements for the installation of the village Christmas Tree, adjacent to the Memorial Shelter, and on the joint arrangements made with the organiser of the Village of Angels event, at which the tree illuminations will be switched on by the winner of a Primary School competition.

133/17/18 Correspondence received-

- The Council **noted** correspondence received from Mr Williams, making representations on the management and regulation of the Village Greens and on public participation at Parish Council meetings. The Clerk advised that it was his intention to bring forward a discussion paper to the next meeting on Village Green matters, subject to critical information being supplied by IW Council Legal Dept.;
- The Clerk reported receipt of an invitation for a councillor to attend a 'Care in the Garden' Open Day event, promoting a scheme for those with learning difficulties to be offered supervised places in community garden projects. Cllr Duckett undertook to attend.

134/17/18 Maintenance-

Cllr Thomson noted that Cricket Club boundary net poles were still in place after the season end. The Clerk reported that the matter had already been advised to IW Council, and since chased, but that no action had been taken by the Club.

Mr Williams reported that the Duver Road garden information board was damaged, and that he had possession of the map digital image if the Council wished to refurbish the Board. Cllr Thomson undertook to seek local volunteer assistance for the repairs.

Cllr Tutton reported representations received at the Councillors' Surgery on the lack of lighting on a footpath near the school. Cllr Tyndall undertook to make enquiries.

The Clerk reported receipt of a request to site a memorial bench on the Green. Cllr Thomson undertook to research a suitable existing bench that was in need of replacement, for a decision item at the next meeting.

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135/17/18 Member matters-

- a) No questions deposited.
- b) Items for the next agenda were **agreed** to include co-option to a councillor vacancy; the draft Corporate Plan; Village Greens; developing a parking strategy; defibrillator training course, second draft budget, public toilets update (if available), replacement bench.

136/17/18 Key Messages-

Cllr Tutton undertook to write a 'key messages' article for the parish magazine, the script for which would also form a news item on the website and a Press Release to the County Press in liaison with the Clerk.

137/17/18 Date of next meeting-

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

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Signed (Chairman) 11 December 2017