

# St Helens Parish Council

Ordinary meeting, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 7.00 pm at St Helens Community

Paper A



Centre

**Present: Councillors: Meeting Chairman J Coleman, M Anderson C Hind, J Spit, and K Tutton.**  
**Clerk: R Priest**  
**Public: Fifteen and IW Cllr M Murwill**

## Minutes

### 138/18/19 Apologies-

Apologies received from Cllrs J Robertson, I Thomson, V Duckett and IW Cllr B Tyndall.

### 139/18/19 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation-

There were none, and members noted their contact details were in the public domain in respect of the GDPR.

### 140/18/19 Minutes-

Cllr Coleman referred to the minutes and Cllr Hind proposed, seconded Cllr Anderson, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be approved as a true and accurate record.

**Resolved** – Minutes approved unanimously.

### 141/18/19 Chairman's Announcement-

Cllr Coleman thanked residents for attendance and bringing forward issues of concern. Cllr Coleman noted the vandalism of the Christmas Tree Lights and that the Village of Angels event was attended by around 150 residents, and that the lighting arrangements would be reviewed for next Christmas; Cllr Coleman also noted the graffiti in the Anderson Shelter, and members discussed options to address the issues raised and noted there had been an increase in damage around the village, and the Clerk would contact the Police. Cllr Coleman also clarified all previous minutes were on the Parish Council website, only confidential or awaiting approval by a separate committee were not published for that reason.

### 142/18/19 Public participation-

Mr Dyer outlined concerns regarding the Green, and Cllr Coleman referred to a recent meeting with the Sports Association, with plans to develop a new grounds maintenance agreement that involved stakeholders and continued to provide best value for the investment made by the Parish Council; and Cllr Coleman also noted correspondence regarding the Cricket Nets and Cuttings, and efforts to resolve concerns as soon as possible.

Mr Williams expressed concerns regarding the draft Island Plan (agenda item 7), highlighting implications for infrastructure and services, and welcomed the approach of the Parish Council, with the February meeting enabling a full response; Mr Williams also asked about Station Road Toilets and Cllr Coleman noted that there had been no update from IWC, and that the confidential item on the agenda dealt with renovation costs for the Duver Toilets, and solicitors had been instructed and a survey undertaken.

Mr MacInnes updated members on recent correspondence with the National Trust and the proposed meeting with the Parish Council, thanking the Parish Council for their continued support. Cllr Coleman noted that representatives from the National Trust would be providing a brief presentation to the February 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting, and it was hoped 2 or 3 representatives from the Parish/IW Council would volunteer to meet with the National Trust on a regular basis, and reporting back to the Council, alongside supporting community engagement with the National Trust: all members supported this approach.

#### **143/18/19 Report of Isle of Wight Ward Councillor-**

Cllr Murwill further updated members on the draft budget proposals of the IW Council and the opportunity to contribute to the consultative process, and highlighted the continued financial challenge facing the authority, including waste disposal, Cross-Solent Travel and other cost pressures; and noted the recent progress made by Children Services and Recycling Rates achieved on the Island, and agreed to propose the Public being able attend information sessions on the new recycling facilities at Forest Road when they are open, as well as future 'on the road' meetings of the IWC Cabinet.

Cllr Murwill also answered questions on possible boundary changes, the new arrangements for existing leaseholders of beach huts, and the 3 petitions made to the IW Council on Parking, as well as the positive response from the Government regarding the financial position of the Isle of Wight.

#### **144/18/19 To note, and comment as appropriate, on the IWC Consultation on the Draft Island Plan and Brownfield site documentation**

The Chair thanked Cllr Tutton for his work on providing a briefing paper, which was circulated to residents and members, and Cllr Tutton highlighted the key points of the paper, which members agreed to be placed on the website. It was agreed that the substantive response be agreed at the February 2019 meeting, with the closing date deferred to 25<sup>th</sup> February, and that all residents are encouraged to contribute to the consultation and/or contact the Parish Council.

Members noted the proposals for Guildford Road Campsite and Fakenham Farm, and would defer comment to the February Meeting; and members also agreed for Cllr Tutton to attend a future IWALC training meeting on the Plan and try to arrange a meeting with appropriate IW Cabinet Member.

#### **145/18/19 To update members on the Heritage Trail Project**

Cllr Spit updated members on the meeting with the local school, initial plan for a walk with pupils and representatives of the historical association, and rolling out the project for the benefit of visitors and residents. Cllr Coleman highlighted how the Trail would link other local initiatives and this will reported on at future meetings. The Clerk noted the initial grant payment had been received and members unanimously agreed to purchase the identified I.T. software before the next meeting.

#### **146/18/19 Finance-**

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

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
300200	St Helens Sports Association	48.00
300201	Community Action IW (Dec Salary)	732.08
300202	Biffa Waste (Duver Bin)	166.08
300203	R Priest (Clerk exp – Keys, IT Expenses)	64.30

b/ The clerk previously circulated the IWC letter on the precept, and noted that members need to be mindful of future cost pressures, particularly in respect of the possible costs of Station Road Toilets once the registration issue had been resolved by IWC. Draft options would be circulated before the next meeting reflecting priorities agreed by the Parish Council.

#### **147/18/19 Planning applications received-** the Council considered the following applications:

a/ TCP/12863/B– P/01348/18 – Fiddlers Green, The Diggings, proposed single storey rear extension and members made no comment.

#### **148/18/19 Notifications received from Planning Authority –**

a/ Members noted decision previously made and circulated by the planning authority.

**149/18/19 Maintenance –**

Members noted items covered by Member Matters.

**150/18/19 Member Matters-**

- a) The Clerk had not received any questions on the work of the Council by noon 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
- b) Cllr Coleman updated members on the progress of the Duver Toilets project, including drains survey and commissioning of solicitors, and it was noted that the freehold agreement could be signed by 2 members once the solicitors confirmed appropriateness of the agreement.
- c) Cllr Coleman noted arrangements for the National Trust presentation at February meeting, and members unanimously supported the approach being taken.
- d) Cllr Hind updated members on volunteer work at Latimer Road, and initial thoughts for the Grounds Maintenance Contract, with a meeting planned for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January, and the continuing concerns about parking on the Green and enforcement issues.
- e) Cllr Hind updated members on discussions had by the emergency plan team, and members endorsed the arrangements in place and thanked the volunteers for their work.
- f) Members discussed future Agenda items, including draft Island Planning Strategy, Budget, Guildford Park and the development of the Heritage Trail.

**151/18/19 Key Messages**

Cllr Tutton noted the key messages and would forward to local magazine and media.

**Members of the public and press were excluded, under s.1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed.**

**152/18/19 Members unanimously approved the confidential minute of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019.**

**153/18/19 Date of next meeting-**

The date of the next meeting was scheduled for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 7pm in St Helens Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed ..... (Chairman) 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019