

St Helens Parish Council



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The next meeting of St Helens Parish Council will be held on Monday 13 February 2017 at 7pm in St Helens Community Centre. The business to be transacted is set out below:

P Baxter, Clerk

Agenda

1. **003/2017 Election of Chairman-** to elect a Chairman upon resignation of Cllr Earnshaw and to receive signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
2. **004/2017 Election of Vice Chair-** (to proceed only if vacancy arises from previous item) to elect a Vice Chair and to receive signed Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
3. **005/2017 Apologies-** to receive apologies.
4. **006/2017 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation-** (Members are reminded of the need to maintain their register of interests)
 - a) to invite Members to declare any pecuniary or other prejudicial interest they might have in the matters on this agenda (Members with pecuniary or prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items);
 - b) to receive requests for and, if appropriate, grant dispensation to take part in debate or decisions on declared items.
5. **007/2017 Minutes-** to approve minutes of Council meetings held on 12th December 2016 and 9th January 2017.
6. **008/2017 Public participation on matters set out below-** (for up to 10 minutes, 2 minutes per person) Members of the public are invited to ask questions or make representations. [Note: this item is only for questions or representations on any matter set out below and is the only opportunity for such at this meeting. New business cannot be raised but should be requested for a future agenda to a councillor or the Parish Clerk outside this meeting].
7. **009/2017 Nomination to Planning Committee-** to nominate two Members to the Planning Committee to fill vacancies arising [Note: Committee is established with five members].
8. **010/2017 Public toilets provision-**
 - a) to receive the Clerk's verbal report on recent enquiries made of IW Council;
 - b) to consider and, if appropriate, agree the continuance of current 'tenancy at will' arrangements with IW Council until 31 March 2018 for the purposes of prudent financial planning;
 - c) to continue current cleaning arrangements until future ownership and responsibilities are determined.
9. **011/2017 Grounds maintenance contract 2017-2019-**
 - a) to receive Clerk's analysis of eligible quotations received;
 - b) if appropriate, to appoint a preferred contractor subject to any pre-contract enquiries necessary for the (financial) three-year period 2017-2019 inclusive;
10. **012/2017 Finance-**
 - a) to receive, and if appropriate, approve the draft 2017-18 budget for the purposes of setting the precept;
 - b) to approve the precept demand for 2017-18;
 - c) to nominate additional bank cheque and electronic transaction signatories;
 - d) to authorise invoice payments as presented;
 - e) to authorise payment of Clerk's membership subscription for Society of Local Council Clerks.

- 11. 013/2017 Grant nomination and request-**
 - a) to receive an invitation from IW Foundation for the Council to nominate a local community organisation to be considered in the Foundation's grant award scheme;
 - b) to receive and, if appropriate, agree to make a grant to The Wave Project.

 - 12. 014/2017 Emergency Planning-** to receive a verbal report on community emergency preparedness (Cllr Thomson).

 - 13. 015/2017 Police & Crime Commissioner Rural Crime Survey-** to consider a Council response to survey questions published by the PCC to inform his Rural Crime Strategy.

 - 14. 016/2017 Maintenance-**
 - a) to receive a proposal and, if appropriate, agree to the purchase of paint to refurbish the 'Anchor' feature at Latimer Road (Cllr Robertson).
 - b) To receive notice of defects or maintenance required.

 - 15. 017/2017 Rights of way-** to receive a proposal and, if appropriate, agree that this Council writes a letter of support for the proposed application to seek designation of the Embankment Road (Bembridge parish) old railway track/RSPB footpath as a public right of way (Cllr Robertson).

 - 16. 018/2017 Website-**
 - a) to receive the Clerk's verbal report on performance of the Council's website;
 - b) to consider and, if appropriate, agree to migrate website hosting to an alternative solution.

 - 17. 019/2017 Member matters-** [Note: these matters are not for discussion at this time. At the Chairman's discretion an interim answer may be put, pending further research for either written response or agenda item]
 - a) to receive questions on the work of the Council deposited with the Proper Officer by noon 12 February 2017;
 - b) to receive agenda items for the next meeting of the Council.

 - 18. 020/2017 Date of next meeting-** to confirm the date of the next meeting, scheduled for 13 March 2017.
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