



Ordinary meeting, 10 April 2017, 7.10pm at St Helens Community Centre

Present: Councillors: J Bacon, A Campbell, J Coleman, V Duckett, J Robertson, I Thomson;
Clerk: P Baxter;
Public: Three.

Minutes

Action

001/17/18 Apologies-

There were none.

002/17/18 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation-

There were none.

003/17/18 Minutes-

Cllr Coleman proposed, seconded Cllr Campbell, that the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 March 2017 be approved, with Cllr Thomson's name to be spelt correctly.

Resolved – Unanimous.

004/17/18 Financial Statement-

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) presented a report on the finances of the Council for the year 2016-17, including final bank reconciliation and explanations of budget over and under-spends against planned profile. A Reserves Statement was also set out. Members expressed some concern for the size of the reserves, as acknowledged in the report, whilst the RFO suggested prudence in awaiting an outcome on the future of the public toilets before a decision is made to reduce the ratio of reserves to planned expenditure. The report was **noted**.

005/17/18 External Audit – Annual Governance Statement-

The Clerk set out the questions posed in Section 1 of the External Audit report to which it was **agreed** that the answer 'yes' would be put to all. The Chairman and Clerk signed the Statement.

006/17/18 External Audit – Annual Accounting Statement-

The RFO presented the Statement which was **agreed**. The Chairman and RFO signed the Statement.

007/17/18 Budget 2017/18-

The RFO presented a revised budget proposal for the current year, with some minor technical adjustments to some individual lines which were **agreed** without affecting the overall total.

008/17/18 The provision of maintenance services to the public realm-

The Clerk reported that Bembridge Parish Council had agreed the Parish Lengthsmen call-off partnership arrangements. It was **agreed** that Cllr Thomson and the Clerk would undertake a survey of required work that could be suitable for the scheme.

009/17/18 Website domain name

The Clerk reported the difficulties likely to ensue in seeking to release the current domain name from the current website. It was **agreed** that the new website and council email addresses would be created using the domain name www.sthelensiw.org.uk.

010/17/18 Finance-

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

Chq No	Payee	Amount £
300089	IWALC subs	225.23
300090	Getmapping	91.20
300091	P Baxter (SLCC, Land Registry, ink, mileage)	220.05
300092	Community ActionIW (payroll)	788.60

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011/17/18 Maintenance-

- a) The Clerk reported the destruction of a memorial bench in a traffic collision on 30 March. It was proposed by Cllr Bacon, seconded Cllr Thomson, that the Clerk seek clarification of IW Council intentions as the insurers of The Green whilst continuing to seek driver details from the Police.
Resolved (5-1) – For: Cllrs Bacon, Campbell, Coleman, Robertson, Thomson; Abstained: Cllr Duckett.
- b) The Chairman proposed to write a letter of thanks to Mr Wade for his voluntary work in repainting the Nelsons Quay anchor feature, which was **agreed**.
- c) The Clerk reported that a substantial A-Frame advertising board had been placed on Old Church Green. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would request its removal.
- d) The Clerk reported receipt of a quotation for works to improve the landscaping of the Latimer Road garden and for adding additional shingle to the Nelsons Quay anchor feature. It was proposed by Cllr Bacon, seconded Cllr Coleman, that the quotation for Latimer Road be declined with further quotations to be sought by Cllrs Thomson and Duckett, which would be consulted with the Horticultural Society as funder; that the due basic maintenance of the garden by the contractor be expedited by the Clerk; and that the quotation for Nelson Quay be accepted.
Resolved- Unanimous.
- e) The Clerk provided an update on the repairs sought to the car park light by IW Council, and continuing enquiries with IW Council on options for the future of the Nelsons Quay lighting columns.

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012/17/18 Best Kept Village Competition, 2017-

The Clerk reported receipt of the annual event notification and publicity posters. Cllr Duckett undertook to write an article for the Parish Magazine seeking support from residents in maintaining the appearance of the village; Cllr Thomson undertook to bring forward planned maintenance of benches.

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013/17/18 Member matters-

- a) No questions deposited.
- b) It was **agreed** that the June meeting would consider on-street parking issues, particularly in the vicinity of Latimer Road/Lower Green Road.
- c) It was **agreed** that a future meeting would consider applying for a Community Speedwatch scheme along the Eddington Road. The Clerk undertook to make contact with scheme organisers to research the matter.

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014/17/18 Annual Parish Meeting, 2017-

The Clerk confirmed room bookings were available for 15 and 22 May, enabling a Members' Training and Briefing event to be delivered after the Annual Council Meeting on 8 May, and for the Annual Parish Meeting to follow that on 22 May. The Clerk also presented the current list of known organisations and contacts, which were amended in discussion. The dates and events were **agreed**, and the Clerk undertook to commence inviting organisations to attend.

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015/17/18 Date of next meeting-

The date of the Annual Council Meeting, scheduled for 8 May 2017 was confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm

Signed (Chairman) 8 May 2017