

St Helens Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th May 2014 at St Helens Sports Pavilion.

In attendance:

Chair: Mrs Parker

Councillors: Mr Campbell, Mr Cleaver, Mr Earnshaw, Mrs Shaw.

Clerk: Mrs Dyer

6 members of the public.

60/2014 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Mrs Russell, Mr Thomson and Cllr Bacon (late arrival).

61/2014 Declarations of interest.

None received.

62/2014 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2014.

Mr Cleaver proposed the minute be confirmed as true and correct.

2nd Mr Campbell.

RESOLVED.

63/2014 Public Forum.

Mr Anderson asked whether the cars in the car park can be issued parking tickets as they are untaxed.

The Clerk will inform Island Roads and Alex Minns to see what can be done.

Mr Wade asked if the Council had received a letter from BNRG the previous owners of the solar panels at Hill Farm as they had changed ownership?

The Clerk reported that she had not been informed as yet. Mr Wade promised to let the Clerk have the details of the new owners if needed.

Mr Wade also expressed his thanks to the Parish Council for not agreeing to take on any further discretionary services from the IW Council.

Mr K Wade reported that the trees planted at the Solar Farm were dying and that alternative would be planted.

Mr Anderson reported that the Village signs and the area around them needed a tidy up. Clerk to ask Martin Rivers to clear.

64/2014 To discuss the 'Dog on a lead' Order consultation.

The Chair stated that members of the public could comment on this item.

The proposal for a Dog on a lead order was outlined.

The Clerk reported that she had received complaints over the last few years regarding out of control dogs on the beach.

The complaints included someone being knocked over, food being stolen from picnics and beach huts, dog fights, fouling and dogs entering beach huts.

Mr Dyer said that he thought St Helens beach shouldn't be second rate and should have a ban like the other beaches on the Island.

Mr Campbell proposed that the Parish Council support the "Dog on a lead Order" proposals.

2nd Mrs Shaw.

RESOLVED.

65/2014 To discuss maintenance of Toilet block on the Green.

The Clerk explained that Mr Thomson had kindly drawn up a report on the condition of the toilet block as there are problems with the concrete guttering leaking and a few other minor issues. It was agreed that the Clerk ask local builders Shiner and Wade to take a look and quote for works.

66/2014 To discuss requesting a drop kerb on Downsview Road.

Mr Cleaver reported that he had been approached by a local resident requesting a drop kerb be installed as they were having trouble accessing the pavement in a mobility scooter.

Councillors agreed to request the IW Council install a drop kerb on Downsview Road. The Clerk will contact the District Steward and the IW Council.

67/2014 Clerk's report.

The Clerk reported that there had been another incident of vandalism at the toilets on the Green. One of the toilets had been blocked as a result of people stuffing items down the toilet. D.A.R.E.'s had been called to clear the blockage.

68/2014 Financial report - To receive report and approve any payments due.

Standing Order	Martin Rivers	£240	Grass cutting.
Standing Order	Mrs S A Chester	£606.67	Toilet Cleaning.

Mr Cleaver proposed all payments be approved as per report.

2nd Mrs Shaw

RESOLVED.

68/2014 Councillor's reports and items to be included on future agenda.

Mrs Shaw reported that the Gaggen End footpath was still waterlogged and slippery. Clerk to report again to National Trust.

Mr Cleaver reported continuing problems with parking in the layby at the top of Station Road. Clerk to contact the police.

Mr Earnshaw asked about when the Bye-laws regarding parking on the Green where due to be displayed.

He also asked about the reseeding on the West Green. Clerk to take up both matters with Alex Minns at the Council.

Mr Earnshaw also reported that the Doctor's surgery hadn't adequately cut back the shrubbery at the exit of their car park. The Clerk promised to chase this matter up with the surgery manager.

Cllr Bacon reported that the works to Duver Road would commence in October. Island Roads are researching options for access, with access most likely to be through Nodes Point.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.