

## **NEWS FROM ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL – April Meeting**

The April Meeting of the **St Helens Parish Council** was held on the **9<sup>th</sup> May** and included updates on key ongoing community activities including public toilets and parking strategy. Furthermore, the PC endorsed a **General Data Protection Regulation Policy** (now available on the PC web site) in line with the GDPR legislation requirements which apply in the UK from the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

During the Public Participation agenda item, Rose Gillett, Honorary Secretary of the **Village Community Centre**, explained the management set-up of the Centre, which is governed by volunteers from the Parish Church and also from the Parish Community at large. Should anyone from the Parish be interested in joining the governing group then they should contact Rose c/o the Community Centre.

A topic of particular concern raised at the Meeting was the **proposed closure by the County Council of the ‘Mill Wall’** (which provides public access between the Harbour and the Duver) from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April till the 31<sup>st</sup> October for adjacent building restoration work. Members of the PC were only made aware of the impending closure following the recent general notification in the Country Press. Given the importance of this public right of way to the Village community including visiting holiday makers, the PC are urgently requesting clarification from the CC, including alternative options to minimise the impact on the Community whilst the works are undertaken.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May, at 7.00pm** in the Community Centre which will include the Annual General meeting.

Members of the public are most welcome and encouraged to attend to meet the Councillors (including the IW Council Ward Member) and discuss their concerns and ideas for the Parish. An informal Members' Surgery is held before each Council meeting, commencing at 6.40pm.

See the parish website for more information on all the news above.

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