

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ST. HELENS.

19TH MAY 1986.

## Report Of The Chairman

The first job we had to do was to appoint our Parish Clerk, and we have had the pleasure of Mr. Chris Binnie's help over the past year. As he now has a new baby in the family to play with, he will be leaving us shortly and Mr. Donaghue will then take on the job.

I am sure you will all be interested to know that in May last year we formed a planning sub-committee. This was to ensure that all planning applications within our area were seen and could be commented upon to Medina Borough Council if we thought it necessary. This led us to have an early view in December of the proposed development on the Duver by Main Holdings for three-storey houses, etc., which as you can imagine met with an overwhelming objection and planning permission was refused.

We also formed a liaison with Bembridge Parish Council to exchange information, and if necessary to discuss any item affecting both Parishes, for example gravel extraction and processing, and the Duver.

We had a meeting with the Bembridge Harbour Improvement Company in November, with regard to its increased use by yachts and fishing boats. This is expected to develop at an approximate rate of 10% - 20% over the next five years. Dredging of the Harbour Channel will be continued depending upon the availability of the dredger.

Concern was expressed over encroachment upon the Village Greens, and Medina Borough Council were asked to take appropriate action. We were also able to get some derelict cars removed from the car park which tidied things up a bit.

In last years Best Kept Village competition we won two hundred bulbs which were planted in November by St. Catherines Church and on the Green around the Car Park and Cricket Green, and I am sure you will agree they made a lovely show a few weeks ago. As a follow-on for this years competition, we circulated the village with leaflets asking your co-operation, and

arranged a skip for a massive sponsored Litter Pick undertaken by the Scouts, Guides, Brownies and Cubs. As well as beautifying the Village, they raised £150. for their funds which we feel was a very commendable effort. The Primary School also played their part and turned out a super selection of litter-orientated posters which were so well done we have rewarded them with prizes!

At Christmas we were kindly donated a Christmas Tree by Mr. Gaskin, on which Mr. Joyce's Company erected lights, and in spite of some high winds blowing it down occasionally and Councillor Dove's herculean efforts in re-erecting it, managed to focus a bit of Christmas spirit into the village. While on the subject of trees, we have ordered some new oaks to replace those which are dead or stunted in the enclosures along Eddington Road, We now have our own Road Safety representative in Councillor Dove, who will be attending Road Safety meetings.

With regard to the proposed local government re-organisation. The Parish Council supported one Unitary authority, but stressed opposition to any amalgamation with Hampshire. The Boundary Commissions findings in fact were that they considered one Island authority the best proposition for the Isle of Wight, but at this time the law did not permit its implementation. We had a meeting with Medina Borough Council on the state of the sea wall on the beach, which resulted in its repair, including parts which were in private ownership, and repair to the groynes has begun.

Great concern has been shown over the amount of bait digging on the beach, and an exploratory letter was sent to Angling Clubs. Unhappily we only had replies from half of them and no co-operation over our proposal of voluntary resting of digging. Further action is at present being explored.

A meeting was held in July with National Trust representatives Mr. Aird-Hughes, Commander Chillingworth, Mrs. Bunc<sub>e</sub> and Mr. Simpson the Land Agent

over conditions and other problems

on the Duver-----the saga continues.



Bringing this report to its conclusion, we would like you to know that we now have a policy in respect of donations and/or loans to local organisations, and with our first donation we have been able to support the Youth Club to the tune of £75. Applications for the request of donations or loans will be considered twice yearly in May and November, and allocated according to Council funding.

Finally, we should like to thank Mr. Binnie our Clerk for all his help over the past year, and would like him to accept a token of our appreciation.

ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL - ACCOUNTS 1985/86

INCOME

Rate Precept	1301.00
Donation St. Helens Association	20.00
Interest - Deposit Account	7.99
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EXPENDITURE

Election Expenses (Deducted by Medina B.C.)	-	411.92
Hire of Pavilion	-	32.00
Clerks Salary	-	400.00
Insurance	-	18.00
Stationery	-	7.80
Postage	-	32.31
Phone	-	-
Travelling	-	-
Subscriptions I.O.W.A.P.T.C	-	98.00
Books	-	22.64
Administration Recharge (Deducted by Medina B.C.)	-	38.43
Miscellaneous - Posters/Forms	-	2.25
Photocopying	-	100.35
Binders	-	2.99
Purchase of Trees	21.00	
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Petty Cash held by Clerk

Balance Deposit Account

Balance Current Account

-	8.56
-	107.99
-	24.75
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	1328.99
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Signed *C. Binnie*  
(Clerk)

Date *1 April 1986*