

# St Helens Parish Council

Ordinary meeting, 8 January 2018, 7.00pm at St Helens Community Centre

Paper A



**Present: Councillors: M Anderson, J Coleman, V Duckett, C Hind, J Robertson, J Spit,  
I Thomson;  
Clerk: [Vacancy]  
Public: Twelve.**

## Minutes

Action

### 161/17/18 Apologies-

Apologies received from Cllr Tutton and Cllr Murwill.

### 162/17/18 Declarations of interests and requests for dispensation-

There were none.

### 163/17/18 Minutes-

Cllr Coleman proposed, seconded Cllr Duckett, that the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2017 be approved, subject to changing the Clerk's recorded action at item 149/17/18 on parking issues to be that of Cllr Tutton.

**Resolved** – Unanimous.

### 164/17/18 Public participation-

Mr Dyer made representations on the planning item for Field Lane, regarding potential for encroachment onto the Village Green Common. Mr Wade questioned whether the area of Common in question is part of the Village Green Common or another area of Common Land. The Chairman undertook to make enquiries with the Ward councillor. Mr Wade also questioned whether there would be sufficient turning space within the development, and noted the increase in water run-off since the Stonewood Gate development. Mr Williams suggested the Secretary of State should be advised of the potential impact on Common Land and Mrs Lloyd noted that building on Common Land should not be permissible. Ms Edmundson noted that the ecological survey had been compiled in winter months, and had not noted the numbers of summer birds resident or red squirrels.

### 165/17/18 Planning applications received- the Council considered the following applications:

- a) Application P/01342/17 'Guildford', Guildford Road, St. Helens, PO33 1UH.  
Cllr Hind proposed, seconded by Cllr Anderson, that no objection be made.  
**Resolved – (6/0)** 1 Abstention. Carried.
- b) Application P/01514/17 Land adjacent to 'Westerly', off Westfield Road, St. Helens, PO33  
Noted that the correct address is Field Lane. Local knowledge of the site suggests that access may be across Common Land. Cllr Hind proposed, seconded Cllr Duckett, that an objection to the application be made, citing the prospect of further water run-off and flood risk, damage to wildlife habitat, additional traffic and its access, over-development of the available plot size, and potential impact on Common Land.  
**Resolved – (6/0)** 1 Abstention. Carried

### 166/17/18 Provision of administration services

Cllr Robertson proposed, seconded Cllr Coleman, that a commercial proposal by the outgoing Clerk for the provision of an administration service be accepted for the period until a new Clerk is appointed.

**Resolved – (5/2).** Carried.



**167/17/18 Finance-**

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

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
300143	Idverde (grass cutting)	1028.40
300144	C Hind (hazard tape expenses)	5.91
300145	M Anderson (IWALC mileage)	13.00
300146	P Baxter (stationery and postage expenses)	8.92

**168/17/18 Key Messages-**

It was **agreed** that an article be prepared for the Parish News, County Press and website announcing the appointment of a new Clerk, once the process was complete.

**169/17/18 Date of next meeting-**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed for 12 February 2018.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

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Signed ..... (Chairman) 12 February 2018