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Dear Resident

St Helens Parish Council continue to thank businesses and residents for their ongoing observance of the new Covid 19 guidance, and for the support of the community to the helpline service provided via the Isle of Wight Council Hub (phone 823600), and Community Action/Resilience website: which is now helping roll out the vaccination programme across the Island.

We are aware that the St Helens medical centre is already delivering jabs to local priority groups, and that the programme will roll out further in the coming months.

The Parish Council have continued to comment on planning issues affecting the Parish, and nearby areas, and appreciate the comments forwarded by local residents – these have helped inform the views expressed and ensure planners hear the voice of the local community, which will reflect, in subsequent decisions.

We have commented on the IW Council Budget proposals and are awaiting feedback – any decisions of the local authority to reduce services may have an impact on the Parish Council precept for 2021/22, and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

It is hoped the next Parish Council meeting will be later this month, when we will set the budget for 2021/22, details will be on the website.

The proposed budget will include provision for the continued maintenance of the Duver Toilets, retention of the Seaside Award, beach programme of works, maintenance of the Greens, and other projects initiated by the Council.

Additional work continues on the Heritage Project, which is hoped to be completed this spring, but subject to the Covid Guidance – with the safe involvement of residents with knowledge of the history of the Parish and neighbouring area.

Members are also mindful of 2021 being a scheduled Town/Parish and County Council election year and will work with the Community Centre on the arrangements for the Election, but note the Centre (which is a Polling Station) is currently closed due to Covid Guidance, and the volunteers that provide services also operate under the same covid guidance that we all follow.

We hope this keeps residents as informed as possible at this time and hope all take care, and stay safe.

St Helens Parish Council