

St Helens Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7pm at St Helens Community Centre

Attended by: Chair Cllr JB, Cllrs: SE,SP,CH,IT,GG,
Clerk JM
Public - 2 members.

Meeting was recorded.

111-2021/2022 APOLOGIES

Received from Cllr PK , Cllr PJ

112-2021/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

No declarations or requests declared.

113-2021/2022 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021.

Proposed: Cllr JB Seconded Cllr IT All voted in favour. Cllr JB signed.

114-2021/2022 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meeting with Nodes Point Representatives - positive discussion. There are 7 units being placed on the prepared site with no plans to put further on that field. The rest of the area is being kept for camping.

Concerns re drainage - Drainage lorries present in the summer due to the amount of runoff water that occurred in the summer and this overwhelmed the pumping station. Monitoring the situation.

Other discussions - happy to contribute to the management of the beach - cleaning, waste collections. Boundary Trees - very happy to help with

David Bellamy nature Site - raised by Cllr SE - was it mentioned - to be investigated.

Archaeology - Nodes Point undertook to do a desktop survey and let us have the results.

JM to have regular meetings

Council Officers & workmen came to inspect the works at Station Rd. The French Drain was examined - the reason for it not working correctly is due to an overgrowth of grass. IDVerde will be instructed to remove the overgrowth and this should solve the issue with this drain.

Cllr IT questioned whether this would work - to be monitored once grass work has been carried out.

Cllr JB also asked about the run off that has affected some properties off the Cricket Green. Some investigations had taken place and they hadn't found anything but extreme weather on dry ground at the time.

A suggestion made: add a Willow tree in the vicinity.

Christmas tree disposed of with no cost to the PC.

115-2021/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. General Issues (15 minutes)

Ref: Nodes Point - a survey of the Old Church camp field at the bottom showed that the area was once the site of the Old Priory. Small piece of land at the bottom of Duver Road was a pond named Monks Pond.

Ref: Previous minutes - planting trees in Field St Michaels Road - ownership of this land has gone from IWC to now being under private ownership although Southern Water have a covenant over the field

Parking on the Greens -

The Greens are a protected Open Space and it has been noted that parking has increased over the last few months from some residents.

Request for the Council to contact the Medical Centre to provide spaces for their staff to park on their site. Ask to use the Car park .

Works vehicles - Request a 'permission to park' to be part of the planning permission application

Unlawful parking administered by local authorities. Bring in enforcement fines for unlawful parking.

Green - Common Land managed by IWC - PC can ask and influence.

Investigate previous bye laws and parking.

Suggest holding a Public Meeting re issues of parking in the village and develop a plan to deal with parking and issues relating to the Green.

Short term suggestion to appeal to better nature and possibly give out laminated signs not to park on the greens.

Another meeting due with IOW re Greens - bring up the Bye Laws - JM to organise.

David Bellamy's area in Nodes point - find information on location and relay back.

JM to contact NP .

2. On Matters below (15 minutes)

No items.

116-2021/2022 CLERK'S REPORT

Christmas Lights - these have been packed & stored in the Sports Pavilion. A couple of sets have been returned as faulty and a refund issued.

Investigate Valuation for the Duver toilets. Require a re-build cost. JM to follow up.

117-2021/2022 THE DUVER - Toilets.

Cllr PK offered an information report which was distributed to Councillors.

No obvious damage to drains and manholes. Cllr IT said although signage & bins - drains are being blocked by what patrons put down the toilets. No obvious damage to drains or manholes. Most issues occur in the height of the season.

For future allow £1000 in budget to cover the costs of repair/ maintenance.

Thank you to Cllr PK & Cllr IT for the work that has been done.

118-2021/2022 BEACH & SEAFRONT

National Trust Meeting Note to Robyn about contribution from previous meeting.

Cllr CH - to contact.

Waste Disposal: With a contribution from Nodes Point plans to go ahead for extra disposal this summer season.

Ideas of recycling bins - suggested 2 sets

JM to get some quotes

Ideas & quotes to be sourced for next meeting. Include quotes for emptying the bins.

119-2021/2022 SEASIDE AWARD

Beach Clean - should be left natural - check the criteria.

Cllr GG asked what is the gain from having the Seaside Award. Listed as a flagged beach and is of a certain standard - discussion about meeting the set out criteria.

Good for tourism, helping to ensure the quality of the area for residents & local businesses, and motivating the Council to ensure the beach is kept at a good standard.

Ensure 100% certain the criteria can be obtained.

To apply for award - Proposed Cllr JB Seconded Cllr GG Vote 5 Abstention 1

120-2021/2022 LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Deadline for submission of application for the plan 10.1.22.

Idea to support cycling, walking and bridleways between Brading St Helens & Bembridge.

To develop a plan to work on the final idea. Costings - there is funding to match the cost of the plan - each Parish would give an amount to the plan.

Cost of the plan £20,000. The decision was for £10,000 between the three Parishes .

Bembridge & Brading to give £4000 each & St Helens £2000 - this is to go into next year's budget. Having the LCWIPS plan gives the Council the tools to move onward with the actual work.

Cllr GG asked for copies of the documents for the Councillors to view before this is voted on at the next meeting.

JM to forward information.

121-2021/2022 THE GREENS

Improving the bollards on West Green - estimate from IWC showing 13 bollards require being replaced. IWC council asking to share the cost of 50%

Informal meeting with IWC Mr Matthew said bollards were the IWC responsibility.

JM to check notes on that meeting.

On estimate extra 38 new bollards outside West Mead, Field Lane.

Discussion on material of the bollards wood

Monies from reserve, or make it an item on next year's budget.

Please have the bollards on a map for location.

IWC responsibility asking PC to contribute as a contribution to get the work done.

More information required before the Councillors make a decision.

Station Road Toilets - In principle decision: taking on and running the toilets.

Do we consider taking on the lease and running these toilets,

Costs to be considered: survey costs, reopening, running, divide the building so place could be used for other uses to bring in extra income.

Cllr IT costs will be astronomical to get back and running. Too much for the Parish to take on.

Cllr CH - agree the costs - should look at the idea of the plot.

Cllr SE - given events in the Village, costs of hiring are quite expensive. Out of courtesy The Sports Pavilion outside toilet was opened over the past summer to provide a facility as the Station Road ones are out of order.

Disabled toilets - no provision in the Village.
If the extra paths are opened up, visitors to the village will increase.
Decision: do we go back and ask for further information.

Cllr JB proposed further information to reopening toilets Seconded: Cllr SE Voted in favour 5 against 1

JM to get info from IWC to get an informed decision.
Bench by the toilets covered in brambles - arrange to have these brambles cleared.
JM to check with the contractor.

Cllr SP - suggested a public meeting - the Annual Parish Meeting as a time to develop a plan in order to deal with issues relating to the greens, those of parking and of the toilets.

Consideration should be allowed for the Cricket Club who were given the building at the back of the toilets for storage from the IWC.

122-2021/2022 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Village of Angels - best Angel event so far - had final profit £700.

Other events : Easter Egg Hunt

Jubilee Events happening - many ideas including a Village Barn Dance as held in the past. Many other ideas to follow up.

Budget for events: monies from Angel, liaise with Carnival Committee

Funds - set aside grants for Jubilee Events - next agenda.

Cllr IT mentioned an agreed amount in this year's budget for events. JM to check.

Indication from IWC - The Fairground to be back in St Helens this summer.

123-2021/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Outline: linked events with Bembridge Village and the Harbour.

Thurs 2nd: Beacon Lighting

Friday 3rd: Vine Fun Day

Saturday 4th: Events in Bembridge

Barn Dance in St Helens

Sunday 5th: Village Fayre & Street Party on the Greens dependent on being able to use the whole of the greens.

A volunteer from each road to help assist in the planning of the event.

Event meeting Monday 24.1.22 at the Sports Pavilion.6pm. All are welcome.

Tree Planting

Cllr IT has met with an expert on Tree Planting: Suggestions of location and types of trees to plant.

Proposal: Oak tree planted on the East Green. To be blessed by the Vicar and have 'recognised' by the Carnival Queen on Thursday 2nd June.

Also as coming into the village, plant on East Green some flowering trees. From Carpenters entrance similar idea - a way to celebrate the Queen's Canopy Jubilee Good for the environment, birds, bees CO2 emissions. Costs: £2550.00

Ask villagers & local groups if they want to contribute to the cost of the trees.

Consider the Willow tree near station Road.

Cllr SP - offered information on the suspicious lumps and bumps in green - maybe something of archaeological & historical interest. Possibly a building there. Conflict of interest between suggested plan but the area should be investigated before any planting occurs.

Ask the County Archeology service.

Maturity of trees - Sapling Oak 2m, others 1m tall, costs cover the trees, delivered, & support posts.

Offers of financial donations towards this project have been received. Clarification on the amounts are necessary in order to fix the allowance for this project in the next budget.

Maintenance for the tree area to be considered.

Creating wildflower area on the green = quote for £25m2 20m x 20m = 400m2 = £1000
Too expensive for now - Hold this idea for a while.

Suspend Standing Orders - response from member of public

A member of the public totally objected to the plans for planting on the green stating that the 1906 Bye Law - 'by giving lawful access at all times to the green makes it unlawful to put anything on the green.'

Cllr JB suggested the PC check the position & procedure with IWC re moving forward. Thank you to Cllr IT for preparing the background for the trees.

Cllr JB suggested that JM writes a letter showing the proposal and procedure - to achieve an informed choice.

Money can be set aside as a contingency in the budget to cover this plan if it goes ahead.

124-2021/2022 FINANCE AND DATA PROTECTION

Documents shared with Councillors:

Balance Sheet

Income & Expense Report.

Statement balance 13.12.21 £48,591.67

Expenditure for approval = £ 4346.73

To authorise the Payment of Accounts see below

Proposed Cllr JB Seconded Cllr SE all in favour.

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Method of Payment
1.11.21	IDVerde	£1016.40	BACS
22.11.21	J Matthews Clerk Expenses	£ 15.75	BACS
	St Helens Community Centre	£22.00	BACS
	Refund from returned Christmas Lights	-£87.94	

Welcome Back Fund - JM to conclude the application.

Precept Budget - 'draft 1' shared with Council - Add information from this meeting

Cllr GG questioned the proposed increase of the Precept. This is the first draft.

Plan to put the budget together and then decide if it is suitable. 4% increase ideal.

Try and keep it as low as possible.

Asset Register: finalise this document - as no further updates so agree the items listed come under the PC responsibility.

Cllr JB thanked JM for the work that she has put into compiling this document.

125-2021/2022 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

No applications received.

126-2021/2022 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

21/01748/HOU Appeal No 40 Station Road - off to Government Inspector.
Cllr SP & Cllr GG have looked into the appeal and added that there were no further concerns from the original application.

127-2021/2022 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Final proposals on the IWC budget - formal papers coming out next month.
Fly tipping - ensure we have a better understanding and procedure controlling fly tipping.
One item mentioned - any waste bin can be used for dog waste.

128-2021/2022 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 7th February 2022, 7pm.

Meeting concluded: 9.08pm. Signed: Date:.....