

St Helens Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7pm at St Helens Community Centre

Attended by: Chair Cllr JB, Cllrs: SE,SP,GG

Clerk JM

Public - 8 members.

Meeting was recorded.

10-22/23

APOLOGIES

Cllr CH, Cllr PJ

11-22/23

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS and REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None received

12-22/23

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022 agreed and signed.

Proposed: Cllr JB All agreed.

13-22/23

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Standing Orders suspended

1.General Issues (15minutes)

Discussion and concern about the works on the trees at Priory Hotel. Further information required.

A question regarding the "footpaths" that have been fenced off in the area of Priory Hotel. The items need to be researched.

Suggestion to have a permanent memorial for Marty Coombes.

Glass bottles being sold within a beach environment on the Duver. Please follow up with discussions with Bay Watch Cafe and monitor the situation. Encourage recycling for the glass bottles.

Guildford Park - over the last few months a large amount of waste has been left - 'fly tipping' onto the area. Waste & timber, large bonfire being created.

Private area but concern about size of bonfire & destroying the natural habitats.

Trees on Green - plan at present to research the legal position of placing trees on the Green. There will be a full Public consultation on the plans. The concern is registered. Suggested the Jubilee Copse is created on the Horseshoe Trail.

Ensure the tree planting remains a live proposal - suggesting having a community meeting to decide the way forward.

Awaiting formal decision from IWC.

2. On Matters below (15 minutes)

No items raised.

14-22/23

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Very sad to share the news of the passing of Marty Coombes. Marty was one of those people who was part of the village, known by many within his business, the Church and the Horticultural Society and generally within the village.

He is going to be very sorely missed. Part of the lifeblood of the village.

A minute's silence was held in honour of Marty.

Vandalism within the village - a number of benches have been broken. Maintenance of benches is due to happen very shortly and strengthening measures for the benches will be put in place.

Website - could do with updating and be more user friendly. Work to commence.

A Facebook page for the PC as another form of communication is due to be set up.

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 16th May, the APM will be an open forum to discuss traffic, speed and parking within the St Helens. From items raised - create a plan moving forward.

15-22/23

CO-OPTION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

Very pleased to have received an application from Murray Clerk, Cllr JB proposed to formally co opt Murray Clerk as a full member of the Council. All in agreement.

Murray signed a Declaration of Office - to stand as a Parish Councillor.

Cllr MC agreed to cover the area of Maintenance.

There remains a Councillor vacancy so therefore a further advert will be published.

All agreed.

16-22/23

CLERK'S REPORT

- **Greengym** - due to visit Wednesday 11th May to St Helens Duver and area for a Beach Clean /Litter Pick
- Removal of the graffiti on the wall of flats has been raised - connection with the Management Company has been shared.
- **Welcome Back Fund** - planters planted - working with the Clerk, a group of residents at Nelson's Quay agreed to clear the area and plant the plants secured within the funding.
- **Latimer Road Garden** - a project as above.
- **Duver Dash**, Bembridge Harbour, 29th May - require Volunteers - required to marshal various points, if you can help please contact the Clerk
- **Tour of Britain** - coming through St Helens 11th September - would the village like to do anything to mark this event?
- Benches - being sorted. Within the WBF varnish and tools secured for use in their maintenance.
- **West Green area** - Contractors are not cutting the grass - follow up. The storm brought down an oak tree - in contact with IWC - Tree Officer was informed - Clerk to follow up.
Trees on the edge of wood off West Green are increasing across the grass area in the lane, not being maintained and therefore causing an issue of access.
A resident has had to clear the area in order for the bin lorry to gain access.

17-22/23

THE DUVER - Toilets.

Cleaning contract - last time addressed 2017 - proposal to increase the amount paid by a 50% increase.

After some discussion it was decided that a detailed list: costs - cleaning materials, wages, number of visits, documents of the contract should be shared with this PC in order to justify the decision. Place on next agenda for final decision but PC agreed to back date pay to this month..

A request to forward information re the Electricity Costs of the toilets to the PC was made.

18-22/23

BEACH & SEAFRONT

Bins - From the previous minutes the Clerk had been questioned re the rubbish bin at the end of the promenade. The resident felt it was unnecessary.

As agreed in the previous meeting the bin will be placed in that area.

The PC has paid for provision of 4 extra bins at the beach presently.

Quotes for the provision of 12 bins for July to September have been sourced - costs have doubled from last year. Costs to be circulated with the PC

It was noted before choosing a supplier to consider how quick the contractors response to an overflowing issue.

Seaside Award - no news yet - National Announcement Friday 13th May.

Greengym - Beach Litter Pick - see Clerks Report

19-22/23

THE GREENS

Benches - mentioned already.

Station Road Toilets - waiting for some information, a formal response from IWC to agree a plan - please add to Agenda next meeting.

Bollards - West Green - a decision was made to pursue a long standing plan to repair bollards and also to add additional bollards to protect the West Green that is being used for parking and misused.

At a meeting with IWC it was apparent there are more defective bollards than previously - a fresh quote was requested showing a price increase due to more required and an increase in building supplies. It will be a further £1122.82 on a match funding basis with the IWC.

Cllr JB asked to sanction the additional costs.

Discussion continued re the damaged soil area. Cllr SE explained that the work on the bollards would commence first and then the area of the green would be addressed and reseeded.

Cllr JB proposed Cllr SE seconded all in favour.

20-22/23

LCWIP - Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan

St Helens proportion of funding = £2000

Help with Laundry Lane Area and pavement are on Carpenters Rd.

Consultation Information:

Public Consultation - St Helens

Community Centre, Guildford Road

Monday June 6th 6pm - 8pm

Public Consultation - Brading

St Mary's Church Hall, High Street, Brading

Saturday June 11th, 11am - 1pm

Public Consultation - Bembridge

Bembridge Village Hall, High Street, Bembridge

Saturday June 11th, 3pm - 5pm

21-22/23

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Cllr SE leading the programme - lots of items happening - posters advertising the events.
Volunteers needed - any amount of time is required and most welcome - please contact the Clerk - clerk@sthelensiw.org.uk or 01983 722575
To be advertised on 'NextDoor', already by posters, and facebook.
Events and competitions for all, in the Village & at the Harbour. All info on the PC Website and noticeboards at the Community centre & Post Office.

22-22/23

FINANCE AND DATA PROTECTION

Financial Risk assessment , Clerk would like this updated this coming year. The copy shared with the PC was created in 2017. As the document is required for the end of Year accounts, it was decided to use it as it has been reviewed in May 2022 - the Clerk has added a clause about the payments from the OnLine Banking.

Asset register - updated due to some purchases this year. Items added to the AR. Clerk to make amendments and circulate.

To authorise the Payment of Accounts

22.4.22	Lake Cleaning Supplies	£41.52	BACS
28.4.22	Focus Plumbing and Heating	£54.00	BACS
7.5.22	Zurich Municipal Insurance	£515.09	BACS
9.5.22	J Matthews expenses	£30.94	BACS
	St helens Community Centre	£22.00	BACS

£642.79

Proposed Cllr JB,all agreed.

Financial items were shared but a printing error had occurred so it was decided to defer and ratify the items at the June meeting.

Clerk to check dates for submitting financial items

A request for future to share documents with the Councillors prior to the meeting.
Accounts for Year 2021/2022 have been submitted to the Internal Auditor.

23-22/23

REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIPS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

IWALC

SLCC

OPEN SPACES

For information only as already agreed in the 2022/2023 budget.

24-22/23

APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

none

25-22/23

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

22/00721/TW MaintenanceTree works at Aria Resorts.

26-22/23

WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Items going to be mentioned have already been covered - no further questions were raised.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 13th June 2022 7pm

Meeting concluded: 20.19pm. Signed: Date:.....