

St Helens Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL **Held on Monday 8th September 2025, 7.30pm, at St Helens Community Centre**

Chaired by Cllr JB,
Attended by: Cllrs: AB, CG, OB, BH, AP, IT,
Clerk JM
Public members present

64-25/26 SEAFRONT

Apologies from Mr Palmer, Duver Enterprises. - Please see the copy of the letter received and asked to be read out at the PC meeting.

70-25/26 VILLAGE CONSULTATION

Village Consultation - Cllrs AB, CG & OB gave a commentary and power point on the first look at the results and a first overview of the responses. A total of 179 responses had been received which represents 14% of the number of people in the Village. This is considered a good outcome with these types of Consultations.

Data was shared - from which a number of positive ideas and projects can be worked upon. Out of the 14 sections, 10 had a bearing on the PC and the future work the Council will look to possibly undertake.

To move on from here, more detailed plans, investigations, logistics and costs will be discussed and worked upon to ascertain what is viable initially, what is suitable for grant funding and for adding into the budgets over the next few years.

Data analysis will be displayed locally and on the PC website in due course.

A thank you to Cllr AB for all his work on this plan.

61-25/26 APOLOGIES

Received from Cllr SD

62-25/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Refer: 102-22/23 12.12.22 Declaration & interest from Cllr JB as a member of the IOW Council and St Helens PC.

None

63-25/26 MINUTES

Minutes from the PC meeting on Monday 14th July 2025 had been circulated.

One amendment - under the Planning application 25/00835/FUL - The comment from Cllr AP was not recorded on the Planning Application.

The minutes were approved at the meeting and signed by Cllr JB.

Proposed Cllr JB Seconded Cllr BH.

65-25/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1.General Issues (15 minutes)
- 2.On Matters below (15 minutes)

Thank you to all who have been involved in reinstating the Map at the top of the Duver Road. It is now printed on a weatherboard and encased in a wooden frame under perspex so it should last a good number of years.

A member of the Public wished to thank Cllr JB for being the Chair of the PC over the last number of years. Because of the various issues with Elections this year Cllr JB has decided to put himself up for nomination again.

66-25/26 ELECTION OF CHAIR

Nominations: Cllr JB, - no other members stand
Cllr JB signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

Councillor votes For: six, Abstain one.

67-24/25 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Nominations: Cllr Andy Philips - no other members stand.
Cllr AP signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

Councillor votes: Unanimous.

68-25/26 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Consultation - suggest an informal meeting between the Councillors to plan the way forward.

Speed vehicles have been mentioned - to be aware that Brading Town Council have a small speed monitoring device and are willing to lend to other areas. If it is decided to carry out monitoring speed

Survey - to call upon this piece of equipment. Requires two people to operate it. To link this in with the results of the traffic item in the consultation.

A great number of people turned up to support the annual Village Sports & Carnival Event - thank you.

An issue in the hiring system of the Greens from the IOWC has arisen this year which will require addressing and formalising in readiness for the Village Events next year.

69-25/26 CLERK'S REPORT

A conversation with the enforcement officer arose following a message from a member of the public re barbeques on the beach. There is a sign stating they are not allowed but it is on the side of the triangular sign facing the Church Green, so difficult to alert the offenders too. One would hope with the hot weather sensibility would prevail.

Signage is under the IOWC authority.

The Enforcement Officer visits the area once a week, checking the area, the walkways, the steps, the life saving equipment, and village playground.

IOWC are in the consultation process of formally banning disposable bbqs & chinese lanterns from their areas generally.

The outside tap at the Duver toilets is turned off because of the hosepipe ban. It will remain so until the hosepipe ban is lifted. *Please note it is not generally on during the Winter opening hours.*

Wooden sleepers at the edge of the parking area have been renewed, much safer.

The New Carnival Company in Ryde received a grant this summer and so hosted a creative day in St Helens - 9 young people attended this free workshop.

Sports & Carnival - thank you for making the event very enjoyable.

Playground equipment; over the summer the horse has required some fixing - it is waiting for some parts to arrive. The two springy items had issues - one has been reinstated and the other is broken beyond repair and has been removed. The IOWC are responsible for these items but there is no funding available to replace the piece of equipment at present. For information a single spring item costs £740 + VAT + delivery + installation.

Island Rods - have produced their annual customer survey - posters are on different noticeboards, closing date is the 30th September.

Following a mention of the PC moving to [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) email addresses the Clerk has received an email from a resident who is not in favour - the Clerk to investigate further.

The Councillors decided against setting up a WhatsApp group as a means of communication.

The Best Kept Village Awards Evening - an invite to the Celebration Evening has been received and forwarded to the Cllrs. Thursday 2nd October. Clerk to attend.

71-25/26 FINANCE & DATA PROTECTION

End of July & August account balances & bank statements shown, reconciled, agreed and signed by Cllr JB
Monthly Income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.
Authorise payments and expenses.

31.7.25 St Helens PC Financial Items paid month - end July 2025

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date Paid	Payment
4.7.25	Community Action	1461.87	10.7.25	S/O
4.7.25	Corona Electricity - Duver	50.34	14.7.25	DD
2.7.25	EDF Gas Pavilion	24.15	17.7.25	DD
2.7.25	EDF Electricity - Pavilion	53.88	17.7.25	DD
25.6.25	Benefice Churches - Printing of Consultation	120.21	18.7.25	BACS
17.6.24	Zurich Insurance	604.19	18.7.25	BACS
25.6.25	ERMC Ltd - Grounds contract IV00399 (June)	619.34	18.7.25	BACS
9.7.25	Lake Cleaning Supplies	14.18	18.7.25	BACS
8.5.25	J Matthews - Tesco - VE Day	4.00	18.7.25	BACS
11.6.25	J Matthews - Tesco - Stationery	4.75	18.7.25	BACS
28.6.25	J Matthews - Tesco - Stationery - New Councillors Folders	37.20	18.7.25	BACS
5.7.25	J Matthews - Tesco - Pavilion Cleaning products	28.24	18.7.25	BACS
6.7.25	S Wilson - Defib box Pavilion - remove old & replace new	25.00	18.7.25	BACS
4.7.25	IONOS - Web & email	16.20	22.7.25	DD
30.7.25	S Chester	625.00	28.7.25	S/O
31.7.25	Bank Fee	6.00	31.7.25	
		£3694.55		
Income				
1.7.25	Peter Daniel - Pavilion Hire	100.00	1.7.25	
24.7.25	P Hewson - Pavilion Hire	80.00	24.7.25	
		£180.00		
To Pay				
7.8.25	Community Action	1461.87		
6.8.25	Corona Electricity - Duver	58.72		
4.8.25	EDF Gas Pavilion	26.50		
4.8.25	EDF Electricity - Pavilion	36.77		
28.7.25	ERMC - Grounds contract - IV00440 (July)	619.34		
4.8.25	IONOS - Web & email	16.20		
22.8.25	ICO	47.00		
28.8.25	S Chester	625.00		
31.8.25	Bank Fee	6.00		
		£2897.40		

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7.8.25	Community Action	1461.87	11.8.25	S/O
6.8.25	Corona Electricity - Duver	58.72	18.8.25	DD
4.8.25	EDF Gas Pavilion	26.50	19.8.25	DD
4.8.25	EDF Electricity - Pavilion	36.77	19.6.25	DD
28.7.25	ERMC - Grounds contract - IV00440 (July)	619.34	12.8.25	BACS
4.8.25	IONOS - Web & email	16.20	20.8.25	DD
22.8.25	ICO - Data Protection	47.00	22.8.25	DD

28.8.25	S Chester	625.00	28.8.25	S/O
31.8.25	Bank Fee	6.00	31.8.25	
		£2897.40		
Income				
5.8.25	St Helens Historical Society - Pavilion Hire	100.00		
6.8.25	Pavilion Hire	40.00		
22.8.25	P Hewson - Pavilion Hire	80.00		
		£220.00		
To Pay				
7.8.25	Betapak - 340395	155.88		
12.8.25	Betapak - 340522	155.88		
7.8.25	Business Stream - Water	108.06		
29.5.25	EMRC - invoice IV 00374 (May)	619.34		
15.9.25	Corona Electricity - Duver	48.20		
10.9.25	Community Action	1461.87		
2.9.25	EDF Electricity - Pavilion	71.41		
2.9.25	EDF Gas Pavilion	31.10		
4.9.25	IONOS - Web & email	16.20		
5.8.25	IWC - Uncontested Election costs	36.00		
19.8.25	Lake Cleaning Supplies	14.18		
19.8.25	Lake Cleaning Supplies	46.62		
20.8.25	Betapak - 340729	155.88		
31.8.25	Onward Waste - summer bins - Duver	1652.40		
30.9.25	S Chester	625.00		
30.9.25	Bank Fee	6.00		
		£5204.02		
	Clerks Expenses			
5.7.25	Tesco - Stationery	4.95		
	G Tysoe & Sons - toilet plunger	4.29		
30.8.25	Sainsburys - Toilet brushes	5.00		
30.8.25	Tesco - Stationery	1.50		
5.9.25	Booker - Toilet Rolls - Pavilion	15.59		
		£31.33		

Bank Balances end of July 2025

Current Account End of June			£2463.37
Credits July	£ 180.00		
Transfer from Savings	£3,500.00		
Transfer to Savings		£0.00	
Expenses July		£3,694.55	
Current Account End of July			£ 2448.82

Savings Account - End of June			£57,964.55
Transfers from Current Account	£0.00		
Transfers to Current Account - July		£3,500.00	
Credits - Interest	£0.00		£54,964.55
Current Account end of July			£2448.82
Savings Account end of July			£54,464.55
Total funds end of July			£56,913.37

Bank Balances end of August 2025

Current Account End of July			£2448.82
Credits August	£ 220.00		
Transfer from Savings	£2500.00		
Transfer to Savings		£0.00	
Expenses August		£2897.40.	
Current Account End of August			£ 2271.42
Savings Account - End of July			£54,464.55
Transfers from Current Account	£0.00		
Transfers to Current Account - August		£2,500.00	
Credits - Interest	£0.00		£51,964.55
Current Account end of August			£2271.42
Savings Account end of August			£51,964.55
Total funds end of August			£54,235.97

Proposed Cllr JB, Seconded Cllr BH ,all agreed

Duver Toilets - Electricity supply - end of one contract, Corona Energy to EDF.

72-25/26 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

25/00779/FUL Land To The North Of Station House, Station Road, St Helens,
PO33 1YF

Proposed residential development comprising 5 dwellings,access road,garages,parking and landscaping.
Awaiting Decision

Consultation closed last week - in addition there has been a change in the planning officer dealing with the item causing a delay.

With Ward Cllr hat - Cllr JB has put in some increasing concerns re the heights of the proposed properties.

Issues have also been raised re clay, and possibly asbestos in area.

25/01123/HOU St Helens Cottage Duver Road, St Helens, PO33 1XY
Proposed alterations to fenestration to include new windows and doors; replacement roof coverings, flashings and terraces; new fence/screening and landscaping to front garden; proposed new balustrade for roof terrace (revised description)

Standard plans - considered an improvement. No objection

73-25/26 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

25/00567/HOU 2, St Michaels Rd, St Helens - Removal of Chimney, proposed porch alterations to fenestration and cladding to all elevations. Decision; refused.

25/00901/TW 1, Alpha Cottages, The Diggings, St Helens PO33 1UP - Treeworks;
Tree 1; Plum Tree - remove one big stem (with birdbox on) east side. Tree 2; Purple Plum Tree. Tree 3 Bay No objections

25/00835/FUL Bembridge Boat Storage, The Duver, St Helens.
Demolition of one storey structures; proposed extension of boat storage (revised scheme)
Granted

25/00685/CLPUD Fakenham Cottage, Eddington Road, St Helens PO33 1XS. Lawful Development Certificate for proposed detached garage.
Garage at the rear of the building - proposed building to have 2 doors and an open space - within lawful development. Decision: Granted.

74-25/26 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

- BHAG - meeting this coming Thursday. Cllr BH to attend.
- IWALC - none at present.
- NT - in touch with NTrepresentatives - Cllr CG to organise a meeting between PC and the NT.

75-25/26 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Nothing further to add.

76-25/26 OPEN QUESTION TIME

Cllr CG expressed thanks to V Boelman for her work with the School, in conjunction with The Consultation.

There is an event of interest to various parties: "Meet the Funders", Community Action with IOWC on Wed 8th October. Hopefully this will lead to some avenues of grant funding.

A suggestion was made - that the Clerk is people facing for a few hours per month by working from the Pavilion. Other Councils have Parish Offices.

As there is no internet available at Pavilion an alternative offer of using the Community Centre was made but this would come at a hire cost.

Cllr JB holds his Ward Council surgery at the Pavilion once a month, it was suggested the Clerk works there at the same time. To be trialled.

Priory Bay Hotel - Grade 2 listed building - in a very sorry state - is there anything that could be actioned to enforce the owners to repair the hotel?

Worth speaking to the Planning consultant as to the plans of the owners?

Do the owners pay Business Rates on a semi derelict site?

Suggested sending a letter in conjunction with Nettlestone & Seaview PC to the Planning Officer enquiring what is happening to the building.

Nodes Point are affected too.

Sports & Carnival - with the issues that have arisen this year with the IOWC - to ensure the people of the Village can take part without cost under the 1906 Bye Law.

77-25/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

PC Meeting - Monday 13th October 2025 7.30pm at St Helens Community Centre

Meeting concluded at 21:07 pm