

# St Helens Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL** **Held on Monday 13th March 2023 at 7pm at St Helens Community Centre**

**Attended by: Vice Chair Cllr SE, Cllrs: SP,GG,MC,AB,CH**  
**Clerk JM**

**Public - 9 members of the public**

Meeting was recorded to assist the writing of the minutes.

### **150-22/23 APOLOGIES**

Cllr JB & Cllr PJ sent apologies.

### **151-22/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None received.

### **152-22/23 MINUTES**

To approve & sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th February 2023 .

Signed by Vice Chair Cllr SE

**Proposed Cllr SP Seconded Cllr GG all agreed**

### **153-22/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Member of Public: raised responses from an official letter of complaint that had been sent to the IOWC.

Sighting of the Bollards could be dealt with retrospectively, the Member of public believed this to be not true.

A small triangle of green is considered unregistered common - the Member of public believed this to be not true, as registered under the 1899 Act & also registered in 1907

Details to be checked by the Clerk with IOWC for the next meeting.

Discussion regarding the retrospective Planning Application on the holiday site in Field Lane. Interest in the retrospective planning - any updates please share with residents.

Owner of a unit : Speaking as an interested party - bought back in summer & unaware of the issues. Horrified at what has happened - owners concerned about the errors in the application - they would like it to be approved but regularised in the correct way.

Northern End - a number of owners recognise cannot turn back the clock but would like the owners to make some amends - suggested to have a condition to pay into a fund for some community projects.

Not to be exploited in the future.

Comment: No right to face caravans into people's gardens, not a substantial fence - hence dogs & children in residents gardens. Much higher vans - noise of hot tubs continuous and too close to boundaries.

Brief outline from 1990 was shared. Offer of a timeline to be sent through to the Clerk to be circulated with the Parish Council.

Strong feeling that if not contested then there will be no control on future developments.

Field Lane cannot cope with the access. Issue here, as

Hot tubs - amount of the water every time they are cleaned adding to the infrastructure which struggles to cope.

Cllr SP spoke on an update from the meeting with planning. Planning Department looking to deal with this issue. Had this been a bonafide application then the PC would have objected.

Orientation of the Chalets insensitive to local residents. Questionable fencing/security.

Access - appreciate the access from Field Lane not suitable and should have been from the Eddington Road - there could be an issue on traffic safety at that junction.

PC working towards a favourable outcome working with the planning department.

Explanation required re the payment of £180 pest control - annual payment - is it normal to have pest control at Public Toilets. As they are positioned next to the cafe is this why there are issues with vermin - questioned if the Cafe contributes to the cost. Clerk to investigate other Councils run Public Toilets.

### **154-22/23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It has been noted that there is a newish looking tree on West Green - this is being investigated. Work on Station House ground, Station Road has been noted. There are no TPO's on the trees there but the Tree Officer is concerned that the amount of work taken place - the allowance may have been breached.

Hillgrove Cottage, The Green. A letter has been sent to the residents from the IOW Council requesting the boundary fence be moved to prevent the encroachment onto the Green.

*Suspend Standing orders:* a member of the public : talking about encroachment noted that as children the Well House at West Green had a pathway only not a driveway.

Bench on the Duver - all parties involved are up to date - just requires putting in situ.

Carnival date for selection of Kings & Queens for St Helens is Sat 22nd April 2023.

### **155-22/23 CLERK'S REPORT**

**Defib CPR training** - two sessions offered and have been popular. More sessions can be added in the future.

**Drain in Vine Road** - running a huge amount of water - numerous reports but Clerk to email again

**Pavilion** - annual checks being undertaken, suggestion to have CCTV operational from the building.

**Defib** - there has been an issue with the heater in the DeFib on the Duver. The Electricians to the unit have been checked. The heater has been removed and sent back to the company for checking.

**Tankers at the Duver** - waiting to hear why they are present so frequently and it appears sleeping in the area overnight.

*Suspend Standing orders* - note from a member of the public: the holding tank was originally only intended to serve the few residential houses & a small amount from Nodes point site.

At present once the holding tank is full up, the tankers then pump off the excess and take it to Sandown Sewage Treatment Works. With the extra demand and rainfall the system is not coping and requires the tankers to be present frequently.

**Station Road Toilet Block** - looking to take on - at present investigating repair costs and any available grant funding.

**Seaside Award** - an application has been submitted for this coming season. All items to be revisited and checked.

Asked Cllr - Water quality questionable with tankers on site. Environment data excellent -

A question regarding that there are no Lifeguards present.

Point to access First Aid equipment - requesting an access - presumably the Cafe/ potentially Nodes Point.

Monetary amount could be better used elsewhere this year.

Tankers monitored - dry time present, wet time present - full on rain - not present.

What is the gain for the award - good for tourism

Cost of the award £540 + VAT

Flag - Added cost: require a pole & fitting costs.

Contact Nodes Point regarding the water run off. Said they would contribute last year but nothing received

Previously discussion asking IWC, Nodes Point, PC & Southern Water to have a meeting - regarding the water run off, design amount of tarmac rather than water

**Great British Spring Clean:** 17.3.23 - 2.4.23

Suggested Date for St Helens to take part - Monday 27.3.23 Village Volunteers litter pick -

Afterwards, at the Vine, who very kindly have offered free coffee to those who have taken part.

**Greengym** booked for a beach litter clean in May.

**Walk the Wight** - raises funds for Macmillan Cancer Fund to take place on 14.5.23 - selection of distances: 26.5 miles, 12.5 or 14 miles or wheelchair accessible route. Posters will be displayed locally.

**Noticeboards** - Villagers would like to use the one on the side of the pavilion - require a volunteer to bring the board up to a usable state - Cllr AB says there is a volunteer, and they are happy to investigate this project.

**End of Year accounts** - the internal auditor has been booked.

**Annual Parish Meeting** - May 22nd - any ideas please let me know.

#### **156-22/23 STATION ROAD TOILET BLOCK - for next Agenda.**

#### **157-22/23 CONTRIBUTION TO VILLAGE WAR MEMORIAL**

Background: Chairs announcement in 2021 PC noted that they would look into paying the Community Payback Team to take on the project work on the War Memorial.

Since then it transpires the Lych gate is a Grade 2 listed structure.

The Lychgate fulfils a civic function.

Email from last November - quote for the work for the whole project = over £3447.50 + VAT.

The church is looking for a donation for the work - question asked: who else is contributing and how much is being asked of the Council.

PC offer a contribution

Contact War Memorials Trust - grants available. Clerk to investigate.

Worth asking some of the local families for contributions.

Cllr GG - happy to investigate too.

#### **158-22/23 CHURCH GREEN - April Agenda**

Conditions of hire - Clerk to produce a suitable hire agreement & share with the Council.

Boundaries - suggestion of adding a few more trees - Cllr JB has more details. Item to be added to next month's Agenda.

#### **159-22/23 CORONATION EVENTS**

Saturday evening - Barn Dance on Village Green

Sunday lunchtime - Picnic on The Green

Bank Holiday Monday is a National Volunteer Day - ideas:

The Vine are proposing to hold a high tea for some of the Village senior residents - a request for a contribution towards payment - Costings required. Cllr SE to advise on costs.

Some funding in next year's budget for the Barn Dance & hopeful singer for the picnic but other grant funding has been applied for.

#### **160-22/23 VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS**

Cllr AB reported a number of activities undertaken - and suggested working around the body of the village - clean Pavilion & shelter.

About 45 Volunteers on a contact list. Different people appear at different projects.

Suggested to do a skill audit  
 Artist - who would like to paint and revamp the Village Signs.  
 Map Duver Road Top

**161-22/23 FINANCE AND DATA PROTECTION**

Monthly income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.  
 End of February balance & bank statement shown, agreed and signed by Cllr SE

**St Helens PC Financial items paid month - end of February**

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date of payment	Method of Payment
23.1.23	Lake Cleaning Supplies	41.37	8.2.23	BACS
26.1.23	IWALC Annual Subs	279.91	8.2.23	BACS
27.1.23	Community Action - Salary	843.58	10.2.23	BACS
8.2.23	Corona Energy Electricity Duver	38.85	20.2.23	BACS
4.2.23	Ionos - Web & email	11.99	22.2.23	BACS
27.2.23	St Helens What's On magazine Pavilion ad	45.00	27.2.23	BACS
28.2.23	S Chester	600.00	28.2.23	BACS
22.2.23	Lake Cleaning Supplies	55.14	27.2.23	BACS
		<b>1915.84</b>		
<b>Income</b>				
6.2.23	IOW Council Contribution to Greens maintenance	1500.00		
13.2.23	Vectis Football - use of Pavilion	50.00		
20.2.23	Vectis Football - use of Pavilion	50.00		
27.2.23	Vectis Football - use of Pavilion	50.00		
		<b>1650.00</b>		
<b>To Pay</b>				
7.2.23	Eon Next Electricity for Pavilion	125.03		
21.2.23	Eon Next Gas for Pavilion	205.31		
28.2.23	Island Roads Waste bins : 2 x Church Green, Sept 22 - Mar 23 1 Dog bin Broomlands Path	313.20		
	J Matthews expense - mobile for Pavilion use	26.99		

**Bank Statement 28.2.23**

End of January			36,891.54
Income February	1650.00		
Expenses February		1915.84	

End of February			36,625.70
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**Proposed Cllr GG seconded Cllr SP All agreed.**

**162-22/23 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

23/00340/DIS The Duver Marina, Duver Road, St Helens  
 - Initial step - a condition compliance - flag that  
 23/00315/TW St Helens House, Duver Road, St Helens  
 23/00309/HOU Miramar, Eddington Road, St Helens - replacement windows  
 23/00264/HOU 42B Station Road, St Helens - Proposed single storey sunroom extension  
 23/00033/FUL Field Lane Holiday Park, St Helens - check date for submitting response  
 Cllr CH proposed a meeting with IWC planning, owners and followed through the history of the plan.  
*Standing Orders suspended:* Retrospective planning - if this is refused the owners have to put it back to how it was previously.  
 PC to submit a response to the IWC Planning Department.

**163-22/23 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

22/02212/TW Oaktrees, Mill Lane, St Helens - Granted.

**164-22/23 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

**BHAG** - next meeting - next week  
**IWALC** - circulate notice of meetings to all Parish Councillors.

**165-22/23 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Nothing to report due to Cllr JB absent at the PC Meeting.

**166-22/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 17th April 2023 7pm - ST HELENS PAVILION**

Main meeting closed at: 20:15

Signed:..... Date.....

**AGM** date - 15.5.23  
**APM** date - 22.5.23