

# St Helens Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL** **Held on Monday 6th February 2023 at 7pm at St Helens Community Centre**

**Attended by: Chair Cllr JB, Cllrs: PJ,SP,GG,MC,AB,CH**  
**Clerk JM**

**Public - No attendees**

Meeting was recorded to assist the writing of the minutes.

**Explanation for change of date for the meeting:** the budget precept 's deadline came in after the last meeting and was set before the original meeting date, hence the change. As required, the new meeting date was advertised in the usual places and within the timeframe.

### **136-22/23 APOLOGIES**

Cllr SE sent apologies.

### **137-22/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None received.

### **138-22/23 MINUTES**

To approve & sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023 .  
Amendment: addition of Cllr AB to those present as not listed.

Signed by Chair Cllr JB

**Proposed Cllr JB all agreed**

### **139-22/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1.General Issues (15minutes)

2.On Matters below (15 minutes)

As no members of the Public present no items to report.

### **140-22/23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

An official complaint regarding the Tree Planting & Bollards had been submitted to the IOW Council. No basis for the Tree - Bollards may be an issue. - a formal notice should have been displayed. The IOW Council Legal Dept have said this can be dealt with retrospectively.

There has been a request to hire main green for a Wedding reception in September.  
Thank you to the Village Volunteers for clearing the area around the Station Road Toilet block.  
At present still no keys to gain access to the block to ascertain the state of repair of the building presently.

### **141-22/23 CLERK'S REPORT**

Community Fridge - Cllr AB had been invited to view the set up in Ryde. Linked with the Aspire group a bid for funding has been applied for to assist running the St Helens Fridge..

Parish War Memorial. A previous request for the Parish Council to aid with a repair & maintenance project has been mentioned - this should be looked at in earnest.

Accident in Broomlands close - traffic enforcement officers came to visit. To do with Parking safely and considerately at School time.

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

Village Playground - the roundabout is broken and there are no available funds from the IOW Council to replace it. Suggestion that St H PC may like to make a contribution to purchasing a new one.

Suggested contacting the Stoneguard Trust - Clerk to follow up.

Greengym - they have been contacted re a planned litter pick before the start of the summer season - advised that their charge has risen to £85 per visit. Funds have been allocated for a couple of projects within the budget forecast. Also to ask the village volunteers to carry out a litter pick.

Signage on beach - supplied by the IOW Council - this was due for this year, however there is a freeze on funds so hopefully next year

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

Vandalism - on contacting the PSCO they said they would visit the village - there is an availability to hire cctv cameras, however this would rely on an internet connection.

CPR & DeFib training sessions - March 16th & March 30th at the Pavilion 7pm. Open to all - an amount of flexibility is required. Please sign up. Ten places at each session.

A request for Members Questions at meetings - can this be put into place - Clerk to check advice.

#### **142-22/23 PAVILION - working Group**

Request to have a small group to assist with the decisions on plans to run the Pavilion in the future. Initially to have an informal meeting for Cllrs to discuss what is required: Suggested Wednesday 15th 7pm.

#### **143-22/23 BUDGET 2023/4 BUDGET AND PRECEPT SETTING**

Information about the budget costs for the forthcoming year had been shared previously. Discussion took place on the forthcoming year of income and expenses.

Proposal to use some of the reserves to cover some costs and therefore keeping the rise in the precept amount down.

Forecast income: £4865.69

Forecasted expense: £42,922.00

Proposal to maintain a reserve of £31,461.00 (6 months contingency & £10,000 for Greens & Projects. (Six month contingency on budget of £42,922.00 = £21,461.00)

Allowing for the contribution of surplus reserves of £3211.34, this leaves a Precept requirement of £34,844.97, which equates to 5.45% rise.

Proposed Cllr JB, 2nd Cllr CH Unanimous agreement.

#### **144-22/23 FINANCE AND DATA PROTECTION**

Monthly income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.

End of January balance & bank statement shown, agreed and signed by Cllr JB.

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

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date of payment	Method of Payment
10.1.23	Community Action	748.06	10.1.23	SO
10.1.23	S Chester Clean Pavilion	324.00	10.1.23	BACS
9.12.22	Lake cleaning	29.94	10.1.23	BACS
24.11.22	Island Pest Control	180.00	10.1.23	BACS
23.12.22	ID Verde (Oct - Dec)	1016.40	10.1.23	BACS
8.11.22	Open Space Membership	45.00	8.11.22	BACS
30.11.22	Bollards	8845.63	30.11.22	BACS
19.10.22	Clerks Expense	15.99	10.1.23	BACS
10.1.23	Corona Energy	38.03	20.1.23	DD
4.1.23	I:1 Internet	11.99	20.1.23	DD
20.1.23	Community Action	702.20	23.1.23	BACS
30.1.23	S A Chester	600.00	30.1.23	SO
<b>INCOME</b>				
30.1.23	Vectis FC	50.00		
<b>To Pay</b>				
31.1.23	Lake Cleaning	41.37		
26.1.23	IWALC Annual Subs	279.91		

**145-22/23 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

23/00033/FUL Field Lane Holiday Park, St Helens, retrospective application to be looked into.  
 22/02299/FUL Oaktrees - environment agency submitted a rejection to the plan.  
 Discussion about area at Nodes Point - archaeology report was requested previously - Clerk to follow up - Medieval Monastic Building was previously situated there.

**146-22/23 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

P/00527/18 42, Station Road, St Helens granted

**147-22/23 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

**BHAG** - next meeting in April, Emergency planning meeting due.  
**IWALC** - circulate notice of meetings to all Parish Councillors.

**148-22/23 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Nothing local to report - all focus has been on budget setting. Decision due 22nd February.

**149-22/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 13th March 2023 7pm - ST HELENS PAVILION**

Main meeting closed at: 20:15

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

