

St Helens Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 14th March 2022 at 7pm at St Helens Community Centre

Attended by: Chair Cllr JB, Cllrs: SE,SP,GG,PJ,CH
Clerk JM
Public - 3 members.

Meeting was recorded.

149-2021/2022 APOLOGIES

None received

150-2021/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None received

151-2021/2022 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th February 2022 agreed and signed.
Proposed: Cllr JB Seconded All agreed.

152-2021/2022 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There has been a water tanker present at the Duver occasionally - apparently the problem has gone away, the issue to do with excess surface water has not been completely resolved but the matter is in hand.

Work has commenced on the Youth Club Building. This is exploratory work on the roof - work required to make the area safe.

Village Carnival going ahead this year. Request for volunteers to assist the Carnival team, with the events

153-2021/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. General Issues (15 minutes)

Query of encroachment onto the green - Hillgrove Farm / Cottage- new fence erected boundary through the centre of a tree & outside of hedge - the boundary. The old hedge which has grown very dense over a number of years.

A member of the public said he had submitted a letter to the IWC but had not received a reply. The matter of boundaries is being investigated.

Well House Planning Application

Questioned the application for the driveway to the garage, as the driveway goes over Common land which it is believed Well House have permission for pedestrian access only and not vehicular.

In July 2010 a Public enquiry about the footpath over the West Green Bus Shelter & pathway unlawful encroachment.

In order to consent to the pathway - providing the tarmac was brown. Wight Fibre after digging up has been replaced with black tarmac. Inform Island Roads / Wight Fibre.

2. On Matters below (15 minutes)

Wight Fibre box - large white box - signed up with OfCom & therefore they should consult with the landowners & occupiers before proceeding the placement of the box.

154-2021/2022 CLERK'S REPORT

DEFib - pads purchased and installed and updated info logged with the BHF.

Benches - report of a broken bench on the green. Broken wood removed. Requested a quote to mend the bench.

Parliament Bench - Original quote was from November - so have asked for a re quote - suggested we ask for a price for hardwood e.g Iroko wood, as well - this would ensure a longer lifespan.

Harbour Dash - requested further information - will forward when received.

New Clerk Webinar : 2 sessions PC agreed to fund, JM attended.

Training webinar about Year End Process - run by IWALC - JM attended

Curtain Call Medina Theatre - request for donation - process: apply to PC for a decision, generally not considered unless within the Village or if a Villager is involved.

WBF - Going well - by the next meeting all items should have arrived.

Parking in the Village - letter & request sent to the Medical Centre re staff parking.

PC Noticeboard - replacement keys ordered.

French Drain - checked - running quite well, so much water running from the greens - too much for the drain to be effective. Monitor closely.

Duver toilets - call out as blockage, replaced. A new electricity meter has been fitted. Issue from autumn - inspection drain needs re tiling ready for opening. JM to follow up.

Legionnaires - book.

Nodes Point - letter sent re donation towards rubbish and beach cleaning.

Duver - note for the Seaside Award - JM met a lady walking on crutches who comes to walk along the Duver particularly as it is so accessible.

Lady who has been looking after the garden at the top of Latimer Rd has decided to step down JM to send a thank you.

155-2021/2022 COUNCILLOR VACANCY POSTS

1st Vacancy - election came back as a negative - will move to a co-option.

2nd Vacancy - election came back as a negative - will move to a co-option

Two vacancies so we can move to a co option.

How to proceed: advert, interview process, set dates, advertise for 2 weeks, fix dates for interviews by convenience.

PC can carry 2 vacancies if wished.

JM to draw up an advert.

156 -2021/2022 THE DUVER - Toilets.

Date for reopening - a week before school Easter holidays. Open Monday 11.4.22.

157-2021/2022 BEACH & SEAFRONT

SEASIDE AWARD

No news yet

BINS

Recycling - litter goes to AMEY who sort.

Black bins - Quote - dual litter Bins on concrete bases £930 each

Single bins £460.00 per bin.

Placement of a bin down at the end of the beachhuts.

It was felt that the bins would not be robust for the area. JM to investigate further.

Costs for extra bins for the summer 21/22 (-) = £2712.00

Bins collection for the upcoming year has increased = £1281.80

(Covers 2 bins on the Duver & 1 at Broomlands Path)

158-2021/2022 THE GREENS

Station Road Toilets :

Information presented:

Going on the running of the Duver toilets cost per annum = £7,000

Refurbishment - require access to establish what would be involved.

JM to ask IWC for

An idea of the costs for renovation was circulated - sanitaryware, hand washing facilities,

Opportunities for use of the block - art gallery, bicycle hire shop as well as toilet block.

JM to clarify with IWC. Detailed discussion required.

Freehold or leasehold of at least 125 years,

Bollards West Green

Improving the bollards to protect West Green.

Information sent to councillors previous to the meeting.

Material costs have increased since the original quote.

IWC proposing 50/50 split of cost with PC

Cost to PC to cover: 20% £2693.74 or 25% £2805.98 to be confirmed.

Funds available from 2021/2022 which would cover the figure.

Felt important to proceed as a crisis with parking on The Greens, registered Common Land but to clarify exact locations.

5 properties affected by the change, requires a site visit and discussion with residents.

JB proposes that PC sets aside £3,000 for the purpose of bollards, arrange a site visit with IWC and consult with residents. Vote: all in favour.

Notes on parked cars on the registered Common Land - Agenda item for next time.

159-2021/2022 STATION Wight Fibre Box

Why a box has arrived in the location - no direct notification - on Common Land.

Break in - Village is a conservation area

CH to share info of Solicitors.

Propose PC be removed. Voted - all in favour.

160-2021/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Outline: linked events with Bembridge Village and the Harbour.

Thurs 2nd: Pensioners community Lunch at The Vine

Beacon Lighting - on The Village Green - searching for the beacon

Posts and stays previously disposed of.

Friday 3rd: Goose Island Games (sponsored by The Vine)

Films on the Green
Saturday 4th: Events with Bembridge around the Harbour
Barn Dance & Bands in St Helens

Sunday 5th: Village Fayre & Car Boot Sale
Jubilee Street Party Picnic on the Greens

Various competitions.

Volunteers most welcome and needed over the weekend - contact Clerk.

Funding - PC to be asked for a contribution - rough budget - checking on what grants will be available.

Next meeting to set out figures & potentially ask the PC to underwrite the event.

Tree Planting - to recognise the Queens Jubilee Canopy - require someone to lead this.

161-2021/2022 FINANCE AND DATA PROTECTION

Documents shared with Councillors:

Balance Sheet

Income & Expense Report.

Statement balance 28.2.22 £41,412.61

Expenditure for approval = £ 93.03

To authorise the Payment of Accounts see below

Proposed Cllr JB Seconded Cllr PJ all in favour.

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Method of Payment
14.3.22	J Matthews expenses	£53.03	BACS
	St Helens Community Centre	£ 22.00	BACS
14.3.22	Training: SLCC - Local Elections	£18.00	BACS

162-2021/2022 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

none

163-2021/2022 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

none

164-2021/2022 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Looking into the state of the Conservation Area. Also the Village design created in 1999. These docs usually have a life of 10 years - the PC may consider creating a new plan.

Question raised re Community Asset Register, Commercial Property. Identification of set properties required and Ward Councillor would

Conversation led to discussion on properties which could be on historical local properties which are an asset to the community.

165-2021/2022 DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 11th April 2022, 7pm.

Meeting concluded: 20.17pm. Signed: Date:.....