

# St Helens Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 11th April 2022 at 7pm at St Helens Community Centre

Attended by: Chair Cllr JB, Cllrs: SE,SP,PJ,CH  
Clerk JM  
Public - 9 members.

Meeting was recorded.

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### 165-2021/2022 APOLOGIES

Cllr GG

### 166-2021/2022 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None received

### 167-2021/2022 MINUTES

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

### 169-2021/2022 PRECEPT ERROR

Statement was read by Cllr JB. A copy is available on the website.

### 168-2021/2022 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Great concern about WightFibre within the village - particularly the large White box on Station Road. After discussion it has been removed and placed to the opposite side of the road and at our request is now green in colour.

Roadworks & cones along Upper Green Road - concern with no proper notification given to residents from Wightfibre.

Cllr JB shared information from Debbie Ward, Aspire Ryde, in the Living Well & Early Help Service. They have taken over the tender from Age Uk and look to develop more Community based assistance with ways to help with independence and isolation of Residents in the North East of the Island. They are interested in information or activities. Any concerns, ideas or suggestions contact either Cllr JB or the Clerk.

### 170-2021/2022 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. General Issues (15 minutes)

A thank you to the PC for the prompt action over the White box. Input very much appreciated

Greengym - question re what this is - concern of gym equipment on the green.

St Helens Youth Club, a member of the public requested an update - this is not a PC matter but as seen work is underway. (Cllr JB declared an interest)

### **171-2021/2022 CLERK'S REPORT**

Welcome Back Fund ongoing since last July. Managed to secure the full amount. This has provided 5 planters for the Village, plants, soil, bark, also sufficient materials for the gardens at Latimer Road and Nelson's Quay. Also bunting for Village events, painting of the Anchor on Nelson's Quay and varnish for the benches on the Greens.

DEFib - an offer: to hold a training session - 10 places has been put forward. Date and details to be circulated.

Benches - waiting for Quotes.

Nodes Point - awaiting a reply to email. Clerk will follow this up.

Boundary issue - awaiting a reply to correspondence.

Moles - IDVerde - Clerk to check the request from maintenance company

An invitation to Councillors if they wish to attend: AONB - AGM & Annual Forum  
Tuesday 26.4.21 10am - 4pm. RSVP required by 15.4.22

### **172-2021/2022 THE DUVER - Toilets.**

As agreed all toilets open on 11.4.22 - a deep clean process and Legionella Test carried out.

De Fib - on checking an error was noticed - it has been logged onto the BHF - suggestion to have a note on equipment. (Subsequently De Fib has been sorted and is back ready should it be required.)

Contract for Cleaning the toilets to be addressed cleaner - circulate with cllrs

### **173-2021/2022 BEACH & SEAFRONT**

**SEASIDE AWARD** - No news yet

BINS - overflowing bins reported on the Duver.

Permanent Black bins - emptying is the responsibility of IWC & Island Roads

Last summer the PC organised 12 wheelie bins - collection 5 times a week, collections (£5 per bin for rental & collection)

Sept - Oct - 4 bins collection 2 times a week, (32 collections)

Due to the staycation market the footfall is expected to be high again this year.

*Break in Standing Orders:* Question from the public - "Does the BayWatch Cafe contribute to the cost of providing extra bins."

After some discussion the PC decided that 4 extra bins from April - 1st June should be provided. Clerk to organise.

From June to August increase the number of bins, monitoring the situation.

Glass disposal - ask the BayWatch if they would be responsible for providing a bin for the disposal of glass bottles.

Subject on the decision from BayWatch Cafe the PC to organise the provision of a glass recycle bin, collection one a week.

All in agreement.

An image of a litter bin was circulated to the Councillors - questioning its suitability to be placed at the far end of the Beach Huts.

Question re which company would collect the rubbish - facility & frequency to be clarified. Security of bin - bolted to a concrete base.

Clerk to have information for the next meeting.

Greengym - a group of volunteers who cover various projects which improve the community area. There is no fixed cost but a suggested minimum donation of £75 to cover the costs. The Working party consists of approx 20 - 30 people who meet on a Wednesday to carry out the projects. Among the suggestions put to the Greengym group was a litter pick on the Beach. Dates and tide times need to be organised. To carry out this proposal : Proposed Cllr JB. All agreed.

## **174-2021/2022 THE GREENS**

### **Bollards West Green**

Awaiting response to correspondence - a meeting date with IWC & Councillors.

A Bench request has been received - placement on the Cricket Green and in memory of Fred Kitchener -

On visiting the greens there are 3 benches on Cricket Green - suggestion to replace the central bench to fulfil this request.

*Break in Standing Orders:* On information from a member of the Public (a relative), there is a difference compared with the request within the email to the Clerk.

Clerk to refer back to original request

Discussion followed regarding the responsibility left on the PC to maintain the benches once they have been given to the village.

All the present benches are listed on the Asset register. Suggested the PC have an agreed plan for the future. At present sufficient benches but maybe as they deteriorate beyond repair they are replaced with any new requests. This plan will need consideration and agreement.

GreenGym - on a site visit to The Horseshoe Trail it is in need of some improvements - this would be a project that GreenGym would be happy to undertake. GreenGym would put forward a plan to make improvements, including Signage.

A great Asset for the village.

Wildflower areas within the village being discussed.

Liaison with IOW Council as they are the managers of the land. Subject to their views GreenGym to be asked to come up with a plan - all agreed.

## **175-2021/2022 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

Thurs 2nd: Pensioners Community Lunch at The Vine  
Film on the Green

Beacon Lighting - on The Village Green (plans for an electric Beacon)

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 - require a Barn Dance caller.

Sunday 5th: Car Boot Sale & Village Fayre

Jubilee Street Party Picnic on the Greens

Various competitions.

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

Funding - some funds available from Village Events account - checking on what grants will be available and apply. A request for the Parish Council to underwrite the event to the tune of £3,000 - ideally funds received through grants and the event will be self funded but by underwriting the weekend it ensures that it goes ahead.

All agreed.

Tree Planting - Eco Church taking on the plan for further ideas - natural habitats - the Queens Jubilee Canopy - Village consultation - Village Community Project.

Propose idea - Consultation - decision. IWC have final say on the Greens.

We do have various sources wishing to donate funds.

## 176-2021/2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Suggestion: to hold a Public meeting to discuss Speed, Traffic & Parking which are constant local concerns.

Use part of the meeting - for the Tree Planting Plan.

Date: **Monday 16th May. 7pm** Venue St Helens Community Centre (subject to availability, details of meeting will be advertised).

Proposed: Cllr JB Seconded: all agreed.

*Break in Standing Orders* - There was a request for discussion of the Youth Club to be included. As not a Parish Council matter - suggest a meeting later in the year .

## 177-2021/2022 LCWIP - Local cycling walking infrastructure plan.

Going ahead with formatting a plan - meetings being held between the three Councils. Item raised: Currently a footpath proposal extension to the definitive maps towards the further end of Bembridge along the old railway line. Cllr JB has been asked if St Helens PC could write a formal letter of support.

As a key part of the LCWIPS would PC members support the path network as the definitive plan.

Proposed Cllr PJ - Seconded Cllr JB

## 178-2021/2022 FINANCE AND DATA PROTECTION

Documents shared with Councillors:

Balance Sheet

Income & Expense Report.

Statement balance 31.3.22 £39,838.62

Expenditure for approval = £ 1210.76

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
	St Helens Community Centre (Apr)	£22.00	BACS
28.3.22	HillBans Pest Control - moles	£50.00	BACS
29.3.22	Keep Britain Tidy Seaside Award 2022	£636.00	BACS
31.3.22	Lake Cleaning Supplies	£20.76	BACS
4.4.22	DARES	£110.00	BACS
	Focus Plumbing & Heating (£71.50+vat)	£85.80	BACS
31.3.22	Island Roads (Bins Sept 21 - Mar 22)	£286.20	BACS

Clerk to check with Grass Contractor - re issue on the Moles before payment to HillBans.

Lake Cleaning - prices have gone up 20% mainly on paper products.

The Clerk has had a request from IWC to cover 50% of the costs towards the repair of the entrance of the play area. PC understands it is the responsibility of IWC so until an amount is requested no agreement.

Church printer - an A3 printer has been moved to the Community Centre. The outline is to enable local groups to have the source of cheaper copying. There is an annual cost towards the maintenance and ink, therefore reducing the cost of each A4 copy to 6p per colour, 1p black & white.

Once preliminaries are set up, advertising the facility will commence.

Helping the Community with a printing resource convenient within the Village, a request of one quarterly payment of £180 was requested.

Ink refills for the PC printer are very costly.

Agreed: PC to fund for a year (1 x quarterly payment of £180.00) - usage feedback requested.

Proposed: Cllr JB Seconded: PJ all agreed.

**179-2021/2022 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

Proposed dormers & alterations at Four Seasons, Latimer Road, St Helens  
On reading the plans it was agreed there were no major concerns - no comments

**180-2021/2022 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

40, Station Road was declined by the Planning Authority - deemed to be a safety issue.

**181-2021/2022 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Still two vacancies on the Council - applications open for Co Option, open until 14.4.22  
then the process to interview applicants will begin.

The IOW Draft island Plan has been published and is under consideration. Series of  
meetings over the next couple of weeks. If any questions or concerns wishing to be  
raised please contact Cllr JB.

**182-2021/2022 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**AGM followed by Monthly Meeting - Monday 9th May 2022, 7pm.**

**APM Monday 16th May 2022 7pm.**

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