

St Helens Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 13th June 2022 at 7pm at St Helens Community Centre

**Attended by: Chair Cllr JB, Cllrs: SE,SP,GG,CH,MC.
Clerk JM
Public - 1 member.**

Meeting was recorded.

28-22/23

APOLOGIES

Cllr PJ, Andrew & Helen Bradstock

29-22/23

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

1. Cllr SE interest in Agenda item no 37-22/23

Cllr JB interest in Agenda item no 38-22/23

2. The Council granted Cllr SE dispensation for Agenda item no 37-22/23

The Council granted Cllr JB dispensation for Agenda item no 38-22/23

The above dispensations were granted so both Cllrs JB & SE could share their knowledge on the subject being discussed.

30-22/23

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday May 2022 agreed. As a copy was not presented to the Chairman the Council agreed that Cllr JB could sign once presented.

Proposed: Cllr JB All agreed.

31-22/23

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Helens Village Green Project Consultation - Leaflets provided - plenty of interest at the Village Fayre, completed surveys placed in box in the Community Centre and also surveys being completed on line. In respect of the online survey would the PC be willing to cover a month of the survey, cost of £100 - more information required so please add to the Agenda for July's meeting. Clerk to follow up.

Jubilee Weekend - everything went extremely well and made a good show of the weekend.

For the Agenda next time - Jubilee costs PC had agreed previously to underwrite the event should there be any losses. Information at the next meeting.

Priory Hotel - Cllr JB met a representative on behalf of the new owner and raised a point about the fences round the site, the fencing is temporary and necessary for Health &

Safety until the works are completed. The new owners understand access and will want the footpaths reinstated. Plans forward - aim for a 5* hotel - potentially include eateries, maybe a spa, offering employment locally.

Nodes Point Concerns raised re the placement of the new lodges on a previous camping field. The Nodes Point operation pre-dates Planning legislation so therefore the area is deemed established and they can develop the site without applying for planning permission.

32-22/23

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Standing Orders suspended

1.General Issues (15minutes)

An objection to the proposed plan to plant trees in the Village - this is a consultation and asking for views from parishioners in order to create a future project of planting trees and plants.

A member of the public objected to the document re the Village Green consultation stating that some statements are incorrect.

Advice from various bodies including the IOW council were sought prior to the document being published.

Objection to planting trees on Green as this would impede access.

Cllr JB requested that the member of the public send their objections & concerns to him in an email.

Nodes Point - development on lower side - questioned the information given - Prior to 1962 all land was MOD then purchased and developed as Holiday Camp, therefore questionable about the planning permission dates given.

Cllr JB asked for information to be sent to him in an email.

33-22/23

CLERK'S REPORT

Greengym - successful litter pick - along the Duver round to Priory Bay - 20 bags of rubbish.

To follow up regarding the Horseshoe Trail improvement plan.

LCWIP - held on June 6th, St Helens well attended and received good feedback. The maps are accessed on line and add a tab and information to improve the area.

The Seaside Award - St Helens Duver successful in being awarded for 2022. One main action to come from applying for the award is to keep abreast of the RA for the beach.

Jubilee - fabulous events.

Benches on the Green are in the midst of the repair.

Seat request for the green - Family have found a seat which they would like to purchase, waiting for permission from IWC for the seat replacement to go ahead. To be concluded.

Nelson's Quay - Clerk & local neighbours - planted up from WBF. Latimer Garden looking good - further plants to be planted.

Toilets on Duver - A number of call outs because of blockages. Suggestion is to have a further investigation as to why they continually block. This report could be compared with the previous camera report. Suggested that the manhole covers are more accessible - sand and cement have secured them in.

Bad construction or blocked by use or what was put down - request for report on issues of the toilets for the last few years

Council asked for an independent company to investigate toilets on a diagnostic study of what is causing the problem. Check also with IOWC. Report for next meeting.

Find a plan of the pipework and how the sewage system works in this area.

Break in Standing orders - drainage is PC responsibility up to the point of meeting another person's drains.

VAT refund - question raised - had the application been submitted. At the time of the meeting, paperwork had been submitted and waiting for response.

34-22/23

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

There remains a Councillor vacancy so therefore a further advert will be published.

Advertise locally on social media & noticeboard

Cllr JB proposed All agreed.

35-22/23

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Cllr CH proposed a motion to thank those who organised the event - a great success.

Cllr SE - was a great success - still waiting for money to be received and to be paid - total figures for the next meeting.

Unbelievable great feedback - general feeling, a very enjoyable, community event for St Helens.

A great number of helpful volunteers which made the event so successful

36-22/23

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

APM held in May, the subject was traffic, speeding & parking around the village.

Well attended and a large number of questions & suggestions raised.

Cllr JB & Clerk to compile lists of ideas & questions raised, send to relevant authorities, obtain quotes and information on legal and viable plans. Follow up meeting to be held in the autumn.

37-22/23

STATION ROAD TOILETS & PAVILION

Cllrs received a proposed idea - Seeking a provisional agreement to move this idea forward

Outline - the toilet block in Station Rd has been closed for some time, costs of running & maintenance was considered excessive by the IWC so the building has been left dormant. Concern about Public Toilet provision within the village.

Over the last couple of months the Sports Association has hit financial difficulty - caused mainly by no car boot sales due to the pandemic. The Sports Association has asked if the Parish Council would take on the financing and the running of the Pavilion.

On the face of it, a great expense, however within the Pavilion there are 3 toilets that could be facilitated for the public to use.

Proposed idea:

Take on a Lease for Station Rd toilet block from IWC - and instead of a toilet block - use it to generate an income from building, 125 year lease on a peppercorn rent - to provide funds to cover the running of the Pavilion.

Create facilities for Village on both locations - retaining storage facilities on Station Rd.

Formal decision for the IOW Council to take.

For now suggested: the PC to be given interim control of the Pavilion - pending formal decisions and in order to maintain its use for Cricket & Football over the next few months.

Financial questions raised:

Station Rd will require funds to get the building up and running.

Pavilion Accounts provided - disclose average running cost for the pavilion £4000 per annum.

Station Rd block if used as a commercial let(s) potentially could realise approx: £5000 per year which in turn would fund the running of the Pavilion.

Pavilion outstanding liabilities: a few bills & a few maintenance issues - paving and steps.

Income from : Cricket & Football Teams - hire pitch & facilities.

Hall let regularly - £8 per hour

De fib - pads need replacing in September. Check who is responsible.

Require clearer figures

In brief:

Take on Station Rd 125 year peppercorn rent, and let out at a commercial rent

Take on lease for Sports Pavilion - at present £500 per annum (subject to review - negotiate to be no higher ideally lower). This amount had been taken into account in the annual running costs.

Subject to Station Road being able to be used for a commercial rent

Potentially have accessible toilet retained in the Station Rd block.

Propose motion forward Cllr JB 2nd Cllr MC All agreed.

38-22/23

BEMBRIDGE HARBOUR

Cllr PJ proposed motion: St Helens Parish Council agrees to engage with Bembridge Parish Council to discuss the future of the shared local community asset of Bembridge Harbour.

Cllr JB declared an interest but sought & granted dispensation,
Motion speaks for itself.

Parish Council was approached by the Clerk & Chair at Bembridge PC suggesting the two parishes could meet and liaise the issues that relate to Bembridge Harbour - judicial review still happening. Issues have occurred and these have caused the Parish Councils to shy away from this local asset, a living for local residents & is part of the local environment.

Motion: Suggested a formal meeting to take place - with a view to either establish a new group or regenerate BHAG to ensure the Parishes have greater involvement. Not taking sides - a move to all stakeholders being able to talk and address any ongoing issues.

Cllr CH - discuss register of community interests with the land. Suggested that the PC get more involved.

Passing this motion to have a formal meeting.

Important to PC have a voice - particularly with Environmental Agency proposing flood protection works with Embankment Rd

Proposed on behalf of Cllr PJ, CllrJB 2nd Cllr MC all in favour

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FINANCE AND DATA PROTECTION

AGAR - authorise the figures from the last meeting.

Bank Statements from start and end of year = figures agree

Internal Audit completed and returned - all good.

Cllr JB & Clerk signed AGAR documents.

Cllr JB proposed - Majority in favour - 1 abstained.

Parliament Bench -

Cllr SE declared an interest.

This item has been returned to the Parish Council as a new quote had been sourced - the rise in cost of timber and also for using hardwood had been requested. The previous quote was for softwood and £500 was put aside from the last financial year. It had been considered that using hardwood the lifespan and maintenance would be reduced.

New quote for using Iroko(hardwood) - £983.84

Proposed by Cllr CH Seconded by Cllr JB all in favour.

Break standing orders - question for kiln dried timber, supplies of green oak, would that be cheaper.

Financial items to authorise at the PC Meeting 13.6.22

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Method of Payment
9.11.21	Isle of Wight Council - Recharge of Election costs	£72.00	BACS
9.11.21	Isle of Wight Council - Recharge of Election costs	£24.00	BACS
	G W Hughes (auditor)	£135.00	BACS
26.5.22	Green gym - Litter pick & removal of rubbish The Duver & St Helens Beach	£75.00	BACS
31.5.22	ACE Waste - refuse bins on the Duver	£604.80	BACS
13.4.22	Lake Cleaning Supplies - T Roll	£41.52	BACS
4.5.22	Lake Cleaning Supplies - T Roll & Soap	£60.46	BACS
24.5.22	Lake Cleaning Supplies T Roll & Soap Dispenser	£105.78	BACS
30.5.22	Lake Cleaning Supplies T Roll	£16.74	BACS
1.6.22	DARES- call out 3.6.22	£150.00	BACS
1.6.22	DARES- call out 4.6.22	£120.00	BACS
13.6.22	DARES - call out 10.6.22	£96.00	BACS

£ 1501.30

Proposed Cllr JB all agreed

Payment authorisation method:

Questions on invoices dated November - these had been presented to St Helens the previous week.

Cllr CH questioned the method of the authorising payments at the Parish Meeting.

The Parish Council are bound to receive the list of invoices - these require checking

Suggested an indication on those paid and those awaiting payment , all must be reported in both cases

Clerk to take advice on what should be put before the Council - check the Financial Risk Assessment.

Cllr CH proposed Cllr JB Seconded all agreed

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APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

None

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NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

Notification from Nodes Point - re some tree works.

Change the line of trees Cllr GG sent an email to Nodes Point.

Circulated the email and followed up with the IWC with details of work completed.

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PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

BHAG - no report

IWALC - no report -If any members want issues to be taken to the forum then ask Cllr JB & Cllr SE to raise the matters. Alternatively members are able to attend and raise matters in person if they wish.

43-22/23

WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Strike from AMEY had been averted.

BINS -

Bin by slipway, by the Old Church - very full and reported surrounded waste from bbqs on the beach. Should there be a larger bin in this location? Clerk to research details on emptying and securing.

Bin at end of the promenade - discussion about accessibility for the key access to the promenade. To be investigated and followed up by Clerk.

Provision for now - bins by the gate.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 11th July 2022 7pm

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TO RESOLVE THAT:

In accordance with S.1(2) of the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, the public and press will be excluded from the following items due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cleaning Contract.

Meeting closed at 20:57pm.