

St Helens Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL

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

Attended by: Chair Cllr JB, Cllrs: PJ,GG,MC.
Clerk JM
Public - 6 members.

Meeting was recorded to assist the writing of the minutes.

84-22/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Cllr S Elliott, Cllr C Hewitt and Cllr S Pope

85-22/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

None received

86-22/23 MINUTES

To approve & sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th October 2022 .

Signed by Cllr JB

Proposed Cllr PJ Seconded by Cllr JB all agreed

87-22/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

1. Car Parking charges at the Duver during the Winter months. Why do we have to pay whilst other places on the Island are free of charge?

A member of the public reported that a parking meter in Newport only offered contactless payment. This was felt as a discrimination against those who still wish to use cash to purchase a ticket and do not have the facility of a smartphone, also those who do not wish any personal details to be used.

Cllr P Jordan said he would look into both items and come back with answers

Bollards on West Green:

Great concern that two properties have formed driveways across the Common Land and the introduction of the bollards have allowed the 'driveways' to remain. The areas are recognised as permitted access across the Green only, not parking.

Cllr JB agreed to investigate.

Sightings of 2 cars parked on the area to the side of one of these drives was rectified and the owner of the house stipulated that they would not allow any parking to occur in the future.

2. Car Park Restrictions - these have been lifted until 27.1.22 whilst work is completed within the village. Question: will they have to be introduced?
The restriction of the 24 hour rule is being raised - what is appropriate for the village.

Cllr JB & Clerk to investigate.

88-22/23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bollards - as mentioned prior.

Remembrance Service: attended and wreaths were laid on behalf of the Parish Council and the Isle of Wight council.

Planning enforcement team have requested the removal of the 6ft fence panel at a property in Eddington Road as it breaches planning rules due to affecting pedestrian view of the road therefore a safety issue.

Cllr JB asked that any member of the Village, if they are concerned of any item that may not be allowed within the planning regulations, bring it to the attention of either the Clerk or himself.

89-22/23 CLERK'S REPORT

The toilets on the Duver are now in Winter closing - the accessible toilet is available. An end of season deep clean and maintenance check to be carried out.

Tankers have been sighted at the Duver - presence there due to the amount of rainfall and water run off from Nodes Point.

Christmas Tree - this has been ordered and due for delivery in time for the Village of Angels event.

Update on the flagpole - it has become evident that planning permission maybe required for what flags can be flown and the duration. To be investigated further.

Contact with Nodes Point regarding a contribution towards the refuse collection - still waiting to hear.

LCWIP - the draft plan had been circulated to the Councillors. Any comments please contact the Clerk. A question had arisen re the % of payments within the 3 Parishes. A 40/40/20 split had been agreed between the Clerks and taken to the Councils; Bembridge & St Helens Councils are in agreement just waiting for Brading.

French Drain - not pleasant at the moment - Clerk is waiting to hear from IOW Council.

90-22/23 ST HELENS VILLAGE GREEN PROJECT

The meeting to discuss planting suitability and location hasn't been able to happen due to various reasons but aiming to hold it in the next two weeks.

From the survey a number of volunteers had offered their support. A meeting is being planned to formalise the group. The hope is to focus further than just the trees but other green areas of the Village - early observations of items that require attention would mean actions could be implemented quicker.

Clerk to facilitate a meeting.

91-22/23 PAVILION & STATION ROAD

The Parish Council are taking on the running of the Pavilion, beginning with a Tenancy of Will until a more formal arrangement is established. This is a slow process.

One Solicitor had been contacted but unable to assist - another has been recommended. The Members agreed for the Clerk to contact this firm.

92-22/23 COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Following on from previous discussion about scope for a Soup kitchen in the Village - potential to hold in the Pavilion. At present any need? The weather has been mild so not such a requirement.

All Cllrs to ask seek public opinion.

93-22/23 WAYS OF WORKING

As this is led by Cllr CH, in his absence it was decided to postpone until the next meeting.

Website - under review. Discussion was had regarding Councillor information and what was required for the Website.

The Clerk to follow up and add as appropriate.

94-22/23

FINANCE AND DATA PROTECTION

Monthly income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.

End of October balances & bank statement shown, agreed and signed by Cllr JB.

St Helens PC Financial items paid this month:

Approval sort for those marked *

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date of payment	Method of Payment
	J Matthews - De fib pads Pavilion	64.80	6.10.22	BACS
	Amey Waste - extra bins Duver - July	165.00	6.10.22	BACS
	PKF Littlejohn - External auditors	240.00	6.10.22	BACS
	SLCC subscription	144.00	6.10.22	BACS
	IDVerde	1016.40	6.10.22	BACS
	Amey Waste - extra bins Duver - September	435.00	6.10.22	BACS
	Lake Cleaning	59.88	6.10.22	BACS
	Community Action	792.45	10.10.22	SO
	T Elliot - fixing Bench on Green	80.00	12.10.22	BACS
	Amey Waste - extra bins Duver - August	1033.50	12.10.22	BACS
	LCWIP - St Helens contribution	£2000.00	12.10.22	BACS
	Corona Energy	40.27	17.10.22	DD
	S Chester	600.00	28.10.22	SO
To Pay	Lake Cleaning	36.61		
	Royal British Legion	50.00		
	Thompsons Christmas Tree	305.00		
	Bollards - West Green Received contribution	Total £8845.63 From IOW Council £3686.00 St H Contribution £3685.36 VAT £1474.27		
	St H to pay and claim back			

Draft precept in planning stage. Clerk to circulate to the Councillors. Actual spend and forecast on budget for the current year.

95-22/23 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

22/01921/HOU Iona, Lower Green Road, St Helens

Cllr GG & Cllr SP had looked through the application and felt there were no objections.

22/01628/DIS 42, Station Rd, St Helens - re-worked parking proposal, all parties satisfied.

22/01853/FUL Culver View Lodge, Carpenters Road, PO33 1YG. Clerk to circulate details to the Councillors.

96-22/23 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

Only the planning enforcement on Eddington road - see item 88-22/23

97-22/23 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

BHAG - meeting on 15.11.22.

IWALC - both Cllr JB & Cllr SE unable to attend.

98-22/23 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

The IOW Planning Strategy is due again before full council on Wednesday 19th November. Because of the 3 hour meeting curfew now in place, only half of the business was completed so the above was rescheduled to this coming Wednesday.

99-22/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 12th December 2022 7pm

Main meeting closed at: 19:53

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