

# St Helens Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL** **Held on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7pm at St Helens Community Centre**

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

**Public - 2 members.**

Meeting was recorded to assist the writing of the minutes.

### **122-22/23 APOLOGIES**

None received

### **123-22/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None received.

### **124-22/23 MINUTES**

To approve & sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th December 2022 .

Signed by Chair Cllr JB

**Proposed Cllr JB Seconded by Cllr PJ all agreed**

### **125-22/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

1.General Issues: **none**

2.Guard around the tree on the green - PC is going to check the legality of having tree guards on the Greens. It is believed as a temporary item it is acceptable. PC should receive written consent to plant trees and erect temporary guards.

Cllr JB to follow this through.

Before work can begin a notice to inform the public should be published on the area of the proposed works with all details.

Questioned the work requirements for the bollards on West Green and the creation of driveways.

Suggested that the member of the Public should contact the IOWCouncil as the works were under their jurisdiction.

A question was re raised regarding a parking meter issue experienced elsewhere on the Island gave concern for what might come to the Duver.

### **126-22/23 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Village of Angels - good celebration.

Vandalism towards the Angels and the Christmas Trees lights. Disappointing. To engage an electrician to check if the tree lights are salvageable.

West Green Bollard installation - number of thanks from local residents.

Tenancy of Will for the Pavilion has been received.

## 127-22/23 CLERK'S REPORT

LCWIP - the company who formed the Plan are waiting to sign it off - please can Cllrs reply if they are happy with it, by Saturday.

Foodboxes - this didn't come to anything for Christmas as the organiser fell ill.

The Clerk to follow up

Pavilion - would like to form a group to oversee the running.

Sports Association - dissolved. Tenancy of Will signed and returned.

Tidy & Clear up of the Pavilion - in readiness to hire the building out

Electric items and the boiler.

Locksmith to change locks.

Advert in What's On - check and amend details.

Nodes Point - to make contact with the new manager.

Station Rd Toilets - New Years Project. Follow up re keys.

Seaside Award - flag must be flying if the water conditions are good. Flagpole to be sorded and placed.

Emergency Plan - Cllr MC has checked the items against a list and found a number of items out of date or not present. The two way Radios being some of the missing items. The equipment was gained through a once only grant. Cllr MC due to attend a meeting about the Emergency Plan so will update at the next PC meeting.

Question asked re bollards - why not placed on entrance to West Green.

Google Drive - items being scanned ready to upload.

Vandalism - ask for the PSCO to visit the village.

De Fib - at the Duver - issue arose so Defib sent off to be checked - a loan one was put into place. It maybe the heater in the cabinet. Electrics to be checked.

Asset Register - The Clerk to check the items on the list to note required maintenance.

A thank you call had been received re a fence issue on Eddington Rd

Community Fridge - no further forward. The Clerk to contact JSpit to investigate the Fridge operation.

An email had been received from the Stonewood Camp Trust - a group who had visited the area for many years. They would like to place a permanent memorial in the village to recognise the very happy times they had in St Helens.

They suggested a Bench in the village or plaque in Field Lane and offered to be involved in the future with a project for young people.

The Clerk to reply - bench,(no more available spaces at present) plaque good idea, to find an appropriate location. To remain in contact for any future projects.

A date was set for a tidy of the Pavilion - 28.1.23 10am.

## 128-22/23 ST HELENS VILLAGE GREEN PROJECT

Trees: in order to keep delivery costs minimal, suggest trees be purchased and share the delivery with a local company.

Costs Oak Tree £150, Willow Tree £57, Total: £207 inc VAT

Tree guards to be investigated.

Offers of donations: St Helens Historical Society: £100, Community Cafe up to £500, St Helens Horticultural Society happy to cover cost of a tree, PC to allow a bridge amount of £250.

Asking the Tree officer regarding tree guards - they have a regular supply so maybe reuse some from there.

Time sensitive on saving on delivery costs.

**Propose:**

**order trees - Oak & Willow cost £207.00 Proposed Cllr JB & Seconded Cllr GG all agreed.**

Wait for the information on the tree guards.

To look into the cost of plaques.

Wildflower Meadows:

locations - suggested small islands around the green - map & suggestions shared.

Time - planting in the spring.

Finalise the areas

Spend amount £400

Areas left previously should be managed - they require a cut - when was last cut?

Decision: Clarify areas to use & maintenance will be required.

**St Helens Volunteers - call for ideas.**

Projects - want to suggest some projects, e.g washing the outside of the Pavilion, noticeboard.

Horseshoe trail.

Thanks to Cllr AB for getting the group up and running.

If the Volunteer Project runs through the PC - the Clerk to find out what is required so Volunteers are covered by the insurance.

Use the Volunteer forms. To protect both PC and Volunteers.

Projects - skillset of the Volunteers would be useful.

## 129-22/23 FINANCE AND DATA PROTECTION

Monthly income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.

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

A Draft Budget sheet was shared with Councillors for next years budget.. Request for comments be passed to Clerk by Saturday

### St Helens PC Financial items paid month - December

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date of payment	Method of Payment
4.12.22	lonos December	11.99	21.12.22	DD
9.12.22	Corona Energy	25.74	19.12.22	DD
12.12.22	Community Action	748.06	12.12.22	SO
25.10.22	Island Roads Rubbish Collection Apr - Sept	1224.96	14.12.22	BACS
12.12.22	Clerks Expenses	47.42	14.12.22	BACS
	S Chester	600.00	28.12.22	DD

31.12.22	Bank Charge	18.00	31.12.22	
		Total Expense £2676.17		
<b>To Pay</b>				
30.11.22	Bollards	8845.63		
8.11.22	Open Space Membership	45.00		
23.12.22	ID Verde (Oct - Dec)	1016.40		
24.11.22	Island Pest Control	180.00		
9.12.22	Lake cleaning	29.94		
	S Chester Clean Pavilion	324.00		
	<b>Bollards - West Green</b> Received contribution  St H to pay and claim back	<b>Total £8845.63</b> From IOW Council £3686.00 St H Contribution £3685.36 VAT £1474.27		

Pavilion Costs: keep as minimal as possible - Fixture dates for the football required.

Clerk Expense for Google Storage: £15.99

Proposed Cllr JB Seconded Cllr PJ all agreed

Parish War Memorial - financial contribution request..

Grant funding: - investigate, circulate and assign to particular projects. Ideally be ready to proceed with knowledge of project costs.

Include the LCWIP in grant application, try rural grants for funding - Rural Grants have a monthly newsletter and news of available grants.

Any funding for Station Rd renovations must come through grants.

Pavilion anticipated expense £3000.00 - £4000.00

Check: insurance is from IOWC insurance, the island wide policy.

Can the PC run Car Boot Sales or

should it be a C.I.C (Community Interest Company) = PC 100% shareholder.

Use of Pavilion = Sports & Leisure.

### 130-22/23 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

22/02212/TW Oaktrees, Mill Road St Helens Ryde Isle Of Wight PO33 1YH

Concern on the plans for the demolition and rebuild. Expanded property to original size and build materials not in keeping with the surrounding properties.

Consideration for work traffic. Strong objection. Cllr SP to liaise with Clerk on wording the objection.

22/0223/TW Miramar Eddington Road St Helens

Tree - non native tree, if in need of work Council in agreement.

22/01900/HOU Vine Cottage, Upper Green Road, St Helens

Item referred to in the previous meeting.

**131-22/23 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

Fence at 13, Eddington Road. work completed.

**132-22/23 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

BHAG - meeting due on the 19.1.23 so nothing to report

IWALC - nothing to add.

NT - Ash trees being cut down Gagenes Edge - if wood is removed it will be considered as theft.

**133-22/23 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

All focus on the budget at the moment.

**134-22/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Monday 6th February 2023 7pm**

Main meeting closed at: 20:20

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