

St Helens Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL **Held on Monday 12th February 2024 at 7pm at St Helens Pavilion**

Chaired by Cllr JB,
Attended by: Cllrs: SE,PJ,MC,AB,GG,SP,
Clerk JM
Public 4 members present

139-23/24 APOLOGIES

Cllr CH sent apologies.

140-23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Refer: 102-22/23 12.12.22 Declarations & interests from Cllr JB & Cllr PJ as members of the IOWCouncil and St Helens PC.

141-23/24 MINUTES

To approve & sign the minutes of the PC meeting held on Monday 8th January 2023 .

Signed by Chair Cllr JB

Proposed Cllr JB Seconded Cllr GG all agreed

142-23/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Fields Lane Holiday Park - One of the conditions on the Retrospective Planning Permission was to install Acoustic Fencing. The Camp had to submit a plan for details of the fence installations to the Planning Department by December. The decision keeps being deferred. The question was raised: why? Please could this be investigated. The site visit was back in the summer and doesn't seem to get any further forward. Some of the Leylandii trees, which should have been left for screening, have been cut back too far and are now breaking away. At the weekend ,prior to this meeting, the effect of the noise from the holiday makers, hot tub & music at the Holiday Camp was unsociable & too intrusive.

Can Environmental Health take any action to install a higher fence?
Cllr JB to ask but will follow up.

Fly tipping up Atrills Lane - and a camper van has been seen staying up there. Unaccepted waste has been noted in the lane. This should be reported to the police. (Subsequently the Clerk has reported to the local PC).

143-23/24 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is a wider issue over the lack of maintenance of the Caravans & the vandalism of the Railway Carriages on the Duver
The vandalism at the Sea Front is all being noted.

An email from Duver Enterprises (leaseholders) was sent to those who rent the railway carriages stating that the IOWC are now responsible for the Railway Carriages - this is not the case. Very much a legal issue.
IOWC is looking into any possible action on the lease.
Regular updates to the Police and the IOWC are being recorded.

144-23/24 CLERK'S REPORT

A local PC is now being regularly updated on the issues in the village and has responded by supporting with regular patrols and communication. A number of people have spoken to me about the seafront . The Beach Huts look ok, Railway Carriages damaged, Cafe & Toilets all ok.

The Parish Council would like to encourage anyone who has had any items removed from the carriages or experienced vandalism - e.g the padlock which had superglue squeezed in it, to report it to the Clerk, who in turn can keep the Police updated.
Extremely annoying that it is considered to be the Parish Council or IOWC responsibility - it is at present the responsibility of the leaseholder, Duver Enterprises.
Question was raised who replaced the doors from the first wave of vandalism.
Idea to send a message to Duver Enterprises re the concerns from the Village.

Caravans - debris from the dismantled buildings. Particularly the insulation foam - what effect is this going to have on the Environment. To contact the Environment Agency.

Work from Southern Water due to have taken place last November, and then postponed. The Clerk is following up - ideally not having the work done in the Summer Season. It involves closure of the car park.

Pot Holes - Eddington Rd & Lower Green Rd. Report to Fix My street.

An enquiry regarding overgrown hedges from properties along upper Green Rd was received - Clerk following up.

145-23/24 2024 - 2025 BUDGET

This was due to be debated fully at this meeting but the submission deadline was brought forward. Discussions took place prior to the PC meeting and the final amount was established - to be approved at this PC meeting.

The Clerk prepared 7 budget options for the Councillors to consider.
The figures are based on forecasts of costs for the following year. Much debate has been between Cllrs via email.
Proposal: Option 4 is the most favourable option: a precept of £38,245.19, full budget amount of £51,516.00. This is a 8.76% annual increase, equating to an increase for a Band D property of £5.41, bringing the annual amount to £67.16 based on a Band D Property.

To reach the proposed budget for 2024/2025 some funds from the reserves are to be allocated.

Proposed: Cllr JB Seconded Cllr MC 6 in favour 1 abstained 1 absent

146-23/24 BEACH/DUVER

Due a meeting with a NT Representative - Clerk to follow up.

Report that a Dog bin was overflowing and therefore bags of Dog waste left at the foot of the bin.

A reminder to Dog owners that Dog waste can go in the Dog bins - plenty available and it can also go in the normal waste bins. Suggested new signage.

147-23/24 FINANCE & DATA PROTECTION

Monthly Income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.

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

End of January balance & bank statement shown, agreed and signed by Cllr JB

Authorise Payment of Accounts.

St Helens PC Financial items paid month - end of January 2024

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date of payment	Method of Payment
10-Jan-24	S/O to: COMMUNITYACTIONISL	1,227.48	10.1.24	S/O
11-Jan-24	PCC St Helens	30.81	11.1.24	BACS
11-Jan-24	E.on Next Electric	95.51	11.1.24	BACS
11-Jan-24	E.on Next Gas	58.42	11.1.24	BACS
11-Jan-24	J Matthews	47.00	13.12.23	BACS
11-Jan-24	J Matthews	3.00	13.12.23	BACS
17-Jan-24	Corona Elec Duver	30.83	13.12.23	BACS
19-Jan-24	ID Verde	1,016.40	13.12.23	BACS
22-Jan-24	Direct Debit (1:1 Internet Ltd)	11.99	13.12.23	DD
29-Jan-24	S/O S Chester	600.00	29.1.24	S/O
		£3121.44		
Income				
22.1.24	Vectis FC	50.00		
29.1.24	Vectis FC	50.00		
		£100.00		
To Pay				
20.1.24	What's On Magazine Ad - Pavilion	45.00		
21.1.24	Steve Wilson - electrics	372.25		
26.1.24	IWALC subs	284.53		
29.1.24	Green Gym	90.00		
29.1.24	Lake Cleaning Supplies	55.14		
1.2.24	E.on Next Electric	101.98		
1.2.24	E.on Next Gas	81.99		
22-Feb-24	Direct Debit (1:1 Internet Ltd)	11.99		
	J Matthews - Expenses			
1.2.24	Writing Paper Batteries	6.50		
30.1.24	Pavilion items - k Towel, Refuse sacks, Tea Towels	12.20		

End of December			£36,559.72
Income January	£100.00		
Expenses January		£3121.44	
End of January			£33,538.28

Formally agreed by all Cllr JB & Cllr SE

A question regarding the Income for the Pavilion from the Cricket Club, arose, to be investigated
PC Representative to attend the Cricket Club AGM.

148-23/24 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

24/00001/HOU 34, Station Rd, St Helens, Ryde, IOW PO33 1YF

Vehicular access - Island Rds agreed and the application is similar to others in the area therefore no objections.

149-23/24 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

23/01760/RVC 3, Yar Quay, Latimer Rd, St Helens GTD

150-23/24 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

BHAG - Cllr CH investigating the disposal on the Island of Emergency flares.

IWALC - Monthly meetings are open to all Councillors - meeting at Riverside, Newport

151-23/24 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Nothing to add.

152-23/24 OPEN QUESTION TIME

Cllr SE had been approached by The Vine requesting that their 2 benches be stored in the Pavilion whilst scaffolding & works occurred at the Vine. For 2 days.

Tender for the Greens - To share with Cllr AB. Request 3 tenders.

Toilet seats in the Public WC's at the Pavilion have been broken off. On discussion it was agreed that the replacement seats should be commercial ones. Clerk to source. An offer of help fitting the seats was offered and accepted.

Some signs of vandalism on the walls - decided to trial closing the toilets at night.

Request to have the Police Constable to attend the next PC meeting.

Clerk requested a date for her appraisal. Also a date for the Pavilion Management Date. Dates to be circulated.

153-23/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

PC Meeting - Monday 11th March 2024 7pm at the Pavilion

Meeting concluded at 8:05 pm

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