

# St Helens Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL**

**Held on Monday 9th June 2025 at St Helens Pavilion**

**Chaired by Cllr JB,  
Attended by: Cllrs: CG,AB,,  
Clerk JM  
Public 15 members present**

### **25-25/26 APOLOGIES**

Cllr JB announced Cllr MC had offered his resignation. Cllr JB formally thanked Cllr MC for all he had done whilst he was a member of the PC.

### **26-25/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Refer: 102-22/23 12.12.22 Declaration & interest from Cllr JB as a member of the IOW Council and St Helens PC.

No other.

### **27-25/26 MINUTES**

Minutes from the PC meeting on Monday 12th May 2025 had been circulated. These were approved at the meeting and signed by Cllr JB.

**Proposed Cllr CG Seconded Cllr AB,**

### **28-25/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Regarding the Questionnaire - leaflets have been dropped into every home in St Helens. Encouraging online responses. If a paper copy is required they are available from the Community Centre.

Turning out of Newlands is becoming difficult due to parking occurring on the double yellow lines and therefore causing a blind turning. Before any accident occurs please can this be reported.

### **29-25/26 CO-OPTION**

The process of Co option for the vacant seats was held.  
Each of the following candidates were interviewed and the panel at the time (Cllr AB, Cllr CG & Cllr MC) decided that all were good candidates and should be offered the position of Councillor, therefore making a full Parish Council for St Helens.  
Boelman, Olivier  
Dyer Stephen  
Hewitt Bella

Phillips Andrew  
Thompson Ian  
The present Council agreed on the Co Option.  
New Councillors asked to sign the Declaration of Office.  
To note: Cllr BH unable to make this PC Meeting.

### **30-25/26 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cllr JB welcomed the new Councillors and suggested an informal meeting for introduction to the Council.

As mentioned previously this year Cllr JB would like to step down as Chair, with a new Council now formed he is happy to continue until September, when timings will be more appropriate to elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

### **31-25/26 CLERK'S REPORT**

Dog bin - by the end of beach huts, missing a lid this has been reported waiting to hear.

Key was stuck in lock of the accessible toilets - now fixed.

Successful Open Gardens - 7 Gardens in St Helens proceeds raised over £3700 for the Air Ambulance Charity.

Village Fayre on this coming Sunday 15th June.

An opportunity to obtain a De Fib, (from a building no longer in use, and available for a donation). Funding covered from local donations. The Defib will be positioned on the outside of the Community Centre, therefore giving 24 hour availability. Fitting to be arranged.

Received an email regarding issues of Dogs on the beach - namely dogs off leads on the revetment and owners not picking up and disposing of the dog waste.  
Discussion on exclusion of Dogs on St Helens Beach as matter of Health & Safety.  
'Consideration of Orders' are who deal with issues of Dogs on the Beach. Dogs on Leads on the Revetment Order is time limited. It is believed that the Orders are due for reconsideration. Consultation will take on all views if there is a problem that would be the time to highlight views and maybe change the order.

The wish from the member of public to employ an enforcement officer regularly. They would be happy to have a raise in the precept to cover an enforcement officer.

Quote for an Officer - to find out.

If you feel confident to speak to a dog owner if an issue is occurring - do not put yourself in danger, but then the problem can be highlighted there and then.

An emotional subject - as one dog owner at the meeting suggested, happy to offer a bag. Educating some dog owners.

The suggestion of just using the Duver for the dogs would cause the same issues to occur.

Greengym - completed a litter pick in May. A data analysis was collated of the collected items. One comment was a number of sachets from the cafe. Clerk to investigate and see if anything can be done to stop .

A number of fishing items were registered too. From experience 2 nasty hooks were found - be vigilant.

### **32-25/26 VILLAGE CONSULTATION**

Up and running. There is an option to do the consultation on line or use one of the hard copies. Leaflets were delivered to individual homes - hard copies are available from the Community Centre.

A couple of issues - if you know of anyone who is housebound, or has sight issues please let the PC know and help can be offered.

Plans for a stall at the Village Fayre.

Suggesting putting the leaflets/booklets at the Community lunch.  
 Any issues - Cllr AB will be in the Vine on the 9th July from 11am.  
 Thank you for the Societies who have helped, and to the distributors for delivering the leaflets.  
 Register thanks to CllrAB and HB for all the work they have put into the Consultation.  
 Add the Consultation and link to the PC Website.

### 33-25/26 BEACH/DUVER

Appearance of the Caravan area has been covered and happened swiftly after the APM in May.

Dogs on leads - signage - pretty poor - can the IOWC do something. Not clear on areas where the rules adhere too. Maybe the PC could add their own signs.

IOWC confirmed they own the railway carriages, Mr Palmer does not own them. This does not block plans but there will be considerations

Agreement in the APM that Mr Palmer will give an update for the July meeting and attend the September meeting.

Arrange a meeting with the National Trust and any other interested parties with the area.

### 34-25/26 FINANCE & DATA PROTECTION

End of May balance & bank statement shown, reconciliation agreed and signed by Cllr JB  
 Monthly Income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.  
 Authorise payments and expenses.

Matters queried:

Contribution of £500.00 towards the Community Fridge waste costs was agreed at a previous meeting

Invoice for the St Helens Community Centre - for hire for APM in May £30.

Greens Cutting schedule - why was the grass not left for No Mow May? issues with leaving the grass for May, with the last cut at the end of March the grass would have been very long and take longer to cut next time round.

Discussion on the cutting schedule. The Contractors are aware of the various events due to take place on the Greens.

If cutting had been left for No Mow May there would not have been any car parking for the St Helens Open Gardens on June 1st.

Internal Auditors Report: no issues. All agreed

AGAR - Annual Governance Accounts Report :

Section 1 Annual Governance Statement completed, checked & signed by Cllr JB & Clerk/RFO.

Section 2 Accounting Statements, completed, checked and signed by Cllr JB & Clerk/RFO.

Propose CllrJB 2nd Cllr CG all agreed.

#### 31.5.25 St Helens PC Financial Items paid month - end May 2025

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date Paid	Payment
25.4.25	Lake cleaning Supplies	14.18	15.5.25	BACS
4.5.25	Ionos Webmail	27.59	21.5.25	DD
6.5.25	Corona Energy	49.91	16.5.25	DD
6.5.25	EDF Elec	36.78	21.5.25	DD

6.5.25	EDF Gas	30.90	21.5.25	DD
7.5.25	Community Action	1404.70	12.5.25	S/O
12.5.25	Community Action - balance of HMRC payments April & May	114.34	15.5.25	BACS
12.5.25	G W Hughes - Internal Auditor	150.00	15.5.25	BACS
19.5.25	The Rodfather	80.00	21.5.25	BACS
7.5.25	Business Stream	154.45	21.5.25	BACS
28.5.25	S/O S Chester	600.00	28.5.25	S/O
31.5.25	Bank Charge	6.00	31.5.25	Fee
		<b>£ 2668.85</b>		
<b>Income</b>				
1.5.25	P Hewson - Pavilion Hire	£80.00		
12.5.25	H Bradstock	£50.00		
13.5.25	St Helens Village Fayre	£515.95		
23.5.25	VAT refund	£2354.54		
28.5.25	P Hewson - Pavilion Hire	£80.00		
		<b>£3080.49</b>		
<b>Paid</b>				
4.6.25	H Bradstock - refunded incorrect credit	50.00		
4.6.25	Lockfit - issues with key in Radar lock.	90.00		
17.5.25	NHS Trust - Defib cabinet	560.00		
29.5.25	ERMC extra cut	864.00		
21.5.25	IW GreenGym	90.00		
<b>To pay</b>				
	St Helens PCC - Community Fridge Waste Contribution	500.00		
2.6.25	EDF Electric	43.04		
2.6.25	EDF Gas	29.58		
4.6.25	Corona Energy	54.64		
4.6.25	Community Action	1461.87		
29.6.25	S Chester	600.00		
30.6.25	Bank Fee	6.00		

#### Bank Balances end of May 2025

Current Account End of April			£2827.37
Credits May	£ 3,080.49		
Transfer from Savings	£ 0.00		
Transfer to Savings		£0.00	
Expenses May		£2,668.85	
<b>Current Account End of May</b>			<b>£ 3239.01</b>
Savings Account - End of April			£61,125.65

Transfers from Current Account	£0.00		
Transfers to Current Account - May		£0.00	
Credits - Interest	£0.00		
Savings Account end of May			£61,125.65
Current Account end of May			£3239.01
Total funds end of May			£64,364.66

Proposed Cllr JB Seconded Cllr CG,all agreed

### **35-25/26 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

25/00685/CLPUD Fakenham Cottage, Eddington Road, St Helens PO33 1XS. Lawful Development Certificate for proposed detached garage.  
Garage at the rear of the building - proposed building to have 2 doors and an open space - within lawful development.

25/00779/FUL Land To The North Of Station House, Station Road, St Helens, PO33 1YF  
Proposed residential development comprising 5 dwellings,access road,garages,parking and landscaping.

Suggested that the PC look at the application (20 documents)

Discussion was had about the area and previous applications.

Can the PC request some affordable housing. Representations as appropriate.

Individuals have the right to make comments.

Any concerns please contact to Cllr JB as Ward Councillor or the Clerk.

### **36-25/26 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

25/00383/HOU Fakenham Cottage, Eddington Road, St Helens PO33 1XS. Proposed rear dormer window - Granted.

### **37-25/26 PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

- IWALC - none
- BHAG - none

### **38-25/26 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

IOWC formally approved the IOW Strategy Planning Draft.Submitted to the inspectors. The inspector was not happy with the low housing target.Government proposed 1080 homes annually, in the draft 450 proposed. This he deemed unacceptable and instead suggested a five year interim of 700 homes as a target. IOWC accepted, the other option would be to return to the Government proposal.

IOWC has moved to a different system of Governance - it is now organised by committees rather than a cabinet. There are five main Committees.

### **39-25/26 OPEN QUESTION TIME**

Survey - the 100 Club - what is it? Method of fundraising. Up to 100 members pay for a number monthly. From the income, prizes are awarded monthly with a larger prize e.g twice a year, the surplus being the funds raised for the project.

Map/ Board on Duver Road. To be completed by the end of July. Cllr AP offered to assist.

IWALC Councillor Training - on June 25th - times to be confirmed.

Taking the Consultation into the School and talking with the children to get their views.

Mosaic - in the shelter. Issues with the shelter - awaiting for some advice.

No news on the lease for the Station Road Toilet block, awaiting answers to the questions raised. Once the consultation has been completed then time to follow up.

**40-25/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**PC Meeting** - Monday 14th July 2025 7pm at the Pavilion

Meeting concluded at 20:09 pm

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