# St Helens Parish Council

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**Draft MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL**
**Held on Monday 12th October 2026, 7.00pm, at St Helens Pavilion**

**Chaired by Cllr A Phillips**
**Attended by: Cllrs: J Bacon, O Boelman, C Garnett, B Hewiit, A Bradstock**
**Clerk JM**
**9 Public members present**

**99-26/27 APOLOGIES**
Cllr S Dyer, Cllr I Thomson

**100-26/27 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS and REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**
(Members are reminded of the need to maintain their register of interests)
To invite Members to declare any pecuniary or other prejudicial interest they might have in the matters on this agenda (Members with pecuniary or prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items);
None.

**101-26/27 MINUTES**
To approve & sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th September 2026
Proposed by Cllr A Phillips, Seconded Cllr J Bacon, Cllr A Bradstock abstained as absent from the September meeting, all other Cllrs agreed

**102-26/27 MATTERS ARISING**
None

**103-26/27 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Standing Orders suspended**
Prior to Part 2 of the meeting there will be an opportunity of up to 15 minutes, if required,for members of the Public to make comments and to ask questions of the Council.

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

A question regarding an idea raised at the previous meeting about the PC investing in equipment and undertaking the cutting of the greens. Cllr A Phillips pointed out that a good number of items/hurdles would need to be addressed before taking this idea any further.

Mowing - would it be possible to have a mow on the wildflower area below the car park. Contract to be checked - as the grass is quite long. To be actioned if in contract.

**104-26/27 CHAIRS REPORT**

Cllr Dyer had submitted a report - sending his apologies for missing the meeting tonight due to illness.
He gave thanks to the Council for the work completed on the front of the Pavilion. The clock is due to be refitted. Thanks also to the contractor for replacing a roof tile, whilst working on the front.
The .gov.uk emails are ready for the Councillors to log into, using these email addresses is to be encouraged

**105-26/27 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Best Kept Village Award 2026 - St Helens Village were runners up to Shorwell. Two items were highlighted which reduced St Helens points. These were 1) the play area required grass cutting and 2) a number of benches required some upkeep and varnishing.

De Fib - A Crowdfunding account has been set up and at the time of the meeting 66% of the total had been raised from donations given - a huge thank you to those kind people who have donated.
De Fib Training. There was discussion about holding De fib training sessions at the Pavilion in the months of October and November. Look out for local posters.

**106-26/27 BEACH/DUVER**

Decision on whether the tap should be closed for good. The tap was turned off due to there being a hosepipe ban. As the ban is still in force the tap should remain turned off. The bigger question, as water is an issue : is it required? Would other options be a better idea. To investigate water fountains and bring the information to the November meeting.
Place this item on the agenda for the next meeting.
Thank you to Cllr Phillips for mending the noticeboard attached to the toilet wall.

**107-26/27 COMMUNITY**

Remembrance Day - Clerk to ask if the Chair Cllr S Dyer would be attending the service - so able to lay the wreath. If not, then Cllr B Hewitt kindly agreed to attend.

Christmas wooden Angels for the Christmas Tree - these are decorated by the children at St Helens Primary School. Decision to cover the cost of these items - limit funding to £75.00, to check with the school about ordering.

**108-26/27 NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cllr A Bradstock gave a brief explanation why this item has been raised.
In line with the Community Centre Constitution St Helens Parish Council should nominate three representatives from the village to stand on the committee.
The nominations are: Mr Ian Matthews, Mr Kevin Tutton and Mrs Helen Bradstock.
Cllr A Bradstock nominated the three, Cllr J Bacon seconded the nominations and a vote of all in favour from the rest of the Council.

**109-26/27 WEBSITE & EMAILS**

Work ongoing on the Website.
The Councillors .gov.uk emails - to be set up and in use by the November PC meeting.
The St Helens Parish Council Facebook page is up and running - to be used as an information tool.

**110-26/27 POLICIES**

The Standing Orders had been shared and a number of amendments had been made. The Clerk to resend in order for all the Cllrs to read and be ready to agree the content and sign off at the November meeting.

**111-26/27 RESILIENCE PLAN**

Due to illness no meeting with Bembridge PC had taken place.
To ascertain what provisions Ryde Town Council have made with their plan. Using the neighbouring villages and Towns as extra assistance.
Cllr A Bradstock mentioned that focus should also be given to growing food locally, looking at Grow Gurnard, and 'We the 33' for inspiration on how they are running projects. Improving and educating skills and knowledge in order to grow our own food and not be so dependent on purchase food. Any available land could be turned into allotments.

**112-26/27 STATION ROAD TOILET BLOCK**

Clerk to phone and ascertain if the previous questions have been answered. Feedback to be shared.

**113-26/27 THE GREENS**

Cllr J Bacon gave an update following the public question to the IOWC committee. The question had been made, and the information being requested was being prepared.
A query re the PC having stewardship - would licensing for events still be in place? As the land is public accessible land then licensing would remain. The cost of the licensing is an issue for the Village Events with stall holders present, and an item to consider in the early stages of event planning.
Cutting Schedule: to be shared with the Councillors.

**114-26/27 VILLAGE CONSULTATION PLAN**

A number of items mentioned in the VCP have not yet happened, mainly relying on volunteers to help with the set up and running. To hold the event that has been discussed would keep the VCP plan in people's minds.
A suggestion of having a central What's On Programme was discussed. To bring the idea together Cllr B Hewitt and Cllr A Bradstock to meet and discuss best way forward.

The Youth Club building - no movement on this item despite reminders.

**115-26/27 FINANCE**

The September Bank Statement was checked and agreed.
Monthly Income & Expense report had been shared with Cllrs.
Authorise payments and expenses.
Youth Club Grant, update, and cover of extra expenses unable to claim within the grant. The Parish Council agreed that each month a notification is made of any expenses outside of the grant funding.
The total cost of the Summer BIn provision was requested:
The Water bill for the Pavilion was received. In order to prove that the water drawn does not all go in the waste we need to meter any water used e.g with the sports fields. A hosepipe attachment is available which should cost about £30.
The next section of the Youth Club Grant can be applied for, as the report had been submitted by Cllr A Bradstock has been approved.

| Balance Sheet end of September 2026 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Current Account end of August | | | 316.35 |
| Credits September | 907.88 | | |
| Transfer from Savings September | 5,600.00 | | |
| Transfer to Savings September | | 0.00 | |
| Expenses September | | 5,397.28 | |
| **Current Account End of September** | | | **1,426.95** |
| Savings Account end of August | | | 60,852.20 |
| Transfers from Savings - September | | 5,600.00 | |
| Transfer to Savings - September | 0.00 | | |
| Credits - Interest | 301.33 | | |
| **Savings Account End of September** | | | **55,553.53** |
| Current Account Balance end of September | | | 689.95 |
| Savings Account Balance end of September | | | 55,553.53 |
| **Total Funds in Bank Accounts end of September** | | | **56,243.48** |
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## 30.9.26 St Helens PC Financial Items paid month - end September 2026

| Inv Date | To Whom | Amount | Date Paid | Payment |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 31.7.26 | Onward Waste - balance of inv 13109 | 0.60 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 18.8.26 | Onward Waste - Inv 13215 | 410.40 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 7.9.26 | Onward Waste - inv 13286 | 307.20 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 15.9.26 | Onward Waste - inv 13285 | 478.80 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 1.9.26 | Zurich Insurance - YC | 10.69 | 15.9.26 | DD |
| 10.9.26 | Community Action Salary | 1505.95 | | SO |
| 18.8.26 | BDO - External Auditors | 378.00 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 1.9.26 | EMRC | 650.32 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 3.8.26 | Lake Cleaning & Catering Supplies Ltd | 15.05 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 15.9.26 | J Matthews - Youth Club expenses | 71.19 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 15.9.26 | J Matthews - PC Expenses | 16.00 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 2.9.26 | IW Green Gym - Litter Pick | 90.00 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 31.8.26 | Community Action - DBS check (YC) | 15.00 | 15.9.26 | BACS |
| 16.9.26 | EDF | 66.94 | | DD |
| 16.9.26 | EDF | 16.26 | | DD |
| 21.9.26 | First Rescue train DEFib | 1251.60 | 21.9.26 | BACS |
| 22.9.26 | EDF | 87.84 | | BACS |
| 22.9.26 | Ionos | 25.80 | | DD |

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| 29.9.26 | S Chester | 650.00 | 29.9.26 | SO |
| 24.7.26 | IOW Council - First aid training (YC) | 80.00 | 30.9.26 | BACS |
| 30.9.26 | Bank charge | 7.00 | 30.9.26 | |
| | | **£6134.64** | | |
| **Income** | | | | |
| 1.9.26 | Pavilion Hire | £75.00 | | |
| 9.9.26 | P Hewson - Pavilion Hire | £80.0**0** | | |
| 9.9.26 | Community Action - Youth Club Grant. | £667.88 | | |
| 22.9.26 | Dragonfly - Pavilion Hire | £85.00 | | |
| | | **£907.88** | | |
| **Paid** | | | | |
| 7.8.26 | Business Stream - Pavilion Water | 348.71 | 1.10.26 | BACS |
| 1.10.26 | SLCC - Membership | 200.00 | 18.8.26 | BACS |
| 1.10.26 | St Helens Community Centre - Youth Club Hire | 240.00 | 1.10.26 | BACS |
| 1.10,.26 | St Helens Community Centre - Inv 3731 Annual Parish Meeting Hall Hire | 30.00 | 1.10.26 | BACS |
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| **To Pay** | | | | |
| 30.9.26 | EMRC Greens contract | 650.32 | | |
| | St Helens PCC - Printing Costs | 14.76 | | |
| | EDF - Duver Toilets | 62.66 | | |
| | EDF - Gas Pavilion | 36.62 | | |
| | EDF - Elec Pavilion | 41.98 | | |
| | ASW Ltd - Works on the Pavilion | 1662.00 | | |
| | Community Action - Salary | 1505.95 | | |
| | Ionos Website and emails | 25.80 | | |
| | S Chester | 650.00 | | |
| | Bank Charge | 7.00 | | |
| | Clerks Expenses- Youth Club items | | | |

Proposed: Cllr A Phillips, Seconded Cllr J Bacon, all agreed.

**116-26/27 CONTINGENCY FUND**

Crossing Idea/Patrol – update, Niton are having two crossings installed - Clerk to investigate details and report back to the Council.

**117-26/27 MAINTENANCE**

Pavilion – front aspect - boarding completed, clock to be re installed. Roof tile was re fitted.

Horse Trail - suggestion to book IW Green Gym for a session to work on the area.

Proposed by Cllr A Phillips, Seconded by Cllr A Bradstock, all in favour.

**118-26/27 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

26/01299/FUL Proposed detached dwelling - land between 2, Rochford and the Former St Helens Service Station, Latimer Road, St Helens PO33.

Application to essentially extend the time to implement the current extant - permission 22/01739/FUL, dated 21.12.2023

One item for discussion was the fact of no allocated car parking and therefore relying on the public car park.

26/01288/TW Moorlands, The Duver, St Helens PO33 1XZ - detailed treeworks
Awaiting decision

26/01174/HOU Moorlands The Duver St Helens Ryde Isle Of Wight PO33 1XZ Demolition of porch and side lean-to; proposed single storey side and infill rear Extension; proposed verandah and rear garden patio/terrace; alterations; proposed detached garage and store; alteration to The Duver boundary to include formation of vehicular access
Awaiting decision

26/01159/DIS Bembridge Boat Storage, The Duver, St Helens
Condition compliance application on 25/00835/FUL Awaiting Decision

26/00928/HOU St Helens Mill, Mill Rd, St Helens PO33 1YH.
Demolition of outbuilding;Proposed replacement outbuilding to form home office and gym; associated landscaping to include removal of slipway and reinstatement of coastal habitat. Awaiting decision

26/00320/OUT St Helens Coastal Resort, Field Lane, St Helens, PO33 1UX.
Demolition of existing storage building; outline for residential development of 6 Dwellings. Awaiting decision

**119-26/27 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

26/01078/HOU The Martins, Eddington Road, St Helens PO33 1XS.
Replacement gates and piers. Granted

26/01146/DIS 1, Port St Helens, Embankment Road, Bembridge, PO33 1XG.
Condition compliance application on 26/00216/HOU for conditions 3 (Construction environmental Management Plan) and 4 (Drainage) Granted

26/01037/DIS 4, Yar Quay, Latimer Road, St Helens PO33 1XL
Condition compliance application on 26/00077/HOU for condition 4 (materials)
Granted

**120-26/27 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

There had been concern about charges being implemented at St Helens Car Park - this was subsequently rejected.
Planning permits granted on the basis of the car park would not determine the use/future use of the car park.

**121-26/27 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS**

IWALC - meeting - Wednesday for the IOWC and the Parish Councils, at Riverside. Improving ongoing relationships between IOWC and the Parish Councils.

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**122-26/27 OPEN QUESTION TIME**

Games afternoons commence on 27th October 2-4pm Pavilion.
The dog waste bin at the end of the Beach Huts has no lid on it and the birds are dragging the bags from the bin. Please report.
The Haven - a permissive footpath is going to be created round the edge of the area making a safe place to walk to Nettlestone and Seaview.
Cllr Phillips highlighted a cameo film that had been made involving local school children, indicating there is not much to do for the young people of the village.

Discussion followed as the film seemed to have a negative feel. Could the content be used and turned about in a positive way? The area we live offers walks, countryside, beaches, and an active youth club. The play area which was a focus of the film could be updated and offer more for the older child. It was suggested the Chair and Vice Chair would write on behalf of the PC to the film producers.

**123-26/27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 9th November 2026, 7pm at the Pavilion.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

**JM.**