

St Helens Parish Council

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Draft MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL Held on Monday 14th September 2026, 7.00pm, at St Helens Pavilion

Chaired by Cllr A Phillips

**Attended by: Cllrs: J Bacon, O Boelman, C Garnett, B Hewitt, I Thomson
Clerk JM**

8 Public members present

76-26/27 APOLOGIES

Cllr S Dyer, Cllr A Bradstock

77-26/27 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);

To receive requests for and if appropriate, grant dispensation to take part in debate or decisions on items.

Cllr C Garnett with regard to Item no:93-26/27, Planning application at Moorings, The Duver.

78-26/27 MINUTES

To approve & sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th July 2026

Proposed by Cllr J Bacon, Seconded Cllr I Thomson, all agreed

79-26/27 MATTERS ARISING

Cyclist Sign on the Causeway - Cllr S Dyer written to the NT regarding this matter. A brief meeting with Cllrs S Dyer, A Phillips, the Clerk & M Clarke had been held to work out the next steps for the Resilience Plan.

The final stage of the Annual Governance Audit Report had been received from the External Auditors.

Ongoing issues re dog waste; up the pathway by the school and on the beachfront, The provision of extra bins on Duver has now ceased.

80-26/27 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)

Item No 88 - With regard to the proposal of the PC taking on the management of the Greens, some historical background information was offered. In 1965 the

Government stated that all Commons had to have a registered owner, at that time the local authority should be the body that took this on - at that time there was not a Parish Council in St Helens so the nearest local authority was the Island Council at that time.

To provide the information on the items involved with taking on the Greens involves A lot of work and is not a quick email reply. Please see the action 88-26/27.

81-26/27 CHAIRS REPORT

Cllr Dyer had submitted a report -Dog Poo bin on the National Trust land at the Duver.

A majority vote by email to close off the exterior tap at the toilets during the hose pipe ban.

Attended the IWALC meeting. A rising number of mobile & residential structures in residential areas. Any items noted then the IOWC is requesting that locals report any such structures so data can be logged.

Resilience Plan coming together well

Pavilion maintenance - please see 92-26/27.

82-26/27 CLERK'S REPORT

Email received: a New Police Officer at Ryde, introducing himself - Clerk to issue an invite for attending a future meeting.

Best Kept Village Award being announced on 17th September..

AGAR came through from external Auditors, one item highlighted, rounding up figures. 2028 the Auditors wish to go digital - rolling out next year - those who sign up next year will have reduced charge next year.

Bollard into the football green - an email had been sent.

Wedding - happening on Church Green from 15th - 21st September.

Scribe Fest - Clerk to attend - full day of webinar training; digital AGAR, VAT, Data, Community engagement, Website, Clerks as Community Connectors.

Approached about showing a locally made film - Listen Up - Clerk to follow up.

83-26/27 BEACH/DUVER

Wooden sleepers at the parking area, reported and now have been replaced

Fencing in front of caravan area - much better

Extra bins, in situ for the main summer season.

No speed restrictions obvious on entrance to the car park, confrontations between walkers, families with drivers. Survey of signs and report to the IOWC/ Island Roads.

BBQs and bonfires on the beach; there is a sign but is quite small and not obvious.

Fire brigade attended 4 times during the summer.

Observed a family drove onto the beach - first time ever.

Parking and overnight parking which is not permitted. Not sure how to forward and act on Camper Vans staying overnight.

All the above can be forwarded to the Enforcement Officers but unsure how enforcements can be carried out.

The toilet direction sign is missing at the slipway entrance.

Sleepway if full of stones now - only accessed by 4x4 vehicles. Is any work required?

What is the Parish Council responsible for? Forwarding the information to the necessary authorities.

The Gateway from Nodes Point to Church Green has been removed and the stones have been moved and vehicles have been seen entering Nodes Point Holiday Park. It is understood there is a sign that says to the Access to the Beach

- ask Nodes Point to change it to a Pedestrian sign.

Letter to be sent to Nodes Point.

Litter Pick from Green Gym - last visit that has been sponsored by BayWatch Cafe.

Burnt area on revetment - damage approx 80cm round, and 3cm deep, situated close to the edge. This has been reported to the IOWCouncil. Clerk to follow up.

Discuss the fires next year and get a large sign for the Duver. Put on the Agenda in the Spring. Worth raising now as planning maybe required.

Tap - hosepipe ban still in force so remain turned off. The bigger question , as water is an issue : is it required? Hose Pipe Ban is presently still in place. Place this item on the agenda at the next meeting

84-26/27 COMMUNITY

Cricket - one more friendly game for this season..

Football - One team has disbanded and the other team hasn't played because of the condition on the pitch - too hard and the goal area requires some attention.

Knit & Natter Group is going well. Tuesday and Wednesday alternate weeks.

Games afternoon - will be back.

Film Club - had been planned for the 29th September but due to continued hot weath this was postponed.

'We the 33' - who were at the Annual Parish Meeting - Cllr B Hewitt happy to be the Parish Council connection.

85-26/27 WEBSITE & EMAILS

Work ongoing. A meeting is set for the Clerk and the Company

Emails - information has come through.

Clerk requested for suggested contacts of photographers who could provide images of the village to go on the website. Cllr B Hewitt offered to contact a local photographer.

A competition was suggested.

86-26/27 RESILIENCE PLAN

An informal meeting to discuss how to move forward had taken place. To ascertain what role is expected from St Helens Resilience Group before the expenditure from the grant occurs. Cllr Dyer to check the contacts on the original plan to ensure they wish to remain involved.

Cllr I Thomson mentioned the Resilient Plan had been mentioned at the BHAG meeting,

M Groom from Bembridge wished to be contacted.

87-26/27 STATION ROAD TOILET BLOCK

Cllr Phillips suggested that the block could be taken on for storage of village items.

Waiting for answers to questions proposed to the IW, any answers received? The

Clerk had followed up with an email but the contact was unavailable. To repeat.

The previous list of questions - have answers been received.

What costs are involved: running costs, surrender costs. Is there a recent survey?

A follow up email has been sent from the Parish Council - to try again.

Funding is available from different avenues.

Cllr I Thomson feels that Cllr J Bacon has a conflict of interest re this item with regard to his IOWCouncil links.

88-26/27 THE GREENS

To consider the potential of taking on the control of Greens from the IOWCouncil

Cllr I Thomson feels that Cllr J Bacon has a conflict of interest with this matter.

Cllr I Thomson raised the issue of the soakway down Station Road, and the broken Bollards. He would like these items to be rectified before the Parish Council moves

on with this idea. The Clerk to follow up the questions on the French Drain and the bollards.

An idea was raised of the PC taking on the cutting of the greens. Cllr A Phillips had been researching the costs of owning equipment to carry out this task.

Cllr JBacon had sent a request to the IOWCouncil asking for information on the management of the greens. In order for this to proceed it was suggested that the following Requested Decision be put to the IOWC: St Helens Parish Council will formally request the Chair of the Isle of Wight Council Policy, Finance and Resources Committee, to ask the Committee, through a formal Agenda item, to make a decision to ask Officers of the IOWCouncil to undertake all necessary work to provide information that may be required by the Parish Council to formally consider taking on the ownership and/or management of the land known as St Helens Greens. Such information should include all costs and liabilities which relate to or arise from the Greens together with any other information reasonably requested by St Helens Parish Council. The decision of the Policy, Finance and Resources Committee should also empower officers to enter discussions with St Helens Parish Council as to any process, procedure or legal requirements allied to take on the ownership and/or management of St Helens Greens.
Proposal to proceed with the investigation.

Proposed: Cllr B Hewitt, Seconded by Cllr C Garnett, 3 Cllrs in favour, 1 against

89-26/27 VILLAGE CONSULTATION PLAN

The Youth Club Building; a meeting with the existing trustees, a formal proposal of passing over the building to the current trustees.

Cllr the B Hewitt added that the trustees had a CIO (set up in order to sell the building and give the funds to the whole of East Wight youth Provision not just St Helens.

They recognised that the YC was up and running and doing a great job, but restricted to the space at the Community Centre. The value of the property wasn't as large as previously so positive news for St Helens.

The VCP - One year on - to hold an Event to highlight the results so far - to highlight what has been achieved & how to get more volunteers involved, e.g with the Youth Club .Combine this with the photography competition - autumnal cakes and drop in session. Organising a day and date. Parish Council enthusiastic and happy to back Cllr A Bradstocks lead.

90-26/27 FINANCE

July & August Bank Statements were checked and agreed.

Monthly Income & Expense report 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.

TheDe Fib on Pavilion has ceased working. A short term loaned replacement is in situ.

Suggested fundraising, to purchase a new one but with the Parish Council funding the upfront cost.

Proposed: Cllr A Phillips, Seconded Cllr J Bacon. All in favour.

A suggestion to create a GoFund Me/Crowdfunding account to attract donations from a larger audience. Clerk to set up.

A letter from IOWC had been received, requesting a contribution towards a Planning Officer, who would assist local planning applications move more promptly. St Helens Parish Council decided not to go with this proposal.

It was noted that the annual Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2026/27 had been agreed. Clerk to notify Community Action who organise the payroll.

Balance Sheet end of July 2026			
Current Account end of June			291.23
Credits July	80.00		
Transfer from Savings July	4,300.00		
Transfer to Savings July		0.00	
Expenses July		3,397.99	
Current Account End of July			1,273.24
Savings Account end of June			67,195.60
Transfers from Savings - July		4,300.00	
Transfer to Savings - July	0.00		
Credits - Interest	0.00		
Savings Account End of July			62,895.60
Current Account Balance end of July			1,273.24
Savings Account Balance end of July			62,895.60
Total Funds in Bank Accounts end of July			64,168.84
Wedding Deposit			500
			63,668.84

Balance Sheet end of August 2026			
Current Account end of July			1,273.24
Credits August	80.00		
Transfer from Savings August	2,043.40		
Transfer to Savings August		0.00	
Expenses August		3,080.29	
Current Account End of August			316.35
Savings Account end of July			62,895.60
Transfers from Savings - August		2,043.40	

Transfer to Savings - August	0.00		
Credits - Interest	0.00		
Savings Account End of August			60,852.20
Current Account Balance end of August			316.35
Savings Account Balance end of August			60,852.20
Total Funds in Bank Accounts end of August			61,168.55
Wedding Deposit			500
			60,668.55

31.7.26 St Helens PC Financial Items paid month - end July 2026

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date Paid	Payment
1.7.26	Zurich Insurance - Youth Club	10.69	1.7.26	BACS
3.7.26	Community Action	1505.95	10.7.26	BACS
29.6.26	ERMC INV 00955	650.32	13.7.26	BACS
1.7.26	EDF Electricity Duver Toilets	58.21	16.7.26	DD
2.7.26	EDF Pavilion - Gas	31.63	17.7.26	DD
2.7.26	EDF Pavilion - Electricity	40.52	17.7.26	DD
4.7.26	Ionos Website	25.80	22.7.26	DD
10.7.26	BetterPak	267.13	16.7.26	BACS
10.7.26	IW Green Gym	90.00	16.7.26	BACS
13.7.26	Clerks Expenses	60.74	16.7.26	BACS
28.7.26	S Chester	650.00	28.7.26	S/O
31.7.26	Bank Charge	7.00	31.7.26	
		£3397.99		
Income				
8.7.26	P Hewson - Pavilion Hire	£80.00		

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3.8.26	Zurich Insurance - youth Club	10.69	3.8.26	DD
3.8.26	Community Action	1505.95	10.8.26	S/O
	EMRC	605.32	17.8.26	BACS

31.7.26	Onward Waste - summer bins inv 13109	45.00	17.8.26	BACS
3.8.26	EDF Electricity Duver Toilets	69.44	18.8.26	DD
3.8.26	EDF Pavilion - Gas	28.92	18.8.26	DD
3.8.26	EDF Pavilion - Electricity	40.17	18.8.26	DD
3.8.26	Ionos	25.80	20.8.26	DD
21.8.26	ICO Information Commision	47.00	21.8.26	DD
28.8.26	S Chester	650.00	28.8.26	S/O
31.8.26	Bank Charge	7.00	31.8.26	DD
		£6773.50		
Income				
2.6.26	P Hewson - Pavilion Hire	£80.00		
		£80.00		
To Pay				
31.7.26	Onward Waste - balance of inv 13109	0.60		
18.8.26	Onward Waste - Inv 13215	410.40		
7.9.26	Onward Waste - inv 13286	307.20		
	Onward Waste - inv 13285	478.80		
	SLCC - Membership	200.00		
18.8.26	BDO - External Auditors	378.00		
1.9.26	EMRC	650.32		
3.8.26	Lake Cleaning & Catering Supplies Ltd	15.05		
7.8.26	Business Stream - Pavilion Water	348.71		
2.9.26	IW Green Gym - Litter Pick	90.00		
24.7.26	IOW Council - First aid training (YC)	80.00		
31.8.26	Community Action - DBS check (YC)	15.00		
29.9.26	S Chester	650.00		
30.9.26	Bank charge	7.00		
	Clerks Expenses (Youth Club Grant expenses - £71.19,)	£87.19		

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

91-26/27 CONTINGENCY FUND

Crossing Idea/Patrol – update, no news at moment Clerk to follow up.

Suggested sharing the walking bus idea with the school until the Patrol Officer was employed.

Cllr B Hewitt suggested a meeting in order to ask the opinions of the Parents at school.

Cllr Garnett would like to see details on having a permanent crossing, effect on the area and costings. Follow the route for the Crossing patrol for now with producing a report on other crossing options.

92-26/27 MAINTENANCE

Pavilion – front aspect. Cllrs S Dyer and A Phillips had costed out the proposed cladding for the apex front of the building, but on researching there could be issues re insurance now and in the future. A quote from ASW had been sourced and circulated to the Council. Other people had been asked to quote but none had been received. As the amount quoted was similar to the amount costed by Cllrs APhillips and Cllr S Dyer the PC agreed to accept this quote and instruct the work to be carried out, rather than wait for other quotes.

Proposed by Cllr A Phillips, Seconded Cllr I Thomson. All agreed
With the provisor to have the work done as soon as possible.

93-26/27 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

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

The PC welcomed the ideas for Moorlands. One concern was the proposed driveway access to the Duver, would there be sufficient space to be fully operational when cars are parked opposite. A site visit was suggested.

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

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)

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

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

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.

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

94-26/27 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

26/00633/HOU Lilac Cottage, Upper Green Road, St Helens, PO33 1UG.
Proposed cladding to the side elevation. Public Consultation End Date is 19.6.26.
Granted

95-26/27 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr J Bacon spoke of the migrant situation – there had been misleading

information about this subject. The local RNLI had been engaged, because no other rescue provision was available.

The RNLI have a duty to preserve life with no questions. There is no border force on the IOW and no migrant housing with no plans in the future.

The Government has cancelled the reorganisation of Councils, this will not have any effect on us.

Devolution and the reorganisation are two different entities.

The Mayoral elections (reorganisation on the mainland) planned for 2028 are being proposed for 2027.

96-26/27 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

IWALC - no update.

BHAG - At the last meeting there was discussion on the sewer pipe at the Point, Bembridge. The idea has been abandoned. Now tanks are being brought in for taking away the excess water.

97-26/27 OPEN QUESTION TIME

Wells/ Bore holes on the Green – does anyone have knowledge of their location. Potentially used for the Cricket pitch.

98-26/27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10th October 2026, 7pm at the Pavilion.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm.

JM.