

St Helens Parish Council

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Draft MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 11th May 2026, 7.00pm, at St Helens Pavilion

Chaired by Cllr J Bacon

**Attended by: Cllrs: A Phillips, A Bradstock, O Boelman, S Dyer, C Garnett,
Clerk JM**

5 Public members present

10-26/27 APOLOGIES

Cllr I Thomson, Cllr B Hewitt.

11-26/27 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 CGarnett & Cllr ABradstock have an interest in the Haven Field CIO this should be added to their individual register of interests

12-26/27 MINUTES

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

Under item 206 - amend details re the website and emails. A new PC website is being created and the provider will set up .gov.uk emails for all the Council members, recommended as part of the Assertion 10, a mandatory governance compliance re digital practices.

Proposed Cllr JBacon Seconded Cllr SDyer All agreed

13-26/27 MATTERS ARISING

The Old Youth Club Building Cllr ABradstock is to meet with the Trustees. Suggested the new Working Group attend too.

The previously raised question re the Shooting Range at bottom of Station Rd., The Historical Society may have some information. To follow up.

St Helens Youth Club – to take part in the Village Fayre sharing the Historical Stall. Clerk to check with H S. There are a number of books which could be sold to raise funds for the YC.

Costings on the work for the PC Noticeboard - The costings of £211.10 were circulated at the meeting and agreed by the Council. Cllr APhillips had kindly offered to carry out the repairs.

Proposed Cllr JBacon Seconded Cllr SDyer all agreed.

Item 207 Clerks annual appraisal must take place within June /July.

Cllr CGarnett, Cllr OBoelman and the Clerk to agree a date at the end of this meeting.

Station Road, no news to report.

14-26/27 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)

Speed monitor - Clerk in communication with Brading TC to borrow their monitoring equipment. Clerk to contact the volunteer to assist with recording data.

A question was raised on the outcome of the PC response to the Planning application at St Helens Coastal Resorts – the PC submitted an objection based on the viewing of the plans, speaking with members of the parish and discussion around the number of issues that arose from the plans.

Old Youth Club building – when there is news, can move forward assisting with looking for grants to restore the building..

15-26/27 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mural is fantastic. Thanks to all those involved in its creation especially Cllr C Garnett for setting the project up and generating the sponsorship. The company used a Virtual Reality headset to give the background and outlines and before painting in the detail. It is to formally be unveiled at the Village Fayre at 12 noon on 7th June by David from Stonewood Camp who initialised the project.

There is an issue with the light in the shelter – the Clerk has been in touch with an electrician.

Within the costings, the memorial plaque was not factored in – quite a large amount of the black writing has worn off, and fortunately a lady from the Mural company could offer the service to revamp the memorial for an extra cost. Donations have been made to cover the cost of this maintenance.

The artists really enjoyed creating the mural and the response has been fantastic.

16-26/27 CLERK'S REPORT

IWALC - investment training session – only Clerk B Jennings from Nettlestone & Seaview and myself attended. Very interesting info, to be followed up for more detail. Various local Councils Lake, Sandown have used this contact.

Money - £25k initial invest – money is accessible at any time. The next step is for the Clerk to meet with BJennings. Further details to be circulated.

Knit and Natter Group has had a couple of meetings which have been successful. Future dates require setting.

Dates for a couple of First Aid training sessions require setting.

17-26/27 ADOPTION OF POLICIES

IT Policy - in order for this policy to be brought up to date and adopted the PC requires the updating of the current website. A company called Aubergine (who deal with Council websites) would be the most favourable for St Helens, at this time. They will make the website compliant with new legislation, organise the transfer of detail from the old website to the new and train the Clerk on using the system.

Data Protection Policy

FOI Policy - dates and contact details to be updated. Costs for printing and postage to be updated.

Subject to the updates, propose the three policies to be voted on as a block.

Proposed: Cllr J Bacon, Seconded Cllr S Dyer All agreed.

18-26/27 ASSET REGISTER

A document was circulated with the Cllrs. This is a live document and should be regularly reviewed. The Mural to be added. And the Duver Toilet block to be revalued in the future.

Formally adopted.

Proposed: Cllr J Bacon, Seconded Cllr C Garnett All agreed.

19-26/27 RESILIENCE PLAN

To report that, Cllr I Thomson has created a list of items required, in order to complete the SEEN grant application.

To sort: a meeting with those involved to ensure they are up to date with the plan.

Storage of the items - suggested a lockable cupboard in the Pavilion Loft.

This area requires clearing first. The Plan to be shared with the Councillors.

20-26/27 VILLAGE CONSULTATION PLAN

St Helens Youth Club have met a few times and is very popular, the younger group having the most numbers at present. Great feedback. Led by Jo, Courtney and Andy, the volunteers are keen and enthusiastic. More volunteers would be helpful.

A number of activities available including planting in the garden at the back of the Community Centre.

Film Club - this is growing in popularity. Please see local noticeboards for information on the forthcoming film and dates.

Table Tennis Club - something that is hopefully coming together.

There are five/six different initiatives coming from the Village Consultation Plan which is more than expected at this time, which is excellent news.

21-26/27 WORKING PRACTICES

Following an informal meeting, working practices had been suggested and how we operate moving forward, being formally agreed at this meeting. These practices will be listed in the Standing Orders of the Parish Council, this document is under review. Documents for the forthcoming meeting to be circulated five days in advance. The Agenda to be the usual 3 working days.

The Clerk to work with Cllr S Dyer with regard to the Website, Emails and Social Media.

Proposed Cllr J Bacon Seconded Cllr A Phillips All agreed.

22-26/27 FINANCE AND DATA PROTECTION

The following documents for the year ending 31.03.2026 were circulated.

Balance Sheet, Bank Reconciliation Statement, Receipt and Payment Summary.

The Internal Auditors Report for 2025/26 had been circulated - no questions or recommendations had been raised.

The end of April balances & bank statements shown and signed.

Monthly Income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.

Receipt & Payment Summary was circulated.

Agreement on Website cost. A number of companies and what they offered had been compared. A company called Aubergine, (see Item 17) are the most favourable - the cost of the new website, training and emails comes to £559 plus VAT. for the first year, reducing in following years.

Funding for the Mural - PC £100 otherwise all donations.

Youth Club - Grant funding will be issued throughout the year from the IOWC.

The PC to support by paying up front and claiming from the grant.

Balance Sheet end of April 2026

Current Account end of March			926.61
Credits April	55,203.11		
Transfer from Savings April	1,825.00		
Transfer to Savings April		49,600.00	
Expenses April		5,043.34	
Current Account End of April			3,311.38
Savings Account end of March			29,177.30
Transfers from Savings - April		1,825.00	
Transfer to Savings - April	49,600.00		
Credits - Interest	0.00		
Savings Account End of April			76,952.30
Current Account Balance end of April			3,311.38
Savings Account Balance end of April			76,952.30
Total Funds in Bank Accounts end of April			80,263.68
Mural Donations			1075
Wedding Deposit			500
			78,688.68

30.4.26 St Helens PC Financial Items paid month - end April 2026

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date Paid	Payment
§4.3.26	S Petterson - Wild Flower Project	100.00	1.4.26	BACS
17.3.26	Lake Cleaning & Catering Supplies Ltd	7.09	7.4.26	BACS
10.4.26	Community Action	1505.65	10.4.26	SO
2.4.26	EDF - Gas Pavilion	57.53	17.4.26	DD
2.4.26	EDF Electric Pavilion	34.14	17.4.26	DD
4.4.26	IONOS - Web & email	23.40	22.4.26	DD
1.4.26	EDF - Elec - Duver Toilets	36.57	16.4.26	DD
31.3.26	EMRC IV00783	619.34	15.4.26	BACS
10.3.26	PCC St Helens Printing	23.93	15.4.26	BACS
10.3.26	Wight Fire Security Pavilion fire Extinguishers	61.30	15.4.26	BACS
8.4.26	Z Tam - Banners for the Youth Club	70.00	15.4.26	BACS
13.4.26	Currys - Laptop	603.96	15.4.26	BACS
13.4.26	J Matthews - expenses	38.43	15.4.26	BACS
20.4.26	St Helens Primary School - (Popcorn machine for Youth Club)	80.00	22.4.26	BACS
29.4.26	Community Murals	1125.00	30.4.26	BACS
30.4.26	S Chester	650.00	28.4.26	SO
30.4.26	Bank Charge	7.00	30.4.26	
		£5043.34		
Income				

1.4.26	Pavilion Hire	80.00		
7.4.26	Precept	51,146.00		
30.4.26	VAT refund	2627.11		
	Donations for the Mural Project	900.00		
	BayWatch Cafe - Contributions to Litter Picking Sessions	450.00		
		£55203.11		
To Pay				
17.4.26	BetaPak	155.88		
28.4.26	Focus Plumbing & Heating	234.00		
28.4.26	Focus Plumbing and Heating	94.80		
28.4.26	Focus Plumbing & Heating	99.00		
22.4.26	IW GreenGym - Litter Pick	90.00		
30.4.26	Community Action (DBS x 1) for Youth Club.	15.50		
30.4.26	ERMC IV00851	1526.54		
5.12.26	St Helens Church - Graveyard upkeep - contribution.	1000.00		
5.5.26	EDF - Gas Pavilion	41.07		
5.5.26	EDF Electric Pavilion	37.35		
5.5.26	IONOS - Web & email	37.79		
5.5.26	EDF - Elec - Duver Toilets	57.25		
	Youth Club Purchases - see attached sheet.	834.19		
	Gareth Hughes - Internal Auditor	150.00		

Proposed Cllr J Bacon Seconded Cllr A Phillips All agreed.

23-26/27 CONTINGENCY FUND

A number of potential items ringfenced for spending under this fund.
All applications should fill in the necessary form, detailing information.
With this approach it will make decisions easier with drawing on the contingency fund.

Circumstances change so items that have been ringfenced could be removed.
Vote to formally agree this as an approach.

Proposed Cllr J Bacon, Seconded Cllr S Dyer All agreed.

24-26/27 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

26/00425/TW Nodes Point Holiday Centre, St Helens PO33 1YA. T3 - Pedunculate Oak, dismantle to ground level.

26/00467/TW St Helens House, Duver Road, St Helens PO33 1XY. T1 Mulberry Tree. 30% crown reduction back to good growth.

26/00520/TW 43, Downs View Road, St Helens. PO33 1YE. Reduce overgrowth of garden No 43 by approximately 40%. Reason - rebalance crown and reduce overhanging into garden.

25/01812/FUL Guildford Park Camp, Guildford Road, St Helens PO33 1UH
Self build 4 bed detached house- link attached 3 car garage. **Awaiting Decision**

25-26/27 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

26/00156/FUL 19 Lower Green Road, St Helens PO33 1UB
Proposed alterations and conversion from dwelling house (C3) to a mixed use of C3/E to include a commercial unit at ground floor level; new shop front; replacement windows and doors. SDD 28th April **Granted**

26/00216/HOU 1, Port St Helens, Embankment Road, Bembridge PO33 1XG.

Proposed single storey side extension with roof terrace and external staircase; alterations to fenestration; cladding; alterations to vehicular access. **Granted**

26/00153/3/MAPA Ganders Restaurant, Upper Green Road, St Helens, PO33 1UQ
Prior approval for alterations and change of use from restaurant to create 1 residential flat.

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. **Granted**

26-26/27 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

All new Councillors, 24 out of 39 are new Councillors so a significant change, have been signed up to the IW Council and are receiving training in readiness for the annual general meeting on the 27th May. The Deputy Leader will be serving as leader until that date.

27-26/27 OPEN QUESTION TIME

Village sign - what has happened to it? - It is being repaired, and painted.
Duver Garden - It requires tidying up. Due to the Wildlife Act no strimming of the plants should take place. The Bench to be removed. And the bollards to be painted.
Clerk to liaise with Cllr I Thomson and Cllr A Phillips.

The benches in the Shelter require a paint - a change of colour maybe?
Speed monitor - once Clerk is in receipt of the equipment to liaise with the volunteer agreeing a time and place to carry out the speed monitoring.

Station Road Toilet Block - this was discussed before the pre election - the PC needs to return to the discussion about plans to take it on or not.

The greens - the thought process of taking them on - any progress?

28-26/27 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 18th May 7.30pm
St Helens Community Centre

PC Meeting - Monday 8th June 2026 7pm - Pavilion

Meeting concluded at 8.49pm

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

JM