

# St Helens Parish Council

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

**Held on Monday 14th October 2024 at St Helens Pavilion**

**Chaired by Cllr JB,  
Attended by: Cllrs: GG,PJ,SP  
Clerk JM  
Public 10 members present**

### **69-24/25 APOLOGIES**

Cllr MC, Cllr AB

### **70-24/25 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 IOW Council and St Helens PC.  
No other.

### **71-24/25 MINUTES**

To approve & sign the minutes of the PC meeting held on Monday 9th September 2024  
**Proposed Cllr PJ all agreed**

### **72-24/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Parliament Bench - request to be finished and the plaque reinstated.  
Map for the Duver Road, also please finish and reinstall.

Pot Hole in footpath from the Vine to Eddington Road, to be investigated and reported.  
Items can be reported on the website Fix My Street. If images can be sent that is helpful.

### **73-24/25 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

No nominations received. Remains open.

### **74-24/25 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

Reported at the last meeting there was an applicant, they went through the selection process and the PC decided not to Co Opt that candidate.

Proposed by Cllr PJ Seconded Cllr JB

### **75-24/25 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Aware of serious flooding affecting some properties in Brading over the last year. A Section 19 flood investigation report has been undertaken, this is a public document that details the circumstances of a flood event and the responsibilities of the risk management authorities (RMAs). This will be on the IOWC Website. Concern regarding Brading Marshes and the Sluice Gates. There is a suggestion that the management of the Sluice Gates requires reviewing. Water level management plan to be rewritten - concern to Residential Properties.

## **76-24/25 CLERK'S REPORT**

Games afternoon - held in the Pavilion - warm sociable time - next two dates are: 22nd October & 19th November, from 2pm - 4pm open to all ages. Attendance for the first was 4 people.

Railings on the Duver Car Park have been replaced.  
Telegraph pole on Upper Green Road - the pole is coated in tar (or as suggested by google creosote).

## **77-24/25 THE GREENS**

The Contract with the main Contractors has been reviewed against the work completed so far this year and is up to date. If the Parish is not happy with this then the Contract requires to be re-written.

Proposal: we look to increase the cutting schedule and then seek information from the Contractor on cost and available labour.

If the request from the public is to increase the cuttings and collection of the grass then there would be a rise in the precept or a change to items covered by the precept.

Quotes required to find how to go forward.

A question was raised regarding the cost of the number of cuts from previous years and the cost, to the increased costs for less cuts currently. The previous amount was based from 2016.

One of the issues with the cut grass, it collects round the edges and blows out onto nearby gardens causing it to spread and extra gardening for the residents adjacent to the Greens. Suggested a greater detailed contract - and requires input from the Villagers.

## **78-24/25 BEACH & DUVER**

Aware of the Court date for the issue of the Railway carriages & Caravans - update: still in a legal Process - trial date fixed for 4.11.24 Results should be available shortly after.

Ideally the IOWC would like to recover the ownership of the area - but due to previous errors the best resolution would be to gain some control over the Railway carriages and the area.

Doors are again hanging off the railway carriages due to being broken into. Under Duver Enterprise remit. Could they be made safe again? To ask Duver Enterprise.

From 4.11.24 - Winter toilet opening hours. Small items of maintenance to be covered. Bins - some larger bins had been viewed at another seafront - any chance of having larger bins on the Duver - emptied less, less cost.

The Old Church - scaffolding has been erected. Question as to what is happening. Clerk to follow up.

## **79-24/25 REMEMBRANCE**

Wreath has been ordered. Service at St Helens is on Sunday 10th November. Parishioner V Duckett offered to lay the wreath.

## **80-24/25 CHRISTMAS**

Order tree to be delivered as previous years. St Helens School is running a Christmas Event with the Vine, and the Village of Angels. Full details to be confirmed and shared.

## **81-24/25 FINANCE & DATA PROTECTION**

End of September balance & bank statement - shown, agreed & signed by Cllr JB  
 Monthly Income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.

Bench for Memorial Garden - Clerk awaiting a price from Care in the Garden.

**Bank Balances end of September 2024**

End of August			£3336.62
Credits September	£293.00		
Transfer from Savings	£5500.00		
Expenses September		£7403.17	
End of September:			£1726.45
Savings Account - End of August			£51,418.37
Transfer - September		£5500.00	
Credits	£358.10		
Savings Account end of September			£46,276.47
Current Account end of September			£1726.45
Total funds end of October			£48,002.92

**St Helens PC Financial items paid September 2024**

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date of payment	Method of Payment
	Community Action	£1344.18	10.9.24	S/O
	Lake Cleaning & Catering Supplies	£14.18	11.9.24	BACS
	First Rescue train	£368.40	11.9.24	BACS
	IDVerde - May & June	£1791.97	11.9.24	BACS
	IdVerde	£1247.65	11.9.24	BACS
	BDO LLP Auditors	£252.00	11.9.24	BACS
	J Matthews - expenses	£32.18	11.9.24	BACS
	Onward Waste Ltd	£1003.20	11.9.24	BACS
	Business stream	£211.77	11.9.24	BACS
	St Helens Community Centre-Community fridge waste	£250.00	11.9.24	BACS
	Corona Energy	£75.91	16.9.24	DD
	E-On Next Elec - Pavilion -	£114.25	16.9.24	BACS
	E-On Next Gas - Pavilion -	£63.88	16.9.24	BACS
	Ionos Webmail	£15.60	20.9.24	DD
	S Chester	600.00	30.9.24	S/O

	Bank Charge	£18.00	30.9.24	
		<b>£7403.17</b>		

<b>Income</b>				
11.9.24	Pavilion Hire	40.00		
11.9.24	Vectis Hire	100.00		
16.9.24	Pavilion Hire	123.00		
26.9.24	Pavilion Hire	30.00		
		<b>£293.00</b>		
<b>To Pay</b>				
23.9.24	Men In Sheds - Noticeboard	£625.00		
30.9.24	Community Printer	£9.46		
3.10.24	SLCC Membership	£183.00		
	E-On Next Elec - Pavilion -	£120.33		
	E-On Next Gas - Pavilion -	£50.10		
4.10.24	Corona Energy	£47.77		
4.10.24	IONOs Webmail	£15.60		
16.10.24	Durham electrical - circuit & PAT testing Pavilion	£434.40		

Proposed: Cllr PJ Agreed Cllr JB

#### **82-24/25 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN ( Emergency Plan)**

No discussion this time.

#### **83-24/25 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

24/01373/FUL The Old Boat House, The Duver, St Helens PO33 1YB - no concerns. No objections.

24/01368/TW West Green Lodge, West Green, St Helens PO33 1XA - Pollarding of Lime tree to previous pollarded areas - ongoing item annually. No objections

2, St Michaels Rd, St Helens PO33 1TT - Property built in stone - changes to make it more appealing - felt it is a considered application, changing the layout and updating the property - No objections

#### **84-24/25 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

24/01175/FUL Fakenham Cottage & Fakenham Annexe, Eddington Road, St Helens, PO33 1XS - small side extension. Granted.

22/02223/HOU Castle Cottage, Lower Green Road, St Helens, PO33 1UF. Condition compliance5 - boundary treatments. GTD

- attractive building work being created so far - no concerns.

**85-24/25 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS**

IWALC - no report  
BHAG - no report

**86-24/25 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Had a report that the bins had not been collected when they should have - resolved.  
Seafront questions - reported earlier.

**87-24/25 OPEN QUESTION TIME**

Telegraph Post - BTOpenreach have a care to the Public - (is tar under COSHH (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) - years ago a protective coat was put around the post. Message to go to Openreach

Greens - the aims and objectives for cutting the grass require - encourage wild flower meadows. Ways of cutting are not conducive to wildflowers growing.

Village Signs - poor condition.

Cyclist sign on the Causeway - Cyclists commented that they had not seen any signs. Can any others be put in place?

Holes on the Causeway. Clerk to report.

Question re payment from the Cricket Club for use of the Pavilion. A payment had been received the morning of this meeting so will show on the November financial papers.

**88-24/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Next PC Meeting** - Monday 11th November 2024 7pm at the Pavilion

Meeting concluded at 8:05 pm

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