

St Helens Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 8th July 2024 at St Helens Pavilion

**Chaired by Cllr JB,
Attended by: Cllrs: MC,GG,SP,CH
Clerk JM
PCSO Steve Hull
Public 12 members present**

32 -24/25 APOLOGIES

Cllr AB, Cllr PJ

33-24/25 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 IOWCouncil and St Helens PC.

34-24/25 MINUTES

To approve & sign the minutes of the PC meeting held on Monday th June 2024
Proposed Cllr MC all agreed

35-24/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

State of the Greens - The cut in April was the last one from last year - the one cut pre this meeting was not acceptable - photos taken and the matter being taken up with the Contractor

Hedges - private landowners - is there anyway a fast track system to ask the landowners to keep the hedges clipped back. If private only Council has power - should be reported - if hedge obstructing the highway then it should be reported

Discussion about the fees raised from the use of the Greens going to the IOWC rather than St Helens PC. The IOWC manage the greens - the St Helens PC manage the grass cutting of which an annual contribution from the iOWC is given to the PC.

Should St Helens PC take on the full management of the greens and therefore receive the income from the lettings? This has been raised in the past and has not been favourable. There are very few paid lettings. Any event which is deemed in the Village interest has the fee waived, e.g the Village Fayre.

Occasionally there has been a request to the PC from the IOWC for a contribution to an item of maintenance i.e. the bollards on West Green - installed in order to protect the Greens, but general day to day costs are met by the IOWC.

Discussion about the drain on the Lower Green - this is an issue between Island Roads and IOWC not the PC.

A question was raised: do the Cricket Club pay for use of the greens?
The Cricket Club are due to pay the PC for use of the Pavilion - having seen the accounts from the previous year when the CC funds were low an amount of £300.00 was agreed. This current year the CC has grown and hopefully a more successful year. Fine balance of ensuring the continuation of the Pavilion for all to use and also the future of the Cricket Club. The fee will be re-evaluated for the forthcoming year.

Welcome to PSCO Steve Hull - who covers various areas including Brading & St Helens
T u to Clerk for updates via emails and text messages
Couple of issues - bikers - know who they are and have photos, they are so quick and tricky being able to stop them safely.

More vandalism on the Duver - no meeting recently.

Cctv pics have been sent to IOWC.

Cars in Mill Rd -

Holiday Parks what is going on - any issues:

Parking on the pavement in Station Rd - if a double buggy cannot get through then it is a matter to be investigated. Pictures need to be sent to the PSCO or the Clerk and then it can be followed up.

Survey - an idea to conduct one - What is affecting you in your area?

Scam re ticket - a local person had received a parking ticket the following day - a legitimate ticket will be issued on the day and left on the vehicle. Suggested that the gentleman gets in touch with Cllr JB

Overnight Parking - IOWC has been informed - some cctv pictures have been shared.

Best means of contacting PSCO SH by email for advice , for reporting an incident - slow time 101, anything else 999 or Crime Stoppers.

36-24/25 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

No nominations received. Remains open.

37-24/25 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The procedure for a formal election A formal advert was publicised for anyone wishing to ask for an election. The closing date was the 6th June and no request was requested. There now is an co - opt opportunity. Anyone wishing to stand as a potential Councillor should show their interest by 22nd August. 2024. This was advertised too. Depending on the applications there will be a selection process and if suitable a formal co option will take place.

38-24/25 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Formally record that our Parish has a new MP - Joe Robertson serving for the Constituency of the East Wight, formally welcome to him.

39-24/25 CLERK'S REPORT

Charity event Cyclists used the Pavilion - this was their 40th Anniversary so St Helens was happy to welcome them. It was a much more popular event than in the past number of years.

Dog Bins - discussed - emptying , lids - any issues will be forwarded to the departments who deal with the individual bins.

Summer list - number of items to work on in various places round the village, including the Parliament Bench.

Please communicate if you see anything which requires sorting.

40-24/25 THE GREENS

Report: still awaiting the lease on the Station Road block.

Report unhappy with the last grass cutting - see above.

Invoice not to be paid until communication with the Contractor.

41-24/25 BEACH & DUVER

Extra bins - have been ordered ready for the summer season.

42-24/25 FINANCE & DATA PROTECTION

End of June balance & bank statement shown and signed by Cllr JB

Monthly Income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.

Authorise Payment of Accounts.

A breakdown of the first quarter was shared with Councillors

Asset Register - Clerk & Cllr MC to meet and put together a maintenance plan.

A new battery for the De Fib at the Pavilion is required.

Request for some smaller user friendly tables at the Pavilion - keep eyes out for any tables going.

Clerks expenses.

Bank Balances:

End of May			£5405.26
Income June	£20.00		
Expenses June		£2880.82	
			£2544.44
End of June General Account			£2544.44
End of June Savings Account			£57,418.37
Total:			£59,962.81

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date of payment	Method of Payment
14.5.24	E-On Next Elec - Pavilion - April	62.32	11.6.24	BACS
14.5.24	E-On Next Gas - Pavilion - April	79.56	11.6.24	BACS
7.6.24	E-On Next Elec - Pavilion - May	109.64	11.6.24	BACS
7.6.24	E-On Next Gas - Pavilion - May	156.26	11.6.24	BACS
7.6.24	M Cornell - Plumber - issue with Duver Toilets	300.00	11.6.24	BACS
9.5.24	Business Stream	60.80	11.6.24	BACS
6.6.24	Corona Energy	64.31	17.6.24	DD
10.6.24	Community Action	1344.18	10.6.24	S/O
22.5.24	Diary - JMatthews Expenses	70.15	11.6.24	BACS
7.6.24	Locksmith - JMatthews Expenses	60.00	11.6.24	BACS
10.6.24	Toilet Rolls & soap	8.15	11.6.24	BACS
	Ionos Webmail	15.60	20.6.24	DD
28.6.24	S Chester	600	28.6.24	S/O
30.6.24	Bank Charge	18.00	30.6.24	
		£2880.82		
Income				
10.6.24	Vectis	20.00		
		£20.00		
To Pay				
14.6.24	Zurich Insurance	589.00		
19.6.24	Easi Cleaners - Pavilion Clean	185.00		
21.6.24	Lake Cleaning & Catering Supplies - Soap	14.18		
27.6.24	IDVerde - May & June	1791.97		
4.7.24	Corona Energy	60.01		
4.7.24	IONOs Webmail	15.60		
4.7.24	Haven Churches - use of printer	14.42		
	J Matthews - Expenses			
6.6.24	Screwfix - replacement toilet seats (£59.98 - 47.00 (previous unsuitable seat) = £12.98	12.98		
	Tesco - Kettle (Pavilion) & cleaning items	16.58		
		£29.56		

Main contact IOWC - but each Parish is asked to provide an Information Hub and a list of volunteers.

Cllr JB and Cllr MC met with IOWC - any questions please forward to Cllr MC & Cllr JB. Bembridge has a robust group and potential for groups to help each other.

Volunteers - key is safety - unpaid, communications, first aid training.

Cllr MC to ask Cllr AB to contact the Village Volunteers and to sort an advert on the Village fb page to ask for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer please contact the Clerk.

Looking into Grant funding for equipment e.g the hi viz clothing, radios, first aid kits, Updates as more information becomes available.

44-24/25 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

24/00820/HOU St Helens Mill, Mill Rd, St Helens PO33 1YH -

Concerns - practical issue regarding the closure of the Causeway. Regrettable that the property is now becoming a holiday property. Footprint is quite a change from the original. Upgrading a village landmark and improving the building valid but not happy with a long length of time for the closure of the Causeway to the public for a long duration Raise concerns to the iOWC pLanning Dept - any heritage loss.

24/00908/RVC 3 Yar Quay, Latimer Road, St Helens, PO33 1YH variation on a condition - amend the extension on 20/00038/HOU

23/01826/HOU Oaktrees, Mill Rd, St Helens PO33 1YH - variation on condition 2, alterations to fenestration(design of windows & doors)

22/02223/HOU Castle Cottage, Lower Green Rd, St Helens PO33 1UF. Condition compliance 5 - boundary treatments.

Only concern of the above is that the design for Oaktrees has a large amount of glass - not in keeping with the vicinity. This was put into a document and sent to the Planning Dept when the application was first submitted. A follow up concern to be sent.

45-24/25 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

none

46-24/25 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

IWALC - nothing to report.

BHAG - nothing to report.

47-24/25 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

Planning Strategy for the Island - open for comments now which go to the Inspector.

48-24/25 OPEN QUESTION TIME

Village Signs - Eddington Rd & Station Rd require a paint & caring.

Map - at the top of Duver Rd. Frame: 80% is ok, a fair bit of rotten wood therefore taking longer to fix.

49-24/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next PC Meeting - Monday 9th September 2024 7pm at the Pavilion

Meeting concluded at 8:15 pm

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