

# St Helens Parish Council

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

**Held on Monday 10th March 2025 at St Helens Pavilion**

**Chaired by Cllr JB,**

**Attended by: Cllrs: GG,AB,CG,PJ,CH**

**Clerk JM**

**Public 10 members present**

### **163-24/25 APOLOGIES**

Cllr MC

Report that Cllr SP has resigned, due to personal circumstances.

There will be no move to replace Cllr SP at this time due to the forthcoming Elections.

### **164-24/25 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.

No other.

### **165-24/25 MINUTES**

To approve & sign the minutes of the PC meeting held on Monday 10th February 2025

**Proposed Cllr AB, Seconded Cllr CG**

### **166-24/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Discussion on the Toilet facilities - are they suitable and fit for purpose?. Other locations e.g. Lake, Sandown, Yaverland have new Toilet blocks - investigate how these were funded, could the Station Road ones be renovated and put back into use?

Research into the funding, charging, running & set up costs etc - results to be brought forward for the Annual Parish Meeting.

Concern of the broken door on the Pavilion - when is it going to be fixed. Possibly requiring a new door.

Discussion and questions regarding Devolution & the IOWC - has the IOWC been in contact with St Helens PC.

A matter raised re the car park and enforcement notices that had been issued. This is an IOWC matter. If a ticket is issued incorrectly - chance to appeal.

Beach Huts - a holiday maker who has been a regular visitor to St Helens has made comments that the area was looking very neglected. Referring to the promenade area in front of the Beach Huts - this is the responsibility of the IOW Council - Clerk to investigate. Unfortunately the Old Church still had the scaffolding up - this has now been removed.

#### **167-24/25 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Concern about the footpath route round to Priory Bay. Report of another incident of a person being rescued after being trapped by the mud.

Path R89 was closed a time ago. A new route is to be established but whilst the ground is extremely muddy progress is slow.

Ownership of the land & responsibility for upkeep of the areas are not clear - IOWC, NT and owners of the Priory Hotel. Cllr JB is checking the land registry to ascertain who owns which borders.

Signs re the closed path should be in place at either end - i.e the Duver and Seagrove Bay. To be checked.

#### **168-24/25 CLERK'S REPORT**

St Helens Horticultural Show taking place at the School 15.3.25

Great British Spring Clean Week - suggest 2.4.25 for a Litter Pick along the Beach in readiness for the Easter Holidays, as advertised in a local publication.

The Medical Centre sent their newsletter to the Clerk - an item mentioned is quite alarming: the number of appointments missed for last year alone was 1732 which equals to 144 per month.

With hearing how difficult it is to get an appointment - please can we all do our best and cancel an appointment if no longer required, thus freeing up for someone in need.

Dog fouling - always an issue and not an item that can be addressed easily - hoping for dog owners to be responsible for their dogs.

The dog waste bins - are they emptied more frequently in the Summer? The bin at the end of Beach Huts - a busy receptacle - is missing a lid. To contact IOWC.

#### **169-24/25 PARISH ELECTION**

Parish Elections are due on May 1st 2025 - Candidate application forms & packs available on line.

St Helens has eight seats. If more than eight candidates stand then there will be a local Election, if not no Election.

During the Pre Election period new matters can not be decided upon. Usual business can be conducted, providing it is not favourable towards any particular candidate.

#### **170-24/25 THE GREENS**

Date for the tenders to be submitted by Saturday 11th April. Ideally in favour of awarding the new contract at the next meeting.

#### **171-24/25 PAVILION & STATION ROAD TOILET BLOCK**

Following receipt of the lease proposals for both buildings a number of questions had been raised. These were put to the IOWC. St Helens PC are awaiting a reply.

#### **172-24/25 VILLAGE CONSULTATION PLAN**

Proposal: to make contact with all local associations and to create a Working Group to produce a Village Consultation Plan. To be present at various events in the village, leaflet drop, in order to engage with as many people as possible.

The group would seek professional help with forming the questions - anyone with experience please do get in contact.

So far Cllr AB had made contact with 11 groups - the vast majority expressed interest in being involved.

Next step is meeting and collating the information in order to formulate a document. Professional advice would be helpful in setting the questions.

A great opportunity for the village to express their views and wishes for a five year plan. To include the Toilet block, Parking, and Youth provision in the Village - consulting the younger people of the village.

To be launched at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

### 173-24/25 FINANCE & DATA PROTECTION

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

#### Bank Balances end of February 2025

Current Account End of January			£1645.98
Credits February	£ 85.00		
Transfer from Savings	£ 3,500.00		
Expenses February		£4944.34	
Current Account End of February			£ 286.64
Savings Account - End of January			£30,745.62
Transfers to Current Account - February		£3500.00	
Credits - Interest	£0.00		
Savings Account end of February			£27,245.62
Current Account end of February			£286.64
Total funds end of February			£27,532.26

#### 28.2.25 St Helens PC Financial items paid month - end of February 2025

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date of payment	Method of Payment
3.1.25	Community Action	£1404.70	10.2.25	S/O
14.1.25	What's On Magazine Ad for Pavilion	£45.00	11.2.25	BACS
20.1.25	Ringway Island Roads - Waste bins	£1310.69	11.2.25	BACS
28.1.25	IdVerde	£820.80	11.2.25	BACS
30.1.25	IWALC - annual Subs	£297.70	11.2.25	BACS
3.2.25	E-On Next Elec - Pavilion -	£105.18	11.2.25	BACS
3.2.25	E-On Next Gas - Pavilion -	£50.36	11.2.25	BACS
5.2.25	Island Pest Control	£204.00	11.2.25	BACS
6.2.25	Corona Energy	£56.79	14.1.25	DD
4.2.25	Ionos Webmail	£15.60	1.25	DD
17.12.24	Bookers - T Rolls for Pavilion J Matthews	£15.59	11.2.25	BACS

20.1.25	Tesco - Printer Paper - J Matthews	£5.75	11.2.25	BACS
2.1.25	Tesco - Ring binder - J Matthews	£1.65	11.2.25	BACS
3.11.24	B&Q Toilet door sign - Pavilion - J Matthews	£4.53	11.2.25	BACS
28.2.25	S Chester	£600.00	28.2.25	S/O
28.2.25	Bank Charge	£6.00	28.2.25	DD
		<b>£4944.34</b>		
<b>Income</b>	Vectis Football Club	£50.00		
	Pavilion hire	£35.00		
		<b>£85.00</b>		
<b>To Pay</b>				
6.3.25	Community Action	£1404.70		
<b>6.3.25</b>	Corona Energy	£50.56		
4.3.25	E-On Next Elec - Pavilion -	£46.86		
18.2.25	E-On Next Gas - Pavilion -	£52.27		
4.3.25	Ionos Webmail	£15.60		
31.3.25	S Chester	£600.00		
31.3.25	Bank Charge	£6.00		
7.2.25	Business Stream Water - Pavilion	£155.11		
3.3.25	Open Spaces Society Subs	£45.00		
6.3.25	EDF - Gas - Pavilion	£18.19		
6.3.25	EDF - Elec - Pavilion	£19.61		
10.3.25	Eazi Clean - Pavilion Cleans May - Dec	£243.00		
	<b>Clerks Expenses</b>			
18.2.25	SLCC Training Session	18.00		
		<b>£18.00</b>		

Proposed: Cllr JB, Seconded Cllr GG. All agreed

**174-24/25 VE DAY**

Firm up plans and share at the next PC Meeting.

**175-24/25 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN ( Emergency Plan)**

No further items to be reported this meeting.

**176-24/25 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

25/00315/DIS St Helens Mill, Mill Rd, St Helens, PO33 1YH -  
Condition compliance relating to Condition 4 (Flood Barriers)

**177-24/25 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY**

Treeworks:

24/01844/TW Poplar tree - to reduce in height, rear of 2, Stonewood Gate.St Helens.

24/01888/FUL Sewage Treatment Works, Carpenters Road, St Helens, PO33 1YG

Proposed change of use to operational land to include construction and operation of a humus tank & security fencing,  
Awaiting decision.

**178-24/25 PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS**

IWALC - none

BHAG - Dates for your Diary:

14th - 15th June GigFest

28th June Rock The Boat

25th - 27th July Family Fun Weekend

**179-24/25 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Publication to be issued on the Local Government Reorganisation.

Consideration of the Schools had been postponed - meeting due on the 18.3.25, then the cabinet will reconvene on the 20th March.

**180-24/25 OPEN QUESTION TIME**

Garden at the top of Latimer Road: a number of donated plants have gone missing. For this area and the area by the Station Road Toilets, if anyone has any shrubs & perennials that they could donate, it would be much appreciated. Please do call the Clerk.

St Helens Secret Gardens is taking place on June 1st 2025 and it would be great to include these areas - so please donate.

Who covers the Election costs on May 1st? If there is an Election in St Helens, the PC will cover the cost, support from the IOWC has been put in place to aid with payments.

Best Kept Village Award - (St Helens won in 2024) the judges are due to visit the village at the beginning of May. Let's try and keep the Litter to a minimum.

A regular litter pick around the toilet block offers bottles and many empty wrappers. Suggested to set up cctv cameras - even dummy cameras to aid as a deterrent for rubbish being left and vandalism.

**181-24/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Next PC Meeting** - Monday 14th April 2025 7pm at The Pavilion

Meeting concluded at 8:03 pm

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