



# Seneley Green Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the Parish Hall, Montrey Crescent

### Present

Councillors: Mrs S Murphy, Chairman  
Mrs B Ashcroft  
Mrs E Murphy  
J Pearson  
J Shawcross

The Chairman formally welcomed new Members prior to the start of the meeting

**2022/01 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

***Resolved: for the Chairman to sign the Minutes as a true record***

**2022/02 To Note Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs: Mrs S Houghton, B Pilkington, J Stevenson

***Resolved: to note the above apologies***

**2022/03 \*Public Participation**

A resident raise a query over land bordered by Smock Lane, Garswood Road, Billinge Road, Lapwing and Skylark (on endangered list) and Snipe. He reported it was promised by Planning that no work would start until nesting season is over. Unfortunately the birds have now disappeared so the damage has been done. He reported this wildlife crime to the police (who responded the same day) but he is unaware of the outcome of this. It was requested the Clerk write to Planning. Further concerns were expressed in relation to the extremely large vehicles bringing plant to the site and concerns and the disruption that can be expected should it be eventually developed.

Query over the government's 'brownfield first' stance and asked if this could make any difference in our area. Cllr S Murphy spoke about the need for identified land otherwise the government will impose it. The recent (now deferred) consultation from Persimmon was mentioned. Cllr S Murphy reiterated from previous Minutes that the appropriate infrastructure needs to be in place prior to Parish Council supporting any planning application (especially transport) and that 106 monies should be given prior to development. A point was made re water neutrality (developer to ensure supply is sufficient for demand) – the planning process will ensure sufficiency.

Northern Rail – query restoring two trains per hour. Cllr Pearson commented Northern Rail is resistant to changes at the moment. He also commented in relation to bus services and reiterated these will come back under the regulation of local authorities. There was a request for Cllr Robinson to return to a future meeting. Cllr S Murphy updated on some improvements to the waiting room issues but reiterated news on the bridge maintenance and repair issues are awaited.

Cllrs Peter Peers and Colin Betts were present as the newly-elected Ward Councillors and commented they are hoping to hold surgeries in Seneley Green.

***for information only: issues raised under this item and any that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting***

**2022/04 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**

Cllrs J Shawcross, S Houghton and E Murphy declared an interest in the Agenda item re speeding.

***Resolved: to receive and note the above Declarations of Interest***

**2022/05 Policing of the Area**

Police were present and gave their crime report for April: 0 Burglaries; 0 Burglary Dwelling; 1 Theft From Motor Vehicle – The Offenders have unsuccessfully tried to access the back of a van 0 – Theft Of Motor Vehicles; 0 ASB calls. PCSO Jonathan is a familiar face around the area and he advised meeting if anyone has any concerns then to please get in touch with him or via the Parish Clerk.

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- 2022/06 Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**  
Cllr E Murphy reported that Torus had agreed for residents to undertake work on the grassed area Birch Grove/Leyland Green Road. She further reported that Friends of Seneley Green (FoSG) had applied for and received a grant from Arnold Clark and this funding will be used for the grassed area.  
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- 2022/07 Ward Councillor Update**  
Cllr S Murphy updated on the following: continued liaison over rail station; road accident on Garswood Road and that Highways are now proposing some work. She requested the Clerk write to query what work will be carried out; Garswood Surgery; pressure still being applied re Libraries. She further reported it was to be proposed she continue as Mayor of St Helens for a further year.  
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- 2022/08 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**  
There had been no Applications or Decisions over the past month.  
***Resolved: to note the above***
- 2022/09 To Pass Accounts for Payment**  
Members are asked to pass the accounts (see Appendix a) for payment totalling £3569.29 and to note there are £155.58 S137 payments.  
***Resolved: to pass the accounts for payment totalling £3569.29 and to approve £155.58 in S137 payments.***
- 2022/10 Approval of AGAR Part 1**  
Part 1 of the AGAR (Annual Governance Statement 2021/22) had been circulated to Members along with the internal audit report for consideration of approval.  
***Resolved: to approve Part 1 of the AGAR and to note the contents of the internal audit report.***
- 2022/11 Approval of AGAR Part 2**  
**Part 1 of the AGAR (Accounting Statements 2021/22 had been circulated to Members for them to a) consider the Accounting Statements and b) approve the Accounting Statements by resolution; and c) to ensure that the Accounting Statements are signed and dated by the Chairman)**  
***Resolved: to approve the Accounting Statements and for the Chairman to sign AGAR Part 2 (Accounting Statements 2021/22)***
- 2022/12 Miners Memorial**  
The Clerk reported that Planning permission is due the beginning of June and she would notify when this was received. Cllr Pearson said he believed the Miners' Cart should be called Miners'Tub.  
***Resolved: to receive the above update***
- 2022/13 Seneley Green Jubilation Event**  
Brief report on preparations for event was given by Cllr E Murphy and the Clerk. The Event Plan and Risk Assessment will be circulated to Councillors.  
***Resolved: to receive above update***
- 2022/14 Health & Wellbeing Working Group Update**  
No meetings of the group had taken place  
***Resolved: to note the above***
- 2022/15 Estates Working Group**  
No meetings of the group had taken place

**Resolved: to note the above**

**2022/16 Public Transport Working Group**  
No meetings of the group had taken place  
**Resolved: to note the above**

**2022/17 Communications Working Group**  
No meetings of the group had taken place but the Clerk reported continuing updating of website and social media and noticeboards along with the current distribution of the May newsletter  
**Resolved: to note the above**

**2022/18 Events Working Group**  
Jubilation event had been updated in a separate Agenda item  
**Resolved: to note the above update**

**2022/19 Schools Update**  
There was no schools update  
**Resolve: to note the above**

**2022/20 Play Area at the front of the Community Hall**  
Cllr E Murphy reported she had been approached by a resident re lack of play equipment to the above play area for young children. She raised several issues relating to this. The Clerk was requested to write to St Helens Council with regard to maintenance.  
**Resolved:**  
**for the Clerk to write to St Helens Council in relation to the play area.**

**2022/21 Speeding**  
Cllr Houghton spoke briefly about the speeding issues brought to her attention by residents on Rectory Road and Leyland Green Road, lack of regard of drivers and danger to children in the area. Speed bumps had been proposed but years ago residents didn't want this. Resident assistance in gathering detail via speed cameras. Cllr S Murphy has concerns over this system that she shared with the meeting and she requested the Clerk to write again to police re speeding in the area. Cllr S Murphy proposed looking at the cost of additional signage to erect and requested the Clerk write to Highways with regard to this.  
**Resolved:**  
**For the Clerk to write to the police re speeding in the area**  
**For the Clerk to write to Highways with regard to additional speed signage**

**2022/22 Planting on Simms Lane Ends Open Space**  
Wildflower planting has been 'killed' off by St Helens Council. Residents would like to know if it has been reseeded. If it needs doing then it can be done by children in the area. Concerns over herbicide use on the Common and any impact to the tree planted to commemorate anniversary of the end of World War 1. The Clerk was requested to write to St Helens Council in relation to this.  
**Resolved: for the Clerk to write to St Helens Council in relation to the above**

**The meeting ended at 20:45. The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance**

## **APPENDIX 1** **SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

	Rex Group fire alarm £69.36 and emergency lighting	
2218	60.33	129.68
2219	O2	26.81
2220	Exp reclaim - A Boyle (audio equipment C Hall)	85.32
2221	Mitchells 9 jet drains	174.00

2222	Freetec Associates (plans for planning permission)	503.70
2223	Clerk - May Salary	1185.82
2224	Sports Attendant - May Salary	445.75
2225	Caretaker - May Salary	671.82
2226	HMRC P2	195.37
2227	BT	151.02
2228	Masterprint	581.40
2229	E-on PH electricity	36.79
2230	E-on CH electricity	88.17
2231	O2 - 7 May inv	26.81
2232	St Helens Council - security service support 2021/22	670.32
2233	Clerk exp reclaim - jubilee bunting and roundels	155.58
2234	Electrical&Combustion: CH boiler repair as per quote	356.40
2235	E-on - CH gas	218.95
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5703.71</b>