



Seneley Green Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 7th April 2022 at the Community Hall, Billinge Road

Present

Councillors: J Pearson, Chairman
B Ashcroft
E Murphy
P Peers
B Pilkington
J Stevenson

2021/80 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 10th March 2022

Resolved: to pass the above Minutes and for the Chairman to sign them as a true record.

2021/81 To Note Apologies for Absence

Cllrs: Mrs S Murphy

Resolved: to note the above apologies

2021/82 Public Participation

Among items raised this evening

3rd March – Tom Nugent updated on the feasibility of a Development Centre -he felt the meeting had been very positive and awaits a report due in June. He thanked the Chair and Clerk for their help with this

Buses: query re 156 not going into Ashton

Rail Station and service was raised. Cllr Pearson said all agree with the current shortcomings. Query re consultation re accessibility and that Garswood wasn't on the list but there was facility to add. Cllr Pearson urged everyone to complete the survey.

Library – queries about keeping the library open and Cllr Pearson assured Parish Council feels the same. Residents commented on issues with opening hours and problems in trying to use services

Accessible roundabout

Chat bench

Digging on field bordering Smock Lane and Billinge Road – updates included: Clerk: no planning of any sort has been received as yet so the digging was not in relation to any current application. The meeting made its feelings known in preferring for brownfield sites to be used first. Infrastructure concerns in relation to any housing application were raised. Cllr Pearson commented services need to be developed for the increase in demand and Parish Council would object to any plans that didn't include provision for this.

Report re trees on Downall Croft has been cut back, Concerns were expressed re nesting season and impact to birds. Japanese knotweed was also reported on land bordering the Croft.

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

2021/83 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members

Cllr E Murphy declared an interest in Agenda item 18 re Land at junction of Leyland Green Road and Birch Grove

Resolved: to note the above

2021/84 * Policing of the Area

PC Beardsworth had reported "Crime figures from 1.3.22 to 5.4.22: Burg dwelling –

none; Theft from Motor vehicle -None; Theft of motor vehicle – 1; ASB - 2

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2021/85 *Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates

All items on the Clerk's Update referred to Agenda items

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2021/86 *Ward Councillor Update

There was no Ward Councillor Update

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2021/87 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee

There are no Applications or Decisions this month

Resolved: to note the above

2021/88 To Pass Accounts for Payment

Members are asked to pass the accounts (see Appendix a) for payment totalling £8322.32 and to note there are no S137 Payments:

Resolved: to pass the accounts totalling £8322.32 for payment and to note there are no S137 payments

2021/89 Miners Memorial

A planning application has been submitted to facilitate installation of the memorial in the fenced area at the front of the Parish Hall. I have been requested by Planning to supply scale drawings and that is currently being done

Resolved: to note the above

2021/90 Seneley Green Jubilation Event

The first meeting of the Jubilee Event volunteers took place in February. A second meeting held on March 17th decided on the event name 'Seneley Green Jubilation'. The activities agreed include: Trinity Girls Brass Band to play to open the event; proposal for local resident to perform official opening agreed; Garswood Dance to organise Jubilee Queen parade/presentation; Garswood Dance then to perform display; we have a DJ to comper the whole afternoon, ukulele band and community choir from Ashton to entertain during various times. We have a range of stalls/activities all in hand, all to be low cost, those coming along will be invited to bring their own picnics, The Bluebell will provide a bar and we will do hot and cold drinks from the kitchen/hall. Elaine may have more to report at our meeting.

Queens Green Canopy: the purple rose trees have been ordered from Rectory Nurseries, they will let me know when they arrive. Members were requested to consider and discuss a proposal to approve up to a further £700 expenditure—currently £400 has been committed and medals are about to be ordered 400 @ £1.35 ea =£540) as a commemorative gift for each primary school age child in attendance at the event

Resolved:

to note the update

to approve up to an additional £700 expenditure in relation to the event.

2021/91 Health & Wellbeing Working Group Update

No meetings of the group have taken place. Libraries responded to our offer of the halls for any Library activities when larger space is needed but due to staffing capacity they are unable to support activity in other areas/buildings but reassured that Garswood Library is definitely being included in event planning.

Resolved: to receive and note the update

2021/92 Estates Working Group

there have been no meetings of the group but details re estates were given at the meeting:

Parish Hall: External painting has been completed; Boiler issue was resolved.
Community Hall: The audio system has been restored and we need to order around £100 of equipment to get it fully up and running. Boiler issue is being resolved this week
 Update on S&G Juniors development centre proposals was given in Public Participation
Resolved:
To receive and note the update
To approve £100 expenditure for the audio system

2021/93 Public Transport Working Group

The Clerk reported an update had been received from Cllr Robinson to bus issues reported in December and this was read in full to the meeting. To summarise – there are tangible reasons for buses running at their specific times but the LCR bus team are continuously in contact with all bus operators and look to improve services where possible going forward. Liverpool City Region Combined Authority have approved plans for bus reform to allow them to take the first steps towards using Mayoral powers in the Bus Services Act to re-regulate the bus network. There was also an update on Arch Lane and Spindle Hillock railway bridge: it was reported the rail team have raised these issues with Network Rail who have confirmed their relevant department is now investigating what needs to be done to resolve. Cllr Pearson commented Parish Council will continue to pursue rail service and station issues.
Resolved: to receive and note the update

2021/94 Communications Working Group

No meetings have been held. The Clerk continues to update Facebook and website
Resolved: to receive and note update

2021/95 Events Working Group

The Jubilation event was reported on under ‘Queen’s Platinum Jubilee’ Agenda item.

2021/96 Schools Update

It was reported the school’s had been contacted in relation to children’s submitting Jubilation posters to display around the Parish.
Resolved: to receive and note update

2021/97 Land at the junction of Leyland Green Road and Birch Grove

Residents wish to look after this piece of land that largely looks uncared for a lot of the time. We have contacted Torus where the request has been forwarded to the relevant officer.
 Cllr Elaine Murphy commented all residents she had spoken with were keen to embrace this idea. She also spoke about flowered grassland and helping in bringing this back, encourage bees,
Resolved: to receive and note above information

APPENDIX A

21/193	Planning Portal (planning app for Miners Memorial)	259.00
21/194	Wilson Plumbing (replace ext expansion vessll and two auto air vents	180.00
21/195	St Helens Council (grounds maintenance work playing fields and CH-4 visits)	126.00
21/196	Catering Appliance Superstore (drinks heater at CH)	59.99
21/197	DMJ UK Ltd. Officials Changing and wc lights	92.40
21/198	e-on CH Gas	291.95
21/199	E-on CH electricity	107.12
21/200	E-on PH electricity	28.37
21/201	02 - monthly charge March	24.00
21/202	a boyle - sugar packs	7.99
2201	JMC Decorators - painting ext areas at PH (£100 below quote)	580
2202	E-on CH electricity	110.82
2203	E-on CH gas	317.32

2204	E-on PH electricity	110.61
2205	Crown PH gas	164.69
2206	Clerk - April Salary	1185.82
2207	Sports Attendant - April Salary	521.75
2208	Caretaker - April Salary	937.77
2209	HMRC - P1	266.5
2210	LALC - 2022-23 membership	742.57
2211	HMRC - under pay 2021/22	0.35
2212	ST Helens Council rates PH - 50%	580.18
2213	St Helens Council rates C% - 50%	636.45
2214	Water Plus 407 929 5362 PH	25.54
2215	Water Plus 403 863 0767 CH	823.96
2216	Hoyles PH	78.51
2217	Hoyles CH	62.66
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