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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENELEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, BILLINGE ROAD ON THURSDAY 8TH JULY 2021 AT 7pm**

Present:

Cllrs J Pearson, Chairman
Mrs B Ashcroft
J Stevenson

2021/37 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 13th 2021

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

2021/38 To Note Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs S Barton, Mrs E Murphy, Mrs S Murphy, P Peers, B Pilkington, J Stevenson

Resolved: to note the above apologies

2021/39 Public Participation

Among items raised this evening included:

Garswood Library/libraries strategy: – among comments/views expressed were: community loves the building itself; its historic value and expressed a wish to retain. Future plans for the building were also queried future plans for building; disappointment was expressed at the 'service' being referred to in the consultation rather than the building thereby taking the focus off the building; use by local nursery/schools; use of the building/service as social space for some and seen as a refuge from home for others; a feeling of 'managed decline' by St Helens Council was also commented on. Members present noted all resident comments, but commented further on the size of the building in relation to the need for library services to extend; the cost per visit was also mentioned (£5.50).

Cllr Pearson commented that St Helens Councillor efforts and actions in their discussions with St Helens Officers are supported by Parish Council.

School Lane road repairs were reported to be starting 13th July.

General state of long grass on open space/play areas was raised.

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

2021/40 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members

There were no Declarations of Interest

Resolved: to note the above

2021/41 Policing of the Area

No Crime Report had been received.

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2021/42 Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates

All items on Clerk's Update related to Agenda items.

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2021/43 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee

The following had been received for consultation/information. No comments had been submitted re the following

APPLICATIONS

P/2021/0543/HHFP 94 Victoria Road Extension to existing dropped kerb. d single

storey rear extension with new front porch

P/2021/0625/TPO Buchanan House 165 Booths Brow Road Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to reduce size of Sycamore (OS1), Sycamore (OS2), Ash (OS3) to give no more than 2.5 metre clearance from building by removing lateral and sub-lateral branches

P/2021/0580/TPO Proposal: Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to crown thin 1no ash by max 15% inclusive of deadwood. For: TPO Consent Application
Location: Holy Trinity Church, Rectory Road

DECISIONS No decisions

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2021/44 To Pass Accounts for Payment

Members are asked to approve the schedule of accounts for payment (see Appendix A) Total £5880.03 and to note there are no S137 payments

Resolved:

to approve accounts for payment totalling £5880.03 and to note there are no S137 payments

2021/45 Quarterly Financial Monitor

Copies of the quarterly financial monitor including bank reconciliation had been circulated to Members

Resolved:

to approve the quarterly financial monitor for the Chairman to sign the above documents as approved

2021/46 Estates Working Group

Cllr Stevenson updated on the work completed at the Parish Hall and commented on plans to hold an open day so residents are able to view the refurbishment
A report on storage to both halls was presented by the Clerk

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2021/47 Events Working Group

The Open Day mentioned in previous Agenda item was noted. An event to recognise efforts by our volunteer group was also mentioned

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2021/48 Public Transport Working Group

Cllr Pearson reported to the meeting that he and Cllr S Murphy had met with Liam Robinson (chair LCR Transport) and has been told Northern Rail are responsible for the rail station. He had spoken with them and Garswood is low on the list for improvements. He raised issues re routine maintenance and safety issues with them. There was a further meeting mid-July when Cllr Pearson would raise issues again.

Cllr Pearson also reported he has raised the issue of two buses serving the area at virtually the same time each hour with St Helens Councillor John Stockton who sits on Liverpool City Region Transport Committee and is awaiting a response.

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2021/49 COVID19 Update

The Clerk reported that all national restrictions are now expected to end on 19th July. The Clerk reported all groups/activities should then be able to recommence at the halls but that this would probably be in September for most of them.

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2021/50 Schools Update

There was no updates relating to the schools

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2021/51 Communications Working Party Update

Facebook and Website continues to be updated regularly along with our noticeboards/community noticeboard at Rectory Road. A newsletter is currently being compiled and will be distributed during the first week in August.

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2021/52 Hirer Requests

The Clerk reported a new hirer (T'ai Chi group) in the Parish Hall on Thursdays and possibly Fridays. They have requested reduced cost for two months while they build up their business and I have sent over a grants form for them to complete. The proposed reduced cost for the session is £20 (rather than £28)

We have also received a request from Garswood Stags for a reduced charge for their A team (first team pays £550 for their pitch and it is proposed we invoice £800 for the two teams for the current season). Again a grants form has been sent to them to complete.

Coffee and Chat organiser is to meet with the Clerk at Parish Hall next week with a view to recommencing activities.

Resolved:

to note above information

to delegate decision on requests re hire charges to the Chairman (in conjunction with the Clerk)

2021/53 Booths Brow/Leyland Green Road-Road Safety issues

Following last meeting an email was sent to Paul Mountford, Casualty Reduction Officer Merseyside Police expressing Councillor concerns over the Community Speedwatch initiative. Cllr S Murphy in her capacity as Ward Councillor has ordered Community Speed Concern signage for this stretch of road.

Resolved: to receive and note above update

APPENDIX A

21/54	GWE	150.00
21/55	MDE	100.00
21/56	Crown PH gash	42.30
21/57	E-on Gas CH	228.92
21/58	Pooles Domestic (fridge/freezer and kettle)	349.99
21/59	Modern Hygiene Environmental	114.00
21/60	Clerk - July Salary	1,188.93
21/61	Sports Attendant - June/July Salary	498.95
21/62	Caretaker CH/PH July Salary	543.46
21/63	HMRC – (tax/NI)	414.62
21/64	JC Smallshaw	240.00
21/65	Clerk (expenditure.reclaim)	107.66
21/66	Kirk Craig (roller shutter to Community Hall)	1,273.20
21/67	CVS (signage)	18.00
21/68	Blinding Blinds	610.00