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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENELEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, BILLINGE ROAD
ON THURSDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7pm**

Present:

CIlrs J Pearson, Chairman
S Barton, Vice Chairman
Mrs B Ashcroft
Mrs S Murphy
P Peers
J Stevenson

2021/54 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 8th July 2021

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

2021/55 To Note Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs rs E Murphy B Pilkington

Resolved: to note the above apologies

2021/56 Public Participation

Among items raised this evening: Public Transport – a resident complained there is now just one train per hour (where there were previously two). It was also commented there is also only one bus per hour into St Helens and this isn't a direct route, it is via Millfield Lane and Haydock it takes 47 minutes (the direct route by car would take 10-25 minutes). It was further commented that neighbouring Billinge enjoys a bus every 15 minutes during peak hours – the resident had written to Merseytravel requesting the 352 be diverted down to Garswood (doing a loop and back to Billinge). This was refused but with no explanation given. Cllr Pearson spoke re the problems with public transport and confirmed he had spoken about a committee yesterday re this. He confirmed he agreed with the issues raised and would continue to do so. Cllr Sue Murphy spoke re beginning a campaign related to the upgrading and improving the services and asked for residents' assistance to work with her on this. She requested the Clerk to write to Merseytravel. Cllr Pearson reported the next meeting of the Transport Committee is next week and he will report these concerns/proposals then. Another commented the return bus journeys from St Helens is popular but often filled by those going no further than Haydock.

Speeding issues: a resident spoke about his efforts to get signage/traffic calming on Booths Brow and Leyland Green Road and commented it had been a year since his son's 'near miss'. He said police speed watch had confirmed there were regular speeding vehicles and he again asked for efforts to expedite the signage to this specific area. He Speeding issues were also reported on Smock Lane – Cllr Sue Murphy confirmed she had discussed this with police and had requested more speedwatch sessions. She further commented due to Covid, traffic enforcements had been put on hold and she has asked St Helens to review these procedures to expedite action being taken. However, she confirmed speed bumps are attracting a lot of complaints so she had asked Highways at St Helens to review signage to the whole area in general. Mobile speed cameras were queried as a temporary action but Cllr Murphy reported she had been told these are not allowed.

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

2021/57 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members

Cllr Barton declared an interest in relation to Agenda Item 10 re Rectory School's Crossing Patrol.

Resolved: to receive and note above Declaration of Interest

2021/58

Policing of the Area

The following crime report for August had been received

Chosen Geography	Category	01/08/2019-31/08/2019	01/08/2020-31/08/2020	01/08/2021-31/08/2021	Diff from Last Year	% Diff from Last Year
D351	Burglary	0	1	1	0	0.0
D351	Burglary - Residential	0	1	1	0	0.0
D351	Criminal Damage/Arson	2	1	0	-1	-100.0
D351	Theft Bike	0	1	0	-1	-100.0
D351	Theft From MV	0	3	2	-1	-33.3
D351	Theft Person	0	0	1	1	
D351	Theft/UTMV	1	0	0	0	
D351	Anti-Social Behaviour	1	6	1	-5	-83.3

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2021/59

Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates

The Clerk reported on a recent consultation in relation to St Helens Council Notice of Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations with a closing date of 8th October for any comments. The Clerk was requested to write expressing concern over the Stag in Garswood Road being listed as a polling station and offering Parish Hall as an alternative for consideration.

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2021/60

To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee

No comments have been submitted by the Planning Committee with regard to the following applications;

P/2021/0671/HHFP 1 Old Colliery Yard Erection of garage/outbuilding.

P/2021/0692/HHFP Erection of new fencing to boundary of side garden For: 3 Darvel Avenue

P/2021/0705/HHFP Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. 4 Argyll Close

P/2021/0686/HHFP Conversion of flat to pitched roof on existing rear extension: 62 Leyland Green Road,

P/2021/0695/HHFP Single storey rear extension for DA use. 13 Lilac Avenue

P/2021/0781/FUL Garswood Filling Station 280 - 290 Garswood Road Demolition of existing shop, MOT centre and on site storage containers and erection of a new retail unit with associated parking, new pump islands and canopy.

P/2021/0771/CLP 19 Falkland Drive Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey side extension.

DECISIONS

P/2021/0531/HHFP 3 Stirling Drive Two storey side and single storey rear extension with new front porch and pitched roofs on existing dormers. Granted

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

P/2021/0580/TPO Holy Trinity Church Rectory Road Ashton In Makerfield St Helens Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to crown thin 1no ash by max 15% inclusive of deadwood. Granted

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.1 Granted

Cllr Stevenson commented briefly on the application for Garswood Filling Station: concerns from some residents had been shared with him – he had passed to planning and these concerns are currently being dealt with by them.

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2021/61 To Pass Accounts for Payment

Members are asked to approve the schedule of accounts for payment (see Appendix A) totalling £107.85 and to note there are S137 payments of £150 (asterisked on list). Also for Members to note: PWLB Loan £29,975.00 (£30,000 less fee of £25) for the refurbishment of the Parish Hall has now been released to us. Hire income of £608 has been received for the period July/August.

Resolved:

to approve accounts for payment totalling £10967.88; to note there S137 payments totalling £150; to note receipt of PWLB Loan and Hire Income as above

2021/62 Simms Road Open Space Miners Memorial

Cllr Sue Murphy commented on a project mentioned some time ago on creating a Miners memorial – land had been identified at Simms Road Open Space and she had been informed planning permission would not be required but requested the Clerk to check on her behalf. Jason Shawcross was invited to give details of plans: he confirmed a Miners car has been sourced along with compatible rail track and commented on plans to create a footpath to be created. He is currently working on a line drawing and will circulate once completed. The original estimate for funding was £1500 but it is not thought to be much less than this. On this basis Cllr S Murphy proposed approval of the funding in principle to facilitate an immediate start on the project.

Resolved: *for funding to be approved in principle and for this to be formally agreed at a future meeting*

12021/63 Schools Crossing Patrol Funding

St Helens Council had written in relation to Parish Council's 50% contribution to the cost of this for 2021/22 school year. 50% is being covered by District Councillors CIF funding. Cllr Pearson commented he will obtain further detail on this to share with Members and proposed deferring a decision to next meeting.

Resolved: *to defer the Agenda item to next meeting*

2021/64 Health & Wellbeing Working Group Update

No meetings of the group had been held over the summer but details relating to health and wellbeing are below:

PPG: Representing Parish Council, Cllr Ashcroft attended the latest meeting of the Patient Participation Group. She reported Garswood Surgery are happy with Parish Council's support of their vaccination programme by offering the hall as a venue (23/24 September) has been cancelled due to the national problems in delivery of flu vaccine.

Request from EMS:

EMS are a logistics partner for NHS England and are looking to book sites to host an NHS mobile unit. The units will conduct blood tests that may be able to detect up to 50 types of early-stage cancer. The unit was requested to be on site on Community Hall car part w/c 1st November 2021-Saturday 6th (6 days). Parish Council had also checked this out with Garswood Surgery.

Resolved: *to approve use of car park by the mobile unit for six days (1 to Saturday 6th November)*

2021/65 Estates Working Group

No meetings of the group had been held over the summer but details relating to Estates

Parish Hall: A proposal had been received from Cllr E Murphy for one of our employees to pain the black railings at the Parish Hall. Cllr S Murphy commented she felt we should engage a contractor and the Clerk was requested to obtain quotes. The Clerk reported all internal work is completed apart from the blinds above the storage area which have been ordered

Community Hall: Further work is still required to fire doors, they are operating safely so pose no risk to those needing to be evacuated - but the quality of work is not acceptable-Cllr S Murphy asked for speedy resolution to this; Replacement shutters for fire doors are now needed; proposal to the fire alarm connected to the intruder alarm so that this too can be monitored by St Helens Council Security. Sealing quote awaited for hall floor; LED replacement lighting proposed and Clerk was tasked with obtaining quotes.

Use of Halls

The clerk reported all former hirers (and some new ones) are now back using the halls and pitches, or will be by the end of September. Halls are now used each evening Mon-Fri with Community Hall also used each Saturday and pitches all weekend. The only exceptions are the Ladies Group which has ceased and there is currently no date yet for weekly Coffee and Chat sessions.

Resolved:

to engage a contractor to paint railings at Parish Hall

to note details of use of halls/pitches

to expedite resolving of fire door issues

to obtain costs for rear shutters

to agree linking of fire alarm to intruder alarm for monitoring by St Helens Security

to expedite quote for resealing of floor joints

to obtain quotes for LED replacement lighting

2020/66

Events Working Group

No meetings of the group had been held over the summer and there were no current proposals to consider.

Resolved: to receive and note above

2021/67

Public Transport Working Group

During Public Participation, an update on the rail station was queried: Cllr Pearson reported that 20 stations in Liverpool City Region are being upgraded (accessibility being one criteria) and Garswood Station is 18th on this list. He assured that councillors continue to press and influence as much as possible. Recent significant funding for Lea Green Rail Station while other stations such as ours has no investment had also been mentioned in Public Participation. Cllr Stevenson commented that pre Covid, annual figures of 350,000 journeys (starting or ending at Garswood Station) and that this doesn't include journeys made with passes. He confirmed he isn't aware of any reason for the dropping down to an hourly service and he further comments specifically on the state of the bridge. Cllr Sue Murphy felt the bridge, along with the waiting room on the Liverpool bound platform is a priority

Resolved:

For Cllr Pearson to take current concerns to the meeting of the Transport Committee being held the week following the meeting.

For the Clerk to write to Merseytravel in relation to issues raised under Public Participation.

2021/68

COVID19 Update

Cllr Pearson asked those present if they are happy with the way meetings are being ran at the moment. The Clerk asked for consideration of commencement of use of the Parish Hall. Cllr Barton proposed alternate months use of each building.

Resolved

To note the consensus of the meeting that they are happy with the running of meetings

To use each hall for Parish Council meetings on alternate months

202169

Schools Update

It was reported all schools have successfully returned after the summer break – credit was given to all staff for their continued hard work and commitment to their pupils.

Resolved: to receive and note above

2021/70

Communications Working Group

It was reported that the August newsletter had been successfully circulated. It was proposed for another newsletter to be distributed in November.

Cllr Barton requested A3 size notices for Rectory noticeboard.

The Clerk reported CVS had offered free weatherproof signage for the buildings but it was proposed that Parish Council pay for this publicity signage.

Resolved:

To distribute a further newsletter in November

To supply A3 size notices for Rectory noticeboard

To purchase weatherproof signage meetings signage for the buildings.

APPENDIX A

21/69	Clerk exp reclaim (plants/compost for planters from Rectory Nurseries)	*150.00
21/70	Crown - gas PH July	17.56
21/71	BT quarterly bill July (alarm line calls plus broadband)	151.02
21/72	e-ON ch GAS	163.37
21/73	SMART PENSION	308.34
21/74	NWWC (waste removal inc CH cooker)	96.00
21/75	AO - cooker for PH	760.00
21/76	Truline Flooring	2,184.00
21/77	E-on GH cas	111.56
21/78	Garswood Decorating Services	1,350.00
21/79	MDE (new circuit/socket for cooker)	200.00
21/80	St H Council CH rates	649.54
21/81	Crown Gas - PH	10.01
21/82	Masterprint (print and distribute newsletter)	551.60
21/83	Clerk - Aug Salary	1,189.13
21/84	Caretaker CH/PH August Salary	543.46
21/85	Sports Attendance - August Salary	388.71
21/86	MDE - socket for fridge/freezer	90.00
21/87	Clerk Expenditure Reclaim: Chair's Allowance and keys	113.50
21/88	Clerk - Sept Salary	1,188.93
21/89	Sports attendant - Sept Salary	147.69
21/90	Caretaker CH&PH Sept Salary	567.46
21/91	CVS - large copy newsletters and vinyl signs for halls	36.00