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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 7PM  
AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, BILLINGE ROAD**

**Present:  
Cllrs**

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

**2021/71 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
***Resolved: to pass the above Minutes and for the Chairman to sign them as a true record***

**2021/72 To Note Apologies for Absence**  
*All Members were present.*  
***Resolved: to note the above***

**2021/73 \*Public Participation**

Among items raised were:

A resident asked re current status of the rail station – particularly relating to the state of the bridge and waiting room (Liverpool bound platform) , the reduction in service to one train per hour, accessibility and councillor communication with Liverpool City Region Transport Committee, Cllr S Murphy confirm Ward Councillors had recently met with Liverpool City Region and Northern Rail representatives and liaison will continue to resolve these issues. Cllr S Murphy proposed setting up a 'Friends of Garswood Station' to assist in efforts to have station issues addressed and that residents writing directly to Northern Rail would support councillor efforts.

Public transport issues continued following issues raised at last meeting re the area's bus service that does not appear to be serving the needs of residents: Cllr Pearson spoke about the proposed change in the way these services are provided but that it would take a significant amount of time but that he said he would continue to update and report back from LCR Travel committee .

Libraries: Cllr S Murphy assured the meeting no decisions have been made at St Helens Council yet, and confirmed Ward Councillors would be fighting to retain services in Billinge and Seneley Green.

Planning applications for Leyland Green Road were raised - Cllr S Murphy had investigated and she felt because planning law states that buildings have to be in a fit state to refurbish and that these buildings are not, the application could not be granted.

Lastly there was a concern raised re St Helens Officers seemingly being unaware of Downall Green and their referral to the whole area as Garswood. Cllr S Murphy assured that Ward Councillors would be correcting any Officers who do not relate to both Downall Green and Garswood.

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

**2021/74 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**

S Barton-Ainsworth – general declaration under Planning Committee – he explained he sits on Planning Committee at St Helens Council

**Resolved: to receive and note above declaration**

**2021/75 Policing of the Area**

Beat	Category	Sept 2019	Sept 2020	Sept 2021
D351	Burglary	0	0	0
D351	Burglary – Residential	2	1	1
D351	Criminal Damage/Arson	0	0	2
D351	Theft Bike	0	0	0
D351	Theft from MV	0	1	0
D351	Theft Person	0	0	0
D351	Theft/UTMV	0	0	1
D351	Anti-Social Behaviour	1	1	0

Cllr S Murphy requested the Clerk query details of the figures relating arson attacks.

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**2021/76 Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**

Cllr Barton-Ainsworth. Formally thanked Knit and Natter group re the decoration they have provided to the area.

Remembrance: lamp post poppies are to be put up at the beginning of November and Jason putting up silent soldiers and poppy display. Thanks were formally given to Jason Shawcross for the poignant Remembrance displays he has created – they were displayed last year and he will install again this year.

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**2021/77 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**

**Applications**

P/2021/0848/FUL: Land North East Of Leyland Green Farmhouse Leyland Green Road.

Conversion of agricultural buildings to form 2 no, dwellings with parking and landscaping including partial demolition and associated engineering and building work. P/2021/0888/FUL Proposal: Removal of buildings and two storey wrap around extension to existing building and creation of outdoor dog pens. Use of building within the extension to be used as a dog boarding facility. Location: Arch Lane Farm, Arch Lane

P/2021/0886/HHFP Proposal: Single storey rear extension for disabled use. 48 Poplar Avenue,

**Decisions**

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

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

GRANTED

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

P/2021/0705/HHFP 4 Argyll Close Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension with pitched roofs on existing dormers GRANTED

Planning Committee had submitted an objection to P/2021/0848/FUL in support of residents' views, further comment on this is included in Public Participation

**Resolved: to receive and note the above**

**2021/78 To Pass Accounts for Payment**

Members are asked to approve accounts for payment (schedule circulated In Clerk's Update and in Appendix A below) totalling £4262.67 and also to note there are no S137 payments

**Resolved: to approve the above schedule of accounts for payment and to note there were no S137 payments**

**2021/79 Quarterly Financial Update**

The quarterly report had been circulated electronically prior to the meeting with hard copies distribute at the meeting - giving analysis of payments and receipts plus bank reconciliation. There were no queries.

**Resolved:**

**To receive and approve above documentation/update**

**2021/80 Simms Road Open Space Miners Memorial**

Cllr S Murphy confirmed the above memorial is currently being planned and will be undertaken. Financial contribution to the memorial (in principle) was requested, with a specific request being brought back to Parish Council at a future meeting.

**Resolved:**

**To note the above update**

**To approve the proposal of a financial contribution (in principle)**

**2021/81 Schools Crossing Patrol Funding**

This item was deferred from last meeting due to consultation needed between ward councillors in relation to their 50% contribution to the total cost. Cllr Pearson reported awaiting confirmation of available funding via CIF. It was proposed for Parish Council to approve their 50% contribution (£1700) for the academic year 2021/22.. It was also proposed for the Clerk to write to the school re future cost of schools crossing patrol.

**Resolved: To approve contribution of £1700 towards schools crossing patrol at Rectory Road CE Primary**

**For the Clerk to write to the school re future cost of schools crossing patrol.**

**2021/82 Health & Wellbeing Working Group Update**

There had been no meetings of the Working Group but Councillors responded to queries under Public Participation relating to the Library.

**Resolved:**

**To note the above update**

**2021/83 Estates Working Group**

Details of the following had been included on the Clerk's Update circulated prior to the meeting. There had been no meetings of the Working Group but the Clerk updated on: new hirers (Yoga-Community Hall), other use - Garswood Surgery for one session of flu vaccination; Community Hall: floor sealing quote for floor would be available over the next week an approval to use local specialist company was requested and for Chairman to approve prior to ordering; H&S issues approved for order by the Chairman: quote received for replacing lamps in external lighting columns (car park) and order raised; asbestos management surveys quote received and ordered for both halls,; urgent joinery work ordered to replace changing room corridor fire doors/levelling exit flags and also new shelves to caretaker's room to be done at the same time; fire alarm connection to alarm system ordered. A quote from local specialist roller shutter company for £2276 was circulated to those present.

Parish Hall: A quote for painting black railings, both handrails, window sills and front door/frame has been received: £680 was presented to the meeting and approval requested; an installation date for blinds over the storage area is awaited

**Resolved:**

**To receive and note above report including orders raised for urgent/specialist work.**

**To approve use of local specialist company to address issues re floor seals and delegated to the Chairman to instruct on ordering**

**To approve the ordering of replacement external shutters (rear)**

**To approve quote for painting at Parish Hall**

**2021/84 Events Working Group**

There has been no meetings of this group but the following was reported at the meeting: Cllr S Murphy reported both trees purchased by Ward Councillors last year had died and that new trees would be purchased and this was briefly discussed. Cllr E Murphy proposed Friends of Seneley Green to assist in the monitoring of the trees. There are plans for Santa to visit schools and streets.

Cllr Murphy reported on Ward Councillor plans for a Toy Appeal again this year.

**Resolved:**

***To receive and note above update***

**2021/85 Public Transport Working Group**

Cllr Pearson explained to the meeting that Cllr Liam Robinson, Chairman of LCR Transport Committee had not been able to attend the meeting but the Clerk had written to him with the date of the November meeting so it is hoped he can come along then. Issues re the rail station are Minuted above under Public Participation. As a result of these discussions, proposals were: for Cllr S Murphy to set up a 'Friends of Gaswood Railstation' group and for the Clerk to write to Northern Rail to ask how a resident group is set up; for Cllr Pearson to continue to update meetings re rail station and bus service.

***Resolved:***

***For Cllr Liam Robinson to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council***

***For Cllr S Murphy to set up a Friends of Garswood Rail Station and for the Clerk to write to Northern Rail for details of setting up a group.***

***For the Clerk to check with Northern Rail on current arrangements for travel to accessible stations***

***For Cllr Pearson to update each meeting in relation to station and bus service issues.***

**2021/86 COVID19 Update**

It was proposed to now remove this as a regular Agenda item and to reinstate as appropriate

***Resolved:***

***To remove this regular item from future Agenda and to reinstate if necessary***

**2021/87 Schools Update**

Cllr Ainsworth-Barton reported a new headteacher had now been appointed at Rectory CE Primary

***Resolved:***

***To note the above update***

**2021/88 Communications Working Group**

There is regular contact between the working group members and the update given at the meeting:

There are plans for a newsletter going out in November; updating of noticeboards, website and social media takes place as and when necessary.

***Resolved:***

***To note the above update***

**APPENDIX A**

21/92	DMJ UK (double socket for wifi)	72.00
21/93	CVS -inv 67/234 67/232	39.00
21/94	PKF Littlejohn	360.00
21/95	Crown - Gas Sept PH	9.93
21/96	CVS - internal signage PH	21.00
21/97	FIS - replace hard disk drive	92.40
21/98	Clerk Oct Salary	1189.13
21/99	Sports Attendant - Oct Salary	504.58

21/100	<i>Caretaker PH/CH - Oct Salary</i>	562.82
21/101	<i>HMRC-periods</i>	577.93
21/02	<i>Initial</i>	283.59
21/03	<i>M&amp;D Allyn)</i>	41.71
21/04	<i>E-on</i>	140.32
21/05	<i>Clerk Exp Reclaim</i>	150.92
21/06	<i>Rex (repair and fire alarm maintenance)</i>	217.34