



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENELEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th JANUARY 2022
IN THE PARISH HALL, MONTREY CRESCENT AT 7PM

Present:

Cllrs

J Pearson, Chairman
S Barton-Ainsworth, Vice Chairman
Mrs E Murphy
Mrs S Murphy
J Stevenson

2021/24 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 9th December 2021

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

2021/25 To Note Apologies for Absence

B Ashcroft, P Peers, B Pilkington

Resolved: to note the above apologies

2021/26 Public Participation

Among items raised this evening:

Tom Nugent updated on the feasibility study for a Development Centre on the playing fields, this had been agreed in principle at last meeting – he had spoken to an officer at St Helens Council and Tony Smith at the Football Association. Cllr S Murphy also updated that she had met with Dave Boocock (St Helens Council) over another matter but had spoken briefly with him. Cllr S Murphy proposed for the Clerk to liaise with Tom Nugent over arranging a meeting for all parties.

Cllr Pearson introduced a presentation by Jason Shawcross on the proposed Miners Memorial to illustrate to those present on the form it would take and the proposal to include a time capsule. Cllr S Murphy spoke about the original proposed locations of Simms Road Open Space being greenbelt and Planning at St Helens had said planning permission would not be granted. No other pieces of land had been identified so the proposal was to site in the grounds of Garswood Primary. Opposition to this was expressed and alternatives of the Recreation Ground and the Stag were put forward by residents. Jason Shawcross was thanked for his work on this

A resident reported a rumour that 156 is going to a two hour service – Cllr Pearson said he would query with Cllr Robinson at LCR Transport Committee. Cllr S Murphy commented all planning for new homes would be opposed until the infrastructure for transport is sufficient.

Chat Benches – a resident requested St Helens Council be approached re siting one in Seneley Green (the next closest one would be in Billinge). The Clerk was requested to write to Cllr Burns at St Helens in relation to this.

Cllr Stevenson raised a residents concern over an increasing number of HGV's using Smock Lane and he had asked if a weight limit could be applied to this road. The Clerk was requested to write to St Helens Council in relation to this.

Update on the railway bridge on Spindle Hillock was queried. Clerk reported that Network Rail had replied " *The bridge is planned for demolition and replacement but a date has yet to be confirmed for this. The recent survey was undertaken to determine options to be put forward but there will be little site presence until access and funding is secured from 2024. Work may continue in the meantime by our structures team to keep it safe and elongate its lifespan until*

the replacement work is carried out"

An update on the bridge at the station was queried. There was no update but Cllr S Murphy reported she is still putting out the resident petition.

A request for the planters to be replenished was raised but Cllr S Murphy reported there was no funding available from St Helens Council CIF

The Library was queried but Cllr S Murphy reported no update, pending St Helens Council decision expected after May 2022.

Greater Manchester CAZ was raised as a concern, signage is currently being erected at the border with Merseyside. It was propose to include this as an Agenda item at next meeting.

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2021/27 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members

Cllr S Murphy declared an interest in relation to the Agenda item 'Simms Road Open Space Miners Memorial' (as governor at Garswood Primary School) . Cllr E Murphy declared a personal interest in updating on blinds during Agenda item 'Estates Working Group'.

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2021/28 Policing of the Area

The Clerk read out the following crime report:

01/12/2021 to 31/12/2021: Aggravated Burglary - 0 Burglary dwelling - 0
Burglary other - 1 Burglary with intent - 0 Theft from motor vehicle - 2 Theft of motor vehicle – 2 Vehicle interference - 1 ASB - 0

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2021/29 Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates (enclosed)

Clerk reported she has received a response from Billinge Parish Council re a joint event on the weekend of celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - their Residents Association are already planning Billinge event at Bankes Park. Parish Council had received a request for a volunteer group to use the hall and playing fields to hold an event. Cllr S Murphy reported she had received communication from some members of a previous Carnival Committee so proposed to join forces to create a community-wide event. .

Cllr E Murphy updated on the Christmas event at the Bluebell which had been supported by Parish Council – she handed over receipts and balance of the donation to the Clerk at the meeting. Cllr S Murphy recorded thanks to Cllr E Murphy and Cllr Barton-Ainsworth and other volunteers for this excellent event

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2021/30 Ward Councillor Update

No verbal update given.

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2021/31 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee

No comments have been submitted relating to the following application:

P/2021/1083/FUL Proposal: Extend existing timber pergola structure and erection of 2 new timber pergola structures. For: Full Planning Application Location: Railway Hotel, 4 Station Road.

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2021/32 To Pass Accounts for Payment

Please see the schedule in APPENDIX A. Members are asked to approve these accounts for payment of £7907.05 including £240 in S137 payments (asterisked on listing)

Resolved:

to pass the schedule of accounts for payment totalling £7907.05 including £240 in S137 payments



2021/33 To Agree the Precept for 2022-23

Members had received information prior to the meeting to assist in decision-making to agree the Precept for 2022-23. It was proposed not to increase hire charges and to agree salaries and allowances. No increase in the Precept was also proposed.

Resolved:

To agree hire charges (no increase), salaries and allowances - all as per documentation circulated to Members

To agree no increase in the Precept for 2022/23 and for it to remain at £35.88 (based on this year's 1377 per Band D property) giving a total Precept of £49,407

2021/34 Toy Appeal

Cllr S Murphy spoke about the success of 2021 Toy Appeal and reported that remaining funds are now with Billinge Residents' Association to aid provision for 2022. She also spoke about assisting with birthday gifts (schools in the area would identify the need).

Resolved: to receive and note the above update

2021/35 Santa's Sleigh Event

The event was briefly discussed and it was commented that if donations to Toy Appeal were being requested again this year then the event needs to be held earlier than in December 2021 (14th)

Resolved: to receive and note the above update

2021/36 Christmas Tree and Event at Community Hall

It was proposed for the Tree Lighting event to be reinstated for 2022 at the Community Hall. Cllr S Murphy proposed consideration of a living tree to be planted.

Resolved: to reinstate the Tree Lighting Event for 2022 at the Community Hall and to approve a budget of £1500.

2021/37 Simms Road Open Space Miners Memorial

Reference was made to issues/comments under Public Participation. Cllr S Murphy asked for a decision on location and proposed to pursue Garswood Recreation Ground - if this was not viable then for it to be located at Garswood Primary School. Up to £2000 expenditure on this project was proposed.

Resolved:

to pursue the possibility of Garswood Recreation Ground as a location for the memorial and if this is not viable then for it to be installed at Garswood Primary School

to approve up to £2000 expenditure on the project.

2021/38 Health & Wellbeing Working Group Update

The Clerk updated and asked for volunteers on behalf of Cllr Peers: the Time to Talk Event is to take place on Thursday 3rd February 10.00-13.00 in the Community Hall. Cllrs E Murphy and J Pearson volunteered to attend. It was confirmed that Councillors would not be giving out advice, they would be signposting to Senior Mental Health Practitioner and to other bodies in attendance.

Resolved: to receive and note above update

2021/39 Estates Working Group

There had been no meetings of the group but the Clerk reported:

Parish Hall: Installation date for blinds over shutter area still awaited. Cllr E Murphy reported that blinds could not be fitted to this area and an alternative was to staple the same fabric as existing blinds to the existing framework. Cllr S Murphy proposed delegating decision on quote to Chairman and for this to be carried out.

Community Hall:

External lighting has been completed
Shutters have been installed



Awaiting quote for replacement LED lighting to main hall – will be presented to Working Group/Full Council).

Resolved:

**To delegate decision on work to area above storage rooms in Parish Hall to Chairman
to receive and note above update**

2021/40 Public Transport Working Group

Reference was made to issues raised under Public Participation and updates given under that Agenda item.

Resolved: to receive and note above update

2021/41 Schools Update

Cllr S Murphy reiterated challenges still facing schools

Resolved: to note above

2021/42 Communications Working Group

There had been no meetings of this group. Website, Facebook and noticeboards continue to be updated.

Resolved: to receive and note above update

2021/43 Events Working Group

Reference was made to the request reported under Clerk's Update relating to an event at the Community Hall/Playing Fields for the Queens Platinum Jubilee, which was favourably received; Cllr Pearson proposed to delegate this to the Events Working Group for them to liaise with all interested parties.

Resolved: to delegate Platinum Jubilee event to the Events Working Party in conjunction with volunteer group

APPENDIX A

21/140	Clerk exp reclaim - donation to Bluebell Christmas Event	200.00*
21/141	Truline Flooring	672.00
21/142	E-on - CH elec PH Nov	114.01
21/143	E-on - CH gas CH Nov	203.27
21/144	Kirk Craig	2,731.20
21/145	e-on - PH electricity Nov	30.28
21/146	SMART Pension	616.68
21/147	Crown - gas PH Nov	31.05
21/148	Crown - gas PH Dec	49.94
21/149	Members Allowance – JP	120.00
21/150	Electrical & Combustion	437.46
21/151	SMART	154.17
21/152	Clerk - Jan Salary	1,189.93
21/153	Sports Attendant - Jan Salary	309.91
21/154	Caretaker (PH&CH)	543.36
21/155	HMRC	192.51
21/156	Clerk – exp reclaim (Norton,de-icer,Wreaths£40*) , masks	160.26*
21/157	BT	151.02