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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY AT 715pm  
IN THE PARISH HALL, MONTREY CRESCENT**

Councillors: GK Cleary, Meeting Chairman  
Mrs B Ashcroft  
Mrs SE Murphy  
P Peers

Both Chairman and Vice Chairman were unable to attend so Cllr GK Cleary was proposed and agreed to Chair the meeting. Cllr Cleary opened the meeting then suspended standing orders and went to Agenda items 13 and 3

2019/114 **To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 22nd January in the Community Hall**

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

2019/115 **To Note Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs B Pilkington, S Barton, J Pearson and J Stevenson.

***Resolved: to note the above***

2019/116 **Public Participation**

Among items raised were:

Query re plans for Stag - Councillor Peers confirmed he had heard from a reliable source that it is to be re-opened as a pub.

Query re recent helicopter chase over the area and whether information is available. Cllr Murphy said Merseyside Police usually publish information on their website but a request to include on our police report was proposed.

***for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting***

2019/117 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr S Murphy declared an interest in the Street Lighting Agenda item in relation to School Lane which was mentioned specifically during Bill May's report.

***Resolved: to note the above***

2019/118 **Policing of the Area**

The Clerk gave the report received from Neighbourhood Team for January:

Burglary 5; criminal damage/arson 0; robbery 0; robbery personal 0; ~Theft of bicycle 0; theft from MV 0; Theft from shop 0; vehicle crime 0; anti-social behaviour 3 (there were three more burglaries than this time last year but all other categories have reduced)

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2019/119 **Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**

Amongst items covered (not already on the Agenda) in the Clerk's Update were: **Sports Youth Development** Thursday sessions are continuing 7.30-9.00 pm **Healthy Living Coffee and Chat** T'ai Chi classes continue. **Code of Conduct:** awaiting update from St Helens

Council . **Road condition; Garswood Road, Victoria Road, Leyland Green Road:** query re resurfacing has been noted and added to inspection list but no further commitment has been made at the moment. **Buses and timing point issues:** contacted Merseytravel re complaint re specific issue from January meeting - a meeting with Liam Robinson is currently being arranged and this issue can be added to the agenda. **Plans for 400 houses**-no further details are available at the moment and St Helens Planning has not received any communication from Wigan Council. **Memorial Stone:** clerk is awaiting information from Ward Councillors to facilitate the submitting of a planning application on behalf of ward councillors to cover the work to Downall Green Common.

Cllr Murphy updated on flooding experienced recently at the bungalows on Birch Grove and asked Parish Council to write to Torus re protection/prevention.

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2019/120 **To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**

The following applications/decisions had been received from St Helens Council:

**APPLICATIONS**

P/2020/0057/HHFP 51 Spindle Hillock WN4 0PY Two storey rear extension.

P/2020/0073/HHFP 27 The Clough WN4 0PW Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension , garage conversion and dropped kerb and parking space.

P/2020/0096/CLP 55 Birch Grove, Certificate of lawfulness for demolition of existing conservatory, and erection of single storey rear extension

P/2020/0103/S73 Land To N E Of 168 Booths Brow Road Variation of conditions 3 and 8 on Application P/2016/0486/FUL-Cllr Cleary spoke briefly about this application.

**DECISIONS**

P/2020/0011/TPO 6 Gordon Avenue WN4 0QA Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to 2no Oak trees. **Granted**

**OTHER**

P/2020/0016/HHFP 6 Whitburn Close Two storey side extension 08-Jan-20 03-Feb-20 Withdrawn

**Resolved:**

***to receive and note above information***

2019/121 **To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update**

Details of payments were circulated to Members in the Clerk's Update (see also Appendix 1 for details). Members are requested to approve the above payments totalling £4874.34, there are no S137 payments this month

**Resolved:**

***to pass for payment the schedule of accounts in Appendix 1 TOTALLING: £4874.34 - there are no S137 payments this month***

2019/122 **Update on Halls**

The doors to the Community Hall will be fitted early March. Costs for the proposed refurbishments are still awaited and will be brought to next meeting.

**Resolved:**

***to receive and note the above update***

2019/123 **Working Party Updates**

**Annual Parish Action Plan:** no update from last meeting **Public Transport Working Party:** meeting with Liam Robinson currently being arranged **Youth Cycling Working Party:** no update available **Social Media Working Party:** the website is about to go live. Clerk has undergone training which needs to be rolled out to Cllr Barton Cllr Stevenson. Clerk is to upload documentation and amend current notices before advertising the website as available **Events Working Party (Carnival):** a meeting is set for Thursday 27th February at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

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

**2019/124 Youth Council Update**

Cllr Barton reported meetings are to recommence in February

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

**2019/125 Friends of Seneley Green**

'Friends' at the meeting reported their next meeting is on 26th February when they intend to plan activities for the year, including the Scarecrow Festival

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

**2019/126 Street Lighting**

Bill May, St Helens Council Officer had been invited to come along to speak to residents in relation to complaints/comments re the quality of street lighting: he gave background and historical information to lighting in St Helens. LED is now used nationally giving better light with lower energy use but Tithebarn Road was the first road in Europe to become LED. No traffic accidents relating to light problems since it's installation had been brought to his attention. He agreed that looking out from a car whilst driving, the light appears dull but once out of the car, lighting is sufficient. The optics of LED lights are more direct with less spill onto house frontages so it can give the general appearance of dark streets. He also mentioned that all lighting in the borough are subject to dimming from either 10pm or midnight. He had inspected School Lane in particular which is a single side light but the lighting still met regulations, problems of shadowing caused by parked cars added to this and three lights were not working which are now repaired. Not all areas in Seneley Green had been replaced by LED as this is rolled out in phases, simply chosen in relation to consumption with higher usage lights replaced first. The next phase would be mid-end of March and a listing was left with the Clerk for information. Mr May answered comments/queries for the duration of the report

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

**2019/127 Easter Project**

The Clerk reported Amanda Ryder is leading a project to supply dinners on Easter Sunday for those in need and up to £300 was proposed as Parish Council's support for this.

**Resolved:**

**To agree up to £300 financial support for the Easter Project**

**2019/128 VE Day 75th Anniversary**

It was proposed for Parish Council not to host a specific event on Friday 8th May (Bank Holiday) but for support to be given to the schools for any events they may be holding

**Resolved:**

**Not to host a specific event to commemorate the Anniversary**

**To contact the schools to offer support for events they may be holding**

**APPENDIX 1: SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

832	BACS	E-on - Gas PH	69.00	842	BACS	Caretaker - Feb Salary	585.36
833	BACS	E-on - gas CH	267.05	843	BACS	HMRC -	190.69
834	BACS	E-on - gas PH	81.21	844	202738	St Helens Council	30.00
835	BACS	M&D	106.22	845	202739	St Helens Coun - sand,bin,lock,chain	76.90
836	BACS	E-on - electricity PH	174.78	846	202749	Clerk - expenditure reclaim	56.88
837	BACS	E-on - electricity CH	1273.69	847	202750	GK Cleary - meeting mileage claim	21.60
838	BACS	GMS - monitoring contract	264.00	848	202751	LyndaBDesign-ID badges (Lynda Boyle)	90.00
839	DD	BT	199.22				
840	BACS	Clerk - Feb Salary	1097.26				
841	BACS	Sports Attendant - Feb Salary	290.48				