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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY AT 715pm  
IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, BILLINGE ROAD**

Councillors: J Pearson, Chairman  
S Barton, Vice Chairman  
Mrs B Ashcroft  
GK Cleary  
P Peers  
J Stevenson

Prior to the meeting and for the benefit of residents present, Cllr Pearson explained the significance of Public Participation and that residents could not participate in the remainder of the Agenda.

2019/98 **To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 11 December in the Parish Hall**

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

2019/99 **To Note Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs B Pilkington and Mrs SE Murphy, also Daniel Murphy (Youth Council Chairman).

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

2019/100 **Public Participation**

Among items raised were:

A letter from a local resident re housing was explained and passed to Cllr Pearson for action. Comments were also made re the current difficulty in obtaining homes in Downall Green.

The new landlady of The Bluebell was introduced to the meeting and Cllr Pearson welcomed her to the area and wished her every success.

Complaints re street lighting were made, especially along pedestrian routes (to be reported by the Clerk).

Road surfaces: Garswood Road and Victoria Road had been reported - Leyland Green Road should be added to this.

Cllr Barton reported successful use of the St Helens app to report issues identified by residents and recommended this app to those present

Helena Lowe asking about the use of the Community Hall by residents of Downall Green. Cllr Pearson explained the two halls run by Seneley Green Parish Council are for the use of all residents in the area. Alex Finney spoke about the church's efforts over the years to support the whole community but commented those living closer to facilities are likely to support that particular building/activities. Cllr Cleary spoke re work in previous years to support community cohesion.

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

2019/101 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

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

- 2019/102 **Policing of the Area**  
 The Clerk gave the report received from Neighbourhood Team for December (below).  
 Burglary Commercial-1, Burglary Residential-3 Criminal Damage/Arson-2, Theft MV-0,  
 Vehicle Crime-0,, Antisocial Behaviour-3  
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- 2019/103 **Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**  
 Amongst items covered (not already on the Agenda) in the Clerk's Update were: information  
 on all hall hire,, Code of Conduct, First Responders, buses/timing point issues, ID badges,  
 Memorial Stone, American Football team, pitch at Recreation Ground, road surfacing  
 (Garswood, Leyland Green and Victoria Roads) Clerk's annual leave. 75th Anniversary of VE  
 day was raised as some communities are planning their own VE Day celebrations for the weekend of  
 8-10 May-it was requested to include this on next month's Agenda.  
 Cllr Pearson updated briefly on current issues being faced in the Town Centre-differing leases  
 to buildings is creating a further delay and Gamble Building was specifically mentioned along  
 with libraries in general. He informed the meeting a consultation on libraries is to take place  
 when residents' opinions would be sought. Cllr Cleary further positively commented on the  
 Gamble Building  
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- 2019/104 **To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**  
 The following applications/decisions had been received from St Helens Council:  
**APPLICATIONS**  
**P/2020/0048/HHFP** Single storey extension to front, side and rear elevations.: 162 Victoria  
 Road (previously submitted plans for two storey extension). Cllr Cleary commented on the  
 comments the Committee plan to submit  
**OTHER**  
 Parish Council are currently liaising with St Helens Planning issue of a possible 400 home  
 housing development (Wigan but extremely close to Seneley Green border)  
***Resolved: to receive and note above information***
- 2019/105 **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)  
***Resolved:***  
***to pass for payment the schedule of accounts in Appendix 1 TOTALLING:***  
**£2551.37 WITH S137 payments approved: £150 (Christmas Dinner Project) plus £242.36 paid in**  
**June 2019 under S137 for carnival exp, engraving of Champions plaque and plants for planters**
- 2019/106 **Update on Halls**  
 Clerk reported still awaiting an official quote on business letterhead before issuing the order  
 for the doors at the Community Hall and same contractor has yet to supply a quote for the  
 work at the Parish Hall. St Helens Council have again been chased for a response/action on  
 the flooding at the edge of the entrance to the car park at the Community Hall/Health Centre.  
 Concern re the detrimental impact of speed bumps contributing to this issue was shared with  
 them. Further update on the halls appears in Annual Action Plan Working Party update  
***Resolved:***  
***to receive and note the above update***
- 2019/107 **Working Party Updates**  
**Annual Parish Action Plan:** Cllr Pearson asked the Clerk to read the report/proposed  
 schedule to the meeting and this included a proposal to ask three contractors to inspect both  
 buildings and to cost up the improvements/ maintenance list drawn up at the inaugural  
 meeting of this working party to identify the financial commitment needed for the halls.

**Public Transport Working Party:** there had been no meeting but Cllr Pearson reported he is now on the Merseytravel Committee (in his role as a St Helens Councillor) so would be able to feed back to the working party any issues directly relating to Seneley Green. Cllr Stevenson reiterated information given at a previous meeting when it was stated there is 350,000 journeys confirmed each year either starting or ending at Garswood Station but this did not include any kind of travelcards (including senior) and given the ageing population, this could easily increase the figure to 500,000 journeys. The Clerk reported no reply had ever been received from Liam Robinson at Merseytravel in response to an email relating to the above and other statistics - Cllr Pearson asked for a copy of this to be emailed to him.

**Youth Cycling Working Party:** Cllr Barton reported there had been no meetings but work was being done in the background towards this local initiative however there was nothing to report at the moment

**Social Media Working Party:** the Clerk reported work on preparing for the launch of the new website was underway and a going live date of mid-end February was expected.

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

**2019/108 Youth Council Update**

Cllr Barton reported meetings are to recommence in early February and Mental Health in Young People remained their priority.

The Clerk reported continuing support for the Youth Council is included in the Parish Action Plan

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

**2019/109 Friends of Seneley Green**

Cllr Barton reported there would be a meeting early in the Spring when plans for the remainder of the year would be put in place. The Clerk reported continuing support for the FOSG (Friends of Seneley Green) is included in the Parish Action Plan

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

**2019/110 To Set the Precept for 2020/21**

Documentation to assist in decision-making had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. It was proposed to agree Option C and raise the Precept by 2.5% to £35.88 per property giving a total Precept of £49,494.

**Resolved: to agree on Option C and to raise the Precept to £35.88 per property**

**2019/111 To Agree Internal Audit Arrangements for the year ending 31 March 2020**

*Members had received a copy of the proposed letter to the Clerk of Bold Parish Council appointing him as internal auditor for the above year and set out format/expectations of the internal audit*

**Resolved: to agree for the Clerk of Bold Parish Council to act as internal auditor for the year ending 31 March 2020**

**2019/112 Parish Champions Evening**

Cllr Pearson explained that it had been proposed for this event to be held every two/three years rather than annually in order for us to appropriately recognise those whose commitment was long term. It was proposed to hold every three years.

**Resolved:**

**for the Parish Champions Evening to be held every three years with the next one taking place in 2022.**

**2019/113 To Amend the date of the May Meetings**

It had been proposed to change the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and also the May Business meeting to 20th May (from 13th) this was due to the Clerk's Annual Leave and also the probability of a St Helens Council meeting being held the same evening (involving some of our Parish Councillors) .

**Resolved:**

**For the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the May business meeting to be held on Wednesday 20th May at 7.15pm**

**SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

823	BACS	e-on - ELECTRIC CH	45.69
824	BACS	eon - GAS CH	105.03
825*	BACS	A Ryder - Christmas Dinner Project	150.00
826	BACS	Clerk - Jan Salary	1083.54
827	BACS	Sports Attendant - Jan Salary	235.94
828	BACS	Caretaker - Jan Salary	551.58
829	BACS	E-ON GAS PH	258.24
830	BACS	E-ON ELECTRIC CH	8.79
831	DD	SMART PENSION	112.56
			<b>£2551.37</b>