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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2019
 AT 7.15PM IN THE COMMUNITY HALL, BILLINGE ROAD**

Present:

Councillors: J Pearson, Chairman
 S Barton, Vice Chairman
 Mrs B Ashcroft
 J Stevenson

2019/37	<p>To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 19th June 2019 in the Parish Hall Resolved: to pass the above Minutes and for the Chairman to sign the Minutes as a true record.</p>																				
2019/38	<p>To Note Apologies for Absence Apologies had been received from Cllrs: GK Cleary, Mrs S Murphy, P Peers, B Pilkington Resolved: to receive and note above apologies</p>																				
2019/39	<p>*Public Participation Amongst issues raised were: Continuing problem of buses leaving engines running, also timing of two services running through the area Bin cleaning companies leaving mess on pavement/roads No litter bins on Birch Grove Playing Fields Christmas Dinner Project 2019 was reported by Amanda Ryder - it was proposed to include the support of this as an Agenda item for the next meeting along with other Christmas events Scarecrow Festival, to be held August Bank Holiday weekend (23rd-26th) - walk to view the scarecrows is proposed. for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting</p>																				
2019/40	<p>To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members There were no Declarations of Interest Resolved: to receive and note the above</p>																				
2019/41	<p>* Policing of the Area No police were in attendance and the following report had been received for June 2019 with comparative information from 2018</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="288 1771 1062 2085"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2018</th> <th>2019</th> <th>increase /decrease</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Arson</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary Dwelling</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Burglary non-dwelling</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Criminal Damage</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p align="right">(attempted)</p>		2018	2019	increase /decrease	Arson	0	0	0	Burglary Dwelling	1	1	0	Burglary non-dwelling	0	0	0	Criminal Damage	2	4	2
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Business Robbery	0	0	0
Person Robbery	0	0	0
Theft Pedal Cycle	0	1	1
T.F.M.V.	1	0	-1
Theft From Person	0	0	0
Theft Shop	0	0	0
T.O.M.V.	0	0	0
asb	3	2	-1

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2019/42	<p>*Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates Clerk's Update was circulated to those present. Among items covered this evening were: Healthy Living, Code of Conduct, Road condition/markings, graffiti to cable boxes, issues with buses. for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting</p>																																																																	
2019/43	<p>To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee Consultation/notification of the following had been received <u>DECISION:</u> P/2019/0304/HHFP 9 Birch Grove - Retention of garden shed. Refused Work was queried on grassed area in Leyland Green Road but this is only a compound for materials for the houses being built directly opposite by Torus. Resolved: to receive and note the above</p>																																																																	
2019/44	<p>To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update The schedule of accounts below were circulated in the Clerk's Update along with copies of the bank reconciliation and Analysis of Inc/Exp. Details of five internal audit recommendations were also circulated for Members to note/consider. Three issues were already addressed, the remaining two re BACS payments and Employment Allowance were deferred to the next meeting pending more information re online banking and it was proposed to add another signatory to the current three plus the clerk.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="295 1568 1396 2063"> <tr> <td>740</td> <td>202688</td> <td>Masterprint - posters</td> <td>27.60</td> <td>*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>741</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>5 Star - carnival chairs, tables, tablecloths carnival</td> <td>315.26</td> <td>*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>741</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>HMRC - period 3 ending 5 July</td> <td>171.54</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>743</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>Clerk - July Salary</td> <td>1193.01</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>744</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>Cartaker PH and CH - July Salary</td> <td>534.24</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>745</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>Sports Attendant - July Salary</td> <td>179.12</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>746</td> <td>202689</td> <td>direct source - carnival medals</td> <td>199.10</td> <td>*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>748</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>Terryoke-DJ carnvial</td> <td>220.00</td> <td>*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>749</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>Urgent Care North West - carnival first aid</td> <td>87.50</td> <td>*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>750</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>Cannon Hygiene -St for PH</td> <td>579.88</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>751</td> <td>BACS</td> <td>Cannon Hygiene - St for CH</td> <td>487.43</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>752</td> <td>202700</td> <td>Masterprint - carnival banner</td> <td>110.40</td> <td>*</td> </tr> <tr> <td>753</td> <td>202701</td> <td>M&D Allyn 033861</td> <td>27.41</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	740	202688	Masterprint - posters	27.60	*	741	BACS	5 Star - carnival chairs, tables, tablecloths carnival	315.26	*	741	BACS	HMRC - period 3 ending 5 July	171.54		743	BACS	Clerk - July Salary	1193.01		744	BACS	Cartaker PH and CH - July Salary	534.24		745	BACS	Sports Attendant - July Salary	179.12		746	202689	direct source - carnival medals	199.10	*	748	BACS	Terryoke-DJ carnvial	220.00	*	749	BACS	Urgent Care North West - carnival first aid	87.50	*	750	BACS	Cannon Hygiene -St for PH	579.88		751	BACS	Cannon Hygiene - St for CH	487.43		752	202700	Masterprint - carnival banner	110.40	*	753	202701	M&D Allyn 033861	27.41	
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754	202702	GMS - legionella repair	96.00	
755	202703	Clerk - expenditure reclaim SLCC and -part S137	180.57	*
756	202704	NALC/ LALC membership	731.66	
757	202705	Chubb - intruder alarm maintenance	204.98	
758	202706	E-on PH	116.83	
		TOTAL	5561.32	

Resolved:

to pass the above accounts for payment: TOTAL £5561.32 *S137 PAYMENTS TOTALLING £826.46 (carnival expenditure)

to receive and note the financial update and for the Chairman to initial bank statement and reconciliation.

to receive and note the internal audit recommendations; to acknowledge resolution of three items; to agree adding a further signatory to the three current authorisers (plus the Clerk) and to consider the outstanding two items at next meeting when further detail has been obtained

2019/45

Parish Plan

It was proposed by Cllr Pearson that a Working Party should be formed to discuss and formulate a Parish Plan, following a proposal from a resident at a previous meeting.

Resolved:

For the following Members to meet to formulate a Parish Plan: Cllrs Mrs B Ashcroft, Mrs S Murphy, J Pearson and S Barton

2019/46

Update on Halls

Clerk reported discussions with Chair and Vice Chair: Cllr Pearson is to speak with surveyors at St Helens re support to address the penetrative damp problem on one wall and Stuart has spoken with a local building re quoting for the work to the wall over the door. Proposals re decoration and some modernisation of the Parish Hall are currently ongoing. Cllr Barton expressed his concern over health and safety issues re the use of the shutters at the Community Hall and proposed replacement with electrically operated ones. The Clerk reported the fire doors as also needing replacement. Update on use of the hall: **Coffee and Chat** are about to start T'ai Chi sessions **Sports Youth Development** are using the hall each Thursday throughout the summer break (1st August to 5 September inclusive) and possibly beyond. One of their activities is table tennis and Cllr Stevenson reported consideration of running a session aimed at older residents **Yoga**: Cllr Stevenson reported he had been approached by someone wishing to hold yoga classes during the day so more aimed at older members of our community. The Clerk had subsequently notified her of the £28 charge but she has requested if we would consider reducing/waiving the fee for four weeks so she can gauge the response and then obviously continue if she has the support. Members discussed the valuable health benefits of such a class and facility for older residents in particular. It was proposed the four weeks free use is granted.

Resolved:

to receive and note the update

to agree four weeks free use of the hall for yoga classes

2019/47

Rail Station

Following discussion re the accessibility issue at the station, the rising age of residents and problems faced by parents with babies/toddlers were mentioned along with the current excessive time it takes to get into St Helens (and beyond) via the bus services.

The condition of the footbridge was also raised as a concern.

	<p>It was proposed to obtain information re whether the problems in accessibility are discriminatory and once this is established a working party should be formed to take the issues further.</p> <p>Resolved: for Cllr Pearson to access legal advice re the possible discriminatory issue and to bring to a future meeting for a Public Transport Working Party to be formed at a future meeting</p>
2019/48	<p>Youth Council/Youth Club update</p> <p>Cllr Barton confirmed campaigns for this year; mental health of young people and general youth provision and support. The Youth Council are proposing to set up a Youth Cafe, run by young people for young people and had spoken to the health centre re referring sufferers to the cafe and propose to include professionals to join them at the cafe.</p> <p>Resolved: To receive and note the above update</p>
2019/49	<p>Friends of Seneley Green</p> <p>A full report was given at last meeting but Councillor Barton updated: the wildflower planting is now blooming and ideas for next year are currently being considered.</p> <p>The planned Scarecrow Festival was also mentioned (August bank holiday weekend)</p> <p>Resolved: to receive and note the above update</p>
2019/50	<p>Seneley Green Carnival Update</p> <p>The Clerk reported at very successful day and £726 was raised on the gate, stallholders charges, donation from the fairground and ice cream van. It is planned to hold a meeting in September to set the date and venue for next year.</p> <p>Resolved: to receive and note the above update</p>
2019/51	<p>Walking Day</p> <p>Cllr Barton proposed reinstating the Walking Day to include all churches, organisations and groups in the area. Billinge had recently held a successful walk and advice from the organisers will be sought. The proposal was briefly discussed and agreed to defer to a future meeting when more detail will be available.</p> <p>Resolved: to agree with the proposal to reinstate Walking Day for 2020 to defer agreement of any financial support to a future meeting when further details will be available</p>