



# Seneley Green Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 in the Community Hall, Billinge Road

### Present

Councillors: Mrs S Murphy, Chairman  
Mrs E Murphy  
J Pearson  
B Pilkington  
J Shawcross

**Prior to the start of the meeting, a Minute's Silence was held in respect for Queen Elizabeth II who had sadly passed away earlier that day**

**2022/63 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022.**

The above Minutes were agreed as a true record

**Resolved: for the Chairman to sign as a true record.**

**2022/64 To Note Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs: B Ashcroft, S Houghton and J Stevenson

**Resolved: to note the above apology**

**2022/65 \*Public Participation**

Among items raised this evening:

#### **Public Participation**

T Nugent updated on Seneley & Garswood Juniors matters. He reported the query re a container at the rear of the Community Hall hadn't progressed and neither had the provision of a 4G facility in the area. The Clerk updated that container permission was still with Legal at St Helens Council and that decision re the location of the 4G pitch was going to St Helens Council Cabinet in Autumn 2022. He also updated that the audio visual equipment had been installed and gave a brief demonstration of the screen. Cllr S Murphy formally thanked Seneley & Garswood Juniors.

Station – W Hilll commented that the funding window will close on 16<sup>th</sup> September for 2024-2029 and as far as they could see, Garswood isn't being considered. Cllr S Murphy proposed that we write to Liam Robinson in relation to the fighting for accessibility etc. that has been going on for over 30 years – is Garswood being looked at for this bidding window and request a reply asap. Also to include a query as to when the pre-pandemic timetable will be reintroduced. Cllr S Murphy confirmed the public meeting at the station hadn't been able to be arranged yet due to availability but that it will be organised urgently and it is hoped as many members of the public as possible it is hoped will turn up.

A resident queried the level of St Helens Councillors Improvement Fund: Cllr S Murphy confirmed an order for the planters (install October) had been done and also the order for Downall Green signage had been raised.

A query re anything being done by Parish Council to celebrate the library's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary - hopefully before any closure. Cllr S Murphy confirmed nothing is currently planned but proposed for the Clerk to write to Kathryn Boothroyd re anything Library Service may be doing to celebrate. An Open Day, plaque, memory book was suggested and for the Events Working Group to liaise on this. Further comment re it being the oldest building in the borough that is also a library, it's disappointing the Borough doesn't mention it anywhere in view of their impending Borough of Culture plans. A younger resident commented she is missing opportunities to study at university library due to the unreliable public transport which also makes it difficult to get to other libraries in St Helens so a service in the Parish is becoming vital to her studies.

L Wainwright raised the topic of a further defibrillator (and Agenda item) and also confirmed FOSG had received a grant for defibrillator training to be held at the Community Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> October which is open to everyone. She also mentioned grants being available for cabinets.

Sink holes on land off Leyland Green Road (land that has planning permission for

development) were reported on and that the Coal Board is to erect fence to make safe the sinkhole from public access. The Clerk reported she had submitted a query to St Helens Council in relation to this, including safety concerns and the impact on fish that are essentially dropping straight into the sinkhole.

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

**2022/66 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**

Cllr E Murphy declared an interest in the discussion relating to sinkholes

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

**2022/67 \* Policing of the Area**

The Police were unable to attend but had submitted the Crime Report for the last month:

1/8/22 theft from MV

13/8/22 burglary Birch Grove

3 nuisance calls (1 off rd bikes) (1 noisy children in a garden) (1 neighbour dispute)

Cllr S Murphy spoke about the dangers of the electric/off road bikes being driven around the area – she said someone must know who they are and urged for residents to report anything they know to the police

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**2022/68 \*Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**

Cllr E Murphy reported on Friends of Seneley Green: All planters filled, £4,000 funding obtained for kitchen, Halloween party 29 October for children of all ages with parents.

Birch Grove sunflowers and improvements planned for the area next year.

All items on the Clerk's Update related to Agenda items.

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**2022/69 \*Ward Councillor Update**

A verbal update was given during Public Participation by Cllr S Murphy in relation to the planting up of planters for the area and Downall Green signage.

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

**2022/70 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**

During the past month, we have received notification of Applications/Decisions (below) and no comments have been submitted.

**Applications.**

P/2022/0587/CLP 61 Hamilton Road Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension.

P/2022/0604/HHFP 4 Kelvin Close, single storey rear extension.

**Decisions**

P/2022/0387/TPO 9 Lavender Walk Works to various trees covered by a Tree Preservation Refused

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

**2022/71 To Pass Accounts for Payment**

Members are asked to pass the accounts in Appendix A and to note there are no S137 payments.

The external auditor report for 2021/22 was given to Members – no issues were raised and this notice, along with Parts 1-3 of the AGAR will be displayed on website and noticeboards before 30 September 2022.

***Resolved:***

***to pass the accounts for payment totalling ££12,819.24 and to note there are no S137 payments***

*To note the results of the external audit.*

**2022/72 Village in Bloom**

Cllr S Murphy proposed planters to be purchased for the area including the rail station and for these to be planted up to give a good display next summer. She confirmed planting up for the Autumn (of existing planters) had been ordered by Ward Councillors. She proposed to delegate to Events Working Group

**Resolved: for Events Working Group to take up planning/confirm likely costs for this 2023 event.**

**2022/73 Miners Memorial**

Councillor Shawcross updated on the next step for the memorial. The volunteer undertaking brickwork will commence within the next few weeks. It was proposed to agree wording and style of the plaque via email contact with all Members

**Resolved: to receive the above update and for the wording and style of plaque to be agreed by all Members via email (with illustration)**

**2022/74 Health & Wellbeing Working Group**

A report from a meeting of this group specifically to discuss the library was circulated to Members. It was also reported that a meeting with St Helens Officer and Councillor is planned with an update on this at next meeting. Members had also received draft Terms of Reference for this Group.

**Resolved:**

**To receive and note the report of the meeting.**

**To agree the Terms of Reference**

**2022/75 Estates Working Group**

A report from a meeting of this group was circulated to Members: a change to the Conditions of Hire; blinds for high level windows, purchase of mechanical buffer/cleaner, replacement radiators for the wc's was proposed. Also consideration of remedial work to wc areas and purchase of new tables was agreed in principle pending quotes for this work. Members had also received draft Terms of Reference for this Group.

**Resolved:**

**To approve the Terms of Reference**

**To approve above proposals: blinds, new buffer/cleaner, radiators.**

**To agree new tables and remedial work to wc's (pending quotes)**

**2022/76 Public Transport Working Group**

No meeting of the group had taken place. Liaison continues with LCR Transport Committee and plans to hold a public meeting at the station are underway. Members had also received draft Terms of Reference for this Group.

**Resolved:**

**To approve the Terms of Reference**

**To receive and note update**

**2022/77 Communications Working Group**

Members had also received draft Terms of Reference for this Group. There had been no meetings held but updating of noticeboards, website and FB page continues

**Resolved:**

**To approve the Terms of Reference**

**2022/78 Events Working Group**

No meeting of the Group had taken place. Cllr S Murphy proposed for the Group to take forward planning for the Christmas Event and also the previously noted Village in Bloom project. Members had also received draft Terms of Reference for this Group.

**Resolved:\***

**To approve the Terms of Reference**

**for the group to take forward planning for the Christmas Event**

**to note the previously Minuted request under the Village in Bloom Agenda item.**

## 202-2/79 Defibrillator Request for Community Hall Area

The Clerk reported she had received a response from the landlord of the Health Centre and they had not agreed to their defibrillator being installed externally (in a Parish Council purchased cabinet). It was proposed to take up the offer of a donated defibrillator, purchase a cabinet and install external to the Community Hall.

**Resolved: to agree the above proposal in principle, for the Clerk to liaise over the appropriate cabinet and for the related expenditure to be agreed at next meeting**

## APPENIDIX A

### Payment Schedule

S13

2273	Crown PH gas	16.31
2274	O2 phone July	26.81
2275	Clerk Aug Salary	1,215.63
2276	Sports Attendant July Salary	469.50
2277	Caretaker Aug Salary	648.77
2278	HMRC P5	170.36
2279	PWLB repayment	1,604.47
2280	SMART Pension	475.80
2281	Crown Gas	13.84
2282	Eon CH Gas	106.39
2283	Eon PH electricity	35.19
2284	Eon CH Electric	81.39
2285	O2 Phone August	26.81
2286	iHASCO Ltd - training, COSHH, manual hanling, risk assessment	324.90
2287	DMJ UK Ltd - work at CH, new light fitting, install double pole switch for curtain heater, check lights in hall, PH new handryer	753.02
2288	St Helens Council - election recharges	3,546.67
2289	Walker Brandwood - replace spray rose plate pack to Room 3 shower	88.08
2290	Clerk - September salary	1,215.43
2291	Sports Attenant - September salary	564.50
2292	Caretaker - September salary	563.04
2293	HMrc P6	170.56
2294	Clerk exp.rec. (stamps,MS365sub,Norton 2022/23,Hpink,CHequipment	341.77
2295	PKF Littlejohn - auditors	360.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,819.24</b>

