



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENELEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, BILLINGE ROAD ON  
THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 AT 7.45 PM**

**Present:** Cllrs: **J Stevenson, Vice Chairman  
B Ashcroft  
S Murphy  
J Pearson**

*Prior to meeting: Cllr Murphy thanked residents for coming along and wished everyone a Happy New Year. She also shared some sad news that Cllr Houghton's father had recently passed away and offered sincere condolences to her and all the family.*

**2022/127 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8th December 2022**

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

**20282/128 To Note Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Councillors: S. Houghton, E Murphy, B Pilkington, J Shawcross

**Resolved: to note the above apologies**

**2022/129 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**

None Received

**Resolved: to note the above**

**2022/130 \*Public Participation**

Among items raised this evening: CIF planters – Cllr S Murphy responded in her capacity as Ward Councilor and confirmed Seneley Green planters had been excluded by St Helens officers in error from the order for the whole Ward placed by Ward Councillors. She further reported that there are no funds remaining in CIF for this financial year. Alternative approaches by volunteers to maintaining the current planters were discussed. This led to a brief report by Cllr S Murphy on the St Helens Budget Consultation, the difficulties being faced and its potential impact on Parish Council playing fields in particular.

Thanks were given by a resident for Parish Council support over issues affecting our area and also to those responsible for the visit to streets by Santa's Sleigh. The Chairman offered her thanks to those involved in the very successful Tree Lighting Event, those who assisted with Santa's Sleigh and Toy Appeal – lots of volunteers were involved and as many of them as possible were named at the meeting. She thanked Seneley Green residents for their continued generosity – lots of toys were distributed to needy families and approximately £900 had been raised for next year's Toy Appeal.

An update on delays affecting the supply of consumables for the defibrillator being donated by S&G Juniors was given by Tom Nugent. A discussion relating to organising a resident group to fundraise for a further defibrillator was held

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

**2022/131 \* Policing of the Area**

Report from PC Yvette Beardsworth gave the crime report Figures 1 burglary Stirling Drive and one attempted burglary, two asb calls. Explained a rumoured robbery but it

was an attempted burglary at the shop in Hamilton Road.

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2022/132

**\*Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**

All items on Clerk's Update related to Agenda items

Cllr S Murphy reported receiving a letter from the Millennium Centre inviting Parish Council members to attend a brief meeting on their future plans. The Clerk was requested to circulate to Members and respond appropriately.

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2022/133

**\*Ward Councillor Update**

Planters had already been reported under Public Participation

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2022/134

**To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**

During the past month, notification of Applications/Decisions (below) have been received.

**APPLICATIONS**

2/0837/FUL Billinge And Seneley Green Ward Garswood United Football Club 601 Garswood Road Ashton In Makerfield St Helens WN4 0XH Installation of floodlights to a football pitch along with a 50 seater covered stand

**DECISIONS**

P/2022/0725/HHFP Billinge And 23 Forres Grove First floor front extension and dormer to rear. GRANTED

Application 2022/0837/FUL was briefly discussed. One resident had been in touch in relation to their concerns over the consultation process. Communication with Planning at St Helens revealed the prescribed process had been followed, the delay in postal notification was as a result of recent strikes. Reports on social media relating to the deadline being December was wrong. The deadlines for various consultation is 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> January. It had been confirmed that the resident's comments had been added to the application for consideration.

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

2022/135

**To Pass Accounts for Payment**

The schedule of accounts (see Appendix A) had been given in the Clerk's Update

***Resolved: to pass the accounts for payment totalling £7320,44 and £25 in S137 payments***

2022/136

**Health & Wellbeing Working Group**

No meetings have been held: **Defibrillator:** updated under Estates Agenda item. Cllr Pearson commented about the potential impact on the health and wellbeing of residents if budget issues were allowed to affect sport in our area and asked if this comment could be included in Parish Council response to the St Helens Budget Consultation.

***Resolved:***

***To note the above information***

***To include Cllr Pearson's comment in the response to St Helens Budget Consultation***

2022/137

**Estates Working Group**

No meetings of the group had taken place. The Clerk reported the defibrillator cabinet has been received and the contractor has surveyed work needed to install with the quote for approval (it includes an outdoor socket too which will be useful for future events at the hall. **Quote:** Labour to install defibrillator cabinet and outdoor socket £180. Materials £118. Total £298 plus VAT.

Hot water boiler for the kitchen supply has been installed as per agreed quote. The

replacement LED lights to the hall area has been completed as per agreed quote.  
Water Tanks: the taking out of commission of one tank, needs to be further discussed with and surveyed by the contractor and an accurate cost/risk given  
New Kitchen: Cllr E Murphy had reported to the Clerk no progress had been made over the Christmas period but planning will continue at the end of January

**Resolved:**

**To note the above report**

**To approve the quote for installation of the defib cabinet and external socket.**

2022/138

### **Public Transport Working Group**

The Group had recently met and Cllr Stevenson reported a response to his recent email to Northern Railway and spoke briefly about the outdated statistics used to inform re inaccessible/part-accessible stations which they intended to raise with LCR Transport Committee.

The Clerk also reported a response from the LCR Mayor re queries raised with the Transport Committee which: confirmed the changes to timetable in December; confirmed new ramps will be at the station from Feb/Mar (it was also informed Northern Railway carry ramps on board trains for use at the stations without ramps); Network Rail inspections of the footbridge are regularly carried out with no issues identified; acknowledged the number of cancellations as being unacceptable but only offered the re-nationalisation of our railways as a long term solution; confirmed LCR are currently unable to instruct Northern Railways/Network Rail.

**Resolved:**

**To note the above**

**For Cllr Stevenson to liaise with the Clerk over the query to be put to LCR Transport Committee for discussion at their meeting**

2022/139

### **Communications Working Group**

The Clerk continues to update Facebook, website and noticeboards.

The Working Group had liaised over a proposal to take space in Local Life twice yearly as an alternative for our current newsletter arrangement which would save money and ensure timely delivery. It was commented that Downall Green isn't covered by Local Life and the Clerk was asked to query this.

**Resolved:**

**For the Clerk to query distribution area with Local Life**

**For the Communications Working Group to liaise over the above proposal and report back at next meeting**

2022/140

### **Events Working Group**

There had been no meetings of the group . Cllr S Murphy is to lead the Events Working Group in liaising with a volunteer group over a **Village in Bloom 2023** project.

**Resolved:**

**For the Clerk to publicise on social media/noticeboards for anyone who would like to be involved.**

2022/141

### **Anniversary Bookmark for Garswood Library**

This was agreed in principle at last meeting after initial costs were given (Etsy: £1.50 ea; Vistaprint 25 for £20.54). We now have a cost via CVS of approx. £120 per 100 (personalised with wording/illustration of our choice). Cllr S Murphy raised a concern over social media portraying the library as being the oldest in the country. It was confirmed the bookmark was to commemorate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the service in that building and not the age of the building itself.

**Resolved:**

**To agree the purchase of 100 bookmarks to leave in the library for regular users.**

**For the Chairman to approve wording/illustration.**

2022/142

### **Miners Memorial**

Cllr Shawcross was absent from the meeting but had reported to Clerk that there had been no progress over Christmas period and that he was currently liaising with volunteer contractor over dates for the remaining work.

Cllr S Murphy reported she had received no contributions from the schools re contributions for the time capsule and requested the Clerk chase this up with them. Cllr Pearson commented on a conversation with a local resident who had asked for Parish Council to let Mining families, ex-miners know what's going on with the memorial (unveiling, etc). Cllr Stevenson spoke about Stephen Walsh and proposed including reference to him on the information boards.

**Resolved:**

**To receive the above update**

**For the Clerk to contact the schools over contributions to the time capsule**

**To take note of Cllr Pearson and Cllr Stevenson's requests**

**APPENDIX A**

**SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENTS**

**TOTAL £7320.44 and £25 in S137 payments (replacement tree lights)**

22153	Water Plus	199.08
22154	E-on CH electricity	112.31
22155	E-on CH Gas	130.84
22156	British Gas - PH elec	41.06
22157	o2 Nov	26.81
22158	Water Plus	79.33
22160	HMRC P 9	762.57
22161	O2 Dec	26.81
22162	Clerk Jan Salary	1,280.81
22163	Caretaker Jan Salary	630.91
22164	Sports Attendant Jan Salary	389.46
22165	Eon - Gas CH Dec	130.94
22166	Eon - Elec CH Dec	112.31
22167	Eon - Elec CH Jan	124.02
22168	Eon - Gas CH Jan	184.06
22169	British Gas - PH elec	16.94
22170	M&D Alleyn	65.68
22171	Smartest Energy PH Gas Dec	162.64
22172	WDA Clearance: old light fittings, toys not req, items not req. from PC Cupboard	180.00
22173	Elec & Comb (replace light fittings in main hall as per quote)	1,807.20
22174	Elec & Comb (Replace hw boiler to kitchen as per quote+1st visit cost)	666.00
22175	Rex Group Fire Alarm Maintenance	69.36
22176	Clerk Exp Reclaim (lever arch files x 2 and replacement tree lights)	31.40