



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENELEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, BILLINGE ROAD ON
THURSDAY 9th MARCH 2023 AT 7.45 PM**

Present: Cllrs: J Stevenson, Vice Chairman
S Houghton
E Murphy
J Pearson

2022/159 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 9th February 2023
Resolved: for the Vice Chairman to sign the Minutes as a true record.

2022/160 To Note Apologies for Absence
The Clerk reported apologies had been received from Cllrs: S Murphy, J Shawcross B Pilkington and B Ashcroft.
Resolved: to note the above apologies

2022/161 *Public Participation
Among items raised this evening: query re the cost of maintenance of pitches/playing fields-Cllr Stevenson gave a summary of the current situation; ramps at Garswood station (Clerk to query delivery date); query re the cost of a feasibility for Carr Mill Station (Clerk to pass to Ward Councillors): query on any library update (Clerk to pass on query to district councillors; Defbrillator-Clerk updated.
Lynn Smith (Halton & St Helens Voluntary Community Action) introduced herself to the meeting and spoke about their work and the valuable support they can give to community activities/voluntary groups: Cllr Pearson commented he had known of the VCA for years and complimented on the work they have done and continue to do.
for information only: issues raised under this item and any that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting

2022/162 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members
There were no Declarations of Interest
Resolved: to note the above

2022/163 * Policing of the Area
The Clerk gave PC Beardsworth's report: "it is my rest day so cannot attend the meeting. Crime figures from 1/2/23 -2/3/23: Burglary 0 TO:MV 0 UTMV (number plates) 1 ASB 0, She further commented the figures are really good; she also confirmed the area has now lost PCSO Jonathan and regained PCSO James"
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2022/164 *Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates
Cllr E Murphy reported an event will be held on Sunday 7th May to commemorate the Coronation: 7 May – they've hired the hall and will hold coronation picnic on field, stalls in hall, activities for children. They will have a wet weather plan
Cllr E Murphy also updated on the kitchen for the Community Hall . A quote is ready to order as soon as landlord approval by St Helens Council is received.
Resolved: to receive and note the above update

2022/165 *Ward Councillor Update
There was no ward councillor update
Resolved: to note the above

2022/166 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee

During the past month, the following have been considered by the Planning Committee:
Applications:

P/2023/0092/HHPA 30 Billinge Road. Prior approval for a proposed single storey rear extension, projecting 3.9m from the rear, 3.58m max height and 2.63m at the eaves.

P/2023/0139/OUP Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 1 no dwelling with all matters reserved For: Outline Planning Application Location: Land To Rear Of 2 To 12, Leyland Green Road

No comments in relation to the above have been submitted.

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2022/167 To Pass Accounts for Payment and Receive any Financial Update

Members had received the schedule of accounts for payment in the Clerk's Update.

The Clerk reported on the meeting (Finance and Estates Working Groups) on 15 relating to the proposed Leased Land Charges on Wednesday 15th February 2023 and updated that the issue is still under review (due to our extenuating circumstance) with responses awaited from St Helens Council for further consideration by Parish Council

The Clerk reminded Members that a Panel is needed to meet to approve Members' Allowances. Councillors in this panel should not be involved in the Finance Working Group – which leaves Cllrs Stevenson, Elaine Murphy and Sue Houghton available .

Resolved:

To pass Schedule Accounts for Payment totalling £4655.86 and to note there are no S137 payments

To receive and note the update on Leased Land Charges

For the Clerk to arrange a meeting for the Members' Allowances Panel

2022/168 HEALTH & WELLBEING WORKING GROUP

There had been no meetings The Clerk updated on: **Defibrillator:** now installed and expected to 'go live' within a couple of days of the meeting. **Publicity** was proposed. **Library:** the Clerk reported 50th Anniversary commemorative library bookmarks agreed at a previous meeting have now been supplied to the library for regular users to collect. **Fitness Forever:** sessions organised by St Helens Council Sports Development will take place from 15th March (8 weeks initially) .

Resolved:

To receive and note the above

For the Clerk to liaise over photoshoot and publicity with Chairman and S&G Juniors

2022/169 Estates Working Group.

Community Hall: Cabinet and defibrillator are now installed and awaiting a 'go live' date from Community Heartbeat – please also see Health & Wellbeing. Work still awaiting scheduling at the hall are: curtain heating installation to the main hall area (I would propose also including a replacement curtain unit to the entrance hall: approx. £100); several lights need replacing in vicinity of entrance area and changing room corridor. Isolation of one water heater. We also need to obtain quotes for painting of the wall containing the screen. Moving on to later in the year, once the kitchen is planned, we need to get a quote for decoration of both the kitchen and entrance hall – we have wall displays that will be installed once this is done too.

There is a Fitness Forever session beginning next Wednesday at 10am. It is being run by St Helens Council Sports Development – initially for 8 weeks. They have circulated publicity material in the area – we have included on our website and Facebook plus noticeboards.

Parish Hall: Estates Working Group are awaiting opinion on cracks in the wall from Cllr Murphy's husband. I have a contact for a recommended bricklayer (re the pointing work needed to the 'garden' wall at the rear of the hall.

Leased Land Charges were updated in Agenda item 9.

Resolved: to received and note the above

2022/170 Public Transport Working Group

There had been no meetings of the Group but all councillors had received a copy of a presentation from Cllr Peter Peers about his vision for developments and improvements at the rail station, asking for Parish Council support for these plans. Cllr Pearson proposed we request Cllr Peers to speak with Cllr S Murphy to ensure there is a ward councillor plan going forward prior to any decision on support for his plan and to bring back a decision on this for decision at next meeting.

Resolved: to request Cllr Peers to speak with Cllr Murphy over a combined ward councillor plan and report back at next meeting

2022/171 Communications Working Group

There have been no meetings: the Clerk continues to update website, social media and noticeboards.

Resolved: to note the above

2022/172 Events Working Group

There have been no meetings: no meetings have yet taken place re plans for **Village in Bloom 2023** agreed at October 2022 meeting.

Resolved: to note the above

2022/173 Miners Memorial

Cllr Shawcross was not in attendance but the Clerk reported no change from the update reported in February. "the volunteer kindly undertaking the work will be back on site with the advent of longer daylight hours".

Resolved: to note the above

APPENDIX A - SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

22185	Clerk - expenditure Reclaim	140.28
22186	E-on	259.65
22187	Chairman's allowance	161.00
22188	E-on final bill CH elec DD 1 March	37.71
22189	SMART Pension	274.94
	Highfield Electrical - defib cab, ext socket & security	
22/190	light	415.20
22191	BG Lite - electricity CH	227.68
22192	Clerk - March Salary	1279.01
22193	Sports Attendant - March Salary	403.49
22194	Caretaker PH&CH - March Salary	625.53
22195	E-on Gas CH	203.46
22196	British Gas - PH elec	23.66
22197	02 - Feb	26.81
22199	E-on Gas - CH gas	303.11
22000	Smartest Energy - PH Gas Jan	152.48
22001	Smartest Energy PH Gas Feb	121.85
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