



# SENELEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

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**Present:**

**Cllrs J Pearson, Chairman**  
**S Barton, Vice Chairman**  
**Mrs B Ashcroft**  
**Mrs SE Murphy**  
**P Peers**  
**J Stevenson**

- 2020/102 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 12 January 2020 via Zoom.**  
*Resolved: to pass the above Minutes as a true record and for the Chairman to sign when possible*
- 2020/103 To Note Apologies for Absence: B Pilkington**  
*Resolved: to note the above apologies*
- 2020/104 \*Public Participation**  
Amongst items raised this evening: it was commented that on 6th Jan – trade waste enquiries, large bins, etc for Holy Trinity was submitted to St Helens Council and on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan a further submission to St Helens asking for support to organise a community speedwatch scheme but no replies had been received. District Councillors asked residents for details to be sent to them and they would chase up.  
A report re quad bikes on the pitches was made on 29<sup>th</sup> December – despite reporting to police with videos no update on this had been received. The Clerk was asked to follow up for results on report by SG Juniors' parent  
A resident asked who to report worn road conditions to. Cllrs Murphy and Pearson commented they have already reported several roads in the area.  
A resident complained about conditions of footpaths in area (covered by Rights of Way officer at St Helens) The Clerk was requested to refer to St Helens Council and ask them to contact the resident direct.  
***- for information only: residents may raise issues under this item and any that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting***
- 2020/105 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**  
There were no Declarations of Interest
- 2020/106 \* Policing of the Area**  
No report had been received for this evening. The Clerk was asked to again request a report for each meeting.  
Quad bikes damaging the pitches had been discussed under Public Participation and the Clerk will follow up  
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- 2020/107 \*Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**  
Members had received brief updates  
**Booths Brow/Leyland Green Road:** The Clerk is currently liaising with Traffic at St Helens Council re temporary signage – they will inspect signs installed on

Upholland Road (Wigan side of Billinge) but warned criteria will be needed and last week, there was a police speed check in the area – ongoing. A request to consider supporting creation of a walking/jogging track around perimeter of Billinge Road/Birch Grove Playing Fields had been received – Cllr Murphy commented it is a really good idea but significant funding to provide what is needed and also to cover Health & Safety requirements would be required. Cllr Barton agreed on the cost issue, consultation with teams already hiring the pitches would also be needed. Sustainability costs would also need to be considered. He further commented one side of the field is already a public footpath and the other side of the field is at the rear of homes which may be an issue and again consultation would be needed. In conclusion the theory of such an initiative is great but it was commented Parish Council cannot pick a project such as this up at the current time.

Merseyrail chase up re permission to travel machine.

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**2020/108 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**

Consultation/details re the following had been received but no comments had yet been submitted by our Planning Committee

**APPLICATIONS**

P/2021/0112/FUL 2A Old Colliery Yard Erection of 1 no bungalow

P/2021/0124/FUL Car Park To The Rear Of Garswood And Simms Road Labour Club 428 Garswood Road Erection of outbuilding to be used as Dog Groomers (A1) to rear of car park

**Resolved: to receive and note Planning Committee Report**

**2020/109 To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update £5687.02 no S137**

The schedule of accounts for payment were circulated prior to the meeting (see Appendix A) and Members were updated in relation to a Direct Debit payment to BT which is to be refunded.

Cllr Barton queried the financial report and the inclusion of the word ‘carnival’ - the Clerk replied this was an error and apologised for the confusion caused. He further added that to facilitate a better understanding of the report, he proposed introducing additional analysis columns to give more detailed information on items such as cleaning materials that are currently included under the Maintenance and Repair heading. He queried details of S137 payments and the Clerk replied this is supplied each month in the Clerk’s update (and subsequently in Minutes). He also queried end of year forecast figures and the Clerk explained these had been included in the Precept information given at the last meeting in January. Cllr Murphy agreed more detail was needed and the Clerk was requested to liaise with the Clerk at Billinge Parish Council re the format of the report he generates for Members.

**Resolved:**

**To pass the accounts for payment (see Appendix 1) Totalling £5687.02 - there were no S137 payments this month**

**For the Clerk to liaise with the Clerk at Billinge Parish Council re improving the format of financial update.**

**2020/110 Estates Working Party Report**

Cllr Murphy reported her husband had completed the specification for the work at the Parish Hall (agreed at the January meeting) and had circulated to a number of companies – two of whom who had returned quotes and proposed the Estates Working Party meet to make a decision on contractor and take the work forward. Councillors were updated on recent issues with a BT external line. In the process of identifying the problem a new package contract was taken with BT giving a reduction in the current monthly cost and also includes broadband (£42). Also as a result of this issue - the alarm was serviced and the dialling modem disabled temporarily – during the service we were alerted to the fact the panel was obsolete and in the event of any breakdown, parts were no longer available. As a result of this and in liaison with Cllr Pearson, two quotes were sought from

Chubb Fire and Security and Gemini Security. One price was more than 50% cheaper than the other and that company was given the purchase order. It was proposed by Cllr Barton that Members consider introducing Broadband for the Parish Hall.

**Resolved:**

***For the Estates Working Party to meet to discuss quotes for the Parish Hall and agree on which contractor would receive the order for the work.***

***For the clerk to obtain details re introducing broadband to the Parish Hall***

**2020/111 Events Working Party Report**

Cllr S Murphy proposed to run an Easter competition with prizes.

**Resolved:**

***To run an Easter Competition***

**2020/112 Public Transport Working Party Report**

The Clerk reported no response from Cllr Liam Robinson. Members expressed concern about availability of funding for the identified work at the Station.

**Resolved:**

**For Members to receive and note the above report**

**2020/113 COVID19 Update**

Cllr S Murphy reported the situation remains dire and stress and strain at local hospitals reported, A proposal to encourage local residents via social media to take up vaccination when offered was made. Thanks were recorded to volunteers on foodbank deliveries and pick-ups. Cllr S Murphy further reported that District Councillors have planted a tree (oak) in memory of all people who have lost their lives to Covid and the response from residents had been very positive.

**Resolved:**

**For Members to receive and note the above report**

**for Parish Council Facebook page and website to include links to any St Helens Council or NHS messages re vaccination**

**2020/114 Schools Update**

Cllr Murphy reported there had been cases of Covid in local schools to the meeting. All teachers and staff in local primary schools and nurseries continue to work extremely hard

It was proposed for the Chairman to write again to schools and nurseries expressing appreciation and thanks.

**Resolved:**

***To receive and note the above***

***For the Chairman to write again to local schools and nurseries***

**2020/115 Communications Working Party Update**

Facebook has continued to be updated with all information considered appropriate. The website is up to date with all Minutes and other documentation. It also include posts to signpost these and give other information. An action from Covid update Agenda item was noted.

**Resolved:**

***To receive and note the above***

**2020/116 Volunteers' Expenses**

Following an agreement in principle at the January meeting to make £500 available for travel/petrol expenses for Parish Council volunteers, it was proposed to ratify this proposal and identify a procedure to facilitate reimbursement which would be a simple travel/mileage (at voluntary sector rate) form with approval by Chairman or Vice Chairman prior to payment.

**Resolved:**

***To agree the above limit of £500***

***To agree the procedure to facilitate reimbursement.***

**2020/117 Co-option to Fill Current Vacancy on Parish Council**

Cllr Murphy nominated Elaine Murphy saying she had done lots of work over the years and is very well known throughout the area. It is felt she will do an amazing job as a Member of the Parish Council. Cllr Barton seconded this nomination.

**Resolved: Elaine Murphy was co-opted as a Member of the Parish Council.**

**APPENDIX A**

**Schedule of Accounts for Payments**

141	<i>E-on Gas CH - (£159.76 taken in error in Dec (trans124) and credited against invoice 19/12/21 leaving a balance of £140.05</i>	140.05
142	<i>SMART PENSION</i>	125.29
143	<i>E-on Elec CH</i>	392.99
144	<i>HMRC Period 10</i>	228.44
145	<i>Clerk Feb Salary</i>	1184.49
146	<i>Caretaker CH &amp; PH Feb Salary</i>	588.76
147	<i>Sports Attendant Feb Salary</i>	240.91
148	<i>Gemini Security Systems</i>	758.96
149	<i>Crown - Gas PH Feb</i>	59.59
150	<i>BT - alarm line (BT line fault so excess charges will be refunded)</i>	1967.54