



# Seneley Green Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT 7.PM

**Prior to opening the meeting the Chairman announced observation of a minute's silence in respect of Councillor Ken Cleary MBE and former Clerk/RFO, Mr David Bentham who had both sadly passed away recently**

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

**2020/53 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via Zoom**  
***Resolved: to agree the above Minutes as a true record and for the Chairman to sign them when it possible for him to do so.***

**2020/54 To Note Apologies for Absence**  
Bernard Pilkington  
***Resolved: to receive and note the above apology***

**2020/55 \*Public Participation**  
Among items raised this evening included:  
Report on craft club (plans for the building were queried);  
Proposed development of 8 homes at Leyland Green 'Road – it was requested for a Parish Councillor to attend if it goes to planning committee for decision;  
FOSG reported they now have a constitution and committee, they are still sorting out community account but any funds raised at the moment is being held in a designated individual account, they have a sales website for FOSG funds, (child activities, craft sessions, wild flower seed sowing, craft packs, Christmas moulds, Christmas cards and plaques) It is a great team effort by everyone to keep things ticking over and carrying on going during the pandemic. Cllr Murphy feels FOSG have done tremendously amazing work and asked for thanks to be Minuted. She further said CIF monies could be available for some of the projects so FOSG was asked to let Cllr Murphy or Cllr Pearson know their plans. Work creating moulds had been very well received. Cllr Murphy requested for it to be Minuted to agree in principal a donation and for this to be formally agreed at next meeting to donate £200 for craft items to FOSG.  
Query about Minutes and speed of publication-Cllr Pearson replied Minutes cannot be published until they are formally agreed the following meeting (usually one month).  
Update on correspondence re traffic calming was requested - no response has been received from St Helens Council or Merseyside Police - Councillors share residents' concerns. Cllr Murphy asked for the Clerk to write to the Chief Executive at St Helens Council to raise issue and non-reply with her officers.  
Signage 'Welcome to Downall Green' was raised by a resident as they felt the area's identify was becoming somewhat 'lost' and formal consideration of this was requested  
**for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting**

**2020/56 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**

Cllr Murphy declared interests as follows: Garswood Primary Application under 'To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee'; in relation to her post as Billinge Parish Council Chairman under 'Events Working Party Report'. Also under 'Public Transport Working Party Report'

**Resolved: to note the above**

**2020/57 \* Policing of the Area**

The report was read out by the Clerk:

Category	1-31 Oct 2018	1-31 Oct 2019	1-31 Oct 2020	Diff from last year
Burglary	1	2	1	-1
Burglary Residential	1	3	2	-1
Criminal Damage/Arson	1	5	0	-5
Drugs	0	2	2	0
Theft from MV	1	0	1	1
Theft Person	0	1	0	-1
Theft Shop	1	0	0	0
Theft/UTMV	0	0	1	1
Vehicle Crime (inc interference)	1	0	2	2
Anti-Social Behaviour	4	3	3	0

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**2020/58 \*Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**

Items included were supporting information to Agenda items  
Agenda Item for next meeting was requested by Cllr Murphy to facilitate discussion re a way of recognising the work Cllr Ken Cleary and former Clerk, David Bentham carried out in the area.

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**2020/59 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee APPLICATIONS**

No comments have been submitted re the following:

P/2020/0769/HHFP 5 Kinross Avenue A WN4 OUB Demolition of existing rear dormer and erection of a first floor front extension with a pitched roof to the existing front dormer along with a first floor rear extension.

Comments have been submitted re the amended planning application for 8 houses (64 Leyland Green Road). This was also included in Public Participation

**DECISIONS**

P/2020/0658/FP3 Billinge And Seneley Green Ward Garswood Primary School Hamilton Road Ashton In Makerfield Provision of an external accessible ramp for wheelchair users. GRANTED

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

**2020/60 To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update**

*Members are asked to approve accounts for payment: £7934.75 and S137 payments of £1891.24 (see Appendix A)*

***Resolved: to pass the schedule of accounts for payment totalling £7934.75 and S137 payments of £1891.24. To receive and note the summary of income and expenditure for the year to date***

**2020/61 Estates Working Party Report**

Clerk reported:

The replacing of the front doors at the Community Hall is to be completed asap and following problems with surface of fire doors, these will be replaced. Flooring issue at Community Hall is being monitored and awaiting recommendations re solution.

Three sensor lights are to be installed to Community Hall- front, rear entrances and alleyway at the side of the building to aid egress during the hours of darkness.

External sockets are to be installed at each hall for Christmas lights (4 sets purchased between two buildings)

Parish Hall - replacement panelling and decoration of wall to be completed by the end of current lockdown.

Noticeboards for the Community Hall and Parish Hall are being installed tomorrow. The quote for the supply of noticeboard and installation at entrance to playing fields (opposite Smock Lane) is approx £1000 and Communications Working Party felt that was too expensive so plans for this are on hold at the moment.

A request for a temporary reduction in hire charge from a new hirer had been received and it was proposed by Cllr Murphy to agree to half price or £10 charge to aid new businesses getting off the ground until Lockdown/Tier restrictions are lifted.

***Resolved:***

***To receive and note the above report from the Clerk***

***To agree a temporary reduction in hire charge for new hall users as above***

**2020/62 Events Working Party Report**

The report included: thanks to Jason and all those who were involved in decoration of the village for Remembrance.

Pumpkin Competition - all prizes had been distributed.

Christmas Plans: an appeal for toy donations (to try to ensure all children in Downall Green, Garswood and Billinge receive a gift this year). It was proposed for Parish Council to donate £300 to the appeal.

Santa 'Sleigh' – Cllr Murphy spoke about getting a 'sleigh' and Father Christmas to tour around the streets of Seneley Green Parish and requested Parish Council support for this.

Christmas Dinner project - this year not just individuals but families are likely to be catered for. Parish Council financial support for this was requested (£300 was proposed in the first instance but with a total of £1000 available in the case of unprecedented demand.

***Resolved:***

***To acknowledge with thanks the efforts of all who were involved in decorating the Parish for Remembrance***

***To support the Toy Appeal with a donation of £300***

***To agree to support Father Christmas sleigh project***

***To agree to support Christmas Dinner Project (£300 in the first instance with a total £1000 to be available in the case of unprecedented demand)***

**2020/63 Public Transport Working Party Report**

Cllr Pearson introduced by saying access, state of bridge and state of waiting room was raised with Cllr Liam Robinson, Chair of Mersey Travel Committee during a recent site meeting. He took issues away and has responded by saying

not likely to install a lift but has been in touch with Northern Rail re the improvements. Cllr Robinson says he is happy to work with Parish Council to ensure these are carried out.

Cllr Stevenson raised the issue of a 'touch on' for seniors railcard so these travellers are also counted in the currently healthy figures for the station.

Cllr Murphy declared interest on this item. It was proposed to keep in touch on a monthly basis and negotiate over keeping the station looking smart - Cllr Stevenson reported this used to be done years ago but Northern Rail brought their own staff in to do this.

**Resolved:**

**to write to ask re the 'touch on' system**

**to ensure Cllr Stevenson is available for a future meeting**

**To contact Cllr Robinson monthly for any update**

**2020/64 COVID19 update**

Cllr Murphy informed the meeting that figures are rising locally and concerns expressed over restrictions being observed by the general public and requested we reiterate via noticeboards, website and FB

**Resolved:**

**To receive and note above update**

**to publicise COVID information**

**2020/65 Schools Update**

Cllr Murphy reported positive feedback on the Remembrance figures at Garswood School. Cllr Barton confirmed the same feedback from Rectory School. It was requested thanks be recorded in the Minutes to all staff who are working incredibly hard under pressure to keep our children safe and secure.

**Resolved:**

**To receive and note above update**

**2020/66 Communications Working Party Report**

Clerk updated on noticeboard, also on newsletter, with a second due to be distributed at the beginning of December.

**Resolved**

**To receive and note the update**

## APPENDIX A

			<b>Total</b>	<b>S137</b>
82	Online	Masterprint	532.60	
83	Online	St Helens Council - PH rates	580.00	
84	Online	Clerk-Exp Reclaim (wreaths/poppies)	312.01	<b>43.24</b>
85	Online	St Helens Council - Schools Crossing Patrol (inv-CN)	1653.00	<b>1653.00</b>
86	Online	E-on - final gas bill PH	21.61	
87	Online	Rex Group	65.38	
88	DD	E-on - gas CH	114.18	
89	Online	CVS (Andrew Boyle) - door, floor signs & pumpkin posters (25)	58.00	<b>25.00</b>
90	Online	M&D Alleyn	289.73	
91	Online	Clerk - Nov salary	1184.49	

92	Online	Caretaker - Nov salary	588.76	
93	Online	Sports Attendant	240.91	
94	Online	HMRC - period 7	390.93	
95	Online	E-on - PH electricity	87.83	
96	Online	CVS (Andrew Boyle) - ID badges x 2	18.00	18.00
97	Online	CVS - PH, CG play area and car park signs	243.00	
98	Online	Expenditure Reclaim - S Barton	172.66	
99	Online	Expenditure Reclaim - Two clocks, vouchers, pebble painting, Nboard(PH), flowers, poppy appeal, pumpkin prizes)	439.97	152.00
100	Online	FIS-CCTV maintenance 2020-21	99.60	
101	Refund	E-on	-21.60	
102	DD	BT - alarm line	863.69	