



SENELEY GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on
Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Present:

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

2020/87 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 10 December 2020 via Zoom

Cllr Barton was not at that meeting and asked for his name to be moved from 'Present' to 'Apologies'. Following that amendment, it was then proposed as a true record by Cllr Stevenson and seconded by Cllr Ashcroft

Resolved:

To make the above amendment

To agree the Minutes of the above meeting as a true record and for the Chairman to sign as soon as it is possible to do so.

2020/88 To Note Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs B Pilkington, P Peers

Resolved: to note the above Apologies

2020/89 *Public Participation

Issues raised this evening:

Amanda's Sandwich Shop is offering meal delivery to the elderly but concern was raised about how to communicate this to those needing the service if they don't have social media. Comments about the inaccessibility of the noticeboard at Garswood Primary (requested consideration of moving to Hamilton Road shops) and also commented it is difficult to read notices on the one in the grounds of Rectory CofE Primary. A3 notices were suggested for important notices.

The continuing absence at meetings of Cllr B Pilkington was queried – Cllr Pilkington's absence is currently covered by the approval of absence given at the meeting on 9th October 2020 due to him currently being 'stranded' in Sydney, Australia where the time difference makes it difficult for him to take part in Zoom meetings.

A query re the casual vacancy was raised and the procedure was explained to those present. Notices re this are displayed on noticeboards, website and also St Helens Council website.

Concern re the continuing issues with speeding vehicles at Booths Brow/Leyland Green Road was raised and the response from St Helens Council read out (prioritisation and funding prevents immediate action but this location has been added to their 'concern' list). It was further proposed to request signage as an interim measure.

A thank you was offered to the Chairman for the notices that were published clarifying the Parish Hall situation.

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

- 2020/90 **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**
Declarations were received from Cllr Murphy and Cllr Pearson in relation to Public Transport Working Party
Resolved: to note the above Declarations of Interest
- 2020/91 **Policing of the Area**
Cllr Murphy updated meeting on damage to pitches by quad bike and asked the meeting if anyone had any information then to pass this to the police.
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- 2020/92 **Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**
All information on the Clerk's Update is covered in Agenda items
for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting
- 2020/93 **To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**
No comments have been submitted re the following:
P/2020/0922/HHFP B 309 Garswood Road Part two storey, part single storey side and front extension with alterations to conservatory roof at rear
P/2020/0933/HHFP 17 Hillbeck Crescent Two storey side extension , single storey rear extension and front porch along with installation of 3no dormers to front
DECISIONS
P/2020/0769/HHFP 5 Kinross Avenue 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
Resolved:
to Receive and Note above report
- 2020/94 **To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update**
Members were requested to approve accounts for payment (see Appendix 1) totalling £ 5734.06 and S137 payments of £300 for the Community Christmas Concert (asterisked on list)
The Clerk commented that the current Financial Update was included in the supporting documentation for Agenda Item 9
Resolved: to receive and note above report.
- 2020/95 **To Agree the Precept for 2021/22**
Documentation had been circulated prior to the meeting to support decision-making. It was proposed to retain the current Precept of £35.88 (based on this year's 1387 per Band D property) giving a total Precept for 2021/22 of £49,047.96. Salaries and expenses were agreed. It was proposed not to increase the cost of hall/playing field hire. St Helens Council pay dates of 50% on 15 April 2021, 50% on 17 June 2021 were also proposed
Resolved:
To set the Precept at £35.88 for 2021/22
To agree St Helens Council pay dates
To retain current hall/playing field hire charges
To agree salaries and expenses

2020/96

Estates Working Party Report

Cllr Murphy reported that her husband (Mike Murphy) had kindly offered to do a specification for the work required at the Parish Hall to facilitate like-for-like comparison between quotes, to send out to eight companies and for these to be brought back to next meeting. At the moment the disabled wc is not included in the specification until access route to this facility is identified/agreed.

Resolved: to receive and note the report

2020/97

Events Working Party Report

Cllr Murphy reported on recent events: Carol Concert went well, Christmas dinners went well, Toy Appeal had been tremendously well supported and the Santa and Sleigh Events were very successful. She also reported on events going forward – Ward Cllrs are financially supporting plants for Downall Green Common, however at the moment, Lockdown is preventing planting. She also commented Councillors are working behind the scenes in liaison with FOSG to do some kind of memorial to miners in the area. She also commented, no matter when it is, we have to host an event in recognition of our volunteers in doing what they have done - without their help and support we couldn't have done it so Events team will be organising as soon as they are able

Resolved: to receive and note the above report

2020/98

Public Transport Working Party Report

Cllr Murphy reported that a teenage child had received £20 fine because they travelled without ticket and there was no payment facility on the train. Cllr Stevenson reported there is a 'try to pay' ticket at the station. It was proposed for the Clerk to write to Merseyrail asking them to publicise the machines locally (including schools) Dec

Resolved:

For the Clerk to write to Merseyrail re publicising 'try to pay' machines

2020/99

COVID19 Update

It was commented that we may possibly be locked down beyond February Cllr Barton commented volunteers are happy to give the assistance needed. Cllr Pearson spoke about the reality of the virus and to respect the danger posed by the virus, law and recommendations of the government.

Cllr Murphy proposed £500 is allocated to pay expenses related to use of their private cars and an Agenda item next meeting to ratify £500 to be allocated.

Local shops are still collecting food for foodbanks and it is vital supplies for those struggling at the moment. Posters out and about to encourage giving to the foodbanks via the shops were proposed. It was reported volunteers pick up food weekly and thanks were recorded to them. Foodbank vouchers – Cllr Barton is to get information from Foodbank weekly and put it out on social media.

Resolved:

Volunteer Expenses in relation to use of private cars to be an Agenda item next meeting

For Members to receive and note above update

2020/100 Schools Update

Cllr Murphy reported re Garswood – nursery had closed that day because of an outbreak. A lot of children are in fact in school so staff continue to work, going above and beyond. It was proposed to include them in the volunteer event.

Cllr Barton reported on Rectory CofE and reiterated that schools are not closed, all staff are in and feeling the strain. He further warned against not believing anything the media is portraying – he feels they are heroes. Cllr Ashcroft seconded the sentiments

Resolved: to receive and note the above report

2020/101 Communications Working Party Update

The clerk reported the 2nd newsletter for 2020 was distributed early December. Noticeboards had been discussed briefly in Public Participation

Resolved:
to receive and note the above report

APPENDIX 1
SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS

120	<i>Waterplus</i>	110.37
121	<i>Members Allowances - £120 x 2 (SB&JS)</i>	240.00
122	<i>Chris Yates-clean gutters and put up two sets of lights</i>	100.00
123	<i>Members Allowances - £120 x1 (BP)</i>	120.00
124	<i>E-on (DD error by E-on - to be refunded)</i>	159.76
125	<i>2nd North Ashton Guiding (grant application)</i>	500.00
126	<i>Tom Loughlin - Seneley Green and Billinge Concert</i>	200.00*
127	<i>HMRC Period 9</i>	229.32
128	<i>Clerk January Salary</i>	1184.49
129	<i>Caretaker CH & PH Jan Salary</i>	588.76
130	<i>Sports Attendant Jan Salary</i>	241.11
131	<i>M&D Alleyn-cleaning supplies/new brushes</i>	104.51
132	<i>Craig Construction - ext. lights</i>	216.00
133	<i>Members Allowance £120 x 1 (SM)</i>	120.00
134	<i>Holy Trinity - use of church for Christmas Concert</i>	50.00*
135	<i>E-on Comm Hall Gas</i>	299.81
136	<i>SMART PENSION</i>	402.88
137	<i>M&D Alleyn-cleaning supplies/hand sanitiser</i>	72.00
138	<i>Crown - gas PH</i>	54.62
139	<i>C Yates-dismantle christmas lights</i>	60.00
140	<i>Electrical & Combustion-service roof convectors, heating and boilers, replace one time clock</i>	790.80

