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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
ON WEDNESDAY 29 JULY AT 7PM**

Councillors: J Pearson, Chairman  
S Barton, Vice Chairman  
Mrs B Ashcroft  
J Stevenson  
Mrs C Bolton, Clerk

2020/08 **To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held online on Wednesday 9 June 2020 at 7pm**  
***Resolved: to pass the above Minutes and for the Chairman to agree to sign the Minutes as a true record at a later date.***

2020/09 **To Note Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies had been received from Cllrs GK Cleary, B Pilkington, Mrs SE Murphy, P Peers  
***Resolved: to note the above***

2020/10 **Public Participation**  
Among items raised were:  
Residents' concerns relating to a recent planning application for land at Leyland Green Road including aqueduct pipeline, pumping station for foul waste and a request for hard copy plans – Clerk will liaise separately with Planning at St Helens with regard to this.  
Residents' concern over the start of replacement gas mains and impact to property if driveways need to be disturbed – Clerk will liaise separately relating to this.  
***for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting***

2020/11 **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no Declarations  
***Resolved: to note the above***

2020/12 **Policing of the Area**  
The Clerk apologised for the lack of the latest report from the Neighbourhood Team – due to annual leave she had only requested this on the day of the meeting and there had been no immediate response but she confirmed she would forward this to Members when it is received.  
***for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting***

2020/13 **Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**  
Amongst items covered (not already on the Agenda) in the Clerk's Update were: defib report, Code of Conduct.  
Councillor Barton raised the issue of the Tree Lighting/Christmas event this year and proposed either the Community Hall or Simms Lane Ends Open Space as a venue. A Christmas Event Working Party would meet to organise and report back to the September meeting.  
***for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting***

2020/14 **To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**

The following applications/decisions had been received from St Helens Council:

#### **APPLICATIONS**

P/2020/0472/HHFP Proposal: 53 Thornhill Road, Modification to front elevation,, single storey side extension and infill rear extension, along with roof alterations.

P/2020/0451/HHFP 10 Aviemore Close Single storey side & rear extension

P/2020/0374/HHPA 344 Garswood Road - Single storey rear extension projecting 4m from the rear, 3.763m high overall, and 2.45m to the eaves

P/2020/0389/HHFP 11 Oban Drive - First floor side extension

P/2020/0505/HHFP 17 Downall Green Single storey rear extension

P/2020/0478/FUL Land To West Of 64 Leyland Green Road Ashton In Makerfield St Helens Erection of 9 no dwellings, new access and associated works.

#### **DECISIONS**

P/2020/0306/HHFP 6 Whitburn Close Ashton In Makerfield St Helens WN4 0RL Two storey side extension. 20 Granted

P/2020/0308/FUL Land Adjacent To 2A Old Colliery Yard Ashton In Makerfield St Helens WN4 0TX Erection of 1 no detached bungalow. Refused

P/2020/0343/HHFP 49 Spindle Hillock - Single storey extension to rear/side elevation. Granted

P/2020/0347/CLP 19 Falkland Drive - Single storey side and single storey rear extensions. Granted

P/2020/0374/HHP 344 Garswood Road - Single storey rear extension projecting 4m from the rear, 3.763m high overall, and 2.45m to the eaves. Approval Not Required

Planning Committee reported that they would be objecting to P/20200478/FUL application taking into account the comments submitted to the previous withdrawn application and the notified concerns of residents.

**Resolved:**

**to receive and note above information**

2020/15

#### **To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update**

Details of payments were circulated to Members in the Clerk's Update (see also Appendix 1 for details). Members are requested to pass the accounts for payments totalling **£8599.35** and there were no S137 payments

**Resolved:**

**to pass for payment the schedule of accounts in Appendix 1 TOTALLING: £8599.35 to note there were no S137 payments**

2020/16

#### **Update on Halls**

The Clerk updated on: planned replacement doors at Community Hall; barge board and fascia repairs at the Parish Hall; UU charges; Council Tax Refund; new utility contracts; completed repair to edge of car park at Community Hall; Grounds issues. COVID-19 specific issues included – generic risk assessments to be done for both halls; liaison with hire groups to ensure they complete risk assessments specific to their activities (and submit to Parish Council for our information), installed signage at both halls. Planned re-opening of halls for hire from September 2020 (under current circumstance and Government legislation) An Estates Working Party meeting would take place over the next two weeks.

**Resolved:**

**to receive and note the above update**

2020/17

#### **Date, Time and Location of Meetings for 2020-21**

Cllr Pearson proposed this item be deferred to the September meeting pending consultation with residents via Facebook survey. Cllr Barton is to undertake in liaison with the Clerk.

**Resolved:**

**To defer this item to the September meeting pending consultation with residents**

- 2020/19     **Simms Lane Ends Open Space**  
 Cllr Barton reported on a new development in conjunction with Friends of Seneley Green to improve this area; any bid for funding will include plans for path, fence etc. with the intention of it becoming a heritage site/commemoration of the mining community with monument/sundial. Cllr Stevenson suggested an information board.  
**Resolved: to receive and note the above information and to agree in principle to support the initiative.**
- 2020/20     **Volunteer Litter Pick**  
 Cllr Stevenson reported 20+ residents turned up for the first litter pick event and were keen to undertake this regularly. Special thanks were given to those residents who had been litter-picking independently during the lockdown.  
**Resolved: to thank all residents involved in the initiative and those acting independently during the lockdown**
- 2020/21     **Request for Regular Newsletter**  
 Cllr Pearson proposed the 'regular newsletter' part of this item to be deferred to the September meeting but for Parish Council to issue a newsletter to residents as soon as possible. Cllr Barton raised the issue of evidence that the virus remains on paper for a number of days and for us to remain aware of this in any decision to issue newsletters. The Clerk reported the company used for printing and distribution were not yet offering distribution – she had requested for them to notify us when they had set a date to recommence this service.  
**Resolved:**  
**To defer the request for a regular newsletter to the September meeting**  
**To prepare a newsletter with a view to distribution as soon as circumstances allow**
- 2020/22     **Friends of Seneley Green Update**  
 One of the Members updated: fourteen regular volunteers (sometimes rising to 22) had undertaken hundreds of hours of work at the graveyard at Holy Trinity – 15 gravestones had been raised and set in order to preserve history and integrity, with more work needed on this. MP Steven Walsh's grave needs work and they have contacted Miners Union and local MP's with regard to funding for this; Reverend's grave has been cleaned and made good; the belfry had been cleaned and cleared; ivy has been cleared from brickwork; sapling and ivy removed from trees; £1500 had been raised to pay for tools; weeds cleared from the cemetery; as a result recycling is now being encouraged and people are now tending graves that previously they may have struggled to reach.  
 Other activities: cancelling of the Scarecrow Festival. Planned events (COVID permitting): Bee Bombs and Poppy planting; litter Pick with Rectory School; Christmas Craft session. It was also commented that it was felt community spirit had increased during this difficult time. Cllr Pearson as Chairman welcomed all their work and thanked all volunteers on behalf of the Parish Council.  
**Resolved:**  
**To receive and note the above update**

## APPENDIX A

### SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

41	DD	SMART PENSION	201.44
42	BACS	Zurich Municipal	2748.45
43	BACS	Craig Construction Ltd: repairs to roof PH	2580.00
44	BACS	E-on - gas CH	97.90
45	BACS	HMRC - period 3	211.81
46	BACS	Clerk - July Salary	1144.83
47	BACS	Caretaker - July Salary	537.82

48	BACS	Sports Attendant - July Salary	235.13
49	BACS	Andrew D Boyle - 22 COVID-19 signs for halls	75.00
50	BACS	Chubb	220.36
51	BACS	Clerk's Expenditure, Zoom 14.39, Paint 19.99, Paper 5.50 (.92)	39.88
52	dd	BT - alarm line	155.62
53	BACS	E-on	7.41
54	BACS	E-on	30.73
55	baCS	SLCC	161.00
56	BACS	M&D Alleyn hand sanitiser and dispensers	151.97
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8599.35</b>

**There are no S137 payments**