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Seneley Green Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER AT 7PM

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

2020/37 **To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 9th September 2020**
Resolved: for the Minutes to be passed as a true record and for the Chairman to sign these when possible

2020/38 **To Note Apologies for Absence**
Apologies had been received from: Cllrs K Cleary, B Pilkington and J Stevenson
Resolved:
to receive and note above apologies

2020/39 ***Public Participation**
Among issues raised: Poppies and Donation of WW1 silhouettes and poppies from local resident (further discussed under Agenda item 10)
Junction of Booths Brow/Leyland Green Road: recent accident due to dangerous speeds,, video footage available. Request for traffic calming, possibly small roundabout or chicanes along the two roads in question. Cllr Murphy commented she had requested Merseyside Police to deploy mobile/manned speed cameras in the area but requested the Clerk contact St Helens Council Highways in relation to resident proposals for calming.
FOSG - Elaine Murphy reported Helen is working on their constitution but difficulties associated with opening a bank account during the pandemic were being experienced
Elaine also reported Japanese Knotweed had been treated on Downall Croft and that she would keep an eye on the problem.
for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting

2020/40 **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**
There were no Declarations
Resolved: to note there were no Declarations

2020/41 *** Policing of the Area**
There was no crime report from the police and no response to the query submitted the day of the meeting re recent thefts in the area.
Cllr Pearson requested the Clerk write to the police expressing his concern that no report was available and that he wished for there to be one submitted for the November and subsequent meetings.
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2020/42 *Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates

Among items reported on were: list of meetings for 2020/21 to be publicised on website, Facebook and noticeboards. Update on Code of Conduct. All other matters on the Update were giving supporting information to Agenda items. Cllr Pearson updated on the meeting earlier that week with Cllr Liam Robinson, Chairman of Merseytravel on site at Garswood Rail Station to speak about badly needed maintenance and improvements to the bridge/steps and waiting room (Liverpool Bound platform) plus the wider issue of accessibility issues which of course fell into short and long term planning with lifts at the station being a long journey to achieve. Cllr Pearson commented that to have the support of residents/voluntary groups in conjunction with Parish Council is key to helping secure funding as Garswood is in competition with other stations on the same line and he hoped FOSG could maybe assist with this. Cllr Pearson allowed a resident (Garswood Remembers Facebook Group) comment regarding the wish to retain the historical building and for improvements to be sympathetically carried out. Cllr Pearson answered that the intention is to make the building safe and more comfortable to use and given the H&S issues currently being experienced then this would be the priority.

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2020/43 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee

The following applications had been received and no comments had been submitted by the Planning Committee

APPLICATIONS

P/2020/0658/FP3 Proposal: Provision of an external accessible ramp for wheel chair users.: Garswood Primary School, Hamilton Road

P/2020/0662/HHFP Proposal: Single storey side extension with associated car parking and informal landscaping. For: 2 Kelvin Close

Decision is still awaited on application P/2020/0478/FUL relating to land west of 64 Leyland Green Road, the erection of nine dwellings, new access and associated works

Resolved: to receive and note the above update

2020/44 To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update

Members had received a summary of income and expenditure for the year to date and the schedule of accounts for payment (see Appendix A)

Resolved:

to pass the schedule of accounts for payment totalling £3648.79 and to note there are no S137 payments.

To receive and note the summary of income and expenditure for the year to date

2020/45 Estates Working Party Report

Cllr Barton updated: they had looked at both halls and held a site meeting at the Community Hall to recommend what needs to be done. It was felt to expand/extend, giving an extra function room, small office room for the Parish Council would create more of a Community Hub effect.

It was recommended to keep up maintenance of the Parish Hall and to review this hall again in the Summer of 2021.

It was requested the Clerk contact an architect and arrange a meeting with Estates Working Party at the hall to begin the process of improvements. Cllr Peers proposed local builders be considered for the work at the appropriate time. It was commented by Cllr Barton that it was felt prudent to use one main contractor given the size of the works.

Resolved:

for the Clerk to arrange a mutually convenient appointment for Estates Working Party to meet with an architect to discuss proposals to continue to maintain the Parish Hall and review in Summer 2021

to give local builders the opportunity to tender for the works at the appropriate time.

2020/46

Events Working Party Report

Cllr Pearson explained as a number of regular celebrations cannot take place in the format we are familiar with then alternative celebrations are to be explored/arranged;

Cllr Murphy proposed a Halloween Pumpkin Competition with children being invited to decorate pumpkins or create Pumpkin artwork to display in their windows, submit photos to Parish Council and there will be £10 voucher prizes in the various age categories - details to be publicised. A budget of £100 was proposed

Remembrance in Seneley Green: it was proposed we gratefully accept the offer of donation of four WW1 figures/poppies by one of our residents to be placed in the churchyard by the existing memorial; facing Downall Green Common, Simms Road Open Space and Hamilton Road shops. It was proposed for Parish Council to buy one each for the schools and to make a separate £100 donation to the Poppy Appeal in appreciation of the figures being supplied.

Cllr Murphy proposed, in lieu of the various normal Remembrance ceremonies in the town/area that we encourage our residents to decorate their homes with poppies/red, white and blue and then to stand on their doorsteps at 11am on the 11th November to observe the two minute silence.

Christmas: again it is unlikely any events will be able to take place. Cllr Murphy proposed asking Tom Loughlin to perform a Christmas Concert for residents to access online and would like to make this a joint venture with Billinge, meaning the two Parish Councils would share the cost to engage this wonderful, local, professional performer to provide personalised entertainment. She further proposed co-ordinating this concert with any lighting of Christmas Trees/lights (there are living trees at both schools provided by St Helens Ward Councillors CIF which could provide focus for a school-based event, if possible). Even if a specific event cannot be held - it was proposed for Parish Council to purchase selection boxes for all children at the two schools.

Resolved:

for Parish Council to run a Pumpkin Competition for the children in the area with £10 Amazon vouchers as prizes (£100)

to gratefully accept the donation of WW1 figures/poppies from a resident to be installed as listed above and also to agree a £100 donation to the Poppy Appeal in appreciation of this contribution

to encourage residents to decorate their homes and stand on their doorsteps to observe the two minutes silence via social media

to agree to share the cost of the Christmas Concert by Tom Loughlin and to co-ordinate this with the switch on of the lights to the district council-funded trees at both schools.

to agree to purchase selection boxes for all children at the two primary schools.

2020/49

COVID19 update

The Clerk reported on COVID Risk Assessments and COVID safe arrangements for the halls and playing fields - these are very much live documents with changes made as and when restrictions are imposed/removed. Track and Trace records are being kept for anyone attending the halls outside of specific hire events (they are keeping their own records). QR readers will be available shortly for both halls. S&G Juniors have installed a reader for their sessions on the fence. We have circulated instructions re restrictions on spectators (none at adult games and only one parent/carer per child for junior games)

Cllr Murphy proposed Parish Council support a memorial to all those affected by COVID19 in the form of yellow flowers planted (hopefully by FOSG) on Downall Common.

Resolved:

to financially support a memorial to all those affected by COVID19 in the form of yellow flowers to be planted on Downall Green Common

2020/49 Schools Update

Cllr Barton commented there was nothing specific to report but acknowledge the pressure they are working under at the moment. Cllr Murphy proposed for the Chairman to write to the Headteachers at the two schools in the Parish plus Our Lady's expressing our thanks for their work during these challenging times

Resolved:

for the Clerk to liaise with the Chairman in sending letters of thanks to the three local schools

2020/50 Communications Working Party Report

The Clerk reported: the newsletter was being put together and should be with the printers next week with plans for them to distribute the following week (w/c 19th)

the notice boards for the halls have been ordered and quote awaited for the freestanding one agreed for the entrance to the fields (opposite Smock Lane) Cllr Barton reported Facebook was regularly being updated.

Resolved:

to receive and note above update

2020/51 To Approve the Audited AGAR (2019/2020)

Members had received copies of the audited AGAR and external auditor report for 2019/20

Resolved: to approve the publishing of the AGAR and external auditor report.

2020/52 St Helens Boundary Review

Members had been given details and link to the Boundary Commission Consultation <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/news/2020/september/21/share-your-views-in-boundary-commission-consultation/> just after last meeting for them to consider. At the meeting it was proposed by Cllr Pearson that the consensus of opinion gathered over the last two weeks is that no request for boundary change should be submitted.

Resolved: no request for boundary change to Seneley Green should be submitted

APPENDIX A

72	DD	E-on	145.19
73	DD	E-on	136.03
74	DD	E-on	84.20
75	BACS	M&D Alleyn. paper towels and sanitiset	42.62
76	BACS	Clerk - Oct Salary	1325.63
77	BACS	Caretaker PH & CH Oct Salary	970.01
78	BACS	Sports Attendant Oct Salary	277.60
79	BACS	HMRC period 6	211.51
80	BACS	PKF Littlejohn - External Auditor	360.00
81	BACS	FIS	96.00
		TOTAL	£3648.79