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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER AT 7PM**

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

2020/23 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held online on Wednesday 29 July 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.

2020/24 To Note Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors: Ken Cleary, Bernard Pilkington and Pete Peers

Members were also asked to approve the absence at meetings for over six months (due to COVID restrictions/personal circumstance) for Councillors Ken Cleary and Bernard Pilkington

***Resolved:
to note the above apologies
to approve the absence from meetings for over six months for Councillors Ken Cleary and Bernard Pilkington***

2020/25 Public Participation

Amongst items raised were: Cadent (company undertaking replacement of gas mains in Garswood) working untidily and leaving rubbish behind.

for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting

2020/26 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were received.

Resolved: to note the above

2020/27 Policing of the Area

The Clerk read out the report submitted by the neighbourhood team (see Appendix A). They also commented that they had received a complaint about speeding on Billinge Road and they would be getting in touch with the resident in relation to this.

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2020/28 Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates

Amongst items covered (not already on the Agenda) in the Clerk's Update were: Code of Conduct, COVID-19 Volunteers

for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting

2020/29

To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee

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

APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received this month

DECISIONS

P/2020/0389/HHFP 11 Oban Drive First floor side extension. 03-Jun-20 27-Jul-20 Granted

P/2020/0472/HHFP 53 Thornhill Road Single storey front extension, garage conversion, single storey rear extension, along with pitched roof on front and rear dormers. Granted

P/2020/0451/HHFP 10 Aviemore Close Single storey side and rear extension. Granted

No comments had been submitted in relation to the above

Resolved:

to receive and note above information

2020/30

To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update

Details of payments were circulated to Members in the Clerk's Update (see Appendix B for details). Members were requested to pass the accounts for payments totalling £7227.43 and to approve S137 payments of £145 relating to work done by Friends of Seneley Green installing stone to the memorial in Holy Trinity churchyard

Resolved:

to pass for payment the schedule of accounts in Appendix B TOTALLING: £7227.43 to approve S137 payments of £145.

2020/31

Update on Halls

The following issues were raised:

- The replacing of the fire doors at the Community Hall has been completed and replacement of the front entrance doors
- Grounds issues were reported
- Garswood Dance recommenced on Saturday 5 September
- Sweaty Mamas leader (an exercise group for Mums and Babies) has requested a reduction of hire charge until she is able to bring participant numbers up to normal levels as things get back to more normal circumstance
- New Yoga Group commencing at the end of September on Wednesday evenings at the Community Hall
- S&G Juniors have handed one pitch back to us this season and this has now been hired to a Town Green Junior Team.
- Garswood Stags are swapping to Pitch 2 (their request from February this year) and they are paying for the removal and reinstatement of rugby posts to this end.
- S&G Juniors remain concerned about the state of Pitch 1 which is the best one on the playing fields.. They have proposed them purchasing portable goalposts (which they will put in place prior to matches and remove afterwards). They had also asked if it is possible for them to exclusively lease that particular pitch
- Alarm line at the Community Hall: an alternative line supplier is being investigated, initial information would suggest we can get line rental/alarm line calls plus wifi in the hall for the same cost as current line rental/alarm line calls.

A meeting of the Estates Working Party was proposed for 14th September at 10.30 via Zoom

Resolved:

to receive and note the above update

to agreed to a reduced hire cost of £10 for the exercise group for Mums and babies and for this to be reviewed as and when COVID19 regulations are amended

to agree for S&G Juniors to purchase their own posts for pitch 1 and deal with installation/removal

to refuse the request for Pitch 1 to be considered for exclusive leasing.

for a meeting for the Estates Working Party to be held 14th September 2020 at 10.30 am

2020/32

Date, Time and Location of Meetings for 2020-21

This item had been deferred from last meeting: there was discussion about the arrangements at the moment to hold meetings at both halls, alternate months and it was proposed to switch meetings to the Community Hall due to ease of accessibility (compared to Parish Hall). It was further proposed to change the meeting day to Thursday due to Wednesday often clashing with meetings at St Helens Council which impacted on the attendance of two St Helens Councillors who are also Parish Councillors.

Resolved:

To hold future meetings (once present COVID19 restrictions are lifted) at the Community Hall at 7pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Please note: online meetings will continue for the present time)

2020/33

Simms Lane Ends Open Space

Cllr Barton reported there had been a proposal to create a Miners' Memorial on this space and Cllr Murphy reported she had spoken to Unions etc. in relation to this. FOSG would be involved in this and Cllr Murphy commented if this group could be constituted then funding could be accessed by them.

There had also been a proposal to install a memorial for all those affected by Coronavirus and for this to be an Agenda item for next meeting.

Resolved:

to receive and note the above information

to include Memorial for those affected by COVID19 on the next meeting's Agenda.

2020/34

Request for Regular Newsletter

This item had been deferred from last meeting and Cllr Murphy spoke about her proposal to issue a newsletter every two months during the current COVID19 restriction period.

Cllr Barton proposed the creation of an editorial team to submit articles/ information to the Clerk for inclusion in the newsletter. Cllrs Stuart Barton, Jim Stevenson, Mrs Sue Murphy and Joe Pearson volunteered to assist.

Resolved:

for a newsletter to be circulated every two months during the current COVID19 restriction period

for the Editorial Team to include Cllrs: Stuart Barton, Jim Stevenson, Mrs Sue Murphy and Joe Pearson

2020/35

Friends of Seneley Green Update

The meeting heard how £2K had been raised for planned projects and additional members had been recruited. It was reported the memorial stone area had been completed and repairs in the churchyard are ongoing.

Seed bombs and Christmas moulds had been created for future use and it had been proposed to ask children to paint a pebble for the Remembrance period.

Plants for Downall Green Common were also being considered - FOSG wish to replant but St Helens Council wish to kill off remnants of wildflowers with weed killer.

Resolved:

To receive and note the above update

2020/36

Christmas Event

Due to COVID19 it was proposed that no event could be planned for this year. District Councillors Improvement Fund (CIF) had provided living trees for both schools (plus an electrical supply to the tree at Rectory Primary School) so tree lighting celebrations could be held as a school (but with no wider community involvement due to COVID19 restrictions) and it was proposed for Parish Council to financially support these events. Cllr Barton commented he felt future years' tree lighting events should be held at a community-based area rather than to just include one business-based location.

Resolved

to agree no Parish Council event should be planned for 2020

**to agree in principle to financially support any tree lighting celebrations held at both Rectory and Garswood Primary Schools
to plan future years' tree lighting events to take place at community-based areas**

APPENDIX A

CRIME REPORT FOR AUGUST 2020 AND COMPARATIVE FIGURES TO PREVIOUS YEARS

Category	1-31 Aug 2018	1-31 Aug 2019	1-31 Aug 2020	Diff from last year
Burglary	1	0	1	1
Criminal Damage/Arson	2	2	1	-1
Knife Crime	1	0	0	0
Theft Bike	1	0	1	1
Theft from MV	1	0	3	3
Theft/UTMV	0	1	0	-1
Vehicle Crim (inc interference)	1	1	3	2
Anti-Social Behaviour	5	1	6	5

APPENDIX B

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

57	BACS	Clerk - Aug Salary	1162.36
58	BACS	Caretaker PH CH - Aug Salary	537.82
59	BACS	Sports Attendant- Aug Salary	235.33
60	BACS	Mark Wilson (taps at PH)	50.00
61	BACS	HMRC PAYE - period 4	211.91
62	baCS	Clerk - Expenditure Reclaim Aug 2020	171.41
63	BACS	Clerk - Sept Salary	1162.36
74	BACS	Carteaker CH and PH SEpt Salary	537.82
65	BACS	Sports Assistant Sept Salary	235.33
66	BACS	HMRC PAYE - period 5	211.51
67	BACS	Rentokil Initial - hygiene units, baby change, fragrances	599.59
68	BACS	Clerk - expenditure Reclaim Sept 2020 (Microsoft)	59.99
69	BACS	GMS - sanitisation of PH	390.00
70	BACS	GMS - sanitisation of CH	390.00
71	BACS	NW Building & Construction(fire doors at CH)	1272.00