



has for years purely because of the difference in how libraries are being used has changed A query on the possibility of health centre accommodating a library service (previously commented on by Cllr S Murphy).

A member of FoSG presented an idea to install an Informal path at Lavender Walk – looking to put some bark down as a temporary surface to supplement the walkway created by those walking the route and asked for Parish Council support. Cllr Pearson commented that the area is common land and does not belong to Parish Council and proposed that the Clerk seeks clarification on who FoSG should contact for permission.

A resident reported trees that had been obtained free of charge by St Helens had been planted throughout Borough, however only Bankes Park in Billinge had benefitted from the tree planting within the Ward and none had been planted in Seneley Green.

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**2023/23 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**

There were no Declarations of Interest

***Resolved: to note the above***

**2023/24 \* Policing of the Area**

There was no crime report available and police were not in attendance

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**2023/25 \*Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**

Cllr Shawcross updated on the Santa Sleigh issue: there is nothing left of it and rebuilding will commence shortly so it will be ready for the festive season.

The Clerk gave an update on behalf of Cllr E Murphy: wild flower seeds being sewn on Saturday at Birch Grove; Rectory School have done a great job litter picking in the woods of Holy Trinity; she has reported the rotting road sign of Seneley Green located in Downall Green.

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**2023/26 \*Ward Councillor Update**

Cllr Peter Peers was in attendance at the meeting and confirmed £39K as the cost of the library in Garswood. He requested Parish Councillors (as individuals) to write to St Helens Council asking for the retention of the library. Cllr Stevenson asked for detail of Ward Councillors activities in campaigning and voting in relation to supporting the retention of the library service.

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**2023/27 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**

There had been no applications or decisions received since last meeting. The Clerk confirmed objection and comment re The Stag application had been submitted. The Clerk also updated on Arch Lane railway bridge (potential planning) issue which was now resolved.

***Resolved: to note the above***

**2023/28 To Pass Accounts for Payment**

Detail of the schedule of accounts below had been circulated to Members.

23029	Clerk - exp reclaim, (HP instant ink, Norton subscription, stationery)	<b>101.72</b>
23030	British Gas Lite CH elec (est bills Feb-May)	<b>1738.88</b>
23031	02-PC mobile phone (annual increase) May	<b>31.44</b>
23032	Rex - call out charge	<b>42.00</b>
23033	Mitchells - wc drains	<b>108.00</b>

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23034	British Gas Lite - gas CH	185.24
23035	e-on gas April CH	407.21
23036	Water Plus PH	79.15
23037	Smartest Energy Gas PH	159.13
23038	Zurich Ins 2023/24	2393.15
23039	Clerk - June Salary	1280.68
23040	Caretaker - June Salary	943.80
23041	Sports Assistant - June Salary	513.80
23042	E-on Gas, Comm Hall	375.55
23043	Smartest Energy, gas PH	93.20
23044	British Gas - elec PH	58.19

**Resolved:**

**To pass accounts for payment totalling £8511.14 and to note there are no S137 payment).**

**2023/29 To Further Review the Roles and Responsibilities List for 2023/24**

At the last meeting the representation on Rectory CofE Primary was left unfilled. Cllr E Murphy has since spoken with the Headteacher who has confirmed he is happy for her to update on school news at Parish Council meetings. The Clerk was requested to double-check whether this role was related to any membership of the Governing Body, **Resolved: for Cllr E Murphy to be listed on Roles and Responsibilities as the link councillor to Rectory Cof E Primary School**

**2023/30 To Agree Insurance Provision for 2023/24**

The insurance renewal for 2023/24 (slightly reduced cost) was reviewed by Finance Working Group and recommended by them to accept.

**Resolved:**

**To agree the recommendation to accept the insurance renewal for 2023/24.**

**2023/31 Health & Wellbeing Working Group Update**

Clerk had updated on proposal for walk/bike track at Birch Grove Playing Fields during Public Participation.

**Resolved:**

**To acknowledge the update on the request re walk/bike tract given by the Clerk during Public Participation and for this request to remain with this Working Group for future discussion should funding become available.**

**To acknowledge the issue re the library consultation raised during Public Participation and to note our complaint to St Helens Council**

**2023/32 Estates Working Group**

The Clerk reported on the Leased Land Charges counter-proposal from St Helens Council which was to acknowledge Parish Council's request for a staged approach to the introduction of charges. It was proposed to accept the proposal to pay 50% of the agreed charges for the year 2023/24 with 100% of the agreed charge to be paid in 2024/25.

**Resolved:**

**To agree the counter proposal for staged payments (as above) for the newly introduced Leased Land Charges**

**2023/33 Public Transport Working Group**

The Clerk reported a response from Steve Rotheram, LCR Mayor was awaited following Parish Council's recent email relating to: touch on machines, the condition of the bridge and accessibility, general platform accessibility, ramps (portable and permanent) and the bus service

**Resolved:**

**To note the above update**

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**2023/34 Communications Working Group**

There had been no meetings – social media, our website and noticeboards continue to be updated. The Clerk reported she had just started to collect material for the next newsletter.

**Resolved:**

***To note the above update***

**2023/35 Events Working Group**

There had been no meetings of this group

**Resolved:**

***To note the above update***

**2023/36 Miners Memorial**

Cllr Shawcross reported the memorial is nearing completion and he will speak to Cllr S Murphy re time capsules and will then be in a position to propose a date for the official opening.

**Resolved:**

***To note the above update***

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9 PM

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