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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE 2018
IN THE PARISH HALL, MONTREY CRESCENT**
(to be approved at the meeting on Wednesday 11th July 2018)

Present:

Councillors
GK Cleary, Chairman
Mrs B Ashcroft
M Flynn
J Pearson
B Pilkington
B Porter

The Chairman opened the meeting and then suspended Standing Orders and introduced George Houghton (St Helens) to the meeting to speak under Public Participation before returning to the meeting.

2018/14 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 9th May 2018
To pass as a true record the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th May 2018
Resolved: to pass the above Minutes as a true record and for the Chairman to sign both sets

2018/15 To Note Apologies for Absence
Cllr Mrs S Cleary, Mrs S Murphy
Resolved: to note the above apologies

2018/16 *Public Participation

George Houghton spoke to those present about highways issues; he agreed to install a guard rail on Billinge Road (access/egress to outdoor gym equipment). Current 'island' at top of Smock Lane has been demolished so this will also be replaced after investigation into circumstances surrounding the accident responsible for this. Spoke about speeding and the considerations given when deciding on traffic calming. Langholm Road issue was discussed and Mr Houghton agreed to review and decide on the requirement for restriction/physical barrier to parking. He further explained 'hot spots' do get inspected and spoke at length re parking offences. The public reported a double decker bus had created an obstruction on the bend in Garswood Road and drivers had to reverse to create the space needed for the bus to pass, Mr Houghton advised contacting Winstanley College. Strange Road – there was a request for extension to double yellows past the bend in the road – Mr Houghton said this may be included in Amendment 5 (in the Autumn 2018) but he would check.

How 20mph zones were decided was queried – Mr Houghton confirmed problems with enforcement were key in decision-making. The dreadful state of Station Road road surface was raised - Mr Houghton confirmed Station Road whole length is 'on the radar' for remedial/resurfacing and he will let us know when this will be done. He went on to speak about the local impact of Liverpool City Region on their programming and prioritising of work. Condition of pavements and suitability/accessibility for wheelchair users-Mr Houghton assured they have to do work to satisfy regulation. School Lane was mentioned by residents as pavement parking often does not leave space for wheelchair/pushchair users – Mr Houghton spoke re spoke briefly re parking facilities for the station and the impact to on-road parking. Other issues: Overgrown bushes/trees to a house at the junction of Langholm/Station Roads are obstructing the footpath. Flytipping in hedges at Camp Road. A resident commented PSCO's are sometimes available at the library in Haydock and wondered if this was possible in Seneley Green.

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

2018/17 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members

There were no declarations of interest

Resolved: to note the above

2018/18 * Policing of the Area

No report no police at meeting – the Clerk reported she thought PC Beardsworth may be on annual leave.

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2018/19 *Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates

Items covered in the Clerk's Update included: Twinning; Phone kiosk in Rectory Road; Community Hall Car Park; GDPR Update; First Aid Training; Laptop; Website update; Volunteer Evening; Notification of Clerks Annual Leave.

It was requested to include Twinning on the Agenda for next meeting

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2018/20 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee

APPLICATIONS

No Comments have been submitted re the following:

P/2018/0380/HHPA 5 Peebles Close WN4 0SP single storey extension projecting 3.66m from the rear, 3.7m high overall, and 2.4m to the eaves.

DECISIONS

P/2018/0226/HHF 75 Hamilton Road: Erection of a two storey side extension along with a first floor rear extension and external alterations GRANTED

P/2018/0194/FUL 10 Gordon Avenue WN4 0QA Erection of a 3no bedroom bungalow and associated external works (Replacement Dwelling). GRANTED

2018/21 To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update

Details of the accounts for payment (below) and the financial update were circulated to Members and the Chairman checked and signed the reconciliation and bank statements.

578	BACS	Zurich - annual insurance	2648.22
579	BACS	clerk june salary	955.88
580	BACS	caretaker june salary	564.76
581	BACS	sports attendant june salary	437.98
582	BACS	HMRC-period 2	438.63
583	BACS	British Gas -PH	453.33
584	BACS	Scottish Power-ch	472.55
585	202633	St Helens Council - removal of flytipping	60.84
586	202634	Clerk - new laptop and postage	1086.45
587	202635	St helens Council - Security Services/keyholding CH	633.12

Resolved:

to pass the schedule of accounts for payment totalling **£7751.76** and to note there were no S137 payments

to receive and note the latest financial update (Bank Rec and Analysis of Income and Expenditure)

2018/22 Schools Crossing Patrol Proposal

Discussion re the proposal discussed at a previous meeting and additional information requested and since received - this was subsequently considered. Cllr Pearson gave the background to the decision by St Helens Council to withdraw funding for the Schools Crossing Patrol and the fact that alternative funding via the CIF (Councillors Improvement Fund) was able to be used for this has given opportunity to undertake financial support for this for the coming academic year. In Billinge & Seneley Green, Ward Councillors had approached both the Parish Councils in the Ward to assist in this financial support. It was proposed to grant the requested amount

Resolved:

to agree to help fund the Schools Crossing Patrol in Seneley Green for the academic year 2018/19 at a cost of £1542

for the Chairman to sign the documentation to return to St Helens Council in relation to the above

2018/23 Defibrillator Update

The Clerk updated: Community Defibrillators have forwarded forms to complete last week. Part of this is to give location address, power supply etc. and I will liaise with the shop over this and confirm whether or not I need to obtain formal agreement. I have been in touch with the resident who initiated this idea and he is still willing to carry out the regular checks which are also part of the agreement with Community Defibrillators and will update him on installation date as soon as I have it.

Resolved: to receive and note above update

2018/24 Carnival Update

The Clerk updated: a meeting was held Wednesday 23rd May in the Community Hall and was well attended. The next meeting is next Wednesday (20th June) with the option of a further one before the day if necessary. A site visit to the school was undertaken today; an event plan will be created and will be circulated to all stakeholders along with a risk assessment. Currently waiting to hear from Licensing at St Helens as to whether a Temporary Event Notice is needed.

Resolved: to receive and note above update

2018/25 Grant Application from Billinge Residents Association

An application re funding towards the Picnic in the Park event in Billinge had been circulated to Members and discussion on this included the connection between the two parishes and mutual benefit of any events being run in each of the areas. Contributions to funding for previous events had been granted to the Billinge Residents' Association and £50 was proposed for this one.

Resolved: to grant £50 to Billinge Residents Association towards the Picnic in the Park event

2018/26 Update on Halls

Members were referred to the Clerk's update for details.

The Chairman reported to the meeting that after considering the long term future of the Parish Hall we are researching and surveying ways of increasing/extending the facilities at the Community Hall

Resolved: to receive and note above