



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2016  
IN THE PARISH HALL**

**Present:**

Councillors: GK Cleary (Chairman)  
Mrs B Ashcroft  
J Pearson

*The Chairman opened the meeting and then suspended Standing Orders to go to Agenda Items 3, 5  
(Public Participation and Policing of the Area) before returning to the meeting.*

**2016/37 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

***Resolved: for the Chairman to sign the above Minutes as a true record***

**2016/38 To Note Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs S Cleary, B Porter and B Pilkington

***Resolved: to note the above Apologies for Absence***

**2016/39 Public Participation**

Amongst issues raised this evening included

78 Station Road, trees overgrowing the pavement.

School Lane – one car remained parked the day of the resurfacing so that bit still needs doing

Park House van is still causing obstruction and a van parked on Garswood Road, is causing obstruction to those turning out of School Lane, also a van on

Smock Lane is also obstructively parked

Gap in yellow line on Strange Road (a car was maybe parked when resurfaced?)

Junction of Station Road and Garswood Road - it was commented the 'bubble' is in wrong position if bus (or similar sized vehicle is turning out and car turning in)

Merseytravel Buses Timing point-it was asked if an on site meeting to discuss possible re-siting could be arranged.

Industrial estate planned for Florida Farm – resident reported a site at Wigan has been approved so queries were raised about the number of such estates in close proximity.

The Green on Spindle Hillock had recently had to be restored after the grass had been vandalised by motor/quad bikes

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

**2016/40 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**

Cllr J Pearson declared an interest in conversation during Public Participation relating to Florida Farm development and also Agenda item 9 due to him sitting on the Planning Committee at St Helens Council

***Resolved: to receive and note the above declaration.***

2016/41

**Policing of the Area**

Apologies had been received from the police: Yvette Beardsworth, Georgina Meade and Pat O'keefe

Crime figures for July 14<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Burglary Other: One Burglary: Nil Theft from motor vehicle: One Theft of motor vehicle: Nil Criminal Damage: Nil Anti-Social Behaviour: Seven

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2016/42

**Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates**

The Clerk had submitted a written report which included updates on recently reported issues but further reported verbally on a reply from Network Rail re the graffiti to Arch Lane railway bridge in which they stated public funds will only be spent on removing offensive graffiti. Also St Helens Council had confirmed the farmer who owns the hedges in Garswood Road had said he would trim the hedges during the next week (although current traffic control lights may delay this action)

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2016/43

**To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee**

| APPLICATIONS                 |                              | DECISIONS                      |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>P/2016/0526/HHFP</b>      | <b>P/2016/0542/FUL</b>       | <b>P/2016/0403/PN18</b>        |
| 156 Billinge Road            | 34 Poplar Avenue             | Garswood Railway Station       |
| Erection of ground floor     | Conversion of existing       | Footbridge                     |
| <b>front extension</b>       | dwelling to form 2no one     | Station Road                   |
| (incorporating porch) and    | bedroom flats along with     | Further modification of bridge |
| first floor rear extension   | external alterations and car | parapets in connection with    |
| With balcony                 | parking.                     | electrification of railway.    |
| <b>AMENDED DESCRIPTION</b>   | <b>P/2016/0554/HHFP</b>      | <b>Prior Approval Grant</b>    |
|                              | 25 Manor Close               |                                |
| <b>P/2016/0540/FUL</b>       | Single storey front          |                                |
| 32 Poplar Avenue             | Extension                    |                                |
| Conversion of existing       |                              |                                |
| dwelling to form 2no one     |                              |                                |
| bedroom flats along with     |                              |                                |
| external alterations and car |                              |                                |
| parking.                     |                              |                                |

The above applications have been dealt with in the prescribed manner by the Planning Committee and no comments had been submitted. Conversion of dwellings on Birch Grove estate had been previously dealt with by the committee when they had submitted concerns regarding the possible change in dynamics to the estate if too many conversions of this ilk were to go ahead. The committee continue to monitor this issue.

**Resolved: to note the above update from Planning Committee**

2016/44

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

A copy of the payments below were given in the Clerk's Update along with a copy of the Bank Reconciliation/Analysis of Income and Expenditure for the year to date.

| Trans No | Payee                  | Amount |
|----------|------------------------|--------|
| 315      | Truline                | 310.67 |
| 318      | E-on                   | 765.64 |
| 319      | E-on                   | 133.88 |
| 320      | Clerk – Aug            | 953.38 |
| 321      | Sports Attendant - Aug | 163.40 |

|     |                         |        |
|-----|-------------------------|--------|
| 322 | Caretaker CH and PH-Aug | 454.04 |
| 323 | Clerk (Sundries)        | 56.17  |
| 324 | P4L                     | 740.13 |
| 325 | M&D Alleyn              | 40.99  |
| 326 | Rex                     | 57.00  |

**Resolved:**

**To pass the above accounts for payment (£3675.30) and note there are no S137 payments.**

**To receive and note Bank Reconciliation and Analysis Year to Date and for the Chairman to sign these plus relevant copies of bank statements.**

2016/45

**Ashton M6 Access**

This issue was raised at the last meeting during Public Participation and the following update was given to residents: this issue is part of the TfGM (Transport for Greater Manchester Plan) which is currently out to consultation and will cover transport plans up to 2040. When the document is finalised, it is felt changes such as this one will be subject to further consultation.

**Resolved: to receive and note the above information**

2016/46

**Christmas Event**

The Tree Lighting Event was discussed by Members and in the interests of giving as much notice as possible to the schools, it was proposed for the event to remain at The Stag and for it to take place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6 pm subject to agreement with the new landlord. The Clerk was requested to liaise with the Stag and subsequently notify schools of the date/time agreed.

**Resolved: to hold the Tree Lighting Event at The Stag on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6 pm (subject to liaison with/agreement of the new landlord and then to notify the schools of this date.**

2016/47

**Annual Expenses** (for Members to consider the level of annual allowance towards telephone and internet connection charges incurred at their home address)

Members reviewed the current annual allowance towards telephone and internet connection charges incurred at their home address. It was proposed for this allowance for telephone/broadband costs be increased to £120 pa (from £111.82 pa). For this to be paid in December each year and to be reviewed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council each May.

**Resolved: to approve the increase in allowance for telephone charges and internet connection charges to £120 per annum and for this to be paid in December each year and reviewed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council each May.**

2016/48

**Parish Hall**

Members had received a report on the long term plans for the Parish Hall for consideration but it was proposed to defer to next month's meeting.

**Resolved: to defer to the September meeting.**