



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2018
IN THE PARISH HALL, MONTREY CRESCENT**
(to be approved at the meeting on Wednesday 14th March 2018)

Present:

Councillors GK Cleary, Chairman
 Mrs B Ashcroft
 Mrs S Cleary

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.

2017/87 To pass as a true record the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 13th December 2017
For the Chairman to sign the above Minutes as a true record

2017/88 To Note Apologies for Absence:
Apologies had been received from Cllrs. Mrs SM Murphy, B Porter, B Pilkington J Pearson
Resolved: to note the above apologies

2017/89 *Public Participation
Amongst issues raised this evening were:
Road bump on **Millfield Lane**-flooding during heavy rainfall
Ashtons Cross Lights – timing/staggering of lights
Langholm Road, paving stone sticking up – trip hazard, report 1st house from Station Road end.
Break ins – any news, Library/Brooklands/chip shop/flower shop – request update
for information only, issues that require further discussion will appear on the Agenda of a future meeting

2017/90 To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members
Re Agenda Item 7: Declaration of Interest re Garswood Road decision- Cllr GK Cleary
Resolved: to receive the above declaration

2017/91 * Policing of the Area
Police were not in attendance and no report had been received

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2017/92 *Chairman, Councillors and Clerk's Updates
Amongst items reported on were Agenda items plus listing below:
Update on response re accessibility of rail station
Awaiting response from LCR Mayor to invitation to attend a meeting
Requests for contributions to the April/May Newsletter
Reminder to complete and return Register of Interests Forms

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2017/93 To Note the Decisions of the Planning Committee
APPLICATIONS
P/2017/0840/OUP 1 Abinger Road WN4 0RN Outline application for the erection of 1no dwelling all matters reserved except layout and landscaping.

P/2018/0082/HHFP 11 Hillbeck Crescent Single storey rear and side
2018/0054/HHPA 3 Gordon Avenue Single storey rear extension projecting 4.4m from the rear, 3.5m high overall, and 2.25m to the eaves.
P/2018/0059/FUL North Ashton Village Club Erection of a single storey club following completion of the new build, demolition work will commence on the existing North Ashton Village Club.
P/2018/0035/FUL 10 Gordon Avenue Replacement dwelling
P/2018/0041/HHFP 37 Birch Grove Single storey front extension, single storey rear extension and conversion of attached garage to a habitable room along with the erection of a new detached garage to front of dwelling.
P/2018/0042/HHFP 31 Hillbeck Crescent Demolition of existing porch and erection of a single storey side extension.
P/2018/0019/HHFP 52 Hamilton Road Demolition of existing single storey front and side extension and erection of part two storey, part single storey side extension along with new front porch and pitched roofs on dormers.

DECISIONS

P/2017/0868/FUL Land To The Rear Of 272 Garswood Road Erection of detached bungalow with off road parking and associated landscaping. Granted
P/2017/0851/FUL 76 Birch Grove Conversion of existing dwelling to form 2no one bedroom flats along with external alterations and additional parking. Withdrawn

Resolved: to receive and note the above

2017/94 To Pass Accounts for Payment/Receive Financial Update Accounts

509	GK Cleary - LALC and MALC AGM/Meeting	50.70
510	m&d (cleaning items)	80.69
511	British Gas	272.43
512	UU PH	187.30
513	St Helens Council - Christmas trees/installation work	*876.36
514	St Helens Council - Grounds Maintenance (Apr-Oct)	498.78
515	Clerks Jan Salary	940.94
516	Caretaker Jan Salary	531.67
517	Sports Attendant Jan Salary	190.00
518	HMRC Period 9	396.11
519	Rainhil Planters	50.00
520	SMART PENSION	121.00
521	Fee Sweep	30.00
522	BT	185.90
523	Clerk Feb Salary	941.14
524	Caretaker Feb Salary	515.73
525	Sports Attenant Feb Salary	302.00
526	HMRC Period10	364.11
527	TGBB	*150.00
528	GMS - annual clean and chlorination	600.00
529	Frank Marshall	1140.00
530	Truline	235.70
530	Truline	40.22
530	truline	47.09
531	SMART Pension	48.40
532	Clerk - sundries	108.51

Resolved:

To pass the above accounts for payment (totalling £8904.78) and to approve S137 payments totalling £1026.36 (asterisked in listing above)

To note Financial Update is included in Agenda item below

2017/95 To Set the Precept for 2018/19

Documentation re budget projections, salaries and allowances, cost of hall hire had been circulated with the Agenda to assist decision-making at the meeting. The facts and figures were discussed and it was proposed for there to be a 0% rise in Precept for the year 2018/19.

Resolved:

To approve a 0% rise for the coming year and for the Precept to remain at

£33.83 giving a total Precept of £46,415.

To approve salaries and allowances for the year 2018/19 as per documentation

To agree proposed increase of 1.8% to hall/pitch hire

12017/96 Update on Halls (including Car Park Issue)

The shared area of the car park had finally been resurfaced and it appeared to have resolved all current issues. It was reported that during fast, heavy downfalls of rain then flooding occurs on the car park. The Clerk commented that as the drainage introduced on the field and the surface rain from the car park itself fed into the same drains in the road - it may be the main drains are unable to cope with large amounts in short periods of time.

The Working Party had not yet been able to meet.

Resolved:

to receive and note the above report

for the Clerk to query the flooding described above with United Utilities

2017/ Request re Twinning from Garenne-Colombes, France

Cllr K Cleary spoke briefly re the current twinning request received from Garenne-Colombes and proposed we wait until after Easter to discuss.

Resolved: to agree the above proposal

2017/97 New Chairs for Community Hall

The Clerk reported she was to bid for banqueting chairs (surplus furniture at St Helens Council) on the Chest and would know early March if we had been successful.

Resolved: to receive and note the above report

2017/98 Defibrillator for Seneley Green

The Clerk reported a meeting between herself and Seneley Green Juniors Committee plus the resident who initiated the issue was due to take place the following week (awaiting confirmation).

Resolved: to note the above update

2017/99 Summer Event/Carnival

It was proposed to defer this to next meeting's Agenda

Resolved: to defer to next meeting

2017/100 Parish Council Vacancy

The Clerk informed Members that the recent vacancy has to be advertised to explain that a poll can be called if 10 people request it and at the same time the Electoral Officer is notified. They are given 14 clear days to call a poll – by getting in touch with the Electoral Officer. At the end of the 14 day period if there is no request then the council may co-opt

Resolved: to request the Clerk to effect the above procedure and report outcome to Members