

St Helens Parish Council

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF ST HELENS PARISH COUNCIL **Held on Monday 13th May 2024 following the AGM at St Helens Pavilion**

Chaired by Cllr JB,
Attended by: Cllrs: MC,CH,GG,AB,.
Clerk JM
Public 3 members present

Welcome to PCSO Steve Hull.

After a short introduction Steve said he was looking forward to working further with St Helens Parish Council.

An area of concern is the Duver - a meeting had occurred with the owners of Duver Enterprises, and the BayWatch Cafe.

CCTV has been installed covering the Cafe and roadway in front of the Cafe.

Concern of the Caravan area being a

Benching Repair - mentioned the Community Payback team

Concern of the safety of pedestrians in the area of road from the toilets to the Railway Carriages. Who is responsible for that area? Discussion of having a barrier in place by the toilets. The entire is owned by the IOW Council - unsure if the responsibility of the roadway goes with the lease for the Cafe - suggested to bring in the IOW Council to confirm the responsibility.

Item raised - installing flashing signs for a 20mph limit for the village. One solution is to have a community Speedwatch. IOWC have purchased 3 cameras that can be hired out - requires community manpower. Details of those who are found speeding are forwarded to the Police who follow up the item.

A previous speedwatch has been carried out - average speed was 26mph.

Ongoing concern of the moving and parked traffic. Steve is aware and has been asked if anything in the way of signs etc then please forward to the Council.

An issue at present of parked cars on Eddington Road blocking the pathway.

Cllr JB thanked Steve for attending the meeting.

11-24/25 APOLOGIES

Cllr SP, Cllr PJ

12-24/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Refer: 102-22/23 12.12.22 Declarations & interests from Cllr JB & Cllr PJ as members of the IOW Council and St Helens PC.

13-24/25 MINUTES

To approve & sign the minutes of the PC meeting held on Monday 8th April 2024

Question raised re the details of the Contractors for the management of the Greens:
Section 1 IdVerde
Section 2 St Helens Cricket Club.

Signed by Chair Cllr JB

Proposed Cllr JB Seconded Cllr MC all agreed

14-24/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1.General Issues (15 minutes)
- 2.On Matters below (15 minutes)

No items.

15-24/25 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Duver issues - formal meeting between IOWC & Duver Enterprises - waiting for the IOWC to set a date.

16-24/25 CLERK'S REPORT

Caravan vandallised on Duver
Have been working with the year end figures.
Map at Duver Road - being worked on.
Good turn out with the Volunteers on the Help Out Bank Holiday.

17-24/25 BEACH & DUVER

Green Gym Litter Pick - large amount of rubbish collected. Clerk to contact Nodes Point to see if they are still doing the regular litter picks.
Suggest a Voluntary Litter Pick after the May holiday. Clerk to organise.

Extra bins - not fully utilised after the Easter Weekend. Need for extra bins to be monitored.
Provision only as necessary. Any information please forward to the Clerk.
Reminder that there is a restriction on overnight stays in the Car Park.

18-24/25 THE GREENS

The mow in March was listed on the last contract.
The Wild Flower Area below the Car Park has been cut and then was raked off by Volunteers.
The area requires being scarified and prepared for the planting of the wildflower seeds.

Idea to share the information on the Cutting Plan should be published - in What's On, and on the Website.

IOW Natural History Group visited and carried out a survey of the wildflower species - results to be shared by Cllr AB -
Survey covered: East Green, Football Pitch, Cricket Pitch and West Green - 71 species were found.
Noted a few self seeded Oak saplings have appeared on the lower part of the Cricket Green.

Reports: a motorbike over the Greens
WightFibre - a van driving over part of the green whilst it was soft ground. Most of rutts were in the ruff so should be ok.
Horses on the Green and on the Pitches.

The Greens are Common Land and can be used by all but with consideration to the pitches and use by others. Any costs caused by damage should be covered by those who have caused it.

19-24/25 FINANCE & DATA PROTECTION

1. Balance Sheet start of the year: £ 34,546.64
 Spend £ 46,892.22
 Received £ 40,689.17
 Balance At the end of the Year £ 28,343.59

2. Internal Auditors Report received for Year 2023 /2024
 Read out what had been checked - one recommendation to review the Financial Risk Assessment within the 24/25 financial year.

3. Appointed BDO as External Auditors for year 2023/2024

4. Confirmed no conflicts of interest with BDO and the Parish Councillors.
 Form signed & dated by Chair Cllr JB

5. To approve Section 1 AGAR for Annual Return for year ended 31.3.24

6. To approve Section 2 AGAR for Annual Return for year ended 31.3.24

Agreed and signed by Cllr JB and the Clerk/RFO

7. End of April balance & bank statement shown and signed by Cllr JB

8. Monthly Income & Expense report shared with Cllrs.

9. Authorise Payment of Accounts.

St Helens PC Financial items paid month - end of April 2024

Inv Date	To Whom	Amount	Date of payment	Method of Payment
				S/O
13.3.24	Island Roads Bin contract	£345.60		BACS
15.3.24	Lake Cleaning Supplies Ltd	7.09		BACS
15.3.24	PCC - Community Printer	16.76		BACS
20.3.24	Focus Plumbing - Annual boiler service Pavilion	94.80		BACS
20.3.24	Focus Plumbing - Legionella RA The Pavilion	234.00		BACS
20.3.24	Focus Plumbing - Legionella RA Duver Toilets	99.00		BACS
21.3.24	Lake Cleaning Supplies	8.34		BACS
22.3.24	Beta Pak - Toilet Rolls	221.22		BACS
22.3.24	Toilet Roll Dispenser	24.00		BACS
26.3.24	IDVerde Jan - Mar	1016.40		BACS
27.3.24	JM - Bookers - Sweets -Community Easter event	12.83		BACS
20.3.24	JM - Sheet Plastics - Perspex for Map	44.83		BACS
4.4.24	IONOS - webmail	11.99		DD
7.4.24	Corona Energy - electric - Duver Toilets	37.38		DD
16.4.24	Community Action IOW	1344.18		S/O
9.4.24	St Helens Community Centre	20.00		BACS

30.4.24	S Chester - Cleaning Toilets	600.00		S/O
		£4138.42		
Income				
8.4.24	IOWC - Precept 24/25	38,245.19		
18.4.24	Vectis	50.00		
22.4.24	Vectis	75.00		
30.4.24	Vectis	50.00		
		£38,420.19		
To Pay				
26.3.24	Wight Fire & security - Fire Extinguishers - Pavilion	85.52		
8.4.24	E-On Next Elec - Pavilion	108.384		
8.4.24	E-On Next Gas - Pavilion	90.54		
21.4.24	S Wilson - Electrical Work - Duver & Pavilion	43.00		
5.5.24	De Fib Warehouse - New pads 1 set	97.20		
6.5.24	G Hughes - Internal Auditor	145.00		
	J Matthews - Expenses			
5.5.24	B&Q Varnish, sandpaper & brushes Benches	45.00		
7.5.24	Men In sheds Nettlestone & Seaview - backing wood for Map	20.00		
8.5.24	Car Park - Duver Green Gym Litter Pick	2.05		
		67.05		

End of March			£28,343.59
Income April	£38,420.19		
Expenses April		£4138.42	
Transfer of funds to Savings Account		£57,100.00	
End of April			£5525.36

Proposed Cllr JB Seconded Cllr PJ, all agreed

Discussion of funding a replacement bench at the top of Duver Rd. Request for further information.

20-24/25 APPLICATIONS MADE TO THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

24/00617/TW, G1; Cypress - remove , Eddington Manor Eddington Road, St Helens.

21-24/25 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANNING AUTHORITY

None

22-24/25 WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

IOWC - inform that the Council has voted for the Direct Island Planning Strategy Plan. Further comments can still be received.

IOWC has decided to move from the current Governance to Committee based system. AGM IOWC on Wednesday 15th May

Please note: View Cafe at Fakenham Farm is now open as is the cafe at the Harbour.

23-24/25 OPEN QUESTION TIME

No33 former Cafe - closed - any news on if being sold - will it be a business in the future? Would love to have it up and running.

Any news on request for notices and safety items on the Causeway. Clerk to follow up.

24-24/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

PC Meeting - Monday 10th June 2024 7pm at the Pavilion

Meeting concluded at 8:30 pm

Signed:..... Date.....