



AGENDA

The public will be allowed to speak on any matters of concern, subject to prior written notification being received. No requests have been received.

13th October 2015

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Monday 19th October 2015, in the Elm Room at the Village Hall, commencing at 6.00pm.

Mr Palin, Chief Executive of St.Helens Council will be joining us for the first item.

I attach an Agenda and supporting papers. Please find time to read through the information before the meeting making any notes you need to against each item.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Pinder'.

G. Pinder
Clerk to the Council

1. To appoint a Chair of the Executive Committee
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To receive declarations of interest from members
4. Exclusion of the Public
Recommended that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items for the reason stated:
Item 5 Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)
Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).
5. Private Agenda - To consider the future of Rainhill railway signal box
6. To discuss future communication methods
7. To authorise repairs needed to Rainhill Park Changing Rooms
8. Date & Time of Next Meeting



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6. TO DISCUSS FUTURE COMMUNICATION METHODS

A request has been made to discuss future communication methods. The Parish Council currently publicise activities through their annual report and via the web site, together with the noticeboards. It is suggested that consideration should be given to greater engagement through social media sites e.g. a twitter account or facebook page. The website currently has a contact page which facilitates the submission of online comments/complaints. During the past year we have received approximately four communications via this route.

Together with expanding our methods of engagement, it is suggested that members should be provided with tablets to facilitate easier electronic communication. The Local Government (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2015 made lawful the use of electronic communications in the sending of summonses to meetings. Should Councillors prefer to receive their paperwork electronically they can request this method. The use of electronic communication is subject to consent by the receiving member, and can be withdrawn at any time. The introduction of this method could reduce printing costs, and delivery time. Only one Councillor currently uses this method.

The Executive Committee should consider if it wishes to implement new communication techniques.

7. TO AUTHORISE REPAIRS NEEDED TO RAINHILL PARK CHANGING ROOMS

As a result of tests undertaken for Legionella, it was discovered that one of the heating elements in the water cylinder at Rainhill Park was broken. Consequently the water was not reaching a sufficient temperature to kill off bacteria and the safety of users could not be guaranteed. I have therefore informed the football teams not to use the showers, and erected signs to this effect in the building.

In July I presented the following options to Parish Council:

- (i) Undertake repairs to ensure the facility is functioning safely, irrespective of cost;
- (ii) Based on the quote obtained, and the anticipated use by the clubs, determine if a repair is cost effective; if not
- (iii) Drain down the system, removing any risk, but leaving the equipment in place in case demand for showering facilities increases in future; or
- (iv) Remove the showering equipment completely, to free up the space for an alternative use, e.g. storage.

It was resolved to obtain quotes and assess the level of use to facilitate an informed decision. Authority was delegate to the Executive Committee to consider the options.

Accordingly I have obtained two quotes for the replacement of the element as follows:

- Hydraclean (current Legionella contractors) = £190.00 + VAT
- ADG Plumbing & Heating, 43 Deepdale Drive, Rainhill = £100 + VAT (member of boiler guide)

Having checked with the football teams, the showers appear to be seldom used and draining the system could have been a consideration. However, even if the showers were decommissioned and drained down the Legionella risk would still be present due to the wash hand basin in the toilet. Obtaining a separate heater for the wash hand basin would not be cost effective.

It is recommended that the element is replaced and the showers are kept in working order, as this is the most cost effective method of removing the risk of Legionella, and it maintains the option for teams to shower should they wish.

The Executive Committee are recommended to authorise the repair.

8. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee need to decide if it wishes to set a future date for the next meeting, or arrange dates as and when required.