

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**12<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, J. De'Asha, J. Fulham, B. Heydon, D. Long, P. Long, C. Moore and W.M. Wood.

**843. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L. Glover, S. Glover and B. Grunewald. Apologies were received from Cllr P. Long for late arrival.

**844. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Non-pecuniary interests were declared by Cllrs J. De'Asha, J. Fulham and D. Long – Members of Borough Planning Committee.

**845. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AND FINANCE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**846. TO RECEIVE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT**

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted.

**847. CLERK'S REPORT**

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted.

Councillor P. Long entered the meeting during discussion on the next item.

**848. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was resolved that the following actions be noted in relation to planning applications:

That the following applications be left to neighbourhood consultation and that no additional comments be submitted:

P/2016/0777 Rainhill Railway Station Footbridge Station Road, variation of condition 2 of planning permission P/2016/0384/LBC for minor amendments to approved scheme;

P/2016/0797 Shirebrook, Fairchild Farm, Foxs Bank Lane, demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey front extension along with raising of roof height;

P/2016/0811 Forge Fitness Rainhill, 456 Warrington Road, retrospective planning permission to develop the existing site premises for the purpose of running a private fitness centre including boxing training, at the specified location, and change of use from general industrial to leisure;

P/2016/0820 346 Warrington Road, single storey side extension;

P/2016/0826 19 St Winifred Road, demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a two storey side extension along with single storey front and rear extensions;

P/2016/0853 28 Ellon Avenue, demolition of existing attached garage and erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension;

P/2016/0881 17 Stour Avenue, erection of front porch and canopy.

P/2016/0831 Land North West of Woods House Farm, School Lane, conversion and

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extension to existing stables to form 1 dwelling; and  
P/2016/0868 Manor Croft, Mill Lane, erection of two storey side and a single storey rear extension.

That a letter endorsing the Tree Officer’s recommendations be submitted on the following application:

P/2016/0879 9 Owen Road, erection of 1 detached dwelling.

That a letter of objection be submitted to the following application due to affect on neighbouring properties and Conservation Area:

P/2016/0835 6 Lawton Road, erection of single story rear extension, along with alterations to existing single storey rear extension and front bay windows; removal of existing rear attic pitched roof with replacement dormer window at rear.

**849. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was resolved that the following items were approved for payment:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - Dec (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1093.82	
	Photocopying - Oct	16.00	
	Photocopying - Nov	10.50	
	123 Reg - Renewal of hosting server for web	179.64	
	Printer Ink	10.79	
	Refreshments for Winter Warmers	5.68	
		1331.43	TFR203
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Dec	422.60	TFR204
HMRC	Tax & NI (Oct-Dec)	580.29	TFR205
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Dec	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Dec	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Dec	75.43	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Dec	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Dec	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park – Dec	52.00	STO
W M Wood	Mileage Allowance	36.06	TFR207
St.Helens Council	2 x bins at Holt Lane and Two Butt Lane	1090.08	TFR208
<b>S.137 Payments</b>			
Kevin Wilkes	Donation to Equipment for alleyway project	150.00	067
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath x 2 & Donation	61.00	068
John Houghton Trust	Donation to Rainhill Music Festival	400.00	TFR206

**850. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Resolved that the report from the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 be noted.

**851. CONSIDER THE UPKEEP OF THE RED TELEPHONE BOX**

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Resolved that repainting of the telephone be authorised up to a value of £180, plus the cost of materials.

**852. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON RAINHILL TRIALS 200 GROUP**

The Council noted the actions taken by the Rainhill Trials 200 Group.

**853. TO CONSIDER DONATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON**

Resolved that a donation of £100 will be made to St. Ann's School and a donation to Willowbrook Hospice of £100 in lieu of payment to Councillor Shields. The Clerk will notify Councillor Shields of this action.

**854. TO CONSIDER DONATION TO BRITISH LEGION FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

Resolved that a £25 donation to the British Legion be approved, in addition to payment for the wreath.

**855. TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PANEL**

Resolved that the recommendations of the Good Citizenship Award Working Group be approved and that the Clerk notifies the successful nominees. A review of the award process would be undertaken and discussed at a future meeting.

The Chair confirmed the Awards Evening will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**856. TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEMS AND CONTROLS AND APPOINT AN AUDITOR**

Resolved that the Council has considered the 'review of effectiveness' and has not identified any concerns arising from this. The Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Controls, and Testing of Key Internal Controls documents are approved. The Council appointed Tom Kelly to undertake internal audit for 2016/17.

**857. TO CONSIDER THE CURRENT ASSET REGISTER**

Resolved that the Council have reviewed the current asset register and approved it. It was recommended that further work be undertaken to ensure it is comprehensive.

**858. TO CONSIDER THE ST.HELENS LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS REPORT**

Resolved that further consideration is given to the contents of the plan through the consultation events, and the item be returned to the next meeting for discussion.

**859. TO CONSIDER RESIDENT'S COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Resolved that:

The complaint in respect of cleanliness in Rainhill Village be noted and the situation monitored.

The complaint regarding the quality of Christmas decorations in Rainhill Village be discussed at the next meeting, for consideration when setting the budget.

With regard to the complaint against Rainhill Parish Council's lack of representation in relation to a planning application to convert a former nursing home into an asylum hostel in Halton

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Borough Council, Cllr D. Long explained that the Parish Council had considered the planning issues in relation to the proposal and any concerns had been conferred to St.Helens Council, for inclusion in their representation to Halton Borough Council on behalf of all St.Helens residents. The concerns raised had not been addressed by the planning application. It was resolved that a letter be sent to Halton Borough Council to reinforce the concerns expressed by some residents, to ensure their consideration in determination of the application. Further, a letter be sent to the complainant to notify of the actions taken.

**860. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS**

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: All issues had been covered in the agenda.
- Village Hall Management Committee: meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the stage curtains were now OK. The Management Committee Chair was continuing to prepare the accounts in the absence of a Treasurer. The Committee were grateful for confirmation of the Parish Council grant for 2017/18. Issues had arisen with automatic enrolment for pensions for staff, however, the retained accountant had offered to undertake this procedure. Repair work had been undertaken on the foyer to rectify damage due to the leak. Repairs to the boiler had cost approx. £1,000. Preparation work had commenced for redecorating the foyer with removal of some wall displays. Repainting would commence in the New Year. A new sign was needed for outside and could be expensive. The Gala Committee had enquired about hosting a themed event. The next meeting was 10<sup>th</sup> January.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: The quiz night had not been well attended. A schedule of speaker meetings had been prepared, the next meeting was 16<sup>th</sup> January and the theme was Women in the Mines.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood explained that MALC was not a big organisation and was therefore affiliated to the Lancashire Association of Local Councils. LALC organised a series of training workshops for members and a list was circulated. Each Parish Council is allowed three representatives on the organisation, one of which may be the Clerk.
- Gala Committee: no report, Clerk instructed to liaise with Committee to assess if support was needed.
- 4F Centre: There was nothing significant to report.

**861. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017