

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
15th May 2017

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.35pm on Monday 15th May 2017 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, D. Long, P. Long, C. Moore, and W.M. Wood

The Events Officer from St.Helens Council was also in attendance.

903. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs: B. Almond, M. Donovan, J. Fulham, B. Heydon, and B. Grunewald.

904. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared by Cllrs. J. DeAsha, S. Glover and D. Long – Members of Borough Planning Committee. Cllrs. D. Long, P. Long and W. Wood declared a non-pecuniary interest regarding a request by Rainhill Riders.

905. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 6th MARCH 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 6th March 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

906. TO RECEIVE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Concern was expressed at the rise in anti-social behaviour.

907. CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted. It was agreed that Insp. Drennan be informed that the shadowing exercise would not be pursued.

908. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

It was resolved that the following applications be left to neighbourhood consultation and that no additional comments be submitted:

P/2017/0181 - 235 Longton Lane, part two storey part single storey side extension.

P/2017/0187 - 35 View Road, re-rendering of dwelling.

P/2017/0224 - 494 Warrington Road, part two storey and single storey side extensions with alterations to raise roof ridge height.

P/2017/0237 - Telecommunications Mast North Of M62 Foxs Bank Lane, prior notification for a replacement 18m high telecommunications mast and ground based equipment.

P/2017/0239 - 9 Mooreway, certificate of lawfulness for single storey rear extension with mono pitched roof, and single storey side extension with dual pitched roof.

P/2017/0271 - 29 Galston Avenue, demolition of existing garage and erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

P/2017/0291 - 20 View Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to thin, crown lift lower branches and reduction in height by 1-2m on 3no Beech trees.

P/2017/0293 - Fair View East, Mill Lane, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to 1 ash (T2) and 1 beech (G12).

P/2017/0303 - 35 View Road, replacement of existing tarmac driveway with cobbles, setts, stone paving.

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P/2017/0314 - 820 Warrington Road, erection of two storey side, and single storey rear extension and front porch

P/2017/0317 - Longton Lane Community Primary School, Longton Lane, installation of steel powder coated canopy play area with roller shutters, and external alterations to infants department.

P/2017/0355 - Rainhill Railway Station, Station Road, installation of new ticket vending machine within existing waiting room on platform 1, along with installation of 2 no seat benches to platforms 1 and 2 (4 in total).

P/2017/0364 - 674 Warrington Road, single storey side extension

It was noted that objections had been submitted to the following applications:

P/2017/0265 - 70 Holt Lane, siting of a portacabin for additional office space, to ensure the long-term maintenance of the cabin;

P/2017/0270 - land at corner of Warrington Road/Longton Lane, Application for prior approval for siting of 15m telecommunications mast, 3 no antennas, 2 no diameter dishes, 2 no equipment cabinets and 1 no meter, considered to be intrusive and incongruous.

P/2017/0302 - Manor Croft, Mill Lane, two storey side extension.

909. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
Stone Central	Removal of graffiti from War Memorial	360.00	TFR224
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - April (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.52	
	Photocopying – March	15.75	
	Photocopying - April	12.40	
		1129.67	TFR231
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – April	301.53	TFR232
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - April	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - April	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – April	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – April	6.33	STO
St.Helens Council	13 Barrier Baskets Winter 2016	632.27	TFR225
St.Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground	0.50	TFR226
St.Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground	0.50	TFR227
St.Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens	1.00	TFR228
St.Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park	4.00	TFR229
LDS Ltd	Annual Report Distribution	442.98	TFR230
EWS Colour Print	Design & Printing of Annual Report	1095.00	TFR233
Topcoat	Painting Telephone Kiosk	260.00	TFR234
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - April	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park - April	52.00	STO
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - May (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.32	
	Printer Inks	17.39	
		1118.71	TFR235
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – May	301.53	TFR236
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - May	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - May	6.00	DD
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910. TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN THE VILLAGE

The Events Officer from St.Helens Council attended to discuss upgrading the Christmas decorations for the village. Resolved that the issue be delegated to Executive Committee, with other members welcome to attend, and a response be sent to St.Helens Council before the end of August 2017.

911. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2016/17

Resolved that the Annual Governance Statement be approved for signing by the Chair on behalf of the Council.

912. TO APPROVE THE 2016/17 ACCOUNTS FOR EXTERNAL AUDIT & BANK RECONCILIATION

It was resolved that the accounts presented by the Clerk, having been scrutinised by internal audit, be approved and that the Annual Return be signed by the Chair and Clerk on behalf of the Council, and the Bank Reconciliation be approved for signing by the Chair.

913. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

Resolved that the actions of the Rocket 190 Group be noted. Authorisation to open a bank account, and the details of a constitution to formalise the Rocket 190 Group, be delegated to Executive Committee, following agreement on the financial commitment being made by the Council.

914. TO CONSIDER HERITAGE ACTION ZONE FUNDING & HERITAGE ISSUES

Resolved that advice be sought on the refurbishment of the railway plinth at Houghton Street, and brought to a future meeting. Further resolved that authority be delegated to the Executive Committee to hold discussions with Rainhill Civic Society on heritage issues.

915. TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Following discussion it was resolved that the Council would withdraw the current page from Facebook. The proposed Social Media Policy was not considered necessary.

916. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR SPONSORSHIP OF RAINHILL RIDERS CYCLING CLUB

Resolved that the request for £67 sponsorship from Rainhill Riders be approved.

917. TO CONSIDER UNDERTAKING A TOUR OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

Resolved that a tour of Public Open Spaces be undertaken on Saturday 8th July, and all members be invited to attend.

918. TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO REVIEW THE POLICE/COMMUNITY COMPACT

Resolved that the Police/Community Compact be reviewed every year, to be discussed at the next meeting.

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919. TO CONSIDER SUB-LEASING OF PLAYING FIELD AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

Following discussion it was agreed that insufficient detail was known of the potential impact to consider it's acceptability. Cllr. S. Glover offered to investigate the legal position and report to a future meeting.

920. TO APPROVE A FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR WORKS AT HOLT LANE

Resolved that the Clerk obtain a quote for the proposed feasibility study, and no work should proceed until the quote is approved. Authority be delegated to the Executive Committee to consider the quote received.

921. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted.

Cllr. D. Long offered to pursue Riverside Housing Association regarding the mosaics at Rainhill Road. It was agreed no further action was needed in relation to the car park at the Commercial Hotel.

Cllr. J. Doyle reported complaints regarding the cost of collection of the green bins, and the increase in parking charges in St.Helens. These were both borough matters.

922. REPORTS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr. S. Glover reported that the Eco Garden Group work continued without problems.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr. Moore reported on two Management Committee meetings: A new sign had been ordered, a replacement Treasurer had been found, the volunteers responsible for maintenance were thanked for their sterling work, the redecoration was ongoing and had been appreciated by users, the Civic Society had offered to organising planting in the grounds, a fund raising committee was suggested to facilitate further redecoration. The Fire Officer had experienced difficulty accessing essential areas and groups were requested to rectify, the new Treasurer was now in post, a replacement boiler was needed, volunteers were being sought for the redecoration task.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr. Wood reported that the latest speaker was from the Bibby Line. The summer outing had been arranged for 8th July to Severn Valley. The programme for the next 12 months activities was being drawn up and there would be no autumn quiz.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr. Wood requested that other Councillors consider attending the MALC meeting. Cllr. P. Long indicated she would attend if time allowed. Following attendance at the LALC Annual Conference, Cllr. Wood recommended that the Council invite a speaker from Dementia Friends to address a future meeting. The Clerk was instructed to arrange.
- 4F Centre: Work was progressing, there were no issues to report.

923. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 19th June 2017, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
19th June 2017