

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
5th MARCH 2018

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 5th March 2018 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. Doyle, J. Fulham, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, D. Long, P. Long, and C. Moore.

Sergeant Neil Birkett was in attendance from Merseyside Police. 19 members of the public were also present.

18.23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M. Donovan, J. DeAsha and W.M. Wood. The Clerk was asked to send a message of good wishes to Cllr Wood. Apologies for late arrival were received on behalf of Cllr J. Fulham.

The meeting was adjourned.

A presentation was made by the Chairman of Rainhill – Save our Green Belt. Three questions were raised in relation to their campaign. The Group were thanked for their contribution.

The meeting was reconvened.

18.24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on planning matters by Cllrs J. Fulham, L. Glover, S. Glover, & D. Long, Members of St.Helens Borough Planning Authority and P. Long – candidate in 2018 election. Cllr S. Glover declared a prejudicial interest in item 16 and did not take part in any discussion on this item.

18.25 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2018

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 22nd January 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record. Future recording of declarations of interest on planning matters should relate to members of the Borough Council without reference to the position held.

18.26 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE AND DISCUSS MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Sergeant Neil Birkett, Merseyside Police discussed criminal incidents across St.Helens and specifically in Rainhill. Cross border working had led to a number of arrests but community assistance was still required in combatting the ongoing issue of illegal scrambler bikes.

The report was noted and Sgt. Birkett was thanked for his attendance.

18.27 CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and the following actions be undertaken: meeting be arranged with Amber Taverns, Cllr B. Heydon to lead the meeting.

Cllr J. Fulham entered the meeting during discussion on the next item.

18.28 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved to note the following actions taken in relation to planning applications:

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A representation had been submitted on the following application outlining concerns:
P/2018/0103 Commercial Hotel, 12 Station Street, single storey rear extension with enlargement of beer garden and boundary fencing, along with a smoking shelter.

The following applications were left to neighbourhood consultation:

P/2018/0055 - 102 Longton Lane, single storey rear extension.

P/2018/0061 - 42 Old Lane, demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

P/2018/0093 - 519 Warrington Road, single storey rear extension projecting 5.0m from the rear, 3.6m high overall and 2.3m to the eaves.

P/2018/0096 - 42 Galston Avenue, conversion and extension of existing garage to form habitable room.

A representation endorsing the concerns expressed by the Highways and Tree Officer be submitted on:

P/2018/0112 & P/2018/0113 - Loyola Hall Warrington Road, change of use of existing buildings and all associated works to create hotel and ancillary uses.

18.29 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - March (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1110.35	
	Photocopying - Jan	25.00	
	Home Office Allowance	978.00	
	Printer Inks	21.71	
	Good Citizenship Award Evening (see below)	380.27	
		2530.33	TFR282
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – March	310.40	TFR283
HMRC	Tax & NI Contributions Jan – March	667.22	TFR284
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (AF Park) - March	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - March	16.00	DD
Waterplus	AFP Playing Fields – March	160.70	DD
Waterplus	Holt Playing Fields – March	6.33	STO
Rainhill Beer Festival	Advert in programme for Rocket 190	100.00	TFR281
St Helens Council	TRO Remembrance day road closure	510.00	TFR285
Laughton & Wallace	Decommissioning of showers at open spaces	1890.00	TFR288
SLCC	Annual Subscription	147.00	TFR289
Rainhill Village Hall	Remainder of Grant for 2017/18	1920.36	TFR290
Kirbys Roofing Ltd	Repair at Holt Lane Changing Room	98.16	TFR291
LALC	NALC & LALC Subs, Area Sec, LCR	933.18	080
St.Helens Council	Barrier Baskets 2017/18	4676.26	TFR292
G Lamb	Logo Competition winner	250.00	079
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges Jan-March	18.00	DD
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - April (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1110.35	
		1125.35	TFR293
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – April	310.40	TFR294

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Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (AF Park) - April	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - April	16.00	DD
Waterplus	AFP Playing Fields – April	160.72	DD
Waterplus	Holt Playing Fields – April	6.33	STO
S.137 Payments			
G Pinder	Catering for GCA	118.67	TFR282
G Pinder	GCA Buffet	261.60	TFR282
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	TFR286
Mma Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaques	201.60	TFR287

18.30 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolved that the report from the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 29th January 2018 be noted.

18.31 TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF CPRE

Resolved that membership of CPRE be renewed and payment authorised.

18.32 TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF AN ACCESSIBILITY CHARTER

Resolved that definitions be added to the proposed accessibility charter and the document be returned to a future meeting.

18.33 TO CONSIDER THE CLERK’S MEMBERSHIP OF SLCC

Resolved that the Clerk’s membership of SLCC be renewed for a further year, and payment of the subscription be authorised.

18.34 TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR LEGIONELLA TESTING AT CHANGING FACILITIES

Resolved that the contract for Legionella testing be awarded to GMS for the next two years.

18.35 TO CONSIDER THE FINDINGS OF THE TREE PLANTING GROUP

Resolved that further consideration of tree planting be deferred until potential costs were known. Authority to consider quotes be deferred to Executive Committee.

18.36 TO APPROVE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO NALC/ LALC

Resolved that the annual subscription to NALC/LALC be authorised.

18.37 TO CONSIDER PLANTING THE BARRIER BASKETS FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON

Resolved that planting of the 13 barrier baskets be approved for the 2018/19 season.

Cllr S. Glover left the room during discussion on the next item having declared a prejudicial interest.

18.38 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL FROM OAKDENE SCHOOL

Resolved that the Clerk write to Oakdene School to investigate potential contribution from Rainhill High School. Further consideration of this item was deferred to Executive Committee.

Cllr S. Glover returned to the room during discussion on the next item.

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18.39 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

Resolved that the report from the meeting of the Rocket 190 Group held on 1st March 2018 be noted.

18.40 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and:

Cllr C. Moore indicated that a further a complaint had been received regarding the accessibility of the village noticeboard.

Cllr S. Glover reported that insufficient evidence of ASB was available to warrant Police support for alley gates at Alness Drive. A meeting would be arranged with Borough Council Officers to consider further options. Cllr J. Doyle confirmed that issues were ongoing.

Cllr D. Long indicated that an unauthorised car trading business on Warrington Road had been reported.

18.41 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr S. Glover reported that a tour of open spaces would be made by the Open Spaces Committee in the Spring. The Eco Garden volunteers were commended for their dedication.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr C. Moore reported that a meeting would be held next Tuesday. The grant from WREN had been reduced based on preferred estimates, this would provide for improved heating, external lighting and external works. Other areas still needed attention e.g. Kitchen and stage. The foyer roof needs replacing and estimates were being sourced, though no funding was currently available. The intruder alarm had been upgraded. New signage was on order but would only be installed when exterior works were being undertaken.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr B. Wood had sent a report indicating that tributes had been paid to Mr D. Houghton, former president, who had sadly passed away recently.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr B. Wood had sent a report indicating that the next meeting was on Wednesday 4th April.
- Rainhill Gala: no report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr S. Glover reported that the centre was being utilised by many groups. A new kitchen had been installed, together with new heating. Concern was expressed that sufficient respect was not being shown to the volunteers who run the centre. User groups were causing problems due to a lack of consideration both for volunteers and equipment. Damage had been sustained to equipment and the volunteers were disheartened.

It was resolved that the Clerk should write to those groups considered to be causing problems, inviting them to a mandatory meeting with the Management Committee where the centre rules would be discussed and compliance agreed.

18.42 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Wednesday 25th April 2018, in the Teak Room at Rainhill Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

It was resolved that AGM will be held on Monday 14th May 2018, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall and the that next ordinary meeting will immediately follow the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chair of the Parish Council
14th May 2018