

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
18th April 2011

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th April 2011 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover,
B. Grunewald, D. Kelly, J. Kelly, and W.M. Wood.
Also present: 3 residents.

959. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: J. DeAsha, B. Heydon and C. Moore.

960. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wood declared a possible interest in items 7 and 10 on the Agenda as he is a Governor at St Ann's School.

961. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th JANUARY 2011

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 7th March 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

962. POLICE REPORT

PC Moore sent his apologies.

963. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on actions taken relating to resolutions made and issues raised.

964. CORRESPONDENCE

Places Matter	Design Review Roadshow
S Gill, Mersey Forest	Climate change training materials
LALC	Chairmanship Workshop
A Biggs	Rainhill Village Hall
LALC	March Newsletter, Election Literature, PAYE Implementation
Came & Co	Parish Council Insurance and "All about Local Councils"
St Helens Council	Exchange Place Maintenance Request for 2010/11
LDS Ltd	Advance Invoice
LCR	Local Council Review - Spring 2011
ScottishPower	Instalment information
Glasdon	Catalogue
Kompan	Playground Fundraising Support
C Tigwell, Civic Society	Invitation to Re-launch of Trials Website
LDS Ltd	Rainhill boundaries
LCR	Opinion question
J Skinley, St Helens Council	Election Costs Estimate
J Skinley, St Helens Council	Peter Blackburn
Merseyside Pension Fund	2010/11 Contributions

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Clare Mansfield	Enquiry re discussion group
St Helens Council	Core Strategy Comments Deadline
LALC	Action for Market Towns Awards
B Johnson, St Helens Council	Utility Bills for Rainhill Park and Holt
B Johnson, St Helens Council	Steel Container
NALC	Communities in Action Conference
Secretary, Rainhill Civic Society	Item for Parish Newsletter
St Helens Council	Ward Committee Agenda/Minutes
I McCue, Colourplan	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
Mrs M Fairclough	Thank you card
SLCC	Branch Conference
NALC	Requesting Legal Advice
L Woolf, Maverick TV	Neighbourhood Dispute Mediation
D Boston, Rainhill Village Hall	Thanks for cheque, expenditure breakdown and notification of 2011/12 allocation
NALC	E-bulletin, 18 March 2011
NALC	Request for Case Studies
P Cunliffe, Colourplan	Proof of Annual Report
S Gill, Mersey Forest	Green Infrastructure to Combat Climate Change
C Bolton, Seneley Green PC	Queries
P Cunliffe, Colourplan	Proof of Annual Report
NALC	Silver Surfers Day
S Fletcher	St Ann's School Brick Order
J Welsh, St Helens Council	Notice of Election
ScottishPower	Rainhill Park - Estimated Use
R Clifford	Baby Swings at Rainhill Park
T Carter, St Helens Council	Electronic Consultations
NALC	End of Default Retirement Age - Update
Barnardos	Notice to Determine
	Drug Issues
St Helens Council	Decision: 2 Heyes Mount - Refused
St Helens Council	Decision: Land to rear of 1 The Meadows - Refused
St Helens Council	Decision: 19 Trent Place - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Community Nursery - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Club & Sports Lounge - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 116 Rainhill Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 14 St James Mount - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Land facing 27 Bartholomew Close - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 6 View Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 13/14 Dane Court - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Lych Gate St Anns Church - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 6 Malhamdale Avenue - Approved with conditions
Drew Tonks	Payroll Services
Lancashire CTP	Course Cancellation
P Cunliffe, Colourplan	Proof of Annual Report
F Sephton, St Helens	Land adjacent to Rainhill Park

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Council	
192.com	Enquiry Credits
G Moore	MPF Contributions
PGP Universal	MPF Returns
NALC	Policy Briefing - The Localism Bill - An Update
123-reg	March Newsletter
LDS Ltd	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
NALC	Rural Delivery
Lamps & Tubes	Annual Electrical Health Checks
NALC	Legal Briefing - Local Authority Publicity
NALC	E-bulletin, 1 April 2011
NALC	LTN 77 - Public Rights of Way
K Johnson	Pitch Fees
123-reg	Domain Renewal Notice
CPRE	New CPRE Lancashire Address
BDO	Notice of Annual Audit
E Attwell	Request for link to website
NALC	Consultation - Review of Statutory Duties placed on Local Government
LALC	Future of Public Audit Consultation (60+ pages, 50 questions)
The Journal of Local Planning	Changes to planning
Merseyside Pension Fund	MPF Returns

965. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2011/0167, 8 Dane Court, Subdivision of unit for continued use of A2 at rear and change of use of front to coffee shop (A3)

P/2011/0174 30 Ellon Avenue, Conservatory to the rear

P/2011/0184 161 Longton Lane, Single storey rear extension

P/2011/0188 37 Sherman Drive, Demolition of existing conservatory at side and erection of a single storey side extension

P/2011/0198 18 Dorgan Close, Two storey side and rear extension. Resubmission of P/2010/0238

P/2011/0201 Rainhill High School, Single storey extension to create 2no. classrooms, 1no office and 1no. Store

P/2011/0222 14 Fairlie Drive, Porch rebuild at front with canopy across garage front

P/2011/0244 13 Horwood Avenue, 2 storey side and rear extension

P/2011/0259 Holby Court Sheltered Complex, Brandreth Close, Construction of DDA compliant ramp

966. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Description	Amount	Ref
Mrs J Ireland - Good Citizenship Awards Buffet	198.00	3077
LALC - LALC & NALC Subs, Local Council Review	854.40	3078
M Paton - Good Citizenship Awards Refreshments & Table Covers, Photocopying, BT Searches and Postage	204.88	3079
LDS Ltd - Annual Report Distribution	429.12	3080

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Bibby Factors Northwest Ltd - Annual Report Design & Print	1185.00	3081
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance April	150.00	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) - Apr	37.50	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Apr	43.50	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - Apr	80.00	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Apr	66.09	STO

967. VILLAGE HALL LETTINGS POLICY

In the absence of both Cllr Heydon and Cllr Moore it was resolved that this item be carried forward to the next meeting.

968. ST ANN'S SCHOOL CHOIR

It was resolved that four bricks will be purchased under St Ann's School 'Buy a Brick' scheme as a gesture of thanks for St Ann's School choir performing during the switch-on of the Christmas tree lights.

It was resolved that the amended version of the inscription, put forward by Cllr Doyle, be used in the 'Buy a Brick' application.

969. PUBLIC OPEN SPACES – AMANDA ROAD PLAYGROUND

The Clerk gave an additional update regarding the fencing needing repair at the playground.

It was agreed in principle that the fence be repaired using the option to repair supplied by Mr Johnson at St Helens Council, at a total estimated cost of £1,300.

The Clerk also took the opportunity to update the Council on two other 'Open Space' matters. It was resolved that the Clerk obtains a second estimate for the possible provision of heaters in Holt POS Changing Rooms. It was resolved that the Clerk obtain a copy of the Parish Council's lease for Warburton Hey POS.

970. BARNARDOS 4F CENTRE

Cllr S. Glover gave an update on the latest position indicating that financial help was needed but that St Helen's Council were unable to provide the funding needed. He advised that some proposals had been put forward and that ongoing discussions were taking place led by St Helens Children's Services and he would arrange a meeting between Parish Council representatives and St Helens Council. Cllr Grunewald added that in order for the proposed scheme to work the Parish Council might be asked to fund £5-6,000 per year.

971. PUBLIC TOILETS

Cllr Wood referred to an article in Local Council Review regarding businesses being persuaded to provide use of their toilet facilities where public conveniences had to close. It was resolved that the Clerk investigate the situation in Councils that have introduced such measures.

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972. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was resolved that the Clerk make the same arrangements as last year for the Annual Parish Meeting.

973. IT'S A KNOCKOUT

It was agreed in principle that a team from Rainhill High School would be sponsored again in this year's 'It's a Knockout' competition at Rainhill Gala. This would also include the purchase of T-shirts for the team. The total cost was estimated to be in the region of £600.

974. CLERK'S SALARY

It was resolved that, following success in the CiLCA examinations and in accordance with the Clerk's Terms & Conditions of Employment, the Clerk's salary will be incremented by one additional salary point.

975. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Land at rear of Rainhill Park Changing Rooms

Mr B Johnson at St Helens Council has received the same complaint from Mrs Aherne about the fencing at the rear of her property bordering land at the rear of Rainhill Park Changing Rooms. Mr A Fellowes from Rainhill Utd JFC has been advised that the 'unauthorised' use of land at the rear of Rainhill Park Changing Rooms, which is not leased by Rainhill Parish Council, may be stopped if further complaints are received.

Drug Abuse

A further complaint has been received about drug dealing from a property in Rainhill. This is the third complaint (all in different names but very similar in content) regarding the same person and property. PC Moore advises these are malicious complaints.

Baby Swings – Rainhill Park

Ms R Clifford complained about the fact that the baby swings in Rainhill Park had not been replaced. Cllr S Glover advised that the matter had already been noted at Ward Committee and the possibility of replacing the equipment was to be investigated by the Civic Pride and Community Spaces, St Helens Council.

Good Citizenship Awards Evening

Mrs M Fairclough sent in a thank-you card saying she and her guests had a "most enjoyable evening" and thanking the Clerk for persuading her to accept the award. She asked that her thanks be conveyed to Cllr Mrs D Kelly and the Parish Council.

Rainhill Village Hall

Mr A Biggs complained about the refusal of Rainhill Village Hall to hire rooms to Rainhill Rotary Club for their annual beer festival and demanded to know the reasons

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for the refusal. He was advised that the Village Hall Management Committee have sole responsibility for decisions on bookings and that he should contact them.

Village Car Parking

Cllr Grunewald advised that the Victoria Place Garages are being re-developed. Although Cllr Grunewald had hoped that Helena Housing might give up the land to be used for Car Parking, Helena Housing now intends to build residential units there. Exact details are not available yet.

Cllr Grunewald also updated the Council regarding ongoing negotiations that might result in better utilisation of the car park in front of the Village Hall. Further details will be made available when something more definite is known.

Charter Mark / Quality

It was agreed that there will, at some future point, be an informed debate about the merits of the Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme. This may take place following the expiry of the current Charter Mark scheme. The Charter Mark Scheme is being replaced by the Customer Service Excellence Scheme

REPORTS:

- Public Open Spaces: See items 969 and 975.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: There was no representative at the last meeting.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: No report.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: Cllr Doyle advised that, as the Council's representative, she had completed a questionnaire.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Minutes of last meeting have not yet been received.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: No report.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Standards Committee: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: Cllr Grunewald advised that the Bank Holiday weekend had been successful and the Barn Dance was sold out. The Gala would like help with setting up before the Gala – meet on the Monday 12 noon at St Ann's. He also reported that a local brew named "Rocket Fuel" will be available for the event.

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976. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the AGM and the next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th May 2011, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:48 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
17th May 2011