

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
6th December 2011

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th December 2011 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, D. Kelly, J. Kelly, C. Moore and W.M. Wood.

070. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: J. De’ Asha, B. Grunewald and P. Lynch.

071. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

072. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th OCTOBER 2011

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 17th October 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

073. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14th NOVEMBER 2011

The minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 14th November 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

074. POLICE REPORT

PC Moore had arranged for PC Andy Tomkinson to report on his behalf. However the unfortunate late change in meeting date resulted in no-one being available.

075. CLERK’S REPORT

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

It was resolved that the Clerk provides more details regarding Individual Electoral Registration Consultation for the next meeting.

076. CORRESPONDENCE

NALC	Consultation Responses
The Htf	Htf Annual Conference
123-reg	.eu domains
St Helens Council	Rugby Coaches mental health awareness
St Helens Council	Sports Development Newsletter
Charity Commission	Returns Deadline 31 Jan 2012
DCK Beavers Ltd	Town and Parish Council Newsletter
LALC	Human Trafficking
NALC	Consultation Responses
NALC	E-bulletin
C Foley, Rainhill High	Opening of Mike Doyle Arts Centre

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C O'Brien	Community Resource Action Fund
C Thomas, St Helens Council	Fundamentals of Movement Course
Lamps&Tubes	Discount Lamp Prices October 2011
J Jones, St Helens Council	Red sandstone
CPRE	Lancashire Voice Autumn Newsletter
Sage One	Forward Thinking Accounting for Small Business
Merseyside Pension Fund	Employers Conference
C Thomas, St Helens Council	Sports Club Conference
NALC	Procedure for Direct Elections to Larger Councils Committee
MALC	Agendas & minutes
J Skinley, St Helens Council	Meeting with Clerks to Parish Councils
NALC	New Policy Consultations
St Helens Council	Parish Council Election Charges 2011
Haven Power	Contract for services
D Broome	Next Meeting Lych Gate St Anns Church
Pennine Playgrounds	Lets Get Britain Fit
Arien Signs	Sign Enquiry
B Johnson, St Helens Council	Rainhill Town pitch
St Helens Council	Decision: 1 Victoria Terrace - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 63 Stoney Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 371-373 Warrington Road - Refused
St Helens Council	Decision: 8 Alness Drive - Approved with conditions
C Tigwell	Service Road from Chatsworth Rd towards Martin Close
Microsoft	New Hotmail features
Dialogue Matters Ltd	Natural Connections 2012
NALC	E-bulletin
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Uncommitted Funding
	Complaint re advertising signs
St Helens Council	Non-Domestic Rate Demand Notice
T Deveney, St Helens Council	Old Lane Play Area
C Bolton	Internal Audit Meet
123-reg	October Newsletter
J Skinley, St Helens Council	Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons
Weightmans LLP	M Fairclough
NALC	Legal Briefing
J Wilson, Knowsley Council	Notification to LDF Consultees of Call for Housing Sites
D Whitley, Civic Society	The 1940s revisited

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A Gaykema, InMemoriam2014	Rainhill War Memorial
NALC	Amended Legal Topic Note
NALC	Employment Briefings
War Memorials Trust	Bulletin November 2011
C Oldfield	St Anns Millennium Centre
C Thomas, St Helens Council	Fundamentals of Movement
K Watkinson, St Helens Council	Ward Committee Bookings
I McCue, Graphic Press	Printing Requirements
C Thomas, St Helens Council	Wednesday Indoor 5-a-side Football Leagues
NALC	Co-opted Clerk Applications for Larger Councils Committee
Royal Mail	Mailsort Database Update
C Bolton	Internal Audit Meet
L Rynn	St Anns Choir
Weightmans LLP	M Fairclough
L Skidmore, Merseyside Police	Rainhill November Newsletter
NALC	Consultation Response
A Gaykema, InMemoriam2014	Rainhill War Memorial
St Helens Council	Decision: 1 The Meadows - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 111 Stoney Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 381 Warrington Road - Approved with conditions
C Thomas, St Helens Council	Sports Development November Newsletter
C O'Brien, Merseyside WDA	Community Resource Action Fund
A Gaykema, InMemoriam2014	Rainhill War Memorial
M Gelder, LALC	Merseyside Association
St Helens Council	Local Development Framework Consultation Meeting 16/12/11
L Rynn	St Anns Choir
K Williams, Calder Breaks	Use of 4F Centre
Photocast	Cathy Wilson Plaque
NALC	E-bulletin
CPRE	Countryside Voice Winter 2011
W Menzies, Network Rail	Rainhill Station
Millennium Centre, St Helens	Millennium Times
Photocast	Cathy Wilson Plaque
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St Helens Council	St Helens Local Development Framework Newsletter
The Htf	Htf Newsletter November 2011
GlobalNet21	Crisis in Care
LALC	E-Briefing
K Rylance	Lych Gate Steering Group Minutes
A Swain	Lych Gate Steering Group Minutes
	Good Citizen Award
NALC	Policy Briefing
PC Moore	SmartWater
K Pilkington, LALC	NALC Briefing
K Pilkington, LALC	Technical Reforms of Council Tax Consultation
National Housing Federation (North)	Northern Voice - November
N Brown, Haven Power	Change of Tenancy
Weightmans LLP	M Fairclough
Dialogue Matters Ltd	Natural Connections 2012
	Good Citizen Award
C Oldfield	4F Centre
123-reg	November Newsletter
K Williams, Calder Breaks	4F building
Hags Play Ltd	Agito unit
B Johnson, St Helens Council	Retirement
Waste DPD Team, Sefton	Merseyside & Halton WD Plan Document
D Whitley, Civic Society	Seats in Houghton Street
L Clarke, St Helens Council	Meeting Invitation
NALC	E-bulletin
L Rynn	St Anns Choir
A Forsyth, St Helens Council	Neighbour Letter
Charity Commission	Charity Commission News - Autumn
Merseyside WDA	Community Resource Action Fund
W Menzies, Network Rail	Rainhill Station
Barrow & Cook	Exchange Place
M Barker, Northern Rail	Rainhill Station
D Broome	Lych Gate at St Anns Church
G Jerome, Northern Rail	Rainhill Station
St Helens Council	Decision: Manor Croft, Mill Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 15 Lawton Road - Approved with conditions (0822)
St Helens Council	Decision: 15 Lawton Road - Approved with conditions (0823)
P Melia	Rainhill Town

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NALC	Amended Legal Topic Note
NALC	DIS Extra Issue 773
LALC	Applications for Heavy Goods Operators' Licences
E Hrycan, St Helens Council	War Memorials - protection from metal theft
S Frayne, St Helens Council	Mayor's Appeal

It was resolved that the Clerk and Cllr Wood attend the Local Development Framework Consultation Meeting at St Helens Town Hall on 16th December 2011.

077. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A comment indicating the advice of the Tree Officer should be accepted has been submitted for the following applications:

P/2011/0880, 52 View Road, Works to trees in a conservation area.

P/2011/0895, The Vicarage View Road, Works to trees in a conservation area.

It was resolved that an objection be submitted for the following application:

P/2011/0919, Blundells Hill Golf Club, Erection of a temporary portable 12 metre high anemometer mast (measures wind speed) for a period of up to 12 months (includes the removal of 69 protected trees).

(P/2011/0930 Blundells Hill Golf Club, Withdrawn)

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

P/2011/0864, 13 Ellerslie Avenue, First floor side extension.

P/2011/0865, Whitewings Farm Foxs Bank Lane, Retention of change of use of land to be used as a menage.

P/2011/0872, Land adjacent to 1 Victoria Place, Erection of 4 terraced dwellings with associated works.

P/2011/0881 Whitewings Farm Foxs Bank Lane, Partial conversion of stables to residential use, single storey orangery extension to side, single storey rear extension (with balcony above) to accommodate 3 stables and detached implements shed.

P/2011/0909, 16 Swaledale Avenue, First floor addition above the existing garage.

P/2011/0910, 63 Stoney Lane, Two storey extension to the side and rear a single storey addition to the rear and the creation of a new access on to Stoney lane.

P/2011/0924, 24 Ansdell Villas Road, Two storey side extension along with a single storey addition adjoining.

P/2011/0925, 22 Kendal Drive, Single storey extension to the side and rear.

P/2011/0900, Rainhill Railway Station, Installation of a story board on the platform, vinyl mural to be installed in the waiting room, and a commemorative plaque to be fixed to the platform wall.

P/2011/0923, Land at Warburton Hey, Reserved matters pursuant to P/2009/0359 for the erection of 37 dwellings

P/2011/0957, 17 Loyola Hey, Resubmission of P/2011/0070 for a first floor side extension, conversion of garage to morning room, and a single storey extension to the rear.

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P/2011/0962, 637 Warrington Road, Single storey pitched roof extensions to the front and rear of the existing care home.

P/2011/0965, Land at the junction of Warrington Road & School Lane, Installation of a community notice board.

P/2011/0966, Grass verge opposite Martin Close & Warrington Road, Installation of a community notice board.

P/2011/0967, 6 Oak Meadows Court, Conversion of existing garage to a habitable room, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of an orangery.

P/2011/0968, 14 The Meadows, Single storey extension to the rear, alterations to the roof to allow habitable living space, a new front porch and single storey garage extension to the side.

P/2011/0976, Footbridge by Ritherup Lane, Prior notification to undertake works to remove the existing bridge and replace it with a new structure.

Cllr S Glover advised that Skew Bridge will definitely not be affected by any railway works.

078. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
M Wright - Removal of moss and grass from War Memorial surrounds	25.00	3112
SLCC - CiLCA Portfolio Return	5.00	3113
Rainhill United - Container Key	8.50	3114
W Wood - Mileage allowance and car parking	44.75	3115
St Helens Council - Parish Council Election Charges	215.57	3116
M Paton – Photocopying, Printer Ink, Hire of PA System, Salary (Oct & Nov)	1,982.16	3117
Merseyside Pension Fund – LGPS (Oct & Nov)	608.33	3118
P McDonough - Replacement tap in churchyard	42.00	3119
RBL Poppy Appeal - Remembrance Sunday wreath	17.00	3120
St Helens Council - Exchange Place Grounds Maintenance	229.33	3121
St Anns Church PCC - Lych Gate Project	4,800.00	3122
RBL Poppy Appeal - Donation	25.00	3123
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) - Nov	40.50	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Nov	56.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - Nov	101.57	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Nov	73.37	STO

It was resolved that payment ref 3115 be held until the correct mileage allowance rate can be agreed.

079. WAR MEMORIAL

It was resolved that the overhanging trees by the War Memorial will be pruned back at the end of September each year. It was further resolved that the Clerk confirms the

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provisional arrangements made with St Helens Council to automatically carry out this work each year.

080. MEMORIAL PLAQUE

It was resolved that the Clerk arranges a visit to Photocast for Cllrs Carroll, Moore and Heydon to determine if their zinc etched product is suitable. It was further resolved that the Clerk makes enquiries regarding suitable tamper-proof fixings.

081. RAINHILL CONSERVATION AREA

It was resolved that the Clerk determines if the roadside barrier on Skew Bridge is within the Conservation Area before any further discussion regarding ‘unauthorised’ signs displayed there. It was further resolved that the Clerk determines if the survey carried out for the Conservation Areas recorded any advertising signs.

082. 4F CENTRE

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts the Charities Commission to outline the current situation regarding the Children’s Playground Charity and confirm the procedure for removing/replacing trustees from a Charity.

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts Mr Blanchflower and Mr & Mrs Kedge regarding the current position of the bank account opened for the Charity and to discuss a possible change in the controlling signatories for the account.

083. LYCH GATE PROJECT

Cllr Carroll reported back on the most recent project meeting and it was resolved that a further £4,800 will be released to the Lych Gate project.

084. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – MILLENIUM CENTRE

It was resolved that a one-off grant of £2,500 may be made, subject to all other commitments and constraints that need to be considered when the budget paper is presented for approval and the Precept is set at the January 2012 meeting.

085. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

It was resolved that the recommendations of the Good Citizenship Award Working Group be approved and that the Clerk notifies the successful nominees.

The Clerk confirmed the Awards Evening will take place on Friday 24th February 2012.

086. RAINHILL TOWN

It was resolved that Rainhill Town be asked to meet firstly with Mr Dave Boocock, Head of Sports Development and then the Planning Department, St Helens Council to discuss their immediate and long-term plans for development of their first team at Rainhill Park with a view to identifying opportunities, obstacles and constraints for these plans whether

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they take place at Rainhill Park or at another site. It was further resolved that representatives of the Parish Council must be present at any meetings between Rainhill Town and St Helens Council. Cllrs S Glover and Carroll (as members of the Open Spaces Committee) and Cllr Moore agreed to represent the Parish Council at these meetings. Cllr Lynch, as the St Helens District Sports Council representative, will also be invited.

It was resolved that there will be no further consideration of their request to erect a fence at Rainhill Park and any other associated issues until these meetings have taken place.

087. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Proliferation of advertising on domestic properties

Complaints have been received regarding “advertising on domestic properties” with Dee Road, Heskin Close and Rainhill Road being mentioned.

It was commented that the swiftest course of action for any unapproved advertising is for the locations to be reported immediately to St Helens Council who are responsible for any breaches in planning laws whether inside or outside the Conservation Areas. Any member of the Council or any member of the public is able to do this via a telephone call to St Helens Council or via the ‘Report It’ page of their website.

Service Road from Chatsworth Road towards Martin Close

Mr C Tigwell advised of a “somewhat anomalous situation” regarding access for vehicles in this area.

Mr Tigwell was advised that his query had been passed on to the Highways Department.

Old Lane Play Area

Mr T Deveney, St Helens Council, sent a copy of an enquiry made by a lady who has recently moved into the area and takes her children to the Old Lane Playing Fields and Children’s Play Area. She wanted to know why there wasn’t a gate at the entrance to the park. She advised “people are constantly on edge or chasing toddlers in case they quickly run out of the exit onto the busy main road. Mr Deveney has pointed out that there is already a fence on the edge of the pavement directly opposite the entrance to prevent children from running directly into the road.

It was resolved that members of the Open Spaces Committee would inspect the area and report back to the Council.

Scanning/Photocopying

It was resolved that the Clerk purchases a more up to date printer with facilities to scan and copy documents.

088. REPORTS

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- Public Open Spaces: No separate report. See items 086 and 087.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Moore reported back on the latest meeting and passed on an invitation for Councillors to attend the Pensioners Christmas Lunch.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: No report.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: No report.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood distributed a written report to Councillors.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Standards Committee: Cllr Heydon reported that the next meeting is scheduled to take place on 12th December.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- Lych Gate Project: No separate report. See item 083.

089. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 23rd January 2012, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:53 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
23rd January 2012