

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
12th December 2012

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th December 2012 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, P. Lynch, C. Moore and W.M. Wood.

211. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J. DeAsha.

212. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs S. Glover and P. Lynch – Rainhill High School, Cllr W.M. Wood – Longton Lane CP School.

213. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 22nd OCTOBER 2012

Cllr D. Kelly advised that only she, and not Cllr J. Kelly, will be the St James Church representative at future Village Hall Management Committee meetings. The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 22nd October 2012 were otherwise agreed as a correct record.

214. POLICE REPORT

No report.

[PC Bennison sent his apologies the day after the meeting]

215. CLERK'S REPORT

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

216. CORRESPONDENCE

NALC	Sample survey - Direct Access Councils
C Bolton	Internal Audit
W McAuliffe	Internal Audit
St Helens Council	Non-domestic rates rebate
T Molyneux, St Helens Council	Parish Clerks Meeting
Ordnance Survey	Legacy Product Migration
123-reg	October Newsletter
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
V Wilson	Plaque Unveiling
Lars Laj UK	Playground Offer
NALC	NALC Larger Councils Committee
NALC	NALC Larger Councils Conference and Exhibition
NALC	Policy Briefing - Precepts Update
NALC	E-bulletin
Insignia	Promotional Merchandise

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K Langley	Pitch Hire
PSMA	PSMA Member Events
B Walsh	Parish Council Website
G Cleary	AGM 2nd November
G Cleary	1st August Agenda
A Salisbury, St Helens Council	4F Centre
HMRC	PAYE Real Time Information
NALC	Policy Consultation
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
Merseyside Police	Rainhill November Newsletter
NALC	Policy Consultation
N Hamilton, St Helens Council	Possible Enforcement Action
Proludic Ltd	Play Equipment Offers
Wicksteed Playscapes	Playscapes
Clerks & Councils Direct	November 2012 Issue
K Whitfield, St Helens Council	Remembrance Day Sunday
K Pilkington, LALC	NALC Briefing
C Wilson, St Helens Council	Wooden Posts bordering Alness Drive
K Bowen, St Helens Council	Adoption of St Helens Core Strategy and Database Update
D Bloor, St Helens Council	Reinstatement of bollard
D Bennison, Merseyside Police	Rainhill Officer
HAGS	Merger with SMP Playgrounds
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Amended Code of Conduct
G Cleary	P39-12 Precepts Update
G Cleary	P37-12 Draft Local Audit Bill Select Committee Created
G Cleary	P36-12 Council Tax Base
	Large groups of youths
N Thompson	Pitch Fees Rainhill Park
NALC	Legal Topic Notes 79 & 80
BDO LLP	Changes to BDO LLP Extranet for Councils
J Clarke, Knowsley Council	Consultation on Knowsley Local Plan Core Strategy Document
Reel Effect Ltd	Video Means Business
J Charnock	Planning (cc of email to Mike Roberts, St Helens Council)
NALC	Policy Consultation Briefing
N Hamilton, St Helens Council	Pedestrian Rail Former Co-op
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
NALC	Larger Councils Committee - Co-opted Clerk Applications

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Glasdon	Discount Offer for Local Councils
Merseyside EAS	Joint Merseyside & Halton Waste Local Plan modifications
NALC	Finance, Accounts and Audit (including VAT) Briefing
NALC	E-bulletin
War Memorials Trust	Bulletin November 2012
M Dickinson	Rainhill Music Festival - an update
	Cut in Care Package
Heartsine	Public Access Defibrillator
K Langley	Pitch Hire
	Girlguiding North West England International Project
LALC	Climate Week Awards
G Pinder, St Helens Council	Adopted Core Strategy
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
D Boston	Village Hall Monthly Statements
K Langley	Pitch Hire
Unity Trust Bank	In Unity Issue 3
LALC	Precept Setting - 2013-14 Financial Year
Merseyside Pension Fund	Automatic Enrolment - Latest Guide
TDH Group Ltd	Christmas Items
C Bolton	Internal Audit Meeting
T Kelly	Internal Audit Meeting
	Citizen of the Year 2012
W McAuliffe	Internal Audit Meeting
A Haymonds, CETB	ENTRUST Registration 480
LALC	Policy Consultation Briefing
	Good Citizenship Award
SLCC	Higher Education Opportunity
CPRE Lancashire	Lobbying and climate training day
	Good Citizenship Award
Whitehill Direct Ltd	Waterproof outdoor lockable noticeboard
Queensbury Shelters	Shelter & Refurbishment
CPRE	Countryside Voice Winter 2012
Staples	Sale brochure
123-reg	Hosting Offers
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
SG Baker Ltd	Sandbags
CPRE Lancashire	CPRE response to Nick Clegg Announcement on Garden Cities
J Griffiths, St Helens Council	Parish Clerk's Meeting - Minutes
NALC	E-bulletin
Pension Protection Fund	Bulletin November/December 2012
LALC	Annual Report 2011/12
Maps Of All	Maps for your Site

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Tixik	Photogallery
Lancashire County Council	Preparing for Winter
S Mackell	Christmas lights switch-on
K Maggs, Longton Lane CP School	Christmas tree lights switch-on
Globe-Yellow-Pages	GB Business Directory
Inspired Facilities	Round 3 Decision
N Thompson	Pitch Fees 2012/13
ScottishPower	Increase in business electricity prices
Corona Energy	Renewal of Gas Supply Agreement
LALC	Newsletter December 2012
D Boston	Village Hall Monthly Statements
G Pinder, St Helens Council	Adopted Core Strategy
R C Fletcher	Memorial Bench
Cronton Parish Council	Pension
K Williams	4F Meter Readings
NALC	Members Policy Lunch
Merseyside Police	Rainhill December Newsletter
A O'Neill	Helping the Elderly at Christmas
Blackburn Cathedral	Lancashire Civic County Carol Service
Notts Sport	Grass Mats
SG Baker Ltd	Sandbags
TDH Group Ltd	Christmas Items
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
	Nomination
NALC	NALC Communications Strategy
NALC	E-bulletin
B Walsh	Rainhill Parish Council Website
CPRE	Fieldwork Winter 2012
Globe-Yellow-Pages	GB Business Directory
Local Council Review	Winter 2012

217. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2012/0785, Rainhill Railway Station, Installation of an electricity supply cabinet to Liverpool-bound platform, including modifications to existing fence line.

P/2012/0794, Crantock, Mill Lane, Erection of first floor extension to provide 3 bedrooms and bathroom, and erection of single storey vestibule extension.

P/2012/0813, 62 View Road, Alterations to existing rear conservatory to form a habitable room.

P/2012/0876, 28 Mossdale Drive, Conversion of garage into a habitable room. At the time of writing there were no plans available on the St Helens Council website.

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P/2012/0881, 24 Lawton Road, Partial demolition of existing bungalow with the addition of a first floor over existing bungalow with increased roof height and dormer / roof windows, two storey side extension and single storey side extension.

P/2012/0884, 32 St Davids Close, Two storey rear extension, first floor side extension, garage conversion, alterations to front porch and relocation of existing conservatory at the rear.

Full consideration of the following application was deferred pending additional information becoming available:

P/2012/0853, Rainhill High School, Installation of a multi-use games area (muga) with floodlighting.

218. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
Rainhill Village Hall - Insurance Renewal	3,337.04	3188
St Helens Council - Leases	12.00	3189
Rainhill Music Festival - Donation	300.00	3190
Unity Trust Bank - Transfer of Funds	8,000.00	3191
E.ON - Electricity 4F Centre	354.17	3192
M Paton - Photocopying, Ink, Salary - Oct & Nov (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded), Hire of PA System	1,979.88	3193
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS Oct & Nov	625.36	3194
W Wood - Mileage Allowance LALC AGM	42.25	3195
Rainhill Village Hall - Boiler Repair	4,764.00	3196
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance Nov	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Nov	41.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Nov	66.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Nov	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Nov	67.05	STO
Corona Energy Retail 2 Ltd - Gas 4F Centre	150.00	STO
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance Dec	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Dec	41.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Dec	66.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Dec	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Dec	67.05	STO
Corona Energy Retail 2 Ltd - Gas 4F Centre	150.00	STO

219. PRECEPT

It was resolved that the existing strategy, adopted by the Council for the previous 3 years, is to continue in the preparation of information to be made available to the Council for consideration in setting the 2013/14 Precept at the January meeting.

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220. PAYE REAL TIME INFORMATION

It was resolved that the arrangements set out by the Clerk to accommodate PAYE RTI are approved.

It was further resolved that from the start of the 2013/14 Tax Year the Clerk's salary payments will be made on a regular monthly basis and paid on the 26th of each month or, if this is not a working day, on the previous working day.

221. 4F CENTRE

It was resolved that, following a period in which the Parish Council has provided some financial support to assist the 4F Centre Management Board establishing itself, invoicing of the 4F Centre for its share of Buildings Insurance will recommence with immediate effect.

It was further resolved that, when existing Electricity and Gas contracts for the 4F Centre expire, the 4F Centre Management Board will be required to take out contracts for the future supply of electricity and gas direct with suppliers. The Clerk agreed to help in this process.

222. 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 22nd February 2013.

223. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

It was resolved in principle that a donation of £100 will be made to Longton Lane CP School.

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to all Rainhill junior schools again to offer them a chance to take part in future years.

224. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Cut in Care Package

A resident asked for advice regarding an enforced cut in a care package.

She has been advised to contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) at Whiston Hospital for help and further advice.

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Large groups of youths

Ms C Burrows asked how the problem of large groups of youths congregating in Rainhill late at night can be solved.

Ms Burrows' concerns have been passed on to Merseyside Police.

Girlguiding North West England International Project

A resident enquired about possible funding for her participation in this project.

She has been advised it is the Council's policy not to sponsor any individuals.

St Ann's Church Interior

Ms E Hughes complained about a proposal to alter the interior of St Ann's Church by removing the wooden pews and replacing them with "modern seating".

She was advised to direct her complaint to the Parochial Church Council which has responsibility for the church.

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts the Parochial Church Council to enquire about their plans.

Memorial Bench

Mrs R Fletcher reported there had been problems regarding the actual placement of the memorial bench she had sponsored on Mill Lane.

Mrs Fletcher was advised that Rainhill Parish Council was not consulted about where the bench should be sited.

Since her enquiry Cllr S Glover has asked St Helens Council officers to contact Mrs Fletcher.

225. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: No report.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Moore gave a brief report.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood gave a brief report.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle advised the next meeting is in January.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood gave a brief report including the AGM.

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- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- Lych Gate Project: No report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L Glover gave a brief report.
- Exchange Place Project: Cllr S Glover advised a letter from the Parish Council had been delivered by the Clerk to residents living closest to the Exchange Place land. The 4F Management Board will be representing Rainhill residents and community groups in co-ordinating the submission of any grant applications which must also be approved by the Council. The next meeting is on 9th January.

226. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 28th January 2013, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:18 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
28th January 2013