

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
16th December 2013

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th December 2013 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, B. Heydon, C. Moore and W.M. Wood
Also present: 1 resident

344. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B. Almond.

345. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S. Glover – Planning Applications.

346. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 21st OCTOBER 2013

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 21st October 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

347. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25th NOVEMBER 2013

The minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 25th November 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

348. POLICE REPORT

No report.

349. CLERK'S REPORT

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

350. CORRESPONDENCE

J Jones, St Helens Council	ECO Garden - 2 issues
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Apologies and Update
M Spencer, Stone Central	War Memorial
S MacKell	Community Garden Runcorn
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Meeting Dates
Capita	Professional Development
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Group details for MRWA
J Jones, St Helens Council	Meeting with MRWA
J Boden, St Helens Council	Creation of Wildflower Areas - Rainhill
J Jones, St Helens Council	Constitution

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Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
N James, Historic Towns Forum	HTF Events
Salford University	Professional Development
LALC	Council Tax Support Funding Survey
NALC	Letter from DCLG re Sustainable Communities Act
K Cleary	AGM 2nd November
J Jones, St Helens Council	Constitution
D Whitley	Picture of Rainhill in Bloom Presentation
D Boston	Rainhill Parish Hall
Swintex	Litter/dog bins
Fields in Trust	Christmas Fundraising
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 24 October 2013
Infoserve	Professionally designed websites
123-reg	Newsletter
C Mather	Church Records
TDH Group	Christmas Lighting and Decorations
NALC	E-bulletin
S Harper	Vacancies on Parish Council
F Crawford, St Helens DSC	Change of email address
Focus	Facilities Management & Security Services
Clerks & Councils Direct	November 2013 Issue
Wicksteed	Playscapes Discount
	Good Citizenship Awards Nomination
W Grimshaw, Reel Marketing	Video Messages / Marketing
Capita	Righting Written English
H Lee, Oakdene Primary	Christmas Lights Switch-on
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
M Dickinson	Rainhill Music Festival 2013
F Crawford, St Helens DSC	Website
Street Collective	Sustainable seats
HAGS	Playground Products
J Morgan	International Songwriting Competition
LALC	Groundwork Training Day
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 31 October 2013
W Bloor, St Helens Council	Rainhill War Memorial
NALC	Legal Topic Note - Disclosure and Barring Service
LALC	AGM Pack
War Memorials Trust	Looking after War Memorials
Public Sector	Public Sector Network
NALC	Larger Councils Conference
S Clarke	Warburton Hey Park
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Group Agenda 6th November

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Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Eco Group Minutes Oct
S Mackell	Free sapling packs from woodland trust
Fields in Trust	Survey
G Houghton, St Helens Council	St Helens Linkway - Fatal accident 10 October 2013
CPRE	Countryside Voice Winter 2013
War Memorials Trust	Bulletin November 2013
K Cleary	6th November Agenda
L Clarke, St Helens Council	Lease
C Evans, Judge & Howard	Winter warning re frozen pipes
NALC	Two places for Co-opted Clerk to NALC Larger Councils Committee
B Walsh	Rainhill Parish Council Website
Kompan	Playgrounds Quick Supply
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 7 November 2013
Ian Lucas	Co-op Contact
Sutcliffe Play	Playback Issue 4
NALC	E-bulletin
NALC	Local Councils Explained
B Walsh	Rainhill Parish Council Website
Proludic	Play and sports areas
Russell Play	Teenage Play
A Shaw, Barnardos	4F Rainhill Youth Club
Capita	Training Courses
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
L Lewis-Hall, Zurich Insurance	Rainhill Parish Council
J Ashton, St Helens Council	Holt Playing Fields
HMRC	Successful Receipt of Online Submission
S Gerrard, Stone Central	War Memorial
Fields in Trust	November Update
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 14 November 2013
L Clarke, St Helens Council	4F Rainhill Youth Club
G Blake	PSMA Member Event
J Bailey, Oakdene Primary	Oakdene Primary Choir
	Good Citizenship Awards Nominations
D Boston	Rainhill Village Hall Figures
K Kirkhope, Jupiter Play	Inclusion in Play
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
	Rainhill Good Citizen of the Year
M Roberts, St Helens Council	TPO 179 - Oak Tyres
Whitehill Direct	Litter Bins and Outdoor Seating

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CPRE	CPRE Lancashire Autumn/Winter Newsletter
NALC	Message from NALC Chair - Council Tax Benefit Support Grant
J Bailey, Oakdene Primary	Christmas Lights Switch-on
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 21 November 2013
	Good Citizenship Awards Nomination
Infoserve	Business calls and line rental
LALC	Groundwork Workshops
CPRE	Branch Development Workshop
Direct Information Service	DIS Extra Online Edition
NALC	E-bulletin
	Good Citizenship Awards Nomination
B Miller, Rainhill Rocket	Storage Container
J Jones, St Helens Council	CETB supporting info
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Plantscape	Detailed Lighting Column Inspection
J Jones, St Helens Council	Help with transport
NALC	£137 Expenditure Limit for 2014-15
S Mackell	Christmas Lights Switch-on
J Jones, St Helens Council	Agenda for 4th December meeting
LALC	Future of Local Audit: draft regulations and consultation
D Morgan-Moore	The Rocket
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 28 November 2013
LALC	Letter to the Prime Minister from Addebury Parish Council
Merseyside Pension Fund	Annual Employers Conference
NALC	Council Tax Benefit Support Grant
D Boston	Rainhill Village Hall - Parish Council Grant
J Jones, St Helens Council	CETB grant - supporting letter
J Curtis, Emapsite	Post Code Search Engine
T Kelly	Internal Audit Meeting
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
C Barton	Internal Audit Meeting
C Tigwell	cc Vegetation on Skew Bridge
S Gaskell	Internal Audit Meeting
HMRC	Successful Receipt of Online Submission
S Flinn	Eco minutes 6.11.13
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Newsletters
S Flinn	CETB grant
C Reddecliffe, Riverside	Corner plot at junction of Rainhill Road and Warrington Road
Anonymous	Double-parking junction of Dunbeath Avenue and Warrington Road
S Flinn	Bank details
Local Council Review	LCR Winter 2013
S Mackell	Woodland Trust application
T Barton, Vinyline	Glass Honours Boards

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LALC	Update from NALC Chairman - Council Tax Benefit Support Grant
B Miller, Rainhill Rocket	Storage Container
M Gelder, LALC	Vacancy for Assistant to Chief Executive Officer
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 6 December 2013
Fields in Trust	December Update
NALC	Autumn Statement 2013
SLCC	Clerks Manual and other publications
NALC	E-bulletin
K Jones, Barrow & Cook	Rainhill 4F Centre
T Kelly	Internal Audit Meeting
Broxap	Parish Council Seating Solutions
LALC	Newsletter, Annual Report, Spring Conference, Training Programme
Itiluminations	Christmas Lights sale

It was resolved that any Councillor wishing to attend the LALC Spring Conference should let the Clerk know. It was further resolved that the item be included in the Agenda for the next Council meeting.

351. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Comments were submitted for the following application, prior to the meeting, indicating the recommendations of the Tree Officer will be accepted:

P/2013/0873, 22 Fairlie Drive, Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to prune and crown thin Oak G1.5 of TPO150.

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

P/2013/0798, Fairchild Farm Foxs Bank Lane, Demolition of 2 outbuildings and erection of a two storey dwelling.

P/2013/0823, 3 Heskin Close, Single storey side extension.

P/2013/0835, Site of former Greencroft Mill Lane, Erection of 2 detached dwellings with associated works.

P/2013/0842, 51 Longton Lane, Single storey rear extension.

P/2013/0848, 82 Holt Lane, Two storey side extension & single storey rear extension.

P/2013/0856, 672 Warrington Road, Removal of section of boundary wall and 1 tree to create new vehicular access onto a classified road along with area of hardstanding to front garden.

P/2013/0866, 5 Second Avenue, First floor side and rear extension.

P/2013/0892, 24 Ansdell Villas Road, Single storey rear extension

P/2013/0897, 11 Loyola Hey, Erection of detached garage at side of property.

P/2013/0898, Land to the rear of Rainhill Cottage Warrington Road, Erection of a two storey detached dwelling with new access onto Loyola Hey.

P/2013/0899, Land to the rear of Rainhill Cottage Warrington Road, Erection of a two storey detached dwelling with new access onto Loyola Hey.

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352. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
St James Church - Donation	50.00	0009
Lilac Centre - Donation	25.00	0010
Rainhill ECO - Grant	2,500.00	TFR34
Stone Central - War Memorial Cleaning	1,548.00	TFR35
M Paton - Salary Nov (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,017.34	TFR36
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance November	176.30	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Nov	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Nov	8.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Nov	4.96	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Nov	56.01	STO
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS (Nov)	325.05	TFR37
RBL Poppy Appeal- Wreath and Donation	42.00	0011
M Paton - Printer Ink, Photocopying, Unpaid Postage Fee, Stationery, Salary - Dec (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,074.77	TFR38
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS (Dec)	325.05	TFR39
HMRC - Tax & NI (Oct-Dec)	1,267.38	TFR40
B Walsh – Website Consultancy and Support	50.00	TFR41
Rainhill Music Festival - Donation	375.00	TFR42
W Wood - Mileage Allowance LALC AGM	39.07	TFR43
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance December	176.30	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Dec	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Dec	8.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - Dec	4.96	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Dec	57.89	STO

It was resolved that the Standing Order for United Utilities water and wastewater services at Rainhill Park is amended to £57.89 from December 2013.

353. POLICE REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS

It was resolved that the Clerk invites the Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside to the next Council meeting to discuss the impact of cut-backs on local policing and in particular the impact on communication between the elected representatives of Rainhill and Merseyside Police.

354. PLANTERS OPPOSITE STEPHENSONS CENTRE

It was resolved that the Council accepts Mr Deveney's offer to provide an even number of planters with a summer planting display before the Parish Council takes over responsibility for maintenance of the planters.

It was further resolved that the Council accepts Mr Deveney's offer to also provide a winter 2013 planting display.

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355. WAR MEMORIAL

It was resolved that the overhanging and adjacent trees be pruned back as detailed in Mr Bloor's estimate at an estimated cost of £633.40, the work to be done at the earliest appropriate time.

It was further resolved that similar pruning work will be carried out every 3 years to coincide with professional cleaning of the War Memorial.

356. 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 21st February 2014.

357. HONOURS BOARD FOR RESIDENTS

It was resolved that all recipients of the Good Citizenship Award will be listed in a roll of honour on the Council's website.

358. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

It was resolved in principle that a donation of £100 will be made to Oakdene Primary School.

It was further resolved that a similar donation will automatically be made each year to the local school performing at the Christmas Lights switch-on event.

359. RAINHILL ECO – FURTHER GRANT

It was resolved in principle that a further grant will be made to Rainhill ECO to provide the third party funding required when the next grant application is made. The amount will be either £500 or £1,700 depending on which of the alternative grants is successfully applied for.

360. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Church Records

Mr C Mather asked for details of relatives buried in St Ann's churchyard.

Contact details for St Ann's church were given to him along with a link from St Helens Council's website which allows an online free search of burial and cremation records.

The Rocket

Mr D Morgan-Moore wrote to ask if anyone was interested in building scale models in O gauge or HO/OO gauge as he had spare parts to sell.

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He was referred to Rainhill Railway and Heritage Society and Rainhill Model Railway Society.

Double-Parking at junction of Dunbeath Avenue and Warrington Road

An email was received requesting action be taken regarding this reported problem.

As the email address supplied was a false one and no contact could be made with the sender no further action was taken.

Councillor Vacancy

It was resolved that the Clerk publishes a Casual Vacancy notice at the earliest opportunity.

361. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr S Glover reported that the new doggie bins had now been put in place and that the gates at Amanda Road playground appear to have been locked in position as previously requested.

Cllr Moore gave a brief update on the situation regarding Rainhill Town's ongoing attempts to improve their playing surface and on the general condition of the surface of the park.

The Clerk reported that a request been received from J Murphy & Sons to access the railway cutting via the Old Lane playing field, adjacent to the 4F Centre, to carry out investigative work authorised by Network Rail. It was resolved that access be given subject to an appropriate licence agreement being signed, this to include a requirement to provide tracking to protect the surface of the park, a donation being made by J Murphy & Sons to the 4F Centre and an agreement that one or more members of the Council would be present when degradation surveys are carried out.

- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Doyle advised the next meeting takes place in January.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood reported that the AGM had taken place.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle advised that no further meeting had taken place.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood reported that the AGM had taken place including report from NALC.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.

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- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L Glover reported that the bin collection problem had been overcome. It was also reported that the bid had now been put in for a business manager and that the new electric roller shutters were working well.
- Exchange Place Project: Cllr S Glover reported that work of Rainhill ECO was ongoing and that the thinning of trees would enable work to start on the back wall. See also item 359.

362. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 3rd February 2014, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:08 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
3rd February 2014