

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
15th December 2014

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th December 2014 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

1 resident also attended.

497. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. DeAsha, and J. Kelly

498. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S. Glover – Planning Applications, Cllr W Wood – Railway & Heritage Society, Cllr D Long – development in The Meadows.

499. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 2014

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20th October 14 were agreed as a correct record.

500. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17th NOVEMBER 2014

The minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 17th November 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

501. POLICE REPORT

Sgt Barcroft was unable to attend but provided a written report including details of a proposed drop in facility, staff contact details and crime statistics for Rainhill. The report was welcomed.

502. CLERK'S REPORT

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

503. CORRESPONDENCE

J Jones, St.Helens Council	Eco Garden Minutes
T Deveney, St.Helens Council	Noticeboards
D Bloor/T Deveney	Rainhill Park Playing Pitches - Flooding Resolved
K Burrows	Planning Apps & Decisions 20&27/10; 3, 10, 17, 24/11; 1, 8/12
Public Sector Exec Online	E newsletter
T Prescott, St.Helens Council	Playing Field Leases - Responsibility for Upkeep of Buildings
A Whitehall	Eco Garden Opening

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J Saunders, St. Helens CCG	Forthcoming Events; 111 Event; Cancer Information Day
Fields in Trust	Love your fields/Create a centenary field
HMRC	Webinars
First Northern Co	Costs for noticeboard
Cllr De'Asha	Thanks for Street Sweeper Work
Ann-Veronica Howitt	Twinning
Rainhill Civic Society	No help needed with storage requirements
Longton Lane School	Newsletter 23/10; 14/11
B Kenrick, St.Helens Council	Cost of Rainhill Elections
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2014/0790 TPO Works 527 WARRINGTON ROAD
HMRC	Business Tax Relief; On line courses;
M Clough, St.Helens Council	Leaf Clearing around War Memorial
P Sanderson, St.Helens Council	Acknowledgement of Thanks passed on
NALC	Bulletin from Scrutiny Panel, APPG on local democracy, Smaller Councils' Committee and the President's Constitution Review Group
NALC	E-Bulletin - 24/10/14 ; 7; 17 & 24/11/14
R Marshall, St.Helens Council	Cranford Nursing Home Update
Public Sector Exec Online	E Newsletter HS3 line vital for east-west connectivity/ £15bn Road Investment Strategy
D Gavin, St.Helens Council	Townscape Heritage Initiative
M Dickinson	Thank you for donation to RMF & Newsletter
G Clery, MALC	Preview of the larger councils committee
D Boston	Receipt of Payment
B Rushton	Attendance at next ordinary meeting of the Council
K Strode, St.Helens Council	Remembrance Day Road Closure Order
MPF Communications	Strike Notifications
Police CC (various)	Confirmation of Public Meeting Details
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 23; C19730/10/14; 6; 13; 20; & 27/11/14
NALC	Invite to Conference for larger councils 3.12.14 London
A V Howitt	Details of twinning contacts
Charity Commission	News Autumn 2014
Public Sector Communications	PSMA Newsletter October 2014
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2014/0811 164 Rainhill Road
NALC	AGM & Imp't & devt board; Revised legal topic note 67
L Jackson	Eco Garden Minutes
HMRC	Business Export Week/R&D Tax Relief
Plantscape	Solar Powered Trees
S Davies / Cllr De'Asha	Switch on event
MPF Communications	Pension Update Newsletter
Public Sector Executive Online	E Newsletter Combined Authorities
Cllr Long & Wood	RCS request for info.

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HMRC	Successful Submission x 2
NALC	Legal Briefing - Transparency Code (larger Councils)
Planning	P/2014/0818 - 8 View Road TPO works
D Boston	Village Hall Accounts
Historic Town Forum	Annual Conference - 24.11.14
C Bolton, St.Helens Council	Holt Lane & Rainhill Park Changing Rooms
NALC	Larger Council's Conference Elections - closes 3.12.14
S Greezer	Investment Proposal (suspected spam)
HMRC	Export Week & Employment Allowance
LALC	Chairmanship workshop
Suzanne Rainford	Incorrect tel.no. for St. Ann's Church on Website
Cllr Wood	Planning / Armistice Day arrangements
Various	Eco Garden Issues
Paula Morris	Public Meeting Press Release forwarded
L Clarke	4F Centre - Unable to answer till December
T Kelly; S Gaskell; C Bolton	Internal Audit Arrangement
United Utilities	Statement of Accounts
D Boston	Updated Village Hall Accounts
Cllr Wood	M Rimmer objection to Knowsley Core Strategy
P C World	VAT Receipts
C Bolton, St.Helens Council x2	Locks on Rainhill Park and Holt Lane facilities.
NALC	New Website Details
K Jones	4F Centre Lease
Various	Twinning
John Rotheram	Bethany - potential spam
M Dickinson	RYMOY - Finals arrangements
D Whitehall	SamanthaFlinn (suspected spam)
BT - Paul Jordan	Tel. Kiosk at View Road
NALC	Larger Council's Conference - 3.12.14 & Co-opted Clerks App.
Knowsley Council	Acknowledgement of objection to Core Strategy
M Paton/HMRC	Notification of VAT Refund
CPRE	Training events available
M Paton	Scottish Power
N Thompson	Pitch Fee Receipt
Envision	Neighbourhood planning
SLCC	Contact details updated
J Saunders, St. Helens CCG	Service Information
L Rynn, St. Ann's Primary	Christmas Lights Switch On
R Rogers, St.Helens Council	Bold Forest Park Area Action Plan
S Mackell	Training Courses available
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2014/0842 - 3 Owen Road, removal of hedge
HMRC	Small Business Saturday
J Teasdale x 2	Christmas Lights Switch On
Evelyn Haliwood	Suspected Spam

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Clerks & Councils Direct	Details of magazines and services
123-reg	Social Media Webinar
J Jones, St.Helens Council	Eco Garden Opening article
Planning Portal	Zero Carbon Homes
D Boston	Village Hall Grant
L Jackson/S Mackell	Eco Garden - Garden Signs
LALC/Lancs County Council	Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan Review (Lancs Only)
HMRC	Annual Investment Allowance
Planning St.Helens Council	P/2014/0858 Tree Works at Ship Inn Warrington Road
Police CC L A Herron	Consultation closes on 30 November 2014
Planning St.Helens Council	P/2014/0865 Victoria Gardens, Victoria Terrace
T Jackson, St.Helens Planning	Decision on Tree Works 527 Warrington Road, Rainhill
Planning Policy, St.Helens Council	Bold Forest Park Area Action Plan - Invitation to Comment
Tim Robinson	Good Citizenship Award Plaques
M Roberts, Tree Officer, St.H Council	Decision on Tree Works 8 View Road, Rainhill
R Marshall, St.Helens Council	Cranford Nursing Home Update
NALC & LALC	Salary Scales and other matters / Newsletter
L Jackson	Minutes of Eco Garden Meeting 5.11.14
Sgt.Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Non-attendance at meeting but report offered.
D Gavin, St.Helens Council x 2	Heritage Townscape Initiative
J Teasdale x 2	Christmas Lights Switch On
T Kelly; S Gaskell; C Bolton	Internal Audit Procedure Change
M Dickinson	Blog of Rainhill Music Festival
S Pendleton	4F Centre Lease
A V Howitt	Twinning Communication
PSMA	Newsletter Update & Annual Conference
MPF Communications	LGPC Circ.286 and News Update
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2014/0881 - 114 St.James Rd, Rainhill
C Tigwell	Rainhill Railway & Heritage
K Brindley	P/2014/0855 - Convenience Store at Brown Edge, Nutgrove
J Jones, St.Helens Council	Eco Garden Management Plan
MPF Communications	Pension Fund Courses 2015
B Kenrick, St.Helens Council	Electoral Registers
Planning Portal	Further Reforms to Planning Proposed
J Jones, St.Helens Council	Eco Garden Replacement of damaged flooring/Trophy Workshops
D Gavin, St.Helens Council	Rainhill Townscape Heritage - Business/Property Owner Info
Sgt.Barcroft, Merseyside Police x 2	Parish Council Report

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Rainhill WI & Kendrick Cross	Invitation to Christmas Party
T Kelly; S Gaskell; C Bolton	Internal Audit Work Programme
J Fairclough	Proposed reduction in St.Helens Ranger Service
HMRC x 2	Small Business Tax; Business Asset Roll-over Relief
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 11.12.14
J Saunders, St. Helens CCG	CCG Newsletter
Longton Lane School	Newsletter 12.12.14
N Pointon	Thank you note
L Jackson	Thank you note for Malcolm Paton
K Burrows	Planning Weekly Lists

504. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An objections was submitted for the following application prior to the meeting:
P/2014/0842 – 3 Owen Road, Rainhill, replace an existing hedgerow with brick wall with railings 2.1m in height and planting of a new hedgerow behind.

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

P/2014/0811, 164 Rainhill Road, Work to one beech tree covered by a TPO
P/2014/0762, 78 Ashton Avenue, Single-storey rear extension
P/2014/0766, 61 Stoney Lane, Single-storey side extension
P/2014/0819, Land to rear of 29-35 Ellaby Road, Erection of two semi-detached houses
P/2014/0858, Ship Inn, 804 Warrington Road work to two TPO trees.
P/2014/0865, Victoria Gardens, Victoria Terrace, two storey rear extension.
P/2014/0881, 114 St James Road, Work to trees in Conservation Area.
P/2014/0884, 92 St James Road, House conversion to four self-contained apartments

The recommendations of the Conservation Officer would be accepted on the following:

P/2014/0790, 527 Warrington Road, felling of conifer tree in conservation area
P/2014/0818, 8 View Road, felling of beech tree

P/2014/0855 Proposed convenience store, Brown Edge, Nutgrove

Following discussion it was resolved that the Clerk write to the Planning Department expressing concern that the impact on independent traders in Rainhill has not been fully assessed. An impact assessment should take this into account before the application is determined.

Yew Tree Farm

It was reported that St.Helens Enforcement Officers were monitoring the situation at Yew Tree Farm. Many vehicles remain on site and enforcement action is ongoing.

The Meadows

Cllr Wood reported that development of two dwellings in The Meadows was ongoing. As there was no sign of completion, it was resolved that the Clerk write to St.Helens Council requesting highway resurfacing works be undertaken prior to its completion.

BOLD FOREST PARK AREA ACTION PLAN CONSULTATION

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Consultation had been received on a development plan for an area within Bold Parish Council. It was resolved that no representation be submitted on the plan.

505. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
RMF	Contribution towards trophies for RMF	400.00	TFR90
W Wood	Mileage Allowance - LALC AGM	39.07	TFR91
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreaths & Donation	42.00	020
G Pinder	Salary - Dec (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded) Telephone	906.26	TFR92
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Dec	379.82	TFR93
Scottish Power	Martin Close (Holt) - Nov	40.00	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park)- Nov	9.00	STO
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Nov	6.22	STO
United Utilities	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Nov	62.49	STO
Scottish Power	Martin Close (Holt) - Dec	40.00	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Dec	9.00	STO
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields - Dec	6.28	DD
United Utilities	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Dec	55.00	DD
HMRC	Tax & NI (Oct-Dec)	532.22	TFR94

506. RAINHILL RAILWAY & HERITAGE

Following a presentation made immediately before the Council meeting by Mr Tigwell and Mr Rushton of Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society, it was resolved that Rainhill Parish Council will support the Society in raising the profile of Rainhill and its railway heritage. A £250 donation towards tourist signs was agreed. The item will be discussed further at the January meeting of the Council.

507. HOLT LANE CHANGING ROOM FACILITIES

It was resolved that the possibility of replacement changing rooms be investigated and the Clerk prepare a report on financing options. An item will be placed on the agenda for discussion in January.

508. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

This year the Good Citizenship Award Working Group recommended that no honour be awarded. It was resolved that this recommendation be approved. The Working Group are to look at the wording of the invitation for nominations to ensure that all sectors of the public are encouraged to submit appropriate nominations in future years. The item would be discussed further in January.

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509. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

It was resolved that a donation of £100 will be made to St.Bartholomew's School and a donation to Willowbrook Hospice of £100 in lieu of payment to Councillor Shields. The Clerk will notify Councillor Shields of this action.

510. RECORDING OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was resolved that whilst the Council's Standing Orders did not preclude the recording of meetings there was no desire to pursue this course of action.

511. HISTORIC ITEMS

It was resolved that the Clerk should contact the developer currently storing the gas lampposts to ensure they are preserved until a suitable position can be found for their erection.

512. PARISH COUNCIL MISSION – COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

It was resolved that a sub-committee be formed to discuss methods of engaging with different sectors of the community. The Ward Councillors, together with Cllrs Heydon and Long would report to Parish Council on ideas for communicating with Rainhill residents. It was further agreed in principle to join the Armed Forces Community Covenant.

513. TWINNING

The actions undertaken to date were noted. It was resolved that the sub-committee continue to progress twinning with Latour-en-Woevre.

514. POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER - CONSULTATION ON POLICING IN RAINHILL

It was resolved that a group comprising Cllrs: Heydon, De'Asha, Long, Wood and Donovan would lead on further discussions with Merseyside Police & the PCC. The 4F Centre would be offered as a venue for the Police community drop in facility.

515. HERITAGE TOWNSCAPE INITIATIVE SCHEME

It was reported that a meeting had taken place with members of the business community. Further details and expressions of interest had been requested by D. Gavin.

Councillor C Moore left the meeting.

516. 4FCENTRE LEASE

It was resolved that the Chair and Clerk sign the new lease.

517. RAINHILL ECO GARDEN

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It was reported a meeting was to take place between the Eco Group and Riverside Housing Association to discuss the potential of maintenance of land at Rainhill Road. The invitation was extended to all members of the Parish Council if they wished to attend.

518. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

N Pointon – memorial bench

The Clerk had notified Ms Pointon of the appropriate course of action. Should advice be sought on positioning a suitable location would be on Mill Lane, opposite Marion close. No further action at present.

Councillor Donovan reported a dispute regarding fencing adjacent to Kendal Drive. A meeting had been arranged with Hemsec, who claimed to be the land owner. A request had been made to Land Registry to confirm ownership of the strip of land to the rear of Kendal Drive. Councillor Donovan would update on progress.

519. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: No report.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood reported that the AGM had been well attended. The quiz night held 31.10.14 had been a success.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: It was questioned whether this Forum still met as no-one was aware of the meetings.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood reported that LALC had appointed a new president Sir Robert Atkins, it was hoped he would use existing contacts to promote LALC. Issues discussed included the joint elections on May 7th 2015, opposition to fracking and police support for community events. The budget for 2015/16 was agreed.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- 4F Centre: The balance in the bank account was £10,102.60. A new board member had joined, Castle Rock. Unfortunately MacIntyre no longer used the Centre which resulted in a loss of income of £80 per month. Weight managements groups, keep fit and dance groups continued to use the facility. There was currently no part time manager.
- Exchange Place Project: See agenda item above, also the £250 set aside for Eco Garden was unlikely to be needed as reserves were healthy.

520. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 19th January 2015, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:23 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
19th January 2015