

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
14th December 2015

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 14th December 2015 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

667. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO.5

Resolved to suspend standing order no. 5 and commence proceedings at 7.00pm.

668. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. B. Almond, J. Fulham and B. Grunewald.

669. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared by Cllr. S. Glover – Planning Committee & Borough Councillor, Cllr. J. DeAsha – Chair of Planning Committee Borough Councillor, Cllr. L. Glover – Borough Councillor

670. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 19th OCTOBER 2015

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th October 2015 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

671. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING HELD ON 16th NOVEMBER 2015

It was resolved that subject to minute 006 being amended to read 'Cllr L. Glover gave a brief update', the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 16th November 2015 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

672. POLICE REPORT

Sgt. Barcroft attended and give a report on crime within Rainhill and St.Helens, and on estate rationalisation across the area. Concern was expressed at the lack service to Rainhill residents. Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted and the Police Community Compact be revisited at the next meeting. Thanks were expressed for Police attendance.

673. CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Chief Executive of St.Helens Council to consider the implications on Rainhill of the Knowsley Core Strategy allocation of land at Foxes Bank for housing.

Cllr P. Long here entered the meeting.

674. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that the following actions be taken or noted in relation to planning applications:

An objection was submitted for the following applications prior to the meeting:
P/2015/0812 52 Stapleton Road, erection of 1 detached bungalow to the rear and single storey rear extension to existing dwelling.

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P/2015/0832 6 Lawton Road, demolition of existing flat roof garage with new pitched roof garage, enlargement of existing roof to rear along with insertion of 3 dormer windows with removal of existing chimney stack with associated alterations to existing elevations.

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

P/2015/0794 20 Fawley Road, single storey front and side extension, along with conversion of garage to habitable room.

P/2015/0863 Fairchild Farm, Foxs Bank Lane, demolition of existing barn and stable buildings and erection of 1 detached dwelling.

A letter endorsing the comments of the Trees & Woodlands Officer had been submitted to the following application prior to the meeting:

P/2015/0795 Ship Inn 804 Warrington Road, works to assorted trees covered by a tree preservation order.

Delegate authority to the Planning Committee in consultation with the Chair to respond on the following application:

P/2015/0902 92 St.James Road demolish house and garage and erect a three-storey house comprising eight apartments.

Cllr. C. Moore here entered the meeting.

675. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Nov	6.33	STO
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Nov	60.73	DD
G Pinder	Photocopying	20.00	
G Pinder	Postage	14.04	
G Pinder	Telephone	18.50	
G Pinder	Salary - Nov (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)*	1055.14	
		1107.68	TFR145
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Nov	401.69	TFR146
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane Nov	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park Nov	52.00	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Nov	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) Nov	6.00	STO
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Dec	6.33	STO
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Dec	60.73	DD
G Pinder	Photocopying	12.60	
G Pinder	Telephone	18.50	
G Pinder	Salary - Dec (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)*	1017.77	
		1048.78	TFR147
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Dec	383.82	TFR148
HMRC	Tax & NI (Oct-Dec 2015)	436.78	TFR149
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane Dec	51.00	STO

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Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park Dec	52.00	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Dec	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) Dec	6.00	STO
Lancashire County Training Group	Financial Workshop	25.00	051
Land Registry	Registering of War Memorial Deeds	30.00	ALTO or 055
W M Wood	Mileage Allowance - LALC AGM	39.07	TFR150
ADG Plumbing & Heating	Repair to water heater – Rainhill Park	100.00	TFR151
Cartridge World	Printer Inks	28.96	ALTO
S.137			
John Houghton Trust	Donation to Rainhill Music Festival	400.00	053
Royal British Legion	Wreath and Donation	45.00	054

676. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A verbal report was received from the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 4th November 2015. Resolved that the report be noted.

677. TO CONSIDER THE ADDITION OF NAMES TO THE WAR MEMORIAL

Resolved that the addition of names is acceptable in principle. Clerk instructed to look into cost and any other implications.

678. TO CONSIDER DONATIONS IN RESPECT OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

It was resolved that a donation of £100 will made be to Tower College School and a donation of £100 to Rainhill High School, for their contributions to the event. It was further resolved that the event should be brought forward by one week, should the necessary participants be available.

679. TO NOTE THE ACTIONS OF THE TWINNING WORKING GROUP

Resolved that the report be noted. The Station and Eco Garden were suggested as suitable locations for the seeds received. Clerk instructed to explore permanent display options for WWI material with Rainhill Civic Society.

680. TO NOTE THE ACTIONS BY THE RAINHILL TRIALS 200 WORKING GROUP

Resolved that the action taken to date be noted and the Clerk explore buying an advertisement to promote the Trial Anniversary Celebrations in next year's beer festival magazine. Fund for promoting Trials will be included in next year's budget

681. TO CONSIDER DONATION TO BRITISH LEGION FOR REMEMBRANCE

Resolved that a £25 donation to the British Legion be approved, in addition to payment for the wreath.

682. TO CONSIDER NEW BANK ACCOUNT

Resolved that a new bank account should be set up with the TSB with three signatories being the Clerk and Cllrs Heydon and Moore.

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683. TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PANEL

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

The Chair confirmed the Awards Evening will take place on Friday 26th February 2016.

684. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE HOLT LANE CHANGING ROOM FACILITIES

Resolved that the Clerk should commission a suitably detailed estimate of the works involved, with delegated authority to spend up to £500.

685. TO CONSIDER ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT 2015 ACTION LIST

Resolved that the list of actions prepared be submitted to St.Helens Council for inclusion in the report to the Brigadier.

686. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR DONATION FROM ST.ANN'S CHURCH

Resolved that a donation of £254.00 be made as a contribution towards works to the War Memorial within St.Ann's grounds. Further the Clerk to request that the Parish Council be kept informed of any similar grant application which may require contribution, for budgeting purposes.

687. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

A complaint had been received regarding ongoing issues at Yew Tree Farm. Resolved that the Parish Council will continue to resist inappropriate development in the Green Belt. However, as action by St.Helens Council was ongoing, the problem would be noted and progress monitored.

Cllr C. Moore requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the Street Cleansing Operative for Rainhill. Clerk to write and request that letter is passed directly to employee concerned.

Cllr B. Wood requested that an item be placed on the next agenda in relation to Clean for the Queen Campaign.

Cllr M. Donovan reported that children from Briers Hey were causing disturbance, however, given that Ward Councillors have recently met with representatives of Briers Hey, the situation would be kept under review and action suspended for the time being.

Cllr J. Carroll requested that Rainhill Music Festival be asked for statistics on the prizes awarded. It was considered this was an item for further discussion on the next agenda.

688. REPORTS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: a tree planting ceremony was held on Monday 14th December to commemorate 100 years of the WI.
- Village Hall Management Committee: The defibrillator was now installed in the foyer. Treasurer has confirmed his departure for May 2016. Expenditure was high in October/November, due to annual insurance, payment of the PRS music licence and replacement stage curtains.

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- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: The education officer was now receiving more requests from schools. The quiz night had not been well attended due to clashing events. The programme for future speakers is being progressed and a summer outing is planned. Finances were currently adequate.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood had tried to raise national interest in the Police cuts but the proposal missed the submission deadline, however he had raised the issue at the LALC AGM, it had generated a short debate, the principle was supported by a delegate from another Merseyside Parish Council, and it would be referred to the next meeting of the Executive. MALC AGM would be held in Rainhill on September 7th 2016.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: no report.
- 4F Centre: A meeting was due on Friday 18th December.

689. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 25th January 2016 , starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
25th January 2016