

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th January 2010 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. De'Asha, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, B. Heydon, G. Jamieson, D. Kelly, J. Kelly and C. Moore.

766. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs. W.M. Wood and I.T. Walker.

767. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Heydon declared an interest in planning application P/10/0010 Turriss Heah, Mill Lane.

Cllrs. De'Asha, S. Glover and Grunewald declared an interest in the Agenda Item 'Ward Committee' as all are Ward Councillors.

768. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2009

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 14th December 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

769. POLICE REPORT

PC Jamie Moore reported on local policing and answered questions from Councillors.

770. CLERK'S REPORT

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

771. CORRESPONDENCE

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| St Helens Council | Revision of Statement of Community Involvement |
| NALC | NALC Conferences & Events Survey |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 17 Lawton Road - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: Lloyds Pharmacy - Approved |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 38 Fairlie Drive - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 1 Fairlie Drive - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: Fairchild Farm Bungalow - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 39 Sandhurst Road - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 533 Warrington Road - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: The Rocket - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 53 Deepdale Drive - Approved with conditions |
| NALC | Code of Conduct Training - 11th Mar 2010 |
| NALC | Chief Executive Report |
| B Johnson, St Helens Council | Rainhill Park - Playbuilder Project |

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| Charity Commission | Update re 521295 |
| St Helens Council | Decision: Turriss Heah Mill Lane - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: Plot 1 Sandstone Close - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Grass Cutting and Inspection Records requested |
| Insp Kelly | Apologies and newsletter |
| Zurich Municipal | Request for confirmation of action |
| Charity Commission | Password to update |
| St Helens Council | St Helens Road Safety Plan 2009 |
| D Roberts | Merseytravel / Overhead Line Electrification impact at Rainhill |
| NALC | Canvassing question re precepts |
| Barnardos | Youth Club Buildings Insurance |
| HMRC | Local Councils & VAT Workshop 28th Jan 2010 (Day) |
| Barnardos | Remittance Advice |
| LALC | CiLCA Meeting 28th Jan 2010 (Evening) |
| Vinyline | Glass Honours Boards |
| PC J Moore | Police Attendance on 18th Jan 2010 |
| S G Baker Ltd | Sand-less Sandbag Information |
| NALC | Networking Lunch Programme 2010 |
| T Yate | Rainhill Town AFC Pitch Lease Initiative |

772. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/2010/0008 Rainhill Park – Children's Play Area

It was resolved that the Clerk sends an email to Mr Johnson confirming this application has the full support of the Council.

P/2010/0010 Turriss Heah, Mill Lane – Outline planning for 3 dwellings

Cllr Heydon left the room while this item was being discussed. It was resolved that the Clerk submits an objection to the Case Officer.

P/2010/0015 580 Warrington Road (Co-op) – Consent to display 3 illuminated fascia signs, 4 informative signs and 1 post-mounted directional sign

As this property is in a Conservation Area, it was resolved that the Clerk submits a comment to the Case Officer confirming the Council will support the views of the Conservation Officer.

The Council considered the following applications but did not feel it appropriate to make any observations:

P/2009/1081 Stephenson House Day Centre – Install cycle shelter and tool storage container

P/2009/1087 7 Owen Road - Conversion of garage into habitable room, incorporating new hipped roof

P/2009/1094 Shirebrook Fairchild Farm, Foxs Bank Lane – Erection of orangery extension at rear

P/2010/0019 29 Cartmel Drive – Two storey extension to rear

773. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| Description | Amount | Ref |
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| T Brown - Cleaners Wages - January | 64.27 | 2995 |
| Post Office Ltd – HMRC Tax/NI | 1493.73 | 2996 |
| Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS October to December | 890.39 | 2997 |
| M Paton - Salary (December), Copying, Stationery and Telephone | 860.60 | 2998 |
| ScottishPower - (Holt & Rainhill Park) - December | 75.00 | 2999 |
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| Churchyard Maintenance December | 359.00 | STO |

774. DRAFT BUDGET

It was resolved that the Clerk include calculations, showing the effect of various percentage increases in Precept on the Parish Council finances, in the budget report. It was resolved that discussion of the budget and setting of Precept be deferred until an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council to take place as soon as possible.

775. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

It was resolved that the Good Citizenship Awards evening should take place on Friday 26th February.

It was resolved that each recipient of an award may bring up to 3 guests with them.

It was resolved that all councillors will be invited to the Awards evening and that the clerk issues a RSVP invitation as soon as possible so that final numbers may be determined for the evening.

It was resolved that, if possible, the same caterer used in previous years will be asked to supply the buffet.

776. WARD COMMITTEE

It was resolved that the Ward Committee would take the lead in the next set of improvements to be made to the village Christmas decorations.

777. ST ANN'S CHURCHYARD

It was resolved that the Clerk should invite tenders for a new contract starting in April 2010.

778. HONOURS BOARDS

It was resolved that the Clerk should arrange for the purchase and installation of glass boards, similar to those used by Eccleston Parish Council, to record past Chairmen of the Parish Council.

779. WAR MEMORIAL

It was resolved that the Parish Council adopt the same policy used by St Helens Council in deciding whether an additional name may be added to the Rainhill War Memorial, i.e. the person being considered must have been born in Rainhill. If that criterion is not satisfied the request will always be refused. If the person being considered was born in Rainhill and died in conflict the request will be accepted; where the person died in any other circumstances, each case will be considered on an individual basis.

780. PUBLIC OPEN SPACES – RAINHILL UNITED AFC

It was resolved that the Clerk advises Rainhill United AFC that, although the Parish Council would like to support their initiatives to improve the pitches they use at Rainhill Park, it is not possible to grant them a lease of any length, as the Parish Council is not allowed to sub-let the land it leases from St Helens Council.

781. RAINHILL STATION

Correspondence received concerning the impact on Rainhill when the line electrification goes ahead was considered. It was resolved that no further action is required.

782. LETTERHEAD AND PRINTING

It was resolved that the Parish Council letterhead be changed using the template provided by Cllr Heydon.

783. PUBLIC TOILETS

It was resolved that this item be carried forward to the February meeting.

784. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Uneven Paving slabs in the Shopping Precinct

Cllr D Kelly had received a complaint about dangerously uneven paving slabs in the Shopping Precinct. It was resolved that the Clerk contacts the owners to make them aware of the problem.

St James Church

Cllr J Kelly announced that the Parish Council has been invited to St James Church at 10:30 on Sunday 7th February where a re-enactment of the laying of the foundation stone, 150 years ago, will take place.

785. REPORTS:

- Public Open Spaces: No report – see item 781.
- Churchyard Committee: No report - see item 778.
- Village Hall Management Committee: The next meeting is tomorrow, 19th January.

- Rainhill Heritage Society: No report due to clash of meetings.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: The next meeting is in March 2010.
- St. Helens South & West Crime Prevention Panel: No report.
- Merseyside Association of Parish & Town Councils: Rainhill Parish Council is hosting the next meeting on Wednesday 3rd February.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: The next meeting is on Tuesday 26th January.

786. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 22nd February 2010, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council
22nd February 2010