

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
23rd January 2012

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23rd January 2012 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

090. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B. Grunewald.

091. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Lynch - United Utilities.

092. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th DECEMBER 2011

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 6th December 2011, postponed from the original published date of 5th December 2011, were agreed as a correct record.

093. POLICE REPORT

PC Moore had made arrangements for PC Brown from Eccleston to report on his behalf. However operational requirements resulted in him being tasked to other duties at short notice.

094. CLERK'S REPORT

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

It was resolved that the Clerk will pass on any information obtained regarding the proposed Individual Electoral Registration Bill to Cllrs Wood and Lynch.

095. CORRESPONDENCE

P Melia, Rainhill Town	Unplayable Pitch
J Dentith, St Helens Council	Riverside
G Jerome, Northern Rail	Rainhill Station
NALC	Model Contract of Employment
NALC	E-bulletin
K Langley	Holt FC
B Johnson	Rainhill Park Changing Rooms
LCR	Local Council Review Winter 2011
K Williams, Calder Breaks	Use of 4F building
LALC	December Newsletter, 2012 Training Programme, Annual Report

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123-reg.co.uk	Promote your website
Merseyside Police	December Newsletter
Navigus Planning	The Localism Act
TheParkingShop	Grit Bins
B Miller, Rainhill Rocket JFC	Football
Hags Play Ltd	Winter Stock Clearance
NALC	E-bulletin
NALC/CPRE	Planning Explained
Dean of Blackburn	Invite to Lancashire Civic Carol Service
T Yate	Rainhill Town Pitch Hire
C Oldfield	St Ann's Millennium Centre
B Johnson	Rainhill Park Changing Rooms
I Smith, St Helens Council	Planning Consultation Meeting
D Broome	Lych Gate at St Anns
NALC	Financial Update from NALC Audit and Accounts Advisor
N Thompson, Rainhill Town	Sports Grant Funding
Dialogue Matters Ltd	Spring 2012 Events
D Boocock, St Helens Council	Meeting with Rainhill Town
C Tigwell	cc Road Closures
St Helens Council	Decision: Whitewings Farm, Foxs Bank Lane - Approved with conditions
P Hill, Photocast	Memorial Plaque
123-reg.co.uk	Newsletter
National Housing Federation	Northern Voice
C Thomas	Sports Development Newsletter
Photocast	Cathy Wilson Plaque - Proofs
Historic Towns Forum	Newsletter
LCR	LCR Opinion Question
G Pinder, St Helens Council	Copy of Waste DPD
SLCC	CiLCA Portfolio
United Utilities	Customer Service Response
Civic Society	Christmas best wishes
CPRE	Field Work Winter 2011
D Bott, St Helens Council	Parish Precepts 2012/13
LALC	Play Area Survey
NALC	Consultation Responses
NALC	Legal Briefing - Prayers at Council Meetings
Lancashire & Merseyside CTP	Finance Workshop
Charities Commission	Update on public benefit guidance
NALC	Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons

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NALC	Requests for professional advice
K Jones, Barrow & Cook	Certificate of Title
St Helens Council	Decision: Land adjacent to 1 Victoria Place - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Whitewings Farm, Foxs Bank Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 24 Ansdell Villas Road - Approved with conditions
N Gribbin	Grit Bins
C Tigwell	cc Skew Bridge and electrification
National Housing Federation	Northern Rural Housing Week
L Clarke, St Helens Council	Meeting 23rd January
Dialogue Matters Ltd	Natural Connections 2012
St Helens Council	Non-Domestic Rate Demand Notice 2011/12
T Yate	Rainhill Town remittance
NALC	Employment Briefing
NALC	Joint Survey on National and Local Compacts
furniture@work	January 2012 Issue
Clerks & Councils Direct	January 2012 Issue, Amberol News 2012, 2012 Yearbook, Commemorative Mug Order Form
L Clarke, St Helens Council	4F Centre Non-Domestic Rate Demand
Merseyside Pension Fund	Response to Government Consultations on LGPS Cost Savings
NALC	E-bulletin
NALC	Employment Briefing
LALC	Course Booking
LALC	Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2012
Merseyside Police	January Newsletter
K Williams	4F building
J Thomas, Barnardos	4F Centre - Security Alarm Line
A Gaffney, St Helens Council	Planning Permission forms
L Clarke, St Helens Council	4F Centre
E Hrycan, St Helens Council	Rainhill Conservation Area
N Hamilton, St Helens Council	Rainhill Conservation Area
Dialogue Matters Ltd	Conference and Training Events
National Housing Federation	A home in the countryside
K Williams	Calder Breaks Open Event
National Housing Federation	Northern Voice
T Robinson,	Good Citizenship Award Plaque

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Recognition Plaques	
	Good Citizenship Awards
K Jones, Barrow & Cook	Exchange Place
NALC	Amended Legal Topic Note
C Kedge	Charity Trustees and Account
M Gelder, LALC	Mileage Allowance
C Tigwell	Lychgate event - Photo
J Skinley, St Helens Council	Clerk's Meeting
T Robinson, Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaque Proof
Freemove	Westminster Academy Sports Centre L.E.A.P.
R Anders, St Helens Council	Precept information
NALC	PAYE arrangements for Clerks and RFOs
Charities Commission	Trusteeship
L McGowan, St Helens Council	Rainhill Conservation Area
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Railway Station - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Land at Warburton Hey - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 22 Kendal Drive - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Footbridge over Railway Kendricks Fold - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Footbridge by Ritherup Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Rail Bridge Old Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 6 Oak Meadows Court - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Community Noticeboard Grass Verge opposite Martin Close - Approved with conditions
Dialogue Matters Ltd	Natural Connections Conference 2012
A Gaffney, St Helens Council	Planning Permission forms
Cyan	Cyan Plantation Teak
NALC	Policy Consultation Briefings
imember Media Group	The Future of Cyber Security
K Williams, Calder Breaks	4F
L Clarke, St Helens Council	4F Centre
K Harvey, St Helens Council	Sports Development Newsletter
NALC	Legal Briefing - Royal Names and Titles
NALC	E-bulletin
Historic Towns Forum	Culture - Heritage -Tourism
CPRE	A Guide to Neighbourhood Planning
L Clarke, St Helens Council	4F Centre
K Williams, Calder Breaks	4F

It was resolved that in response to the 'Mayor's Appeal' letter, listed in the 6th December correspondence, a donation of £300 will be made.

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096. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2011/1000, Rainhill Railway Station, Application for listed building consent to refurbish the eastern and western footbridges at Rainhill train station.

P/2011/1015, Rainhill Railway Station Eastern Footbridge, Station Road, Prior notification under Part 11, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order for alterations to bridge.

P/2011/1056, Land adjacent to 1 Dee Road, Erection of 2 semi detached dwellings.

097. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
St Helens Council - Non-Domestic Rates - Instalment 1	346.15	3124
St Helens Council - Non-Domestic Rates - Instalment 2	347.00	3125
M Paton - Photocopying, Printer/Scanner/Copier, Salary - Dec	1,019.54	3126
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS - Dec	304.17	3127
Post Office Ltd - Tax & NI (Oct-Dec)	1,308.60	3128
Rainhill Village Hall - Boiler and Heating Service and Repairs	1,389.66	3129
The Mayor's Appeal Fund - Donation	300.00	3130
St Helens Council - 4F Cleaning	617.50	3131
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance December	157.50	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) - Dec	40.50	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Dec	56.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - Dec	101.57	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Dec	73.37	STO

It was resolved that the appropriate National Joint Council (NJC) rate will continue to be used to reimburse the Clerk and any Councillors for mileage costs incurred in attending meetings as a representative of the Council. It was further resolved that Payment Ref 3115, listed for payment at the 6th December meeting, is approved for release.

098. 2012/13 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

It was resolved that the Budget paper is accepted and approved.

It was resolved that the Precept be raised by 2.5% to £47,515 for 2012/13.

Copies of the last 3 years Village Hall Accounts/Reserves had previously been requested. It was resolved that the Clerk obtains from the Village Hall Management Committee a reconciliation of the amount of the Parish Council donation cheque against the amount recorded for this purpose in the Village Hall Accounts for each of these years.

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099. MEMORIAL PLAQUE

Following a visit to Photocast by the Clerk and Cllrs Carroll, Moore and Heydon, it was resolved that a zinc-etched plaque be ordered from Photocast.

It was further resolved that the offer by the Station Manager for railway staff to fix the plaque securely in place on the disabled access gate be accepted.

100. RAINHILL CONSERVATION AREA

It was resolved that the Clerk invites the Conservation and Design Officer, Emily Hrycan, and the Community Landscape and Woodlands Officer (Tree Officer), David Bielawski, to the next Council meeting.

It was further resolved that no evening meetings will be arranged to commence earlier than 7:05pm to allow for ‘overnight’ rate parking tickets to be obtained from ticket machines.

101. 4F CENTRE

It was resolved that the Clerk determines the balance of the Childrens Playground Charity Account.

It was resolved that the Clerk determines what expenditure has been met by the Parish Council, on behalf of the New Management Group, and how much remains out of the agreed grant to the group.

102. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – MILLENIUM CENTRE

It was resolved that the Clerk obtains the last 3 years Accounts/Reserves from the Millennium Centre before any grant is considered further.

103. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

It was resolved that the Clerk distributes details of arrangements for the evening to Councillors and determines which Councillors can attend.

104. RAINHILL TOWN

Public Open Spaces Committee members met with Mr D Boocock, St Helens Council Head of Sport Development, Mr J Waddelow, St Helens Council Planning, and representatives of Rainhill Town AFC on 22nd December 2011. Written minutes were made available. It was resolved that no further action is currently required.

105. EXCHANGE PLACE

It was resolved that the address recorded for Rainhill Parish Council on the Certificate of Title be changed to the publicised address for the Parish Council.

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106. ANNUAL REPORT

It was resolved that the Clerk determines a firm date for the deadline to submit the Annual Report to the printers.

107. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Grit Bin

Ms N Gribbin requested a Grit Bin be sited in “the area surrounding Chatsworth Road”. She was advised that her request has been passed on to St Helens Council.

Parking

Cllr Lynch reported that cars parked in the afternoon in the Coylton Avenue/ Dunbeath Avenue area were causing a problem. He was advised that this is a Police enforcement issue.

Derek Wright

Cllr Wood advised that he had sent a copy of the Annual Report, containing the Derek Wright Obituary, to Mrs Wright and she had sent her thanks to the Council.

108. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: Public Open Spaces Committee members reported back on a visit to the Old Lane Playground. It was noted that the young children’s play area is gated. The entrance/exit area to the playing field was included in the inspection. It was resolved that no further action is required.

It was resolved that references to Public Open Spaces should include ‘public areas’ even where these are not owned or leased by the Parish Council. In future the Clerk will refer to Public Open Spaces owned or leased by the Parish Council as ‘Open Spaces Owned or Leased by the Parish Council’.

See also item 104.

- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: A meeting took place on 10th January 2012.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: No report.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: The first meeting of the new format will take place in early June. The new group will have a different name.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Next Meeting takes place on 1st February 2012.

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- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Standards Committee: Cllr Heydon reported back on the 12th December meeting. It is still uncertain what will happen as a result of the Localism Bill legislation.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- Lych Gate Project: No report.

109. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the following meeting dates for 2012/13 (all Monday 7:30pm unless stated otherwise) are approved:

Tuesday 15th May 2012 - AGM followed by Ordinary Meeting (already approved)

18th June 2012

23rd July 2012

10th September 2012

22nd October 2012

19th November 2012 - Finance Meeting

10th December 2012

28th January 2013

25th March 2013

Wednesday 24th April 2013 - Annual Parish Meeting

13th May 2013 AGM & Ordinary Meeting

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 19th March 2012, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The 2012 Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th April 2012.

The meeting closed at 9:08 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
19th March 2012