

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
28th January 2013

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28th January 2013 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

Also present: 2 residents

231. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs B. Almond, B. Grunewald and C. Moore

232. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs S. Glover and P. Lynch – Rainhill High School, Cllr W.M. Wood – Longton Lane CP School.

233. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

There were no requests for dispensation. It was resolved that any future requests for dispensation will be considered under the existing ‘Declarations of Interest’ Agenda Item.

234. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 2012

Cllr S. Glover made a clarification of the ‘Memorial Bench’ entry made under Residents Comments and Complaints. The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 12th December 2012 were otherwise agreed as a correct record.

235. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 7th JANUARY 2013

The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Meeting held on 7th January 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

236. POLICE REPORT

No report.

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Merseyside Police regarding non-attendance and the resulting lack of communication between Merseyside Police and the elected representatives of the residents of Rainhill.

237. CLERK’S REPORT

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

238. CORRESPONDENCE

NALC	NALC Communications Strategy
Navigus Planning	Journal of Local Planning - Early Neighbourhood Plans
T Anderson, Unity Trust Bank	IP Address

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V Divicenzo	Message from Cathy Wilson's daughter
Charities Commission	Annual Return
LALC	Council Tax Support Changes
NALC	E-bulletin - Conference, Town Team Support, HMRC, Briefings
NALC	Growth & Infrastructure Bill
The Parking Shop	Images of Winter
NALC	Opinion Email for LCR
LALC	Flood Resilience
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
Amberol	Quad Planter
PSMA	PSMA News
PC Bennison, Merseyside Police	Apologies
123-reg	Survey
D Foreman, St Helens Council	Dog Control Orders
Cartridge Save	Ink offer
Merseyside Pension Fund	Fund of the Year Award
NALC	Localisation of Council Tax Support
NALC	Technical Reforms of Planning Appeals - Consultation
Civic Society	Victorians
LALC	Precepts 2012-13
LALC	Parks
Knowsley MBC	Core Strategy Event
LALC	Community Right to Build
M Walker	Minutes - Change in format
St Helens Council	Decision: 5 Ashley Close - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Crantock, Mill Lane - Approved with conditions
Office 365	Review
NALC	Improving Local Government Transparency
University of Salford	Building Energy Leakage
123-reg	Decisive Domains
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
Business Directory	Companies Catalogues
Merseyside Police	Rainhill January Newsletter
Sport England	Holt Playing Fields - Facility Modernisation
St Helens Council	Decision: 62 View Road - Approved with conditions
C Tigwell	PC Minutes
T Anderson, Unity Trust Bank	Testing Results and Review
LALC	LALC January Mailout
Domdigger	Online visitor counter
Globe Yellow Pages	Business Databases
J & M Gavin	Wasteland on corner of Chatsworth Road
Arien Signs	New Year Countryside
M Taylor, Inside	Giving Parish & Town Councils a voice in Localism

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Government	
Land Registry	Registration
Land Registry	Register & Title Plan
W McAuliffe	Job Vacancy - Bold Parish Council
C Watkin	Thanks
L Cashman	Thanks
Flexiform	Review of prices
NALC	Legal Topic Note - Disciplinary & Grievance Procedures
NALC	Communications Briefing - DIS/LCR Pricing
D Clarke	Lighting on the Kendrick's Fold Railway Bridge
Notts Sport	Refurbishing Playgrounds
B Hatton, St Helens Council	Electoral Register
C Tigwell to Cllr Wood	Old Lane Bench
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS 2014 Draft Regulations
Party Plastics	Table Covers
T Robinson, Recognition Plaques	Good Citizen Award Plaques
Dialogue Matters	Natural Connections Conference
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
Merseyside Police	Cancellation of January Have Your Say Meeting
Eco Sustainable Solutions Ltd	Playground chip
D Bott, St Helens Council	Parish Precept
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Council Tax Base
T Anderson, Unity Trust Bank	Update
LALC	Requests for Legal Advice
D Broome	Lych Gate
D Whitley, Civic Society	Planning Application P/2012/0853
D Bott, St Helens Council	Electorate Size
A Haymonds, CETB	Agreement 480
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden - Flyers
J Jones, St Helens Council	Open Day - Confirmed Date
Cartridge Save	Reorders
I McCue, EWS Colourprint	Services
J Jones, St Helens Council	Revised Draft Flyer
T Robinson, Recognition Plaques	Good Citizen Award Plaques - Proofs
Impact Research Ltd	United Utilities services
NALC	Localisation of Council Tax Support - Survey
J Dentith, St Helens Council	Meeting Dates
J Griffiths, St Helens Council	Meeting Dates
A Sanderson, St Helens	Interests

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Council	
J Griffiths, St Helens Council	Clerk's Meeting
J Jones, St Helens Council	Ranhill Eco Flyers
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Amended Code of Conduct
D Bott, St Helens Council	Parish Precept
J Noad, St Helens Council	Draft Sustainable Development DPD Consultation
NALC	Adapting to Climate Change
123-reg	Changes
LALC	Buckingham Palace Garden Nominations
T Anderson, Unity Trust Bank	Profiling Log
PSMA User Group	Feedback
B Hatton, St Helens Council	Registers
A Haymonds, CETB	Agreement 480
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden Flyer 2
J Jones, St Helens Council	Delivery of Flyers
NALC	E-bulletin - Conference, Garden Party, Climate Week, Legal Topics
T Mannion	St Helens Council response
J Jones, St Helens Council	Delivery of Flyers
NALC	Sustainable Communities Act
Merseyside Pension Fund	New Bank Details
J Jones, St Helens Council	Flyer email distribution
I McCue, EWS Colourprint	New Details
R Wilkinson, St Ann's School	Eco Garden - Flyer Delivery
NALC	Localisation of Council Tax Support
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
J Jones, St Helens Council	Flyer to advertise Open Day
R Gray, Fields in Trust	Helping Fields in Trust
S Norris	Dog Fouling
NALC	Legal Topic Notes - Community Right to Challenge, Assets of Community Value
NALC	Local Government Finance Settlement
Sutcliffe Play	Winter Warmers
Itilluminations	January Newsletter
Dialogue Matters	Natural Connections 2013 Speakers
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden Comments Sheet

239. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An objection was submitted for the following application as directed in an Extraordinary Meeting held on 7th January 2013:

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P/2012/0853, Rainhill High School, Installation of a multi-use games area (MUGA) with flood lighting.

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

P/2012/0903, 20 Owen Road, Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new 2 storey detached dwelling with dormer windows and attached double garage.

P/2012/0913, 16 Swaledale Avenue, Pitched roof over garage and porch to front, along with a single storey rear extension.

P/2012/0916, Land adjacent and to rear of 25-35 Ellaby Road, Renewal of planning consent P/2009/0931 for erection of 3 no. terraced dwellings and parking area.

P/2013/0006, Southfield House, Mill Lane, Erection of a front porch.

P/2013/0041, 7 St Davids Close, Single storey extension to the rear.

240. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
E.ON - Electricity 4F Centre	317.59	3197
M Paton - Land Registry Enquiry, Wall Planner and Diary, Good Citizen Table Covers, Time Manager refills, Salary - Dec & Jan (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	2,007.22	3198
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS Dec & Jan	625.36	3199
Post Office Ltd - Tax & NI (Oct-Dec)	1,235.33	3200
Longton Lane CP School - Donation	100.00	3201
St Anns Church PCC - Lych Gate Project	995.17	3202
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance Jan	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Jan	41.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Jan	66.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Jan	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Jan	67.05	STO
Corona Energy Retail 2 Ltd - Gas 4F Centre	150.00	STO

241. PRECEPT

Following the significant change to the Council Tax Base resulting from the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 2012 and the subsequent decision by St Helens Council not to pass on to Parish Councils any of the compensatory Government funding, it was resolved that the Precept be decreased to £45,310 for 2013/14. This represents a 5% increase for residents and a 4.6% decrease in Precept funding to the Parish Council.

It was resolved that an amended version of the Budget paper will be considered for approval at the March meeting.

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee to confirm that, despite the cut in Precept funding, the Parish Council will retain its financial support for the Village Hall at the existing level for 2013/14. However

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notice must also be given that the existing level of funding cannot be maintained and that the Village Hall must budget for inevitable reductions in financial support for subsequent years starting in 2014/15.

242. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

It was resolved that a donation of £100 will be made to Longton Lane CP School.

243. LYCHGATE PROJECT

Following submission of relevant accounts and other papers and an update from Cllr L Glover, the Council's representative on the project Steering Committee, it was resolved that a final payment of £995.17 will be made to St Ann's Church PCC to complete Parish Council funding of the Lych-gate Project.

244. MILL LANE / OLD LANE BENCHES

Cllr Wood gave an update regarding the Mill Lane / Old Lane benches and suggested that, at some point and when the budget allowed, consideration might be given to providing a further bench to offset the net loss of benches in recent years.

245. ROCKET NEWSLETTER

Cllr Wood brought to the attention of the Council the recent changes regarding production of The Rocket newsletter and suggested it might be used to provide information about the Parish Council to supplement the annual update given in the Parish Council Annual Report.

It was resolved that this be noted and an approach will be made if needed.

246. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Overgrown Trees and Waste in Chatsworth Road

Mr & Mrs Gavin complained about overgrown trees and accumulated waste in Chatsworth Road.

As it appears this area is on a very small piece of private land they were advised to contact St Helens Council so they can determine the owner of the land and, if necessary, issue an enforcement order.

Footpath over Kendrick's Fold Railway Bridge

Mr Clarke is concerned about the footpath that connects Dee Road and Kendrick's Close and which includes a railway bridge. He thinks there should be lighting on the railway bridge and that overgrown foliage should be tidied and cut back.

He was advised the matter would be brought to the attention of the Parish Council but that the Parish Council does not own or lease the land referred to and that Network Rail owns and operates the rail infrastructure, including bridges. It was suggested he initially

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contacts St Helens Council as the route appears to be an established path which they may have some responsibility for. In reply St Helens Council advised that although the path was a recognised right of way it has not been adopted and funds were not available at St Helens Council to provide lighting.

Those Ward Councillors present offered to look at the situation.

Proposed Work on Skew Bridge

Mr Tigwell enquired whether anything was known about when this work might be carried out.

Cllr S Glover advised that Network Rail had full ownership of the situation and St Helens Council and Rainhill Parish Council would only hear anything further when Network Rail made any decision about timing of the work.

Parish Council Notice Board

Cllr Wood suggested that, following the provision of new Community Notice Boards at each end of the village, consideration might now be given to replacing the Parish Council notice board.

Chatsworth Road ‘lay-by’

Following an inspection Cllr Wood confirmed the road signage here might be considered misleading.

247. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr S Glover advised he had recently inspected the Amanda Road Playground, aka Two Butt Lane Public Open Space, and that the damage to the grass surface previously reported had not yet been repaired.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: No report.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood advised the last scheduled meeting had been postponed and had unfortunately been rearranged for tonight.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle advised the last meeting was cancelled and the next meeting will take place in April. It was suggested that any matters the Parish Council wished to raise via Cllr Doyle could be put forward at the next Council meeting in March.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood advised that the next meeting takes place on 6th February.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.

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- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- Lych Gate Project: See item 243. No other report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L Glover supplied minutes of the last 4F Management Board meeting to the Council.
- Exchange Place Project: Cllr S Glover advised that a Consultation Open Day will take place on Saturday 2nd February in the Teak Room at the Village Hall and suggested Parish Councillors should come along if possible. Flyers had been delivered to every residence in Rainhill.

248. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the following meeting dates for 2013/14 (all Monday 7:30pm unless stated otherwise) are approved:

AGM 13th May followed by Ordinary Meeting (previously approved)

24th June 2013

22nd July 2013

21st October 2013

25th November 2013 – Finance Meeting

16th December 2013

3rd February 2013

24th March 2013

Wednesday 23rd April 2014 - Annual Parish Meeting

2014 AGM 12th May 2014 AGM & Ordinary Meeting

It was resolved that the proposed 2nd September 2013 meeting date be re-arranged due to the unavailability of several Councillors.

It was resolved that next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 25th March 2013, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The 2013 Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th April 2013.

The meeting closed at 9:22 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
25th March 2013