

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
19th January 2015

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th January 2015 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

521. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

522. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S. Glover – Planning Applications, Cllr W Wood – Railway & Heritage Society.

523. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 15th DECEMBER 2014

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 15th December 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

524. POLICE REPORT

No report was received. The forthcoming meeting with Insp. Collins was discussed. Cllr Wood reported that the current drop in facility at the Library was not well attended.

525. CLERK'S REPORT

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

526. CORRESPONDENCE

A response had been received from the Village Hall Management Committee regarding the provision of a defibrillator. As agreement had been reached to the installation, further work would be undertaken by the Clerk to acquire the equipment. As previously discussed this would require a contribution from the Parish Council of approximately £400. Following further investigation an item would be placed on the next agenda.

It was resolved that the Clerk undertake further investigation and report to next Council.

Public Sector Executive Online	Newsletter 15/12/14
Planning, St.Helens Council	Consultation on P/2014/0910 7 White House, Lawton Road work to tree in conservation area
Sarah Pendleton	4F Centre Lease
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2014/0913 2 Storey Ext 25 Ellon Avenue
LALC	Newsletter & Workshop Programme
J Saunders, CCG	Film on hospital discharges - request for participants
Knowsley Council	Acknowledgement of Objection
LALC	Buckingham Palace Garden Party
Cllr T Shields	Thank You
Historic Towns Forum	Newsletter
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2014/0921 Concept House
HMRC	Employers Bulletin 51
Helping Hands	Request for advertising space
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2014/0922 371 Warrington Road

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Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2014/0924 527 Warrington Road
NALC	Legal Briefing on s.137 Expenditure/Pensions Issues
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 19.12.14
A Monks	Eco Garden Trophy Workshop Dates
M Paton	Thank You
K Burrows, St.Helens Council	Planning Weekly List: 22/12/14; 28/12/14; 5/1/15; 11/1/15
NALC	Newsletter 22.12.14
LALC	Annual Report & Training opportunities
S Johnson, St.Helens Council x2	Provisional Tax Base for 2015/16 and Precept Payment Dates
R Rogers, St.Helens Council	Groundwork Business Contact
S Pendleton, Barrow & Cook	4F Centre Lease
NALC	Transparency Code for Parish Councils with an Annual Turnover not Exceeding £25,000 (England)
Public Sector Executive Online	Newsletter
Royal Mail	Customer Final Labels
A Moakes & Others	Eco Garden Trophy Workshop Dates
J Saunders, CCG	People Champions needed; parent carer forums; & Health Internet Forum
L Jackson	Minutes of Eco Garden meeting
St.Helens Planning	P/2015/0003 - Rainhill Railway Station
Insp. Collins, Merseyside Police	Available dates for Meeting
C Dawson	MPF Courses available
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Police update - requested
J Jones, St.Helens Council	Eco Constitution
St Anns PCC	Updated details for Website
Cllr Long & Various	France Shootings
Planning Portal	Update 8.1.15
NALC	Local Govt Financial Settlement Consultation
Sport England	Funding application - holding response
Football Foundation	Funding application - further info on County FA
MPF	News Update / Cost control process
Claude Jamin	Response from Latour
Govt Gateway	Successful submission of details
Sport England	Contact Details for funding manager
NALC	Newsletter 12.1.15
J Saunders, CCG	Workshop for NHS Citizen 29/30 Jan 15
St.Helens Planning	P/2015/0011 Hemsec Ltd
Public Sector Executive Online	eNewsletter
K Cook, Field in Trust	January Update
L Jackson	Eco Constitution
St Anns PCC	Correction to contact details
J Waddelow, St.Helens Planning	Eco Garden Bin Enquiry
C Reddecliffe, Riverside	Holding Response
M.O.D - various	Armed Forces Community Covenant

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Simon Cousins, St.Helens Council	Armed Forces Community Covenant
NALC	Electronic communication of agendas
Ann Veronica Howitt	Radio Merseyside Interview
J Owens, NALC	Local Govt Financial Settlement Ministerial Meeting
NALC Mailbox	LCR Opinion Articles
M Heaton, Village Hall	Accommodating Police Drop In & Defibrillators
G Brufell	Delivery of Annual Report
S Hurst	Production of Annual Report
Insp. Collins, Merseyside Police	Confirmation of meeting x 2
Insp. Collins, Merseyside Police	Shooting in Blundells Lane
A Hoey	Meeting at 4F Centre
C Dawson	MPF Courses available
Planning Portal	Update - Housing Zone Shortlist
M Dickinson	Invite to RMF AGM 25.1.15
M Cannon, St.Helens Council	Dane Court Car Park
J Owens, NALC	NALC response to Local Govt Financial Settlement Consultation
Royal Mail	Customer Final Labels

527. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2014/0910, 7 Lawton Road, Work to trees in a conservation area - the felling of two sycamore trees.

P/2014/0913, 25 Ellon Avenue, Demolition of existing single-storey side extension and erection of a two-storey side extension.

P/2014/0922, 371 Warrington Road, Change of use from car showroom to estate and letting agent

P/2014/0923, 371 Warrington Road, Consent to display an illuminated fascia sign

P/2014/0924, 527 Warrington Road, Replacement of upvc windows with wooden ones

P/2014/0921, Stephenson Grove, Warrington Road, Substitution of 55 house types thus reducing no. of properties in the approved plan by 10.

Cllr Wood reported that the applications to the rear of 29-30 Ellaby Road and at the Brown Edge Car Park in Nutgrove had both been withdrawn.

Following discussion it was resolved that the Clerk submit an objection to:

P/2015/0003, Rainhill Railway Station, Station Road, Installation of two automatic doors with push pad controls and high and low level vision panels. It was felt that the glass panel doors were not in keeping with the Conservation Area.

It was felt that as St.Helens Council no longer employ a full time Conservation Officer the Parish Council were now charged with responsibility to protect the character of the Conservation Area. As such guidance should be sought from St.Helens Council. It was resolved that the Clerk should invite a speaker from St.Helens Council about conservation issues.

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Cllr Donovan reported an ongoing planning issue at Hemmingsway to the rear of Kendal Drive. An unauthorised fence had been erected by Countryside Development, further a planning application, P/2015/0011, had been received for the erection of 2.4m high gates at the eastern end of Hemmingsway. Concern was expressed regarding services and access to the rear of properties in Kendal Drive. It was resolved that the Clerk write to St.Helens Council to query the unauthorised fencing erected by Countryside Development and express concern in relation to P/2015/0011 regarding access to the rear of properties in Kendal Drive.

528. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
St.Bartholomew’s School	Donation	100.00	0021
Willowbrook Hospice	Donation	100.00	0022
Railway & Heritage Society	Donation	250.00	0023
St Helens Council	Grounds Maintenance - Exchange Place	154.37	TFR95
Scottish Power	Martin Close (Holt) – Jan	40.00	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park)- Jan	9.00	STO
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Jan	6.22	DD
United Utilities	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Jan	55.00	DD
G Pinder	Photocopying	4.00	
G Pinder	Telephone	18.50	
G Pinder	Salary - Jan (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	977.28	
		999.78	TFR96
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Jan	368.48	TFR97

529. PRECEPT

It was resolved that St Helens Council be advised that the Precept for 2015/16 will be £53,800. Further, the dates for receipt of the precept are acceptable.

It was resolved that the Budget paper, submitted by the Clerk and supporting the above Precept amount, is approved.

530. RISK ASSESSMENT

It was resolved that the changes put forward by the Clerk, affecting the fourth (Council Records – electronic) and eighth (Cash) items on the schedule and concerning access to stored records through the laptop, and the availability of a prepaid ALTO card are approved.

It was further resolved that the existing Risk Assessment Schedule is approved without any further change. The Clerk will investigate options for the secure storage of original documentation either through scanning or fireproof storage.

531. STANDING ORDERS / FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

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It was resolved that the existing Standing Orders / Financial Regulations document remains appropriate without any further change.

532. RAINHILL RAILWAY & HERITAGE

Cllr Long presented a discussion paper with suggested goals for the 200th Anniversary celebration of the Rainhill Trials. Following discussion it was resolved that Rainhill Railway & Heritage would be an agenda item at every future meeting.

533. HOLT LANE CHANGING ROOM FACILITIES

Details were presented on the cost of a Public Works Loan. It was resolved that the Clerk investigate requirements at the site and prepare accurate costing of replacement facilities for further consideration and report to future meeting.

534. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

It was resolved that details of the qualifying criteria and nominations process would be included in the Annual Report.

535. ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

A draft Armed Forces Community Covenant was presented for consideration. It was resolved that the Covenant be signed without alteration and work commence on contacting organisations to fulfil the commitments in the pledge.

536. ANNUAL REPORT TIMETABLE

Resolved that the schedule set out be agreed. A meeting of the Editorial Group and the Publicity Sub-committee would be arranged.

537. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Cllr Grunewald reported that complaints continued to be received regarding drainage at Rainhill Park. St.Helens Council would continue to seek a resolution.

Cllr Wood had received comments regarding the Parish Noticeboard at Dane Court. It was resolved that the Clerk would investigate a similar replacement using a local joinery company.

538. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: It was suggested that the tour of open spaces be scheduled for April.
- Village Hall Management Committee: A group booking had been cancelled with the loss of rental, due to noise issues. £2,500 had been moved into a deposit account. Discussion on use of the Hall by Police for a drop in centre and the provision of a defibrillator had been positive and were to be pursued. An approach had been made for use of the Hall by an Arts group, whilst the Hall could not accommodate them Cllr

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Moore had suggested use of the 4F Centre as an alternative. This had not so far been pursued.

- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood reported that the Society had received a very interesting talk on the important contribution of animals during the war.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: No report.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: There had been no meetings since the last report.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: Nothing to report.
- 4F Centre: The Management Group were meeting on Wednesday, nothing further to report.
- Exchange Place Project: Work was ongoing on a future Management Plan and revised Constitution to ensure the future maintenance of the garden. A further 3 trees had yet to be added, together with wildflower planting in Spring. A workshop was planned for 31.1.15 with the artist. A meeting with Riverside regarding other parcels of land was planned.

539. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 16th March 2015, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

It was resolved that the following meeting dates for 2015/16 (all Monday 7:30pm unless stated otherwise) are approved:

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 22nd April 2015 (Previously approved)

AGM 11th May 2015 (Previously approved)

22nd June 2015

27th July 2015

7th September 2015

19th October 2015

16th November 2015 Finance Meeting

14th December 2015

25th January 2016

7th March 2016

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 20th April 2016

2016 AGM 16th May 2016

The meeting closed at 9:16 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
16th March 2015