

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
25th January 2016

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 25th January 2016 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

There were three members of the public present.

Before the meeting, a member of the public address the Council regarding the addition of names to the civic War Memorial. The Parish Council had previously resolved to agree to the addition of names and the method by which this should be achieved was discussed. When the discussion concluded one resident then left.

690. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J. Carroll, B. Grunewald and P. Long, A written apology for absence had been received from Cllr. J. Fulham, who was unable to attend as he was attending Merseyside Pension Fund Committee on Borough Council business. It was resolved to approve Cllr. J. Fulham's reason for absence.

691. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

692. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14th DECEMBER 2015

Cllr Moore requested that minute 688 be supplemented with details of items that had contributed to high expenditure at the Village Hall in October/November. Payment of annual insurance and PRS music licence should be added. It was resolved that, subject to this amendment, the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th December 2015 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

693. POLICE REPORT

Mr Berry addressed Council regarding the Police & Crime Commissioners current funding position. The post of PCC was due for re-election on 5th May, nomination close 7th April 2016. The position of Chief Constable was also being advertised. Thanks were expressed to Mr Berry for attendance. Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted

694. CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted. The Clerk was instructed to investigate further options for footpath provision at Two Butt Lane.

695. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

A letter endorsing the comments of the Conservation Officer has been submitted to the following applications:

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P/2015/0902 92 St. James Road Demolition of existing residential building with garage and erection of 3 storey building comprising of 8no apartments with associated landscaping and parking.

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

P/2015/0907 456 Warrington Road, Consent to display two directional fascia signs on adjacent building.

P/2016/0021 456 Warrington Road, Retention of replacement roof and pedestrian door with roller shutter.

P/2016/0036 Shop Unit 6, Elgin Court, Retention of air conditioning units to side elevation.

A letter expressing concern regarding impact on openness of Green Belt be submitted on the following application:

P/2016/0019 Land North West of Woods House Farm, School Lane, Change of use from existing stables, along with first floor extension to form 1no residential dwelling.

A letter endorsing the comments of the Trees & Woodlands Officer be submitted on the following application:

P/2016/0031 Ann's Churchyard, View Road, Work to trees in a Conservation Area

Resolved that landowner's consent for planning application P/2016/0011 for the provision of gym equipment on the public open space at Old Lane, is granted. No objection was raised to the proposal.

696. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Jan	6.33	STO
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Jan	60.73	DD
G Pinder	Photocopying	15.20	
G Pinder	Postage	0.95	
G Pinder	Telephone	18.50	
G Pinder	Salary - Jan (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1017.77	
		1052.42	TFR153
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Jan	383.82	TFR154
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane Jan	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park Jan	52.00	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Jan	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) Jan	6.00	STO
St.Helens MBC	TRO Remembrance Day Road Closure	267.30	TFR152
ADG Plumbing	Repair to Holt Lane Water Heater	70.00	TFR155
St.Helens MBC	Grounds Maintenance - Exchange Place	445.52	TFR156
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Feb	6.33	STO
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Feb	76.08	DD
G Pinder	Photocopying	21.60	
G Pinder	Telephone	18.50	
G Pinder	Salary - Feb (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1017.77	

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		1057.87	TFR157
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Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park Feb	52.00	STO
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S.137 Payments			
Tower College	Donation Christmas Lights Switch on	100.00	055
Rainhill High	Donation Christmas Lights Switch on	100.00	056

697. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE TWINNING GROUP AND THE ADDITION OF NAMES TO THE WAR MEMORIAL

Resolved that the addition of names is acceptable in principle. Clerk instructed to place advertisements inviting further additions before placing order. Clerk to investigate resin bonded materials rather than bronze. Ceremony to be held on 3rd July to commemorate Battle of the Somme, Clerk to commence planning. Date for annual Twinning Ceremony delegated to Twinning Group.

698. TO APPROVE THE RISK ASSESSMENT

Resolved that the Council reviewed the risk assessment and considers it is taking appropriate steps to manage the risks it faces.

699. TO CONSIDER THE OUTCOME OF INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved that the Council considered the internal audit procedure and its effectiveness and has identified no concerns arising from it. The proposed new procedures were approved, together with the changes to the accounting procedure in relation to insurance.

700. TO CONSIDER PROCUREMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES 2017

Resolved that Rainhill Parish Council will opt in to the audit service being offered by NALC, ADA and the SLCC, subject to fees being agreed.

701. TO REVIEW THE POLICE COMMUNITY COMPACT

Resolved that Insp. Collins be invited to attend a meeting to discuss the action points in the Compact and update them where necessary.

702. TO CONSIDER THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AND CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN CAMPAIGN

Resolved that the Clerk write to St.Helens Council and investigate planned celebrations. No separate event would be organised.

703. TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR RAINHILL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Resolved that support would continue to be provided as the festival meets the required criteria of benefitting the residents of Rainhill

704. ANNUAL REPORT TIMETABLE

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Resolved that the schedule set out be agreed. A meeting of the Editorial Group would be arranged.

705. TO CONSIDER WINTER WARMTH EVENT & IMPLICATIONS

Resolved that the Clerk should coordinate with the Winter Warmth event team and help to secure appropriate room bookings.

706. TO CONSIDER FUTURE MEETING DATES

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

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 20th April 2016 (already approved)

AGM 16th May 2016 (already approved)

20th June 2016

25th July 2016

5th September 2016

17th October 2016

Finance 14th November 2016 (not published)

12th December 2016

23rd January 2017

6th March 2017

The following dates will not be published in the 2016 Annual Report:

2017 Annual Parish Meeting Wed 26th April 2017

2017 Annual Parish Council Meeting 15th May 2017

707. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM RAINHILL SWIMMING CLUB

Resolved that the Clerk investigate grants made over the past 3 years and report to next meeting. A grant application form should be forwarded to the swimming club.

708. TO CONSIDER INVOLVEMENT IN RAINHILL GALA 2016

Resolved that an advert be placed in the Gala Programme.

709. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the Parish Council would support an application for a national honour for June Tinnion. Clerk instructed to request details from Ms Wortley.

710. REPORTS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr Moore had received a report that the playing fields at Rainhill Park had been unplayable since November. No other issues were raised.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Ena Shaw had been selected to replace the stage curtains. The maintenance problems had been experienced with the alarm. The Committee agreed to contact Ann Slater regarding WW1 exhibition storage. The WI were thanked for the Christmas tree. Management issues had arisen with the bowls group but it was hoped these would be resolved over the forthcoming break. Cllr Moore requested that the Treaty of Friendship be forwarded to him.

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- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: The education officer was continuing to engage primary schools in visits to the Museum. A group undertaking a tour of Railway heritage sites were to visit Rainhill. The summer outing had now been agreed but was not yet booked.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: nothing to report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: no report.
- 4F Centre: The heating system had needed urgent replacement. This was paid for out of 4F Centre reserves. Notice of termination of hire by Progress Sport had been received, this was disappointing. Finances were currently OK.

711. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items for the reason stated:

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
712	Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

712. PRECEPT

It was resolved that St Helens Council be advised that the Precept for 2016/17 will be £58,500.

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

713. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
7th March 2016