

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**19<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. De’ Asha, J. Doyle, B. Heydon, D. Kelly, J. Kelly, W.M. Wood.  
Also present: PC J. Moore, Mr. M. Donovan.

**850. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Cllrs. J. Carroll, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, and C. Moore.

**851. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**852. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

It was resolved that Mr. Mark Donovan is co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**853. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

**854. POLICE REPORT**

PC J. Moore gave a report on local policing based on statistics for April/May 2010 compared with the same period in 2009 and answered questions from Councillors.

**855. CLERK’S REPORT**

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

**856. CORRESPONDENCE**

Limehouse Software	Merseyside Waste Planning: weekly email digest
Weightmans LLP	Request for documents
Merseyside PF	Employers representation
Kompan	Playgrounds brochure
Merseyside PF	Employer Contact Details
St Helens District Sports Council	Acknowledgement of change of representative
Railway & Heritage Society	Acknowledgement of change of representative
St Helens Council	Ward Committee Minutes 23 Mar 10 and Agenda 08 Jun 10
The Brown Rural Partnership	Work on water main at Rainhill Park
J Dentith	Notice Boards
St Helens Council	Register of Interest Forms 2010/11
J Skinley	Meeting with Parish Clerks
NALC	E-bulletin
Society of Local	Invitation to join SLCC

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Council Clerks	
L Denton	Complaint re churchyard
Jones Estate Residents via Cllr De'Asha	Complaint re football parking
J Parker	Dutch Bulbs Catalogue Autumn 2010
NALC	Absentee Landlords survey
PC Moore	Acknowledgement of information re St Ann's Churchyard
Rainhill Recreation Club	Request for 'support' re 'making good' an un-adopted track
Dura-Sport	Play Area Surfacing
	Malicious complaint
LALC	Workshops, AGM, Autumn Conference
B Johnson	Planning Application proposals
J Skinley	Standards Committee
A Fellowes, Rainhill Utd JFC	Copy correspondence from Porters Solicitors
Royal Mail	Mailsort 2010 database available
NALC	Legal Briefing
St Helens Council	Decision: 108 Longton Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 1 to 45 Vincent Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 45 Foxwood - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 645 Warrington Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 14 St James Mount - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: St Bartholomews RC Primary School - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Railway Station - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 497 Warrington Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 2 Newmarket Gardens - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 14 Galston Avenue - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: St Bartholomews Presbytery (0345) - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: St Bartholomews Presbytery (0389) - Approved with conditions
Itilluminations	Electrical Testing and Christmas Decorations
Clerks and Councils Direct	July Issue
Local Council Review	Summer Issue
HMRC	Acknowledgement of Year End Return submission
St Helens Council	Coach Education Programme 2010/11
D Smithson	MALC Agenda 28th July
J Fairclough	Raptor Workshop
Regency Property Asset Mgt	Apology for incorrect invoice
C Tigwell	Copy of request to Network Rail for start date at Rainhill
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Nursery School - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 10 St James Mount - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 17 Horwood Ave - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 25 View Road - Approved with conditions
NALC	Employment Briefing
Recreation Club	Photos and Unadopted Road

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**857. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Prior to the meeting a comment was submitted indicating support for the following application:

P/2010/0489 602 Warrington Road, Provision of roller shutters to front elevation

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

P/2010/0446, 25 View Road, Single storey side extension

P/2010/0462, Warburton Hey, Reserved Matters: Full Details Major

P/2010/0470, 6 Eden Close, Replacement porch

P/2010/0492, 20 Lawton Road, Single storey rear extension and conservatory, replacement windows to front and replacement fascias barge boards and gutters

P/2010/0494, Hill View, Mill Lane, Single storey extension to side and single storey addition to rear

P/2010/0502, 81 Ashton Avenue, First floor extension at rear over existing lounge and single story extension at rear

P/2010/0549, 77 Sandhurst Road, Single storey extension to rear

P/2010/0576, 98 Longton Lane, Conservatory to the rear

P/2010/0585, 539 Warrington Road, Single storey rear extension

It was resolved that supporting comments be submitted for the following applications, subject to adjustments regarding the exact siting of the steel containers following neighbourhood consultation:

P/2010/0612, Rainhill Park, Erection of 2.4m high fence and storage container

P/2010/0615, Holt Lane Playing Field, Erection of 2.4m high fence and storage container

It was resolved that comments be submitted regarding the following application indicating the objection of the Parish Council to the felling of any protected trees and indicating that this should only take place if there are no alternative options:

P/2010/0620, Orchard Dean, Craven Road, Application to fell protected tree

**858. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

Description	Amount	Ref
Clerk's Salary May/June, Stationery, Rail Fare, Storage Boxes	1882.55	3037
Village Hall Lease	5.00	3038
LGPS - Apr-Jun	925.79	3039
Tax & NI (Apr-Jun)	1,175.10	3040
Churchyard Maintenance - August	150.00	STO

**859. STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

It was resolved that Cllr Heydon is the nominated Parish Council representative on the St Helens Council Standards Committee and that the Clerk will inform St Helens Council accordingly.

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**860. RAINHILL RECREATION/CRICKET CLUB**

It was resolved that the Parish Council will support any application the Recreation/Cricket Club makes to St Helens Council to have the road leading to the club adopted and made good.

It was resolved that the Parish Council will not support any applications the club makes to display external advertising signs in Rainhill, regardless of where they are sited.

**861. HONOURS BOARD**

It was resolved that the preferred location for the honours board will be in the entrance lobby of the village hall. The ideal location would be where an existing plaque, concerning the gift of land for part of the village hall, is currently located.

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact the Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee for approval of the proposed location with a request that the existing plaque is allowed to either be raised higher on the same wall or moved to another location in the entrance lobby.

It was resolved that the name format will be exactly as that used on the Parish Council chain of office.

It was resolved that the honours board will be the same size as that currently used by Eccleston Parish Council, i.e. 500mm x 1015mm.

**862. RAINHILL PARK AND HOLT PLAYING FIELDS**

It was resolved that St Helens Council Grounds Maintenance installs a soakaway, at an estimated cost to the Parish Council of £346.60, in an attempt to resolve the flooding into a garden adjacent to Holt POS.

**863. LALC AGM AND CONFERENCE**

It was resolved that Cllr Woods will attend the LALC AGM at County Hall, Preston, on behalf of the Council, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

It was resolved that no Council representative will attend the LALC Autumn Conference.

**864. ST ANN'S CHURCHYARD**

Cllr Kelly reported back on behalf of the Churchyard Committee who carried out an inspection on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Items raised by the Churchyard Committee have been discussed with the contractor and Rev Anderson. The Clerk had also obtained the views of Rev Anderson regarding the performance of the new contractor. It was resolved that the probationary period for the new contractor has been satisfactorily completed and that the contract will continue.

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It was resolved that the Parish Council is in agreement with Rev Anderson in his view that the existing waste bin should be sufficient for the churchyard if visitors take the trouble to use it.

**865. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

It was resolved that the revised model publication scheme, for information held by the Council, is adopted.

**866. EXCHANGE PLACE LAND**

It was resolved that Rainhill Parish Council is the owner of the land, of which it took possession on 8<sup>th</sup> September 1997, by virtue of adverse possession in accordance with the Limitation Act 1980.

It was resolved that the Clerk seeks the advice of St Helens Council in appointing a suitably qualified person to complete the final stage in the legal process for the acquisition of this land.

**867. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Drug Dealing

A complaint was received about drug dealing by a specific person at a specific address. However, the Clerk passed the complaint to Merseyside Police who advised it was malicious and without substance.

Churchyard

Two complaints were received regarding the state of the churchyard. The complaints partly refer to anti-social behaviour and vandalism and the Clerk advised that Merseyside Police are aware of the problems. The remainder of the problems relate to 'uncut grass, weeds, dumped soil and lack of flowers'. The Clerk has discussed the issues raised with the contractor and Rev Anderson.

Football Parking

Cllr De'Asha received a complaint regarding inconsiderate parking from 'Jones Estate' residents. The Clerk discussed this with Rainhill Utd JFC who reported that the league advised visitors to park with consideration. It seems that the problem had been exacerbated by the use of the unofficial parking area by nearby builders when building work was going on but that this had now finished. The previously 'churned up' area is looking better and being used again. The league will also be asked to remind visitors about considerate parking again.

Parking outside sheltered accommodation opposite 4F Centre

Cllr De'Asha received a complaint regarding this. The Clerk contacted the 4F Centre in case any of their staff are parking here. Although there are no parking restrictions in place it is understood that 'resident only' parking is to be applied for.

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Alleged discrimination on disability grounds

Cllr Carroll, Cllr De' Asha and the Clerk were all contacted regarding this and appropriate advice has been given to representatives of the aggrieved parties.

Ex-substation at corner of Warrington Road and Old Lane

The Chair recorded a complaint about the unsightly condition of this site, the main problem appearing to be that it is overgrown with weeds. It was resolved that the Clerk contacts the owners and request they attend to the problem.

**868. REPORTS:**

- Public Open Spaces: No separate report – see items 843 and 847.
- Churchyard Committee: No separate report – see items 845 and 848.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr. J. Kelly gave a brief report.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: No report.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: Cllr. Doyle gave a full report on the latest meeting.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood advised the next meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> July.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: Cllr. Wood gave a brief report.

**869. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:18 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2010