

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

**164. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr C. Moore.

**165. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Wood declared an interest in the Planning Application by St Ann's School.

**166. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2012**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

**167. POLICE REPORT**

No report.

**168. CLERK'S REPORT**

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

It was resolved that the Clerk makes arrangements for a short ceremony to unveil the Cathy Wilson Memorial Plaque during the period 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> August as agreed with Mr John Wilson.

**169. CORRESPONDENCE**

A Haymonds	CETB Change of email address
NALC	Policy Consultation Response - Rural Interest and LEPs
M Oakdean	Pavement Obstruction
Plantscape	Solar Powered Christmas Trees
Navigus Planning	Journal of Local Planning
NALC	Legal Briefings - Code of Conduct Template / Disclosable Interests
A Nunnery	Projects
J Whitehead	Pitch Enquiry
IOG Saltex	Show 4th-6th September
J Jones, St Helens Council	Exchange Place
Royal Mail	Advice for customers
Sport England	Application Form - Updated Login information
LALC	AGM and New Councillor/Clerk Training

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M Fedyk, St Helens Council	Funding Support - Rainhill Parish Council
Merseyside Pension Fund	Auto Enrolment and the LGPS
123-reg	June Newsletter
NALC	Updated Legal Briefings - Code of Conduct Template / Disclosable Interests
St Helens Council	BACS Remittance 5930011
St Helens Council	Decision: 1 Porter Close - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 371 Warrington Road - Refused
St Helens Council	Decision: 2 Briars Close - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 11 Epping Close - Approved
St Helens Council	Decision: The Nook Craven Road - Approved with conditions
Microsoft	Greymail
NALC	Updated Legal Briefings - Code of Conduct Template (Final Version)
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
Haven Power	Latest Invoice
LALC	Legal Topic Note Disclosure of Interests
Notts Sport	Play Areas
NALC	E-bulletin
ScottishPower	Annual Statement - Deepdale Drive
X-treme Court	Funding Advice & Assistance
K Langley	Pitch Hire
C Tigwell	Annual Meeting 2013
123-reg	Domain Offer
Arien Signs	Town & Parish Signs
Planning Portal	Supporting Documents
J Parkers	Wholesale Catalogue
NALC	Policy Consultation - Governance Concordat
C Tigwell	Carriageway defect, View Road
M Fedyk, St Helens Council	Funding Support - Rainhill Parish Council
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
R Fletcher	Bench
M Kelly	Holt Football Pitches
J McQueen	Parish Council membership
Clerks & Councils Direct	July 2012 Issue
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Localism Act 2011 - Standards
IOG Saltex	New Products
St Ann's CE Primary School	Thanks for donation
Lancashire & Merseyside CTP	General Power of Competence Workshop
United Utilities	Dee Large Diameter Trunk Main - Cleaning Works
St Helens Council	Decision: 8 St James Mount - Approved with conditions

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St Helens Council	Decision: 30 Dorgan Close - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: The Paddock 17 Mill Lane - Approved with conditions
C Reddecliff, Riverside	Corner plot at junction of Rainhill Road and Warrington Road
Merseyside Police	Rainhill July Newsletter
NALC	E-bulletin
Kompan	Playground Funding Support Service
NALC	NALC Email System
LALC	New Clerks and Councillors Course - P Lynch
N Thompson	Rainhill Town
Glasdon	Special Offer for Councils
J Hawkes, TDH Group	Supplies for forthcoming Olympics
C Noonan, Merseyside PF	Annual Benefit Statement - Employer Contact Details
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
K Langley	Pitch Hire
NALC	Legal Topic Note - Compulsory Purchase Orders
D Boston	Village Hall Accounts
K Maggs	Email address
C Bolton	Code of Conduct
C Tigwell	Parked Vehicles
Notts Sport	Synthetic Turf
Merseyside Pension Fund	Auto Enrolment: Fee-based Mercer workshop
Planning Portal	Important Notice: Applications submitted before July 2010
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
ScottishPower	Meter Readings
A Nunnery	Parish Council
Merseyside Police	Parked Vehicles
BDO LLP	Audit
K Langley	Pitch Hire
RM Steward	Exchange Place
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS2014 Consultation
C Tigwell	Parked Vehicles
J Pout	Exchange Place
D Whitley	Exchange Place
NALC	E-Bulletin
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Next Council Meeting
Zurich Municipal	Renewal Terms
A Nunnery	Parish Council
HAGS	Stock Clearance

It was resolved that Cllrs D. Kelly and W.M. Wood will be the Council's delegates at the LALC AGM in Preston on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

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**170. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

P/2012/0470, 1 Ellerslie Avenue, Two storey side & rear extension and part single storey rear extension.

P/2012/0476, Rainhill Railway Station, Prior notification for replacement of existing cast iron columns with circular steel columns and changes to the bridge, to raise it in height.

P/2012/0481, St Anns CE Primary School, Installation of a cycle shelter on tarmac hard standing.

P/2012/0505, Manor Croft Mill Lane, Consent to display 1 non-illuminated fascia sign.

P/2012/0561, 48 View Road, Two storey extensions to both sides and the rear.

P/2012/0562, Rainhill Railway Station, Provision of station wide Customer Information System (CIS) consisting of five Passenger Information Displays (PID) including two to each platform and one within the booking hall of the station.

**171. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
M Paton - Photocopying, Stationery, Salary Jun (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,006.07	3167
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS June	304.17	3168
Post Office Ltd - Tax & NI (Apr-Jun)	1,190.11	3169
Unity Trust Bank - Opening Deposit	2,000.00	3170
E.ON - Electricity - 4F Centre	170.18	3171
Rainhill Gala - Donation	500.00	3172
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance July	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) July	41.00	STO
Scottish Power- Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) July	61.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields July	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) July	52.63	STO
Corona Energy - 4F Centre	150.00	STO

It was resolved that an increase in the ScottishPower standing order for Rainhill Park POS to £71.00 on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and then to £66.00 w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012 is approved.

**172. WAR MEMORIAL**

It was resolved that the War Memorial railings be repainted and that the Clerk will obtain estimates. It was further resolved that this work will go ahead following approval of estimates by the Chair and without reference back to the full Council.

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**173. NEW RAINHILL NOTICE BOARDS**

Cllr S Glover gave a key for the new Notice Boards to the Clerk and re-affirmed that this was for the Clerk to update the boards with Parish Council notices only.  
The Clerk's observations regarding funding of Notice Boards were noted.

**174. OPEN SPACES EXPENDITURE**

It was resolved that the following items be obtained and installed based on details outlined by the Clerk and at an estimated cost of £3938:  
one bench in the Amanda Road playground  
one bench in the Holt POS playground  
two litter bins for Holt POS, one by the Changing Rooms and one in the playground  
six planters for the roadside railings opposite Stephenson Resource Centre

It was resolved that this work is delayed until possible part-funding by a third party has been investigated.

**175. ONLINE BANKING**

It was resolved that all NatWest deposits will be transferred and all accounts closed following the opening of the Unity Trust Current Account. It was further resolved that an initial deposit of £2,000 be made to open the Unity Trust account.

**176. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

Following the offer made by Ms A Sanderson, from St Helens Council's Legal Department, it was resolved that the Council will opt to use a version of St Helens Council's new Code of Conduct adapted for use by Parish Councils in St Helens.

**177. EXCHANGE PLACE**

It was resolved that 'draft version 3' of the options for landscaping the Exchange Place land is the Council's preferred option subject to it being shown to be affordable when an initial estimate of cost has been received.

It was resolved that an initial meeting, organised by Cllr DeAsha, will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012 and at which the Parish Council's plans for the land will be outlined to interested parties.

**178. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Pavement Obstruction

Mr M Oakdean complained about a caravan causing a pavement obstruction. He was advised to contact Merseyside Police.

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Carriageway Defect

Mr C Tigwell advised there were two “suspension-damaging” pot holes in View Road. He had already reported the problem direct to St Helens Council.

Mill Lane Bench

Mrs R Fletcher enquired about the possibility of donating a bench along Mill Lane in memory of her late husband. Mrs Fletcher’s request was passed on to St Helens Council’s Highways Department. She was advised accordingly and told to come back to the Parish Council if she received no response.

Parish Council Membership

Ms J McQueen enquired about becoming a member of the Parish Council. She was advised that the Council currently had its full complement of 14 Councillors and also of the process for filling any future vacancies.

Parked Vehicles

Mr C Tigwell advised of a possible obstruction caused by vehicles, and particularly a large van, parking at the junction of Old Lane and Marian Close. The matter has been referred to Merseyside Police who advised Mr Tigwell to dial 101 at the time of any future problem.

Flower Troughs at the rear of Longton Lane houses

Cllr D Kelly reported that these fairly new troughs, although very pleasant when first installed, were now in a bad state.

Cllr Grunewald offered to take the matter up.

Cartmel Drive Road Repairs

Cllr Donovan reported that the numerous repairs to the road surface in Cartmel Drive had left it in an unsatisfactory state and that it should ideally be re-surfaced.

Cllr Grunewald offered to take the matter up.

Pothole Repairs

Cllr S Glover reported on repairs that had successfully been completed by St Helens Council.

**179. REPORTS**

- Public Open Spaces: See item 174. No additional report.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.

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- Village Hall Management Committee: In the absence of Cllr Moore a brief report was given by Cllr Doyle.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood attended his first meeting as the Council's representative on 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- Merseytravel Customer Focus: Cllr Doyle reported on the first meeting of the reformed group and of the new name. The next meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> October.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood reminded the Council that Rainhill Parish Council will host the next meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> August.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Standards Committee: Cllr Heydon advised that this has now been disbanded in its existing form and that there will be no Parish Council representation on its replacement. It was resolved that this item will be removed from Reports.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: Cllr Grunewald reported on the success of this year's Gala.
- Lych Gate Project: No report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L Glover gave a brief report on the use of the 4F Centre and it's improving financial state.

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

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:08 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2012