

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
22nd July 2013

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 22nd July 2013 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

Also present: 1 resident.

296. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: J. DeAsha, B. Grunewald and P. Lynch.

297. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest / requests for dispensation.

298. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 24th JUNE 2013

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 24th June 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

299. POLICE REPORT

Sgt Barcroft had sent an apology for not being able to attend along with a brief summary of the latest crime figures.

300. CLERK'S REPORT

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

301. CORRESPONDENCE

Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
D Boston, Rainhill Village Hall	Payment to Village Hall
SLCC	Larger Councils Network
CIPFA	How to value public assets
Capita	Balanced Scorecard
PSMA	PSMA User Group
Saltex	Exhibition
Map Live Ltd	Regional Demo Days
Infoserve	Healthy Living
J Jones, St Helens Council	Apologies
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 27 June 2013
Dialogue Matters	Good Practice Stakeholder Participation
S Kevitt	St Ann's Graveyard
K Pilkington, LALC	Free Trees from the Woodland Trust
NALC	Putting Communities First Conference
A Mercer, Stone Central	Rainhill War Memorial
R Grimley	WI Letter to Parish Council

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B Ferguson	Apologies
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Minutes
Clerks & Councils Direct	July 2013 Issue
Play and Leisure	Multi Activity Ranges
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
J Parkers Wholesale	Wholesale Catalogue
Wicksteed Playscapes	Community Playground
Plantlife	We're in the Wild programme
Monkey Office	Office Supplies Rewards
Capita	Presentation Skills and Personal Impact
Merseyside Police	Rainhill July Newsletter
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Eco Garden Agenda
Halton Borough Council	Draft Statement of Community Involvement (Planning)
A Fellowes, Rainhill United	Pitch Use Details 2013/14
K Cook, Fields in Trust	Field Day
Merseyside Pension Fund	Employers Workshops
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 4 July 2013
NALC	Direct Information Service
NALC	E-bulletin
Itilluminations	Christmas decorations
NALC	E-bulletin
A Davey, Rainhill Civic Society	Rainhill in Bloom
NALC	NALC Chief Executive Post
PSMA	Addressing update
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Forte Trinity	Website Design and Improvement
J Fairclough	Change of telephone numbers
M Gelder, LALC	National Association Consultation
J Jones, St Helens Council	cc Email to J Attinood
J Jones, St Helens Council	Exchange Place
K Cleary	Strategy Draft Consult Final
J Jones, St Helens Council	Exchange Place
University of Salford	Health and Social Care
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 11 July 2013
J Jones, St Helens Council	ECO Garden update
G Pinder, St Helens Council	Invitation to Planning Presentation
S Mackell	ECO Garden update
J Jones, St Helens Council	Poster - Drawing Competition
J Williams, Play and Leisure	Introduction
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Parish Council Meeting
HMRC	Successful Receipt of Online Submission
H Ball, LLCN	Larger Councils Network Update

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M Hodgkinson, St Helens Council	Cenotaph Hedging
A Davey, Rainhill Civic Society	Rainhill in Bloom
S Mackell	Event - Saturday 20th July 11am
A Whitehall	Presentation
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
M Hughes	Land in Exchange Place
L Hollinghurst	Pitch
F Crawford	District Sports Council
A Mercer, Stone Central	Rainhill War Memorial
Historic Towns Forum	Tourism & Neighbourhood Planning Event
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden Litter Picking
N Hamilton, St Helens Council	Advertising Banners in Conservation Area
NALC	Employment Briefing - Pay Settlement 2013/14
J Jones, St Helens Council	ECO Group - planning/design/construction team
L Clarke, St Helens Council	4F Lease
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 18 July 2013
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Apologies / Update
United Utilities	View Road Pumping Station
Dialogue Matters	Focus on the Environment
NALC	NALC Larger Councils Conference
D Boston, Rainhill Village Hall	Monthly Figures
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Eco garden minutes 3/7/13
T Roberts	Thanks
Vyniline	Quotation
NALC	E-bulletin
Zurich Municipal	Account Handler Review
M Hughes	Thanks
Vyniline	Confirmation 25/7

It was resolved that an item be included on the Agenda for May 2014 to discuss whether the regular offers of trees from the Woodland Trust can be utilised in 2014.

It was resolved that Cllr Heydon, Cllr Moore and the Clerk will represent the Parish Council at a Planning Presentation being given by St Helens Council on Thursday 8th August 2013.

302. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/2013/0496, 58 Bishopdale Drive, Part two storey part single storey side/rear extension, and first floor rear extension.

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P/2013/0509, 102 Blundells Lane, Single storey side extension with conservatory, and conservatory to the rear.

P/2013/0514, Cranford Care Home, Demolition of all buildings on site.

P/2013/0532, St Bartholomews Catholic Primary School, Proposed courtyard infill.

303. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
M Paton – Photocopying, Stationery, Salary - July (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,000.33	TFR19
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS (July)	312.68	TFR20
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance July	176.30	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Jul	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Jul	290.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Jul	3.34	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Jul	54.79	STO

It was resolved that the Standing Order for United Utilities water and wastewater services at Holt Playing Fields is amended to £3.23 per month from August.

304. CLERK'S APPRAISAL

It was resolved that, following the Clerk's appraisal and subsequent discussion by Council members, the Clerk will progress one point on the salary scale, in accordance with the written terms and conditions of employment, following his performance meeting the required standard during the preceding 12 months.

305. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

It was resolved that Oakdene Primary School will be invited to perform at the 2013 Christmas Lights Switch-On.

It was further resolved that the other schools who had offered to take part would be advised of this selection including the fact that Oakdene had not performed at this event before.

306. RAINHILL GALA

It was resolved that a donation of £500 will be made to Rainhill Gala.

307. EXCHANGE PLACE

It was resolved that the Risk Assessment undertaken for litter-picking on the Exchange Place site is approved and that the same Risk Assessment form should be completed each time this activity is undertaken.

It was resolved in principle that a grant of £2,500 will be made to Rainhill Environmental Community Organisation (Rainhill ECO) in support of the ECO Garden project. It was

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further resolved that this money will not be released until other significant grant funding has been obtained by Rainhill ECO.

308. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

St Ann's Churchyard

Ms S Kevitt complained about the "state" of St Ann's churchyard and said it looked neglected.

The Clerk responded to Ms Kevitt clarifying the situation regarding the churchyard and explaining exactly what the Parish Council does in voluntarily assisting the owners of the churchyard, St Ann's Church.

Letter from Rainhill Women's Institute

Mrs E North, President of Rainhill WI wrote about a number of issues:

- Eco Garden upkeep including planting and pruning
- Bare planters in the village
- Overgrown garden on the Skew Bridge
- Overgrown vegetation and dangerous footpaths in St Ann's Churchyard

Mrs North also said the WI would be willing to "purchase a tree or shrub or will be guided by the Garden Committee if there is something else that is needed".

The Clerk updated Mrs North regarding ownership of the sites she had mentioned and advised her that the Council shares her concerns about the differing standards of maintenance of flowers and plants at different locations in the village and would welcome a more co-ordinated way of ensuring these sites are maintained in good condition.

The Clerk also passed on her letter to the Chair of Rainhill ECO and suggested the WI should seek representation on that group.

Skew Bridge Garden

Ms C Scott complained to Cllr Heydon about the condition of the garden area on the corner of Rainhill Road and Warrington Road.

Following discussion with Cllr Heydon the Clerk has requested Riverside, the owners of the site, gives the garden attention.

Planters at back of Longton Lane

Cllr D Kelly asked who was responsible for the upkeep of the planters located at the back of Longton lane.

Cllr S Glover advised that when alley gates had been installed it was intended that local residents take over responsibility.

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Untidy Sites

Cllr Wood reported that the site on the corner of Railway Road and Warrington Road was still overgrown and that an area on the corner of Stapleton Road also needed attention.

It was resolved that the Clerk follows up the previous request to Riverside to have the land on the corner of Railway Road and Warrington Road tidied up. Cllr S Glover also advised it was not possible to get an enforcement notice for the Stapleton Road site as the problem was due to the degradation of a wall. Cllr Glover will be contacting the householder.

Planters on Warrington Road

Cllr Donovan reported that the promised barrier planters had still not been installed on the fencing on Warrington Road opposite Stephenson's Resource Centre.

He advised he will be taking the matter up directly with St Helens Council.

309. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: No report – see items 307 and 308.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: A meeting had taken place on 9th July.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood gave a brief report to the Council which included a successful summer outing, agreement of next year's programme and the planting of a flowering cherry in memory of Gordon Jamieson.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle gave an update following a meeting on 19th July including that they were looking for a venue for meetings and she had suggested Rainhill Village.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: As previously reported the next meeting will be on 7th August.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report but it is known that the AGM is due soon.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report – see item 306.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L. Glover gave a brief report including that they are applying for grant funding to support an onsite business manager.
- Exchange Place Project: Cllr S Glover reported that regular meetings were taking place and steady progress was being made.

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310. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 16th September 2013, starting at 7:00pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:46 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
16th September 2013