

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 29th June 2009 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B Heydon, D. Kelly, J. Kelly.
Also present: Mrs. M. Dickinson (Music Festival), Mr. J. Dutton (Highways), Mr. W. Slater (Helena Housing), all of whom made presentations prior to the start of the meeting.

672. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs: B. Grunewald, G. Jamieson, C. Moore, I. Walker, W.M. Wood.

673. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

674. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 18TH MAY 2009

The minutes of the AGM held on 18th May 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

675. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18TH MAY 2009

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

676. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24th June 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

The clerk reported that there were no action items outstanding from the Annual Parish Meeting.

677. POLICE REPORT

As Constable Brown gave a full report at the Annual Parish Meeting 5 days earlier it had been agreed that a further police report was not necessary and so no police representative was present.

678. CLERK'S REPORT

Inspector Kelly has been thanked for sending Constable Brown to the Annual Parish Meeting and for the detailed report he gave.

A version of the 'old' Parish Council website has been installed on a new server and the web site has been brought up to date. The new website is still under development.

Stoves cannot help with Shower Mixer valves for the Holt pavilion as they no longer manufacture them. Mr. Blanchflower has now instructed the original contractor to carry out the work as authorised previously.

Ken Williams (Bernardos St Helens Manager) was advised that it may be some time before all councillors could be available for the suggested ‘Thursday evening’ visit to the 4F centre. He would therefore like to speak at the next Parish Council Meeting.

‘New Clerk’ actions agreed at the previous meeting have all either been completed or are in progress.

The laptop used by the previous clerk is not suitable for use by the new clerk. The laptop is out of date and lacks processing power. The new clerk has his own PC which is much more powerful and up to date. As the laptop has an insignificant resale value it was agreed that the previous clerk retain the laptop and that the new clerk will use his own PC for Parish Council work.

A brief report was given on LALC training and LALC/NALC membership.

679. CORRESPONDENCE

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| St Helens Council | Local Development Framework including ‘Spatial vision of the borough to 2025’ |
| St Helens Council | Copy of Objection: Warburton Hey – by Andrew Williams (architect and resident) |
| St Helens Council | Appeal Decision: 174 Two Butt Lane - Dismissed |
| St Helens Council | Appeal Decision: Briars Hey - Public Enquiry 8/9/09-11/9/09 |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 9 Warburton Hey - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 16 Fairclough Road - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: Oakdene Primary School - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 153 Stoney Lane - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Application: Cert of Lawful Use: 43 Wedgewood Gardens - Lawful |
| St Helens Council | Application P/2009/0256 Brydon, Norlands Lane - Withdrawn |
| LALC | Notice of AGM in Preston on 7th November |
| St Helens West Crime Prevention Team | Amendment to their constitution re press releases and reports to 3rd parties |
| BDO Stoy Hayward | Reminder to approve accounts by 30th June. If not then must be by 28th July |
| St Helens Council | Remittance Advice for second half or precept payment |
| Lesley Millington, Secretary Rainhill W.I. | Problems of parking and lack of public toilets |
| Vitalise | Request for donation |
| Galloways Society for the Blind | Notice of Morecambe Bay Walk 15th & 16th August 2009 |

It was agreed that the Local Development Framework email, including links to documents on St Helens Council website, be emailed to all Councillors.

680. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/09/0521 Land at 140 St James Road – Replaces 0415 which had been approved
P/09/0522 Land at 140 St James Road – Replaces 0415 which had been approved
The Council noted the comments made by the Trees and Woodlands Officer re the protected trees not being treated with the correct care by the work already in progress. It was agreed that the Trees and Woodlands Officer would be asked what steps he has taken to ensure correct care is given and what action will be taken if this does not happen.

The Council considered the following applications but did not feel it appropriate to make any observations:

P/09/0397 44 Old Lane – Two story side extension

P/09/0405 2 Fairclough Road – First floor extension to side elevation

P/09/0500 3 Goldsworth Fold – Two storey side and single storey rear extensions

681. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

| Description | Amount | Ref |
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| Telephone Rental & Internet (12 months) | 142.00 | 2871 |
| Donation to Rainhill Gala | 500.00 | 2872 |
| Leases / Village Hall Commercial Waste | 317.99 | 2873 |
| Annual Maintenance – Village Hall Security | 287.50 | 2874 |
| United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields | 410.55 | 2875 |
| United Utilities - Rainhill Park | 138.09 | 2876 |
| Scottish Power – Holt Playing Fields | 37.50 | 2877 |
| Scottish Power – Rainhill Park | 37.50 | 2878 |
| Gala T-Shirts | 111.21 | 2879 |
| Website hosting, Stationery, Stamps, Clerk's Salary | 1527.62 | 2880 |
| HMRC - Tax/NI | 513.84 | 2881 |
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| Churchyard Maintenance June | 359.00 | STO |

682. BARNARDO'S LIGHTING OLD LANE

It was agreed that Mr Ken Williams would be invited to speak at the next meeting on 27th July.

683. RAINHILL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Following the presentation by Mrs Dickinson and the information she left with the Council, it was agreed that her request for funding for prizes would be considered at the next meeting on 27th July.

684. WARBURTON HEY ROAD CLOSURES

Following the presentation by Mr Slater (Helena Housing) and Mr Dutton (St Helens Council Highways) it was agreed that the Council would give the support they requested.

It was agreed that Standing Order 28 (Closure Times) be suspended for 10 minutes in an effort to quickly get through the remaining Agenda items.

685. LALC

An invoice for LALC/NALC membership was discussed. It was agreed the clerk will provide more information and the matter will be discussed further at the next meeting on 27th July.

686. RETIRING CLERK

Thanks were expressed for the significant work done by Mr Blanchflower over the years he had been clerk. It was agreed that the Council's appreciation of Mr Blanchflower's work should be shown in some way and this will be discussed further at the next meeting on 27th July.

687. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Overgrown Hedge in St Ann's Churchyard

It was agreed this item would be discussed under Agenda Item 17b as the Churchyard Committee had met to undertake a site inspection and report back.

Memorial Bench in Old Lane

Mr Johnson (St Helens Council – Parks) had advised of St Helens Council's intention to site a third bench in Old Lane in memory of a resident's husband and at the cost of the resident.

Cleaning of War Memorial

Mr Blackburn (British Legion) had requested that the Parish Council have the War Memorial cleaned. It was agreed this would be done and the clerk was tasked to obtain costs.

Lack of Parking and Public Toilets

The Secretary of Rainhill W.I. wrote to Cllr Doyle to raise the problem of parking in the village and also the lack of public toilets. It was agreed a reply will be sent indicating the Parish Council is aware of the parking problem and that possible ways of improving the situation are being investigated. It will also be pointed out that the possibility of installing public toilets in the village has previously been investigated and the costs involved are far too much for the Parish Council to fund.

Lack of Parking – Local Businesses

A suggestion had come from local business representatives that the Millennium Centre Car Park is made available for general use by people in the village. It was agreed that a letter be sent to St Ann's Church to make that request.

Good Citizenship Award

Cllr Carroll queried if anything was happening with awards in the current year. It was agreed that this would be an Agenda Item at the next meeting on 27th July.

688. REPORTS

Carried forward to the next meeting on 27th July due to lack of time.

689. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 27th July 2009, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council
27th July 2009