

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**20<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. De' Asha, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, P. Lynch, C. Moore, W.M. Wood.  
PC A. Tomkinson and PCSTO J. Bush (part of meeting).

**996. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: M. Donovan, B. Grunewald, D. Kelly, J. Kelly.

**997. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Lynch - United Utilities

**998. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

Cllr Heydon pointed out that, although its future remained uncertain, he had been reappointed as the Council's representative on the Standards Committee. Subject to this correction being applied, the minutes of the AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

**999. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 17<sup>th</sup> MAY 2011**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

**001. POLICE REPORT**

PC Moore sent his apologies but PC Andy Tomkinson and PCSTO Julia Bush attended in his absence. They talked though local policing issues including the recent priorities of Trent Road and Old Lane Playing Fields. Following the recent speedwatch campaign PC Tomkinson took on board a request to supply more details regarding the action and suggested that similar events could take place on a regular basis, allowing figures to be compared and trends identified.

**002. CLERK'S REPORT**

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

It was resolved that the Clerk offers to reimburse Rainhill United JFC for the cost of replacing substandard locks at Rainhill Park Changing Rooms.

**003. CORRESPONDENCE**

NALC	NALC/SLCC Clerk's Networking Lunch - Derby
Globalnet21	Webinar
S Clarke, Rainhill Gala	Sub-station adjacent to Old Lane & Warrington Road
NALC	Request for case study information

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St Helens District Sports Council	Acknowledgement of change of representative details
MALC	Acknowledgement of additional representative details
NALC	Communities in Action Conference, Bristol, Sheffield & London
C Tigwell	Cancellation of a publicity meeting at Rainhill station (copy)
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill High School - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 14 Fairlie Drive - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 13 Horwood Avenue - Approved with conditions
NALC	Legal Briefing
J Dentith	Public Consultation Meeting by Riverside
J Langston, CPRE	CPRE Conference
Royal Mail	Mailsort 1400
Z Strange, Rainhill Gala	Query re Chair's availability
C Lewis, St Helens CVS	Cancellation of meeting
Z Strange, Rainhill Gala	Query re photocall for 'It's a Knockout' team
K Dunne, St Helens Council	Amended Register of Interest Forms
123 Reg	Newsletter
C Southward	Parking in Deepdale Drive area
R Hobson	Adopt a Kiosk
A W Bryce	United Utilities damage to kerbstones
Dialogue Matters Ltd	Good Practice Stakeholder Participation course, Kent
C Tigwell	Public Consultation Meeting by Riverside
N Roberts, Porters Solicitors	Request for contact details
C Tigwell	Public Consultation Meeting by Riverside
St Helens Council	Decision: St Anns CE Primary School - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Holley Court Sheltered Complex, Brandreth Close - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Ward Committee Agenda and Minutes
F Humphreys	Copy of letter to P Sanderson, St Helens Council objecting to St James Road parking proposals
Lamps & Tubes	Hanging Baskets
Northern Voice	Newsletter (National Housing Federation))
St Helens Council	Submission of re-publication of Core Strategy January 2011
	Complaint re drug abuse and drug dealing
C Lewis, St Helens CVS	Cancellation of meeting
C Lewis, St Helens CVS	J Pout
Lamps & Tubes	Lamp Column Stress Testing
123 Reg	Domains Offer
Navigus Planning	Subscription to Journal of Local Planning

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Merseyside Police	June Newsletter
St Helens Council	Armed Forces Day 25 June
Graphic Press Ltd	Change of address and offer to quote for design & print work
K Rylance, St Helens Council	Lychgate Project draft press release
NALC	Local Council Review - Summer 2011
J Pout	4F Centre Meeting
A Gaffney, St Helens Council	P/2011/0434 - 15 Knowsley Road
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Parish Council Meeting 20th June 2011
M Perry	Planning Application Oakes
D Heron	1 The Meadows P/2011/0319 Objection
A Collins, St Helens Council	Armed Forces Day

**004. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Comments for the following application had been submitted prior to the meeting as advised by the Planning Applications Group:

P/2011/0409, 1 Loyola Hey, Removal of tree protected by a preservation order  
 There was no separate report included with the application but the application noted that the Tree Officer had attended and advised the tree was unstable. The applicant offers to plant a replacement tree and it has been suggested this should be a condition of granting the application.

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

P/2011/0372, 2 The Priory, Single storey rear extension  
 P/2011/0386, 1-3 Eden Close, Outline application for erection of two bungalows  
 P/2011/0390, 26 Galston Avenue, First floor addition to rear of property  
 P/2011/0391, 23 Longton Lane, Change of use from A1 (retail) to A5 (hot food takeaway)  
 P/2011/0426, 9 St Davids Close, Single storey rear extension  
 P/2011/0435, 148 St James Road, Retention of fencing and gates to side

It was resolved that the advice of the Tree Officer be accepted for the following applications:

P/2011/0434, 15 Knowsley Road, Works to trees protected by a tree preservation order  
 P/2011/0489, 15 Knowsley Road, Works to trees in a conservation area – published 20<sup>th</sup> June

It was noted that 0434 relates to a single tree, subject to a tree preservation order, having its crown reduced and thinned and that 0489 relates to trees in a conservation area not subject to a tree preservation order.

It was resolved that the Clerk checks with the Case Officer that an objection already submitted by the Council for the following application is still valid following amendments to the application after the objection was submitted. The Clerk was instructed to re-submit the objection if it is no longer valid:

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P/2011/0319, 1 The Meadows, Demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling and adjacent garage and construction of replacement 2 storey dwelling with integral garage

**005. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
St Helens Council - Village Hall Commercial Waste 2011/12	701.47	3087
M Paton - Photocopying, stationery, postage stamps and May salary	997.95	3088
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS - May	290.23	3089
Churchyard Maintenance June	150.00	STO
Martin Close (Holt) - June	37.50	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - June	43.50	STO
Holt Playing Fields - June	80.00	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - June	73.37	STO

It was resolved that an increase in the United Utilities Standing Order for Holt POS to £101.57 w.e.f. 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2011 is approved.

It was resolved that an increase in the ScottishPower Standing Order for Rainhill Park to £56.00 w.e.f. 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 is approved.

It was resolved that an increase in the ScottishPower Standing Order for Holt POS to £40.50 on 15<sup>th</sup> July and then to £39.00 w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011 is approved.

It was resolved that an increase in the Malcolm Colin Wright Standing Order to £180 on 15<sup>th</sup> July and then to £157.50 w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> August 2011 is approved.

**006. CLERK'S APPRAISAL**

It was resolved that, following the Clerk's appraisal on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and subsequent discussion by Council members, the Clerk will progress from point 34 to point 36 on the salary scale.

**007. 2010/11 ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL**

It was resolved that the Accounts presented by the Clerk for 2010/11 are accepted and approved by the Council and that the submission of Accounts to the external auditor will now take place. The Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer, and the Chair signed the Accounts and the BDO submission on behalf of the Council.

**008. VILLAGE HALL LETTINGS POLICY**

Cllr Moore advised that there was currently no further progress to report but that he would advise the Clerk when to include the subject on the Agenda again. Cllr Moore also advised that he could not attend the next two meetings of the Village Hall Management Committee and Cllr DeAsha agreed to attend as Council representative in his absence. Cllr Moore will pass on the relevant dates and any documents to Cllr DeAsha.

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It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Mr Biggs to advise him that the Council's contribution to the funding of the Village Hall is reviewed on a regular basis but that, currently, there are no plans for the Council to discontinue this contribution.

**009. BARNARDOS 4F CENTRE**

It was resolved that, in principle, the Council will part-fund the 4F Centre to allow it to continue to function and provide a valuable community resource. This funding will be with other partners and will initially be for a 6-month period. It was resolved that Cllr S Glover will work with these partners, on behalf of the Council, to move this initiative forward and determine the Council's detailed involvement.

**010. STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

It was resolved that NALC proposals regarding a Parish Council's "duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct" will be implemented. It was resolved that the Clerk carries out the actions required by the Council to achieve this.

**011. PUBLIC TOILETS**

Following consideration of a report made by the Clerk, it was resolved that the Clerk writes to the Village Hall Management Committee requesting it considers reversing its current policy and allows public use of the Village Hall's toilets.

It was further resolved that the Clerk writes to the Millennium Centre and Rainhill Library to suggest they consider allowing public use of their toilets.

**012. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Deepdale Drive Parking

Mr C Southward complained about the parking on Deepdale Drive and asked why, with such a popular playing area for football and Scouts, better access and parking cannot be provided? The Clerk had already replied to Mr Southward advising him of the situation regarding the parking used by Scouts, the separate and unofficial parking area used by some visitors to Rainhill Park and the status of the privately-owned land.

Calder Drive Kerbstone Damage

Mr A W Bryce reported damage to kerbstones on Calder Drive caused by digger equipment being used by United Utilities sub-contractors. He asked whether the kerbstones could be replaced, whether contractors have to report to the Council and if there is an inspection of their work on completion. The Clerk had passed the complaint to St Helens Council and advised Mr Bryce accordingly.

St James Road Parking Proposals

Mr F W Humphreys sent a copy of a letter to Mr P R Sanderson, St Helens Council regarding the proposed parking restrictions on St James Road. Mr Humphreys strongly objects to the proposal and detailed the reasons for his objection.

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Drug Abuse and Drug Dealing

A further complaint was received about the same person and property. The complaint has been dealt with by the Clerk in the same way as previous complaints regarding this person and property.

Empty Planters

Cllr DeAsha passed on a complaint received by Cllr Donovan regarding empty planters on the Holt estate. Cllr S Glover suggested a possible partnership scheme involving the Parish Council and the Stevenson Centre and agreed to discuss this with the Stevenson Centre.

Cathy Wilson

Cllr Wood suggested that the endeavours of Cathy Wilson, to improve disabled access, be recognised in some way and he agreed to look at ideas for further consideration by the Council.

Pensions Advisory Service

Cllr Heydon advised the Council of his dealings with the Pensions Advisory Service and suggested their services could be of benefit to residents. He agreed to make further enquiries including the possibility of them talking to the Council.

**013. REPORTS:**

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr Glover mentioned the poor condition of part of the sandstone wall bordering the Old Lane Playing fields. The Clerk advised a condition report was being obtained before getting detailed estimates.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: No separate report – see items 008 and 011.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: No report.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: Cllr Doyle advised there was no news relevant to Rainhill other than the ongoing initiatives previously reported.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood gave a short report and advised that the Council is entitled to three representatives including, optionally, the Clerk.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: Cllr DeAsha advised that St Helens Council would be considering a report regarding the future of Ward Committees and he would update the Parish Council when there was any further news.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.

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- Standards Committee: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: The Chair accompanied the Mayor of St Helens at the Gala. The team sponsored by the Council finished third in the ‘It’s a Knockout’ competition.

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

It was resolved that next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:22 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
25<sup>th</sup> July 2011