

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**18<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

Also present: 1 resident

**143. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**144. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Interests were declared by Cllr Doyle (Longton Lane School) and Cllr Wood (Longton Lane School and St Ann's School).

**145. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

Cllr Doyle advised an entry for the Merseytravel Advisory Panel had been missed from the list of appointment of committees and representatives to external Bodies. It was resolved that the Clerk amend the minutes accordingly.

Otherwise the minutes of the AGM held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

**146. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

It was resolved that the Clerk amend the minutes regarding Online Banking to correct the list of Authorisers.

Otherwise the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

**147. POLICE REPORT**

PC Moore advised of local police staff changes before going through the 'year on year' crime figures and answering Councillors' questions. He was reminded that the Council would be pleased to see the 'new' Inspector at a future meeting.

**148. CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**149. CORRESPONDENCE**

LALC	New Code of Conduct
NatWest	Overdraft Interest Rates and Charges
Audit Commission	Consultation on appointment of External Auditor
G Cleary	Members conduct and the registration and disclosure of interests

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Royal Mail	Launch of Royal Mail Technical site
Capita Conferences	Capita Conferences Survey
L Ellis	Notices at Blundellshill
Dialogue Matters	Stakeholder Participation - Training in Good Practice
NALC	People in Action Conference - London
Pennine Playgrounds	Pennine Outdoor Fitness news
L Rynn	St Ann's Choir
NALC	NALC's template code of conduct for parish councils
J Hawkes, TDH Group	Jubilee Street & Community Party Packs
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Parish Council Meeting
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Message from L Ellis
R M Steward	Exchange Place
L Clarke	4F Centre
St Helens Council	Decision: Skew Bridge Listed Building Consent - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: The Elms 9 Craven Road Conservation Area Consent- Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: The Elms 9 Craven Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 24 Ellon Avenue - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 2 Swaledale Avenue - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Skew Bridge - Approved with conditions
Merseyside Pension Fund	Annual Contribution Return
L Rynn	St Ann's Choir
C Thompson	Local Leaders: Sports Facilities
NALC	Employers First Aid obligations
L Ellis	Notices at Blundellshill
St Helens Council	Dog Control Orders Consultation
Royal Mail	New User Guide
LALC	Request to Adopt Planning Applications Bill
NALC	Policy Consultation Briefing - Localising support for council tax
J Dutton, St Helens Council	Rainhill Station Eastern Bridge
A Haymonds, CETB	CETB Application Pack
M Roberts, St Helens Council	Tree Walk Talk
Lamps and Tubes Ltd	Pre-Used Cone Tree
D Whitley	Rainhill Station Eastern Bridge
123-reg	Newsletter
Sport England	Password Reset
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
M Hodgkinson	Trial
J Hawkes, TDH Group	Jubilee and Olympic Torch Relay

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St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Railway Station Memorial Plaque Listed Building Consent - Approved with conditions
Clerks & Councils Direct	May 2012 Issue
Merseyside Pension Fund	Employers Conference
Ordnance Survey	PSMA Newsletter
S Clarke	Rainhill Gala opening ceremony
T Hawkes	Jubilee Checklist
C Obrien	Merseyside WDA Veolia Community Fund No 3 Launch
NALC	Consultations - Public Rights of Way, National Parks Authorities
M Dill, LCR	LCR Opinion Question - Neighbourhood Plans
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Message from L Ellis
National Housing Federation	Northern Voice
L Clarke	4F Centre Meter Readings
L Ellis	Notices at Blundellshill
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Parish Council Meeting
Historic Towns Forum	NPPF Seminar - Winchester
D Boston	Village Hall Accounts
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
NALC	Legal Topic Note - Disposal and Appropriation of Land by Local Councils
SGT G Bradley, Merseyside Police	Message from S Manning
INSP P Holden, Merseyside Police	Message from S Manning
S Clarke	Rainhill Gala opening ceremony
St Helens Council	Decision: 20 Owen Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 25 Porter Close - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 23 Ellon Avenue - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Railway Station Memorial Plaque Advertising Consent - Approved with conditions
123-reg	Jubilee Offers
J Lewis, EON	4F Centre
C Tigwell	Railway & Heritage Society
HAGS	HAGS Play Matters
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
J Williamson, Amberol	Confirmation of request for information
K Maggs, Longton Lane CP School	Christmas Tree Lights Switch On
Glasdon Direct	Litter Bins
Royal Mail	Flap Sealing
NALC	E-bulletin
LALC	Newsletter, Conference, Training Workshop, Vitalise Circular

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EON	Electricity Supply 4F Centre
PPF	PPF Bulletin
Sonys	Housing List
LCR	LCR Summer 2012
LALC	Community Right to Build
123-reg	SmarterStats tool
Dialogue Matters	Stakeholder Participation - Training in Good Practice
Merseyside Police	Rainhill June Newsletter
IOG Saltex	2012 Seminar Programme
Westgarth United	Pitch Hire
St Helens Council	Armed Forces Day Invitation
N Anderson	Urgent
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News

**150. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

P/2012/0379, 30 Dorgan Close, Single storey side extension.

P/2012/0382, 14 Fawley Road, Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and porch to front.

P/2012/0410, Rainhill Railway Station, Prior notification for works to western footbridge.

P/2012/0437, Rainhill Railway Station, Replacement of existing cast iron columns with circular steel columns and changes to the bridge, to raise it in height

**151. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

Description	Amount	Ref
Corona Energy Retail 2 Ltd - Gas 4F Centre - Apr	110.03	3159
Rainhill Village Hall - Commercial Trade Waste	719.01	3160
Weightmans LLP - Professional Services	1,994.91	3161
St Anns CE School - Donation	100.00	3162
M Paton – Photocopying, Stationery, Ink, Salary May (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,058.44	3163
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS Apr/May	608.34	3164
4F Centre - Balance of Grant	38.76	3164
Lancashire County Training Partnership - General Power of Competence Workshop	25.00	3166
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance June	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) June	39.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) June	61.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields June	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) June	81.56	STO

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It was resolved that an increase in the ScottishPower standing order for Holt POS to £41.00 on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and then to £40 w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> August 2012 is approved.

It was resolved that a decrease in the United Utilities standing order for Rainhill Park POS to £52.63 on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and then to £67.05 w.e.f. 15<sup>rd</sup> August 2012 is approved.

It was resolved that a new Corona Energy standing order be set up for the 4F Centre for £150 w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**152. 2011/12 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 Accounting statements and Annual governance statement in the BDO submission on behalf of the Council.

**153. NEW RAINHILL NOTICE BOARDS**

Although new Notice Boards had been erected at either end of the village the Clerk did not have access to either of the new boards and did not know who was responsible for maintaining the notices displayed on them. Some notices for display had been sent to Rainhill Village Hall by St Helens Council and they had been passed on to the Clerk.

Cllr S Glover advised that, although these were not Parish Council Notice Boards, it was intended that the Clerk was given a set of keys so that he could update them with Parish Council notices only. Cllr Glover also advised he would determine who was responsible for more general updating of the boards.

It was resolved that the Clerk would confirm, at the next Parish Council meeting, whether any contribution had been made by the Parish Council towards these Notice Boards,

**154. CONSULTATION ON APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was resolved that the Council would not object to the re-appointment of BDO LLP for the external audit of the Council's accounts for the 5 years commencing 2012/13.

**155. CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005 - CONSULTATION**

It was commented that this initiative was long overdue although there were concerns over enforcement. It was resolved that no response is necessary by the Council.

**156. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON**

It was resolved that a donation of £100 will be made to St Ann's School. It was further resolved that the Clerk enquires of the school when the bricks previously sponsored by the Council, under the school's 'Buy-a-brick' scheme, would be available to view.

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**157. OPEN SPACES EXPENDITURE**

It was resolved that the Clerk obtains firm estimates for the provision of the following:  
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 further resolved that the benches should be the same or similar to those installed in Rainhill Park and that the planters should be barrier planters of the type suitable for this location as advised by St Helens Council.

It was resolved that, as ownership of the bench on the corner of Mill Lane and Blundell's Lane cannot be determined, the request to re-furbish it be declined.

**158. MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

It was resolved that the Clerk makes arrangements for the installation of the Cathy Wilson memorial plaque at Rainhill Railway Station including a ceremony and small reception. It was further resolved that the Clerk should liaise with the immediate relatives of Cathy Wilson and Gordon Jamieson and invite representatives from the local organisations they were connected with and St Ann's, St James and St Bartholomew churches.

**159. ONLINE BANKING**

It was resolved that the final list of 'Authorisers' will be Cllrs J DeAsha, M Donovan, L Glover, S Glover, B Heydon, C Moore and W Wood.

**160. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

It was resolved that the Council adopts the template Code of Conduct for Parish Councils produced and distributed by NALC. It was further resolved that Appendix A and references to it are removed from the template and Appendix B is renamed accordingly.

**161. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Notices at Blundells Hill

Ms L Ellis advised she is very concerned about two notices which have been placed on the BT posts on Blundellshill. They refer a farming act concerning the shooting of dogs found amongst live stock.

The Clerk asked Merseyside Police to investigate and advise on the legality of the notices. Merseyside Police visited the site and reported "The signs in question refer to The Animal Act 1971 and in particular to Worrying Livestock, they are placed on posts either side of a local farm (which puts them in context) and as far as I can see are legitimate in their purpose. I do not see any reason for this to cause concern to any

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residents or visitors to Rainhill; they are purely there as a warning and for information purposes”. Ms Ellis was informed accordingly.

Flower Trough near St Bartholomew’s School

A resident complained to St Helens Council that a flower trough “100 yards past St Bartholomew’s Junior School” was not being watered. St Helens Council could not determine who has responsibility for maintaining the flower trough.

Old Co-op Building

Cllr Moore again reported that nothing seems to be happening regarding the old Co-op building.

**162. REPORTS**

- Public Open Spaces: It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Riverside regarding weeds at the site on the corner of Rainhill Road and Warrington Road. In response to a query from Cllr Moore the Clerk reported that St Helens Council should soon be responding with draft designs for the Exchange Place project. It was resolved that the Clerk contacts Rainhill Town to find out what the latest position is regarding their enquiries into the possibility of improving their situation at Rainhill Park. See also item 157.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: A brief report was given by Cllr Moore.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood advised the next meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> June.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: No report.
- 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: Cllr Lynch advised that no further meetings had been held.
- Standards Committee: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: It was resolved, in principle, that a donation of £500 would be made to the Gala and that the item is included in the Agenda for the next meeting.
- Lych Gate Project: Cllr L Glover advised no further meeting had been arranged. She agreed to enquire about a handrail with the Lych Gate Project Steering Group.

It was resolved that the 4F Centre is included in future reports to the Council.

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

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
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