

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
24th June 2013

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24th June 2013 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

Also present: PC A. Tomkinson and 1 resident.

278. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: S. Glover, B. Grunewald and B. Heydon.

279. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest / requests for dispensation.

280. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 13th MAY 2013

The minutes of the AGM held on 13th May 2013 were agreed as a correct record

281. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 13th MAY 2013

Cllr Wood advised the reference to The Meadows under ‘Residents Comments and Complaints’ should refer to 3 The Meadows. Otherwise the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 13th May 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

282. POLICE REPORT

PC Tomkinson reported on the latest crime figures and went on to discuss in more detail the recent increase in burglaries. He then answered questions from Councillors and agreed to raise the possibility of a further CCTV camera being obtained with the relevant department.

283. CLERK’S REPORT

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

284. CORRESPONDENCE

A Davey, Rainhill Civic Society	cc Trees at Loyola Hall
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Longton Lane Primary School	May Newsletter
T Kelly	Internal Audit Meeting
S Gaskell	Internal Audit Meeting
NALC	Consultation Response - Publicity Code
C Bolton	Internal Audit Meeting
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Constitution
A Forsyth, St Helens	P/2013/0222 533 Warrington Road

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Council	
Itiluminations	May Event
Merseyside Police	Rainhill May Newsletter
HMRC	Annual Confirmation - Employer Email Alert Service
B Ferguson	Minutes from Meeting 08/05/2013
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 10 May 2013
A Haymonds, CETB	CETB 10th Anniversary Funding
B Ferguson	Amended Minutes from Meeting 08/05/2013
NALC	Policy Briefings - Queen's Speech & Mobile Connectivity
NALC	E-bulletin
S Mackell	Minutes from Meeting 08/05/2013
S Mackell	Constitution
D Whitley	Rosebowl trophy
M Stoddart	Rainhill AGM & Ordinary Meeting 13 May 2013
123-reg	Domain renewal
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Salford University	Leading Organisations
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden - Rainhill Gala - possible drawing competition
S Mackell	Eco Garden drawing competition prizes
Historic Town Forum	Community Engagement Event
Pensions Regulator	Regulator's Statement
NALC	Putting Communities First Conference
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 16 May 2013
M Roberts, St Helens Council	Rockland House
D Whitley	cc Skew Bridge
Charity Commission	Charity Commission News
T Deveney, St Helens Council	Invite re Britain in Bloom
Infoserve	Bespoke Website
J Jones, St Helens Council	Rainhill Gala
NALC	Chairman's update on meeting with DCLG Minister
J Jones, St Helens Council	Rainhill Gala - reimbursement
J Jones, St Helens Council	Notice of Application for Planning Permission - Exchange Place
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Dialogue Matters	Good Practice Training - Stakeholder Participation
C Tigwell	cc Skew Bridge Rainhill
Y Carlu	Rainhill Hospital
Itiluminations	Street lighting and advertising
S Clarke, Rainhill Gala	Rainhill Gala opening
L Clarke, St Helens Council	4F Centre Trees
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 23 May 2013
Land Registry	Title Plans
PSMA	PSMA Events
S Clarke, Rainhill Gala	Rainhill Gala opening

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Imperial War Museum	Rainhill War Memorial 1237
Santander	Childrens Playground Account
LALC	Environment Agency Maintenance Programme
L Hollinghurst	Holt FC
P Brooks, LGPS	Merseyside Pension Fund Employer's Conference
NALC	E-bulletin
M Hughes	Land in Exchange Place
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco garden website
Sutcliffe Play	Cost effective environmentally friendly range
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Rainhill ECO Constitution
123-reg	Newsletter
L Hollinghurst	Holt FC
Zurich	Annual Local Council Advisory Service Seminars
T Lowton	Stephenson Model Railway Group
NALC	Consultation Response - Reforms to Community Infrastructure
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 30 May 2013
LALC	NALC Larger Councils Survey
J Jones, St Helens Council	Stone on Eco garden
LALC	AGM
Sgt S Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Rainhill Parish Council Meetings
Capita	Internal Communication Management
Insp P Holden, Merseyside Police	Rainhill Parish Council Meetings
B Ferguson	Co-operative Bank Community Account
Street Collective	Beautiful and sustainable natural environments
NALC	Putting Communities First Conference
B Huyton	Dog nuisance
B Murphy	Rainhill War Memorial
PSMA	User Group Meeting
J Jones, St Helens Council	Rainhill ECO meeting Agenda
Merseyside Police	Rainhill June Newsletter
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Royal Mail	Downloadable files
Millar and Spencer	Concert Venue
Stackastage	Community Halls
Capita	Commercialism in Local Government
Itiluminations	Christmas Decorations
PSMA	PSMA Census
U Sarsfield	Rainhill War Memorial
K Cook, Fields in Trust	June ezine
Liverpool Hope University	Liverpool Pound Accelerator Fringe Event
TDH Group	Armed Forces Day
NALC	Accounts and Audit Services
L Rynn, St Ann's School	Christmas Lights Switch On

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D Boston, Rainhill Village Hall	Parish Council Grant
R Montieth	Holt FC
Kompan	Summer Sale
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 6 June 2013
T Roberts	United Utilities Pumping Station, View Road
The Mayor, St Helens Council	Invitation to Armed Forces Day
B Ferguson	Co-operative Bank Community Account
D Boston, Rainhill Village Hall	Parish Council Grant
NALC	E-bulletin
V Bibby	Missing Rythemps Lane
LALC	June 2013 Newsletter, LCTP Workshops
C Cave, Burleigh Stone	Memorial Cleaning
D Senior, Stone Central	Rainhill War Memorial
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Rainhill ECO Constitution
R Gray, Fields in Trust	Planning and Design for Outdoor Sport and Play
CPRE	80th Anniversary Picnic
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Direct Contact Group	Practical Play Solutions Event
J Jones, St Helens Council	Dates and Meeting rooms
B Murphy	Rainhill War Memorial
Russell Play	Climbing made better
J Griffiths, St Helens Council	Code of Conduct and Equality Policy for Parish Councils
NALC	LCR Opinion Piece - Mayors
Navigus Planning	Journal of Local Planning
SLCC	Larger Councils Network
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden - Breakdown and Project Teams
S Mackell	Sandstone focal point
Planning Portal	Wind Farm Application Guidance
HMRC	Successful Receipt of Online Submission
Liverpool Hope University	Church & Business Survey
NALC	Putting Communities First Sheffield
Came & Co	Benefits of a Broker - Parish Council Insurance
Itiluminations	Christmas Decorations
B Ferguson	Co-operative Bank Community Account
Direct Contact Exhibitions	Practical Play Solutions Widnes 26th June
K Whitfield, St Helens Council	Armed Forces Day
J Jones, St Helens Council	Constitution
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Protect Congleton	Request to sign E-Petition
A Roberts	St Ann's Churchyard
LALC	CPRE Lancashire 80th Anniversary Picnic
MonkeyOffice	Office Supplies Sale

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Emapsite	OS 1:10000 Update
Capita	Training Courses
Cyan	Teak Furniture
B Murphy	Rainhill War Memorial
K Cook, Fields in Trust	Summer Events
St Helens Council	Precept
D Boston, Rainhill Village Hall	Parish Council Grant
B Ferguson	Minutes
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 20 June 2013
PSMA	PSMA June Newsletter
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS 2014 Briefing Note for Employers
A Mercer	Rainhill War Memorial
NALC	E-bulletin
LCR	Local Council Review Summer 2013
E North, Rainhill WI	Eco Garden
Salford University	Understanding your role in Public Health
Merseyside Police	Burglaries Rainhill Area

It was resolved that Cllr Wood and Cllr D. Kelly will represent the Council at the LALC AGM in Preston on 9th November 2013.

The Clerk requested that any further Councillors who wished to receive Code of Conduct training should let him know as soon as possible so that this could be arranged with Ms A. Sanderson at St Helens Council.

285. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Comments had been submitted supporting the following application:

P/2013/0406, Land adjacent to 7 Exchange Place, Creation of a community garden on existing public open space.

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

P/2013/0359, 57 Ashton Avenue, Pitched roof over existing garage to side.

P/2013/0361, 716 Warrington Road, Partial conversion of garage to habitable rooms along with porch extension and alterations and new pitched roof over.

P/2013/0364, Land adjacent to 9 Victoria Street, Prior notification for the installation of a DSLAM cabinet.

P/2013/0443, 12 Dane Court, Installation of new shop front.

P/2013/0461, 29 Sandhurst Road, First floor rear extension

It was resolved that a letter be submitted to the Case Officer supporting the objections made by Rainhill Civic Society and others against the modifications to Skew Bridge detailed in P/2013/0269.

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286. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
Rainhill Village Hall - ABM Security Systems - Fire Alarm Maintain / Monitor, Intruder Alarm Maintain / Monitor, St Helens Council - Commercial Trade Waste	1,953.54	TFR16
M Paton – Photocopying, Stationery, Printer Ink, 123-reg Domain Renewal (2 years), Land Registry Title Plans, Salary - June (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,048.94	TFR17
Merseyside Pension Fund LGPS (June)	312.68	TFR18
HMRC - Tax & NI (Apr-Jun)	1,235.33	0007
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance June	176.30	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Jun	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Jun	290.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Jun	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Jun	54.90	STO

It was resolved that the Standing Order for United Utilities water and wastewater services at Holt Playing Fields is amended to £3.34 in July then £3.23 per month from August.

It was resolved that the Standing Order for United Utilities water and wastewater services at Rainhill Park is amended to £54.79 from July.

287. 2012/13 ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that the accounts presented by the Clerk, and having been scrutinised by internal audit, are approved and that the BDO submission be signed by the Chair and Clerk on behalf of the Council.

288. CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND CHARITY

It was resolved that, following the closure of the account held with Santander Bank, the proceeds will held by the Council as a specific provision to be used only in accordance with the stated aims contained in the original governance documents lodged with the Charity Commission.

289. RAINHILL WAR MEMORIAL

Following the investigation by the Clerk into the ownership of land surrounding the War memorial it was resolved that the work listed by Mr M Hodgkinson for remedial work to trees and hedges bordering 535 Warrington Road is approved.

It was resolved that cleaning of the War Memorial will be carried out by Stone Central in October 2013. It was further resolved that the memorial will be subject to cleaning every 3 years.

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290. ST ANN'S CHURCHYARD

It was resolved that the draft letter prepared by the Clerk, subject to changes to page 2 agreed by the Council, should be sent to St Ann's Parochial Church Council.

291. BRITAIN IN BLOOM

Following the presentation given to the Council by Mr T. Deveney from St Helens Council, it was resolved that Rainhill should participate in RHS Britain in Bloom.

Mr Deveney had outlined the 5-step process to getting started:

Step 1 - form an action group or committee

Step 2 - put together an action plan

Step 3 - let your community know what is happening and ask for support

Step 4 - register with your region / nation co-ordinator

Step 5 - develop a fund raising plan

Following the meeting the Clerk clarified with Mr Deveney that, although the Parish Council could have representatives on the 'action group or committee', this separate community organisation must be the ones who register.

It was further resolved that the Clerk arrange, with Mr Deveney, for a visit for Councillors to some of the sites that have successfully been included in Britain in Bloom.

292. BANK ACCOUNTS

It was resolved that all bank accounts currently held with NatWest Bank will be closed and proceeds transferred to Unity Trust Bank.

293. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Dog Nuisance

Ms B Huyton complained about a "dog constantly yapping in the vicinity of Knowsley Road / Warrington Road". She said she knew the procedure regarding complaining about the problem but couldn't identify where the dog was. The dog could not be heard by councillors who investigated but if the problem re-occurs the St Helens Council Dog Warden will be asked to look into the problem.

Pumping Station litter

Mr T Roberts complained about the state of the United Utilities Pumping Station in View Road saying "The area within the iron fence around the building is in a disgusting state with all manner of rubbish including bags used by dog owners". The Clerk visited the site and took photos which have been forwarded to United Utilities with a request that they clear up the site.

Cllr Donovan pointed out that the problem lay not with United Utilities but with the people who created the mess without any regard for their neighbours or the cleanliness and appearance of their village.

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Rythemps Lane Enquiry

Mr V Bibby enquired whether the Council had any information regarding a Rythemps Lane. He said he was doing some research on a family and although Rythemps Lane appeared in the 1851 Census he could not find it in any modern maps. Mr C Tigwell from the Railway and Heritage Society advised that Victorian pronunciation/handwriting would have seen the original name corrupted to Ritherup Lane.

Old Co-op Building

Cllr D. Kelly enquired whether anything more was known about the future of the building. Cllr DeAsha advised that St Helens Council would be following this up with the owners.

Pot Holes

Cllr Doyle complained about pot holes on the estate in which she lived. Cllr DeAsha offered to take this up with St Helens Council's Highways Department.

Cllr Moore also complained about pot holes on View Road.

It was resolved that the Clerk obtains a copy of the works programme for the next meeting.

Advertising on Skew Bridge

Cllr Doyle advised that further advertising banners had been placed on the Skew Bridge railings and that as previous banners had been removed these new ones should also be removed.

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts the St Helens Council Conservation Officer to have the banners removed.

The Meadows

Cllr Wood enquired about the reinstatement work required. Cllr DeAsha advised the work had been scheduled.

294. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr Carroll reported that an open Spaces Committee inspection had taken place and that all Parish Council sites were in order apart from Holt Playing Fields where there was a lot of litter. The Clerk advised that litter bins were scheduled to be placed by the Changing Rooms and also in the Children's Playground area.
- Churchyard Committee: No report – see item 290.

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- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllrs Doyle, D. Kelly and Moore reported that the AGM had taken place on 14th May and there were no issues.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood gave a brief report to the Council which included the Skew Bridge issue.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle advised no further meeting had taken place but that she had been leafleted, at a very late stage, regarding mobile ‘Transport Surgeries’, one of which had been in St Helens centre on 7th June.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: As previously reported the next meeting will be in August.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L. Glover reported on a successful audit and continuing healthy growth.
- Exchange Place Project: Cllr DeAsha reported that a £2,500 grant is likely to be made from the Councillor’s Improvement Fund and suggested the Parish Council should match that funding. It was resolved that this funding is agreed in principle subject to full discussion at the next Council meeting.

295. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 22nd July 2013, starting at 7:00pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:42 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
22nd July 2013