

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
23rd June 2014

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23rd June 2014 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, B. Heydon, D. Long and W.M. Wood.

423. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: L. Glover, S. Glover and C. Moore.

424. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J. DeAsha – 4F Centre.

425. MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON 12th MAY 2014

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 12th May 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

426. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY 2014

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 12th May 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

427. MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 2nd JUNE 2014

Cllr Almond pointed out an inaccuracy regarding minute 418. The minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd June 2014 were otherwise agreed as a correct record.

428. POLICE REPORT

Sgt Barcroft from Merseyside Police sent her apologies and a brief statement on local policing. Cllr DeAsha added that a CCTV camera had now been installed at the entrance to the Jones estate.

429. CLERK'S REPORT

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

430. CORRESPONDENCE

Public Sector Executive	PSE e-newsletter
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Maintenance of a closed churchyard
S Gaskell	Internal Audit Meeting
Fields in Trust	May News
A Haymonds, CETB	Agreement 561
D Boston, Rainhill Village	Waste Collection

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Hall	
CPRE	Region AGM
AV Howitt, Civic Society	Ceremonie du samedi 24 mai au matin
NALC	Updated Legal Topic Notes - Energy Performance Requirements
J Waddelow, St Helens Council	Skew Bridge
S Clarke, Rainhill Gala	Rainhill Gala opening
T O'Connor, Rainhill Rocket	Pitch Marking
D Whitley, Civic Society	Grant
Longton Lane Primary School	Newsletter
NALC	Bulletin from Policy Committee Meeting
HMRC	Getting help as an employer
Charity Commission	CC News
M Whitehall, Rainhill ECO	Rainhill Eco Garden
Public Sector Executive	Cyber Security Whitepaper
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden
R Baxter	Funding
C Shea, St Helens Council	Eco garden - interviews
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden weed problems
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Planting Team
R Hagan	Noise on Jones estate
Vyniline	Honours Board
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 23 May 2014
NALC	Update Legal Topic Notes - Tombstones and Memorials
AV Howitt, Civic Society	Mail en 2 fois
D Boston, Rainhill Village Hall	Monthly Figures etc
NALC	E-bulletin
NALC	New Legal Briefing - Transparency Code
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Twitter
NALC	New Policy Consultation - Underground Drilling Access
A Slater	Newspaper report of ceremony
M Whitehall, Rainhill ECO	Eco - agenda
J Fairclough	June Newsletter
Fields in Trust	June update
R Marshall, St Helens Council	637 Warrington Road demolition site
NALC	Briefing - Fly a flag for the commonwealth
A Slater, Civic Society	PC Meeting 23rd June
LALC	Free exhibition and conference
C Bolton, Seneley Green PC	Game Over Virus

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S MacKell	Eco Garden website
Historic Towns Forum	June Newsletter
NALC	Brandon Lewis to headline Harrogate Conference
NALC	E-bulletin
G Houghton, St Helens Council	View Road and St James Road, Rainhill
Local Council Review	LCR Summer 2014
PSMA User Group	Meeting 12th June
M Halligan, St Helens Council	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Public/Patient Survey
M Meunier, St Helens Council	Armed Forces Day / Civic Database
NALC	LCR Autumn Feedback
NALC	Finance Briefing and Legal Topic Note
M Whitehall, Rainhill ECO	Maintenance
Public Sector Executive	Smarter Water Solutions
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden funding agreements
B Miller, Rainhill Rocket	Holt Playing Fields
N Tibbatts, Unity Trust Bank	Internet Banking Notice
G Houghton, St Helens Council	Cartmel Drive Estate - Rat running activity
Merseyside Pension Fund	2014 Employers Conference
Longton Lane Primary School	Newsletter
J Owen, NALC	Bulletin from Finance and Executive Committee meetings
P Gough	Parking Issues
S MacKell	Additional Funding
C McKenna	Rainhill Park/Recreation Space
L Trubshaw via Cllr Wood	Notice Board at Martin Close
J Jones, St Helens Council	Additional Funding from Helena partnerships
Public Sector Executive	Unpaid overtime commonplace for part-time council employees
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco garden - letter for adjacent properties

It was resolved that the Council will not respond to the NALC Policy Consultation regarding Underground Drilling Access. It was further resolved that the Council's policy is to always oppose fracking.

431. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that comments be submitted for the following application, indicating the recommendations of the Tree Officer will be accepted:

P/2014/0456, St Bartholomew's Catholic Primary School, Works to assorted trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

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

P/2014/0398, 111 Stoney Lane, Erection of 3 dwellings.

P/2014/0405, 32 Ellon Avenue, Single storey rear extension projecting 6m from the rear, 2.88m high overall, and 2.1m to the eaves.

P/2014/0416, 26 Goldsworth Fold, Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension (resubmission of P/2014/0251).

P/2014/0430, 49 St James Road, Installation of new pedestrian pillar and gate and new vehicular access pillar and gates; up to 2.1metres high.

P/2014/0444, 69 Mossdale Drive, Two storey side extension with single storey rear extension.

P/2014/0457, 22 Marian Drive, Single storey rear extension projecting 5.0m from the rear, 3.4m high overall, and 2.3m to the eaves.

432. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
Rainhill Village Hall: Saturn Security - CCTV Upgrade, St Helens Council - Commercial Waste, ABM Security - Fire Alarm Maintenance, Select Security - Keyholding Charges, Otis - Lift Repair	3,232.37	TFR65
St Helens Council - Grounds Maintenance - Wild Flower Areas	2,140.80	TFR66
A-Line Fencing - War Memorial Fencing	830.00	TFR67
M Paton – Photocopying, Salary - Jun (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,040.54	TFR68
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS - Jun	447.85	TFR69
HMRC - Tax & NI (Apr-Jun)	1,232.43	TFR70
Vyniline - Honours Board Update	42.00	TFR71
Rainhill Civic Society - WW1 Exhibition Grant	500.00	0017
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance - Jun	170.84	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Jun	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Jun	8.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - Jun	5.45	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Jun	60.87	STO

It was resolved that the Standing Order to United Utilities for Rainhill Park requires amendment to £61.66 for July 2014 then to £61.57 from August 2014.

433. 2013/14 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.

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434. CLERK’S NOTICE

Following the Clerk having given written notice that his employment by the Parish Council will terminate on 15th September 2014 it was resolved that a schedule of actions put forward by the Clerk, enabling the employment of a new Clerk commencing 16th September 2014, be accepted.

It was resolved that Cllrs DeAsha, Carroll, Heydon and Long will be members of a Selection Committee with powers, delegated by the Council, to make decisions on all matters relating to the appointment of a new Clerk.

435. COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID

It was resolved that the Clerk submits the following list of sites to St Helens Council to consider for inclusion under the Right to Bid legislation:

- Victoria Hotel car park or, if not listable as a separate entity, the Victoria Hotel and car park
- Commercial Hotel car park or, if not listable as a separate entity, the Commercial Hotel and car park
- Post Office
- Waste Transfer Station site
- Co-op
- Rainhill Railway Station

436. 4F CENTRE

It was resolved that payment of a grant of £5,500 and the setting up of a contingency sum of £4,500 is approved.

437. EXHIBITION TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF WW1

Following the presentation of a cheque to the Civic Society immediately prior to the meeting it was resolved that no immediate further actions are required other than recognising the award of a grant on the Council website.

438. TWINNING

It was resolved that the setting up of Twinning Committee to look into the possibilities of twinning will be discussed at the next Council meeting on 28th July.

439. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

R Hagan – Noise on Jones estate

Ms Hagan complained about a drilling or sawing noise continuing into the early hours.

Ms Hagan was advised of the essential cleaning of the large diameter water mains which run under Rainhill Park and that this was mandatory work, i.e. the Council can't

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refuse to allow United Utilities to carry out the work. However it is not known conclusively whether this was the source of the noise.

P Gough – Parking Issues

Mr Gough complained about issues with people parking outside his property and of an abandoned car.

Mr Gough was advised that although St Helens Council and Merseyside Police have powers regarding highways and road users their resources are obviously very stretched and that unfortunately the Parish Council has no additional powers that can help him.

C McKenna – Rainhill Park/Recreation Space

Ms McKenna complained about cars parked at the side of pitches being used in a football tournament at Rainhill Park and asked if permission had been given for this. She sent a follow-up email complimenting the organisers of the event in terms of cleaning up after the event.

Ms McKenna was informed that although the football club did have permission from the Parish Council to use the pitches for a football tournament no permission had been asked for or given regarding the parking of vehicles pitch-side. She was told her comments would be passed on to the Council and taken into account if permission was sought for similar events in the future.

L Trubshaw via Cllr Wood – Notice Board at Martin Close

Mrs L Trubshaw reported to Cllr Wood that one of the doors of the Community Notice Board was open and could not be fastened. She had taped the doors together as a temporary measure.

The site was visited by the Clerk and the door secured by fastening shut the lower half of the door. The problem was reported to St Helens Council for an urgent repair by Cllr S Glover.

Highway Problems

Cllr Doyle reported a pot hole at the bottom of Coylton Avenue that was deteriorating and that a stake had, not for the first time, been removed from the grass verge. Cllr DeAsha offered to report these matters on behalf of Cllr Doyle.

Cllr Heydon added that there was a dangerous ‘dip’ in the road opposite St Bartholomew’s School. Cllr DeAsha offered to report the matter on behalf of Cllr Heydon.

Cllr Donovan reported that the service road for the Chatsworth Road shops, opposite the old Oak Tyres site needed urgent work. It was resolved that the Clerk writes to St Helens Council suggesting Section 61 funds are used to address this specific problem. Cllr Donovan also commented on road signs that are incorrectly worded.

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Cllr Wood also reported the traffic islands from the Stoops to the village centre were poorly illuminated.

440. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Doyle advised the next meeting takes place next week.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Nothing to report.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle reported she had received no further information.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood advised the next meeting is at the new Prescot Town Hall in August.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr DeAsha confirmed the new 4F Centre manager will be meeting with the Council in July to discuss his role and plans for the centre.
- Exchange Place Project: Cllr DeAsha reported the Bug Hotel had been set up on St Ann's school grounds adjacent to the Eco Garden and that an artist had been appointed for the metal sculpture work. He also reported on the Time Capsule which was scheduled to be closed and installed on 8th July. It was resolved that the Clerk contacts Rainhill ECO to determine if a memory stick containing relevant Parish Council documents might be included in the Time Capsule.

441. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 28th July 2014, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:59 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
28th July 2014