

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th March 2009 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. DeAsha, B. Heydon, B. Grunewald, J. Carroll, S. Glover, Mrs. L. Glover, J. Kelly, I. Walker, W.M. Wood.

Also present Mrs E. Wood.

Cllr. B. Grunewald was welcomed to his first meeting following his election to Rainhill Parish Council.

639 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: G. Jamieson, Mrs D. Kelly, C. Moore.

As a mark of respect to Cllr. Mrs C. Wilson who had recently died a minute's silence was observed. The Chairman placed on record the thanks of the Council and resident for the work of Cllr. Wilson as a Parish Councillor and for her work on behalf of the disabled.

640 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. S. Glover and Cllr. Mrs L. Glover declared an interest in the planning application relating to Briers Hey and left the room during these discussions.

641 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 26th January 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

642 POLICE REPORT

The Community Police Officer gave a comprehensive report on the policing of Rainhill.

643 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported on his actions relating to issues raised by residents.

644 CORRESPONDENCE

Audit – LBDO Fidelity Guarantee (*It was agreed to increase the insurance cover in respect of this area as requested by the auditor*).

Vodafone Mast – Shell Garage Warrington Road.

Rainhill High School – Consultation Paper.

CVS Renewal of Affiliation Fee. (*It was agreed to renew affiliation*).

645 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

P/09/0092 23 Manor Avenue – Tree Works

P/09/0116 647A Warrington Road – Tree Works

P/09/0102 2 Ribble Avenue – Single storey pitched roof extension to rear.

P/09/0132 32 Ritherup Lane – Demolish existing conservatory and erect single storey extension.

P/09/0166 52 View Road – Replace existing concrete tiles with welsh slate.

P/09/0167 1 Heyes Mount – Replace existing concrete tiles with welsh slate.

P/09/0181 19 Lawton Road – Erection of a detached garage to rear of property

646 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

G. Booth Leak Holt Pavilion	30.00	2849
Custom & Revenue Tax/NI	4,678.10	2850
Mrs Brown Wages March	57.60	2851
Guardian group Clerks Advert	395.60	2852
North West Water Holt Playing Field	31.86	2853
North West Water Rainhill Park	111.44	2854
Scottish Power Rainhill Park	98.50	2855
LBDO Audit fee	506.00	2856
CPRE Affiliation Fee	29.00	2857
Lariche Investments	5.00	2858
Churchyard Maintenance February	359.00	
Churchyard Maintenance March	359.00	

647 CLERKS APPOINTMENT

It was agreed that Mr. Malcolm Paton be appointed as Clerk to the Rainhill Parish Council with effect from 16th April 2009. The presents Clerk would retire on 30th April 2009.

648 UPGRADING OF WEBSITE

It was agreed to allocate £1,500 for the construction of a new Parish Council website. The Clerk was charged with obtaining a website at a reduced price if possible.

649 REFURBISHMENT OF THE HOLT PAVILION

The Clerk was charged with progressing the refurbishment of the shower systems in the pavilion at a cost of approximately £1,300.

650 BRIARS HEY

It was agreed that the Council write to St Helens Council setting out its concerns relating to The Briars Hey Planning Application and withdrawing its previous support.

651 BARNARDOS LIGHTING

It was agreed that the representative of Barnardos should be invited to meet Councillors.

652 REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: Repair work had been undertaken at the Holt Pavilion.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Rainhill Village Hall Management Committee: Continues to operate very effectively.
- Rainhill Heritage Society: No Report
- Merseytravel Advisory Panel: No Report.
- Crime Prevention Team: Written report given by Cllr Wood.
- Merseyside Association of Parish Councils: Report from Cllr. Wood.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: Meeting was due to be held in March.

653 RESIDENTS' COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

- It was reported that the John Houghton Music Festival was to be revived.

654 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 18th May 2009, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall. The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council
18th May 2009