

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
7th March 2011

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th March 2011 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, D. Kelly, J. Kelly, C. Moore and W.M. Wood.
Also present: 4 residents.

939. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr B. Grunewald.

940. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Wood declared an interest in item 11 on the Agenda as he is a Governor at St Ann's School.

941. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th JANUARY 2011

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 17th January 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

942. POLICE REPORT

PC Moore sent his apologies.

943. CLERK'S REPORT

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

944. CORRESPONDENCE

Barrow & Cook	Request for copy of Council resolution 8th September 1997
St Helens Council	Ward Committee Agenda and Minutes
Unity Trust Bank	Accounts for local councils
MonsterPlay	Playground equipment
Merseyside Pension Fund	Triennial Actuarial Valuation 31/3/11 New Employer Rates 1/4/11
St Helens Council	Local Development Framework Consultation
St Helens Council	Rainhill Register of Electors as at 4th January 2011
NALC	E-bulletin
LALC	Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2011
T Yate, Rainhill Town	Rainhill Town AFC
G Houghton	Norlands Lane - Waiting Restrictions
J Chapman	Norlands Lane - Waiting Restrictions
NALC	Employment Briefing - Default Retirement Age
NALC	Resolution 5(i) of Meeting 18/1/11
NALC	Public Forest Estate
D Lydiate	Support for Charitable Photographic Exhibition
NALC	Rural Coalition briefing
B Johnson, St Helens Council	Rainhill Park Changing Rooms - Container

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G Houghton	Norlands Lane - Waiting Restrictions
NALC	E-bulletin
L Skidmore, Merseyside Police	February Newsletter
T Robinson	Good Citizenship Award Proofs
Merseyside Pension Fund	New employee contribution rates
A Fellowes	Copy of Grant Offer
T Yate, Rainhill Town	Meeting with Open Spaces Committee
D Broome	St Ann's Lych Gate Project
K Rylance, St Helens Council	St Ann's Lych Gate Project
	Drugs use and drug dealing
123-Reg	.SO domain names
M Perry	Planning Application P/2011/0026
J Chapman	Norlands Lane - Waiting Restrictions
C Chapman	Parking Norlands Lane
LALC	Public Forest Estates
United Utilities	Notice of work on Large Diameter Trunk Main - Rainhill Park
N Asghar, Barnardos 4F Centre	Barnardos 4F Centre
NALC	Networking Lunches
United Utilities	Statement - Rainhill Park
United Utilities	Statement - Holt
St Helens Council	Planning Committee 22/02/11 - 3 The Meadows
T Robinson	Good Citizenship Award Plaques
BDO	Audit Briefing - Winter 2011
LALC	Policy Consultation
D Heron	Planning Application P/2011/0100 - J Oakes - 1 The Meadows
M Perry	Proposed Development - 1 The Meadows
Charities Commission	Guidance
NALC	Code of practice - Data transparency
Itilluminations	Bunting, flags, banners and decorations
NALC	E-bulletin - Code of Publicity
M Perry	Request to circulate info re 1 The Meadows to Parish Council
Itilluminations	The Festive Collection 2011 Sale
NALC	HMRC Guidance re tax and NI arrangements for Clerks/RFOs
M Perry	Proposed Development - 1 The Meadows
NALC	Legal Topic Note - Byelaws
CPRE	Membership Renewal
A Brown	4F Centre
C Oldfield	4F Centre
ScottishPower	Estimated use - Holt POS
St Helens Council	LDF Consultation Documents CD - Closing Date 9th March 2011
SLCC	Branch Conference - Warrington 12th April
HMRC	Employer Bulletin, PAYE Tools, Payroll end & start 2011/12
John Skinley, St Helens Council	Meeting with Parish Clerks 4th March 2011
NALC	Update NALC if new Councils created within existing boundaries

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945. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An objection was submitted prior to the meeting, on behalf of the Council for the following application:

P/2011/0100, 1 The Meadows, Certificate of Lawful Use on proposed outbuilding at rear.

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

P/2011/0070, 17 Loyola Hey, Demolish rear conservatory, erect single story rear and first floor side extensions, alter roof to include room in roof.

P/2011/0078, 6 Malhamdale Avenue, 2 storey extension to side and rear.

P/2011/0098, Land adjacent and to rear of 25-25 Ellaby Road, Modification of condition 3 on previous approved application - amendment of site boundary.

P/2011/0150, 110 Deepdale Drive, Single storey front extension

P/2011/0162, 2 Heyes Mount, Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of one detached dwelling replacement. Resubmission of previous application P/2010/1068

It was resolved that the Clerk obtains a paper copy of the following application for full consideration by the Planning Applications Working Group:

P/2011/0155, Vodafone, Rainhill Recreation Club Victoria Terrace, 15m lattice Swann tower, with associated hardstanding antennas, equipment cabinets and fencing.

946. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Description	Amount	Ref
Clerk's Salary - Jan/Feb, Photocopying, Telephone Handset, Stationery, Meeting Refreshments, Telephone & Internet - Oct/Mar & Home Office Allowance	2,661.76	3067
LGPS - Jan/Feb	617.19	3068
W Wood - Mileage allowance and car parking	44.75	3069
CPRE - Membership Renewal	29.00	3070
Mma Recognition Plaques - Good Citizenship Awards Plaques	122.54	3071
Rainhill Village Hall - Contribution	5,634.87	3072
Clerk's Salary - Mar	866.03	3073
LGPS - Mar	308.60	3074
Post Office Ltd - Tax & NI (Jan-Mar)	1,127.10	3075
Lancashire CTP - Chairmanship Workshop	25.00	3076
Churchyard Maintenance February	150.00	STO
ScottishPower Martin Close (Holt) - Feb	37.50	STO
ScottishPower Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Feb	43.50	STO
United Utilities Holt Playing Fields - Feb	80.00	STO
United Utilities Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Feb	66.09	STO
Churchyard Maintenance March	150.00	STO
ScottishPower Martin Close (Holt) - Mar	37.50	STO
ScottishPower Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Mar	43.50	STO
United Utilities Holt Playing Fields - Mar	80.00	STO
United Utilities Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Mar	66.09	STO

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947. 2011/12 BUDGET & PRECEPT

It was resolved that amended Budget paper be approved

948. ST ANN'S CHURCHYARD AND LYCH GATE

It was resolved that no further action is required by the Parish Council following the taping off of the Lych Gate for safety reasons.

Immediately prior to the meeting it had been confirmed that Rev Anderson had signed the HLF Grant Application as Chair of, and on behalf of, the PCC and that all statements contained in the amended Grant Application were accurate. It was resolved that, following this confirmation, no further action is required.

Immediately prior to the meeting Mr Broome, on behalf of the Lych Gate Project, had confirmed the Parish Council will be represented on the key Lych Gate Project Committees. It was resolved that the 2011/12 Chair will represent the Parish Council.

Prior to the meeting Mr C. Oldfield, on behalf of the PCC, had pointed out that a 10'-15' section of one of the paths has been seriously damaged and this damage was preventing the St Helens Council waste bin from being moved, i.e. it could no longer be used until the path is repaired. It was resolved that the Clerk advise Mr Oldfield that the Parish Council will not be making any financial contribution to help the PCC with the repair of the path.

The Clerk had also discussed with Mr Oldfield the complaint made by Mrs Oakes about the dripping tap in the churchyard which she believed was now affecting her family plot. It was resolved that the Parish Council will stand by its previous offer regarding the repair of this tap. At the current time there is a problem getting in touch with the parishioner who made the offer to repair the tap and Mr Oldfield has advised the Clerk that he will try to make contact.

It was resolved that a Joint Churchyard Committee will not be reformed for the time being.

949. ST ANN'S SCHOOL CHOIR

It was resolved that the Clerk investigates the possibility of rewarding St Ann's School for the efforts of the School Choir during the switch on of the Village Christmas Tree lights by buying 4 bricks under their 'Buy a Brick' scheme.

It was further resolved that the Clerk looks at the possibility of inviting a different school to take part in the switch-on each year.

950. PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

It was resolved that an additional doggie bin be installed at Two Butt Lane (Amanda Road Playground) in the location suggested by Mr Deveney at an approximate costs of £280.

Cllr S. Glover advised he will contact St Helens Council regarding a recent meeting between representatives of Rainhill Town AFC and the Open Spaces Committee regarding

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attempts to improve ‘their’ playing pitch so that they can progress to a higher level of football.

951. HOUGHTON STREET

Following an update on progress from Ms Joanne Jones immediately prior to the meeting, it was resolved that this item be removed from future Agendas for the time being.

952. BARNARDOS 4F CENTRE

In the absence of Cllr Grunewald, Cllr DeAsha gave an update on the situation following a meeting on 23rd February. Further updates will be given as they become available.

953. DEREK WRIGHT

The Parish Council were saddened to learn of the passing of ex Parish Council Chairman Derek Wright at the age of 77. It was resolved that an obituary is included in the Annual Report.

954. DATES FOR 2012

It was resolved that the 2012 AGM will now take place on Tuesday 15th May 2012.

955. LDF CONSULTATION

Cllr Wood gave a brief update on the meeting with St Helens Council.

956. QUALITY STATUS

Item withdrawn.

957. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Rainhill Park Parking

Mr & Mrs Cockstaff (via Cllr DeAsha) had complained about inconsiderate parking by players/supporters when matches are taking place at Rainhill Park, particularly at the junction of 29 Deepdale Drive. Cllr DeAsha requested the Clerk speak to Mr Fellowes again and the Clerk did so. Cllr DeAsha also advised he was going to raise the matter with George Houghton at St Helens Council.

Land at rear of Rainhill Park Changing Rooms

Mrs Ahern enquired about the fence bordering this land which is at the rear of her property. It is in a poor state and this is made worse by footballs being kicked against it. The Clerk advised her that this piece of land belonged to St Helens Council and, unlike the rest of Rainhill Park, was not leased to the Parish Council. Mrs Ahern has already spoken to representatives of Rainhill Utd JFC regarding using the fence for football practice.

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Barnardos 4F Centre

Mr Brown, a nurse consultant at the Scott Clinic complained about the “disgraceful situation where the 4F centre is to be closed and the services it provides disbanded”. After agreeing it with the Chair the Clerk advised Mr Brown that the Parish Council did not want Barnardos to leave the 4F Centre and was actively working with the Ward Councillors, St Helens Council and others to try and find a way for them to continue working from the 4F Centre. The Clerk also advised him that the Parish Council supported Barnardos by allowing them use of the land and buildings for a peppercorn rent.

Mr Brown followed up his comments by stating the “4F site is to be redeveloped as an all singing and dancing GP facility so discussions are potentially in a more advanced stage”. The Clerk advised him that the Parish Council owned the land and building and, as owners, would have been involved in any discussions. He was advised that the Parish Council has not been involved in any such discussions.

Rainhill Beer Festival

Cllr Moore again raised the subject of the request by Rainhill Rotary Club to hire the Village Hall. Although it was agreed that the Village Hall Management Committee has every right to refuse an application to hire the hall, Cllr Moore insisted a reason for refusal still hadn't been given. It was resolved that the Chair will attempt to generate further discussion on this at the next VHMC meeting. Cllr Moore will also raise it during his ongoing work with the VHMC regarding the formation of a written Lettings Policy.

Co-op Closure

In the absence of Cllr Grunewald, Cllr DeAsha informed the Council about concern over the future of the Co-op site. It was resolved that the Clerk contact Cllr Grunewald regarding writing to the Co-op about their lease on the property.

Public Toilets

Cllr Wood mentioned the previous intention that the Railway Station toilets be made available for public use. He brought the attention of the Council to ‘austerity measures’ resulting in some Councils closing public toilets and, in some cases, getting local businesses to agree to provide their own facilities for public use instead.

Traffic Work on Stoney Lane

Cllr Donovan advised the Council that these works were causing traffic to divert through the Arnside Road estate. He will check that traffic reverts back to Stoney Lane when the works have been completed.

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REPORTS:

- Public Open Spaces: See item 950.
- Churchyard Committee: See item 948.
- Village Hall Management Committee: The next meeting is tomorrow 8th March 2011.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: No report.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: Cllr Doyle reported that some bus stops were to be upgraded on the 10, 10A route. Cllr S. Glover added that ultimately it should be possible to get into Liverpool in a shorter time. He also advised that the electrification works to the railway line will definitely have no impact on Skew Bridge or the road it carries.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: The Chair and the Clerk both reported back briefly on the meeting in Rainhill on 2nd February. A further update will be given when the minutes have been received.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: Cllr Wood submitted a written update for the last meeting. The next meeting is on 22nd March 2011.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Standards Committee: Cllr Heydon advised the Council that the Localism Bill included the abolition of the Standards Board but that he wasn't yet sure what was going to happen in this area.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.

958. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 18th April 2011, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:55 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
18th April 2011