

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
25th March 2013

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25th March 2013 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: 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: Sgt S. Barcroft

249. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs P. Lynch and B. Almond.

250. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest / requests for dispensation.

251. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 28th JANUARY 2013

Cllr Doyle corrected the entry made under Reports regarding the Merseytravel Customer Forum advising that the meeting referred to had actually been cancelled. The minutes were otherwise agreed as a correct record.

252. POLICE REPORT

Sgt Barcroft gave an update on the latest crime figures which were “down in all areas” and answered questions from Councillors; she was advised that sandstone is being taken from the old Rainhill Hospital site on Rainhill Road.

253. CLERK’S REPORT

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

254. CORRESPONDENCE

J Jones, St Helens Council	Flyer to advertise Open Day
NALC	New NALC Briefing - Neighbourhood Planning
123-reg	January Newsletter
R M Steward	Volunteers for Eco Garden Open Day
NALC	Community Transport Schemes - best practice
S Roberts	St Ann's Churchyard
St Helens Council	Council Tax Base
D Bott, St Helens Council	Parish Precept 2013/14
Clerks & Councils Direct	January 2013 Issue, Suppliers Guide & Yearbook
Planning Aid	Neighbourhood Planning Event
K Cleary	Meeting 6th Feb - Cancellation
K Cleary	NALC Survey Summary Note - Impact of Localisation of Council Tax
Glasdon UK Ltd	Discount for Local Councils
J Jones, St Helens Council	Consultation Day - Saturday 2nd Feb
D Mitchinson, Sport	Inspired Facilities

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England	
T Robinson, Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaques
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News January 2013
T Anderson, Unity Trust Bank	Plan
C Swatridge	Volunteers for Eco Garden Open Day
K Williams	4F Meter Readings
NALC	E-bulletin
C Watkin	LinkedIn Invitation
N Thompson	Pitch Fees 2012/13
D Boston	Village Hall Monthly Statements
Itiluminations	Pull testing, Column Testing
LALC	Neighbourhood Planning Event
Merseyside Police	Rainhill February Newsletter
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden - Open Day
NALC	Local Government Finance Report
NALC	Policy Consultation Briefing
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Police Representation at Rainhill Parish Council Meetings
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden - Open Day
Merseyside Pension Fund	Automatic Enrolment Questionnaire
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Eco Garden Feedback Form
University of Salford	Professional Development
NALC	Amended template allotment garden tenancy and guidance
Proludic	Newsletter and special offers for Rainhill Parish Council
J Griffiths, St Helens Council	Parish Clerks Meeting
NALC	Consultation Response & Revised Legal Topic Note
Longton Lane School	Thanks and Newsletter
S Vose	Naming of Welsby Court
K Cleary	Lancashire Best Kept Village
NottsSport	Nowhere to Play Outside
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 07 February 2013
Dialogue Matters	Natural Connections 2013 - New Speakers Announced
K Cook, Fields in Trust	Summer 2013
St Helens Council	P/2012/0853 Committee Date
C O'Brien, Merseyside WDA	Rainhill Replacement Changing Rooms Project
T Kelly	Committee Cycle 2013/14
NALC	Putting Communities First Conference - June & September
Whitehill Direct	Outdoor Seating
Salford University	Understanding Contract Law
NALC	Consultation Response - Adapting to Climate Change
Merseyside Pension Fund	Annual Returns 12/13
Staples	2013 Buying Guide
M Leyden, Rocket	Good Citizenship Awards

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Magazine	
P Nolan, Mersey Forest	Mersey Forest Plan
NALC	Consultation Response - APPG Growth & Skills
St Helens Council	Eco Garden Flyer Contribution to Printing Costs
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Eco Garden (several emails)
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden
G Bruffell, LDS Ltd	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report Delivery
I McCue, EWS Print	New Details
C Cooke	Eco Garden, Rainhill
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 14 February 2013
HAGS	Essentials
Longton Lane Primary School	February Newsletter
D Gavin, St Helens Council	Briefing Note - Rainhill Station Project Feb 2013
NALC	E-bulletin
B Humphreys	Good Citizenship Award Evening
A Walpole	Good Citizenship Award Evening
C Oldfield	Good Citizenship Award Evening
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields Water & Wastewater Charges
Itiluminations	Upcoming Events
Royal Mail	Royal Mail Selection Files 2013
Inclusive Play Ltd	Fast Track
B Hatton, St Helens Council	Register of Electors
M Hodgkinson, St Helens Council	Cenotaph Hedging
Salford University	Online Security Management
Microsoft	Upgrade of Hotmail inbox to Outlook.com
HMRC	PAYE Paying-In Book 2013/14
HMRC	Important Information for Employers
D Dunn, Co-Op	Community Direct Plus
Itiluminations	Bunting & Flags for this summer's events
Dialogue Matters	Natural Connections Conference 2013
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 21 February 2013
Merseyside Police	Nuisance Off Road Vehicles
D Whitworth	Coat of Arms / Logo
St Helens Council	Register of Electors
Staples	Offer
NALC	Community Learning in Rural Areas
Co-Op	Weekly Deposit & 95 Day Notice Rates
United Utilities	Refund - Holt Playing Fields
C O'Brien, Merseyside WDA	Rainhill Replacement Changing Rooms Project
J Jones, St Helens Council	Rainhill Eco Garden Constitution
J Jones, St Helens Council	E-mail Addresses
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden Minutes of Meeting 13-02-13

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St Helens Council	Work Request Form
MoneySupermarket	Switch Energy Quotes
T Evans	St Ann's Millennium Centre Market 02/03/13
NALC	Consultation Response - Sustainable Communities Act
C Fitzgerald, NALC	Letter from Chairman of NALC
123-reg	February Newsletter - Best Free WordPress Templates
HAGS	Don't miss the bus.
HMRC	PAYE RTI
Energylinx	Energy Quote
LALC	Workshops and Training
HMRC	PAYE Payments 2012/13
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 28 February 2013
T Anderson, Unity Trust Bank	Changes
NALC	New Legal Briefing and Revised Legal Topic Note
Sovereign	Outdoor Play Equipment Sale
Plantscape	Plantscape and Urbanscape brochures on CD
Eibe	Outdoor Play Equipment
Clerks & Councils Direct	March 2013 Issue
Wicksteed	Outdoor Fitness Equipment
LALC	LALC March Mailing
Itiluminations	Queens Coronation 60th Anniversary
K Williams	4F Meter Readings
NALC	E-bulletin
St Helens Council	Work Request Form & Customer Questionnaire
Sutcliffe Play	New Website
Dialogue Matters	Natural Connections - Last Chance to Book
Merseyside Police	Rainhill March Newsletter
Co-Op	Weekly Deposit & 95 Day Notice Rates
TheParkingShop	Spring Signs Sale
Arien Designs Ltd	Parish Signs
Merseyside Pension Fund	Annual Returns PGP set-up
Merseyside Pension Fund	PGP Universal Secured Message
A Moffat, LEP	Rainhill Good Citizenship Awards
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Eco Garden Meeting (several emails)
NALC	LCR Opinion
P Mellor, St Helens Council	General Query re Off-Road Parking
University of Salford	Cyber Terrorism Management
NALC	Updates to LTN 9 (Handling Complaints)
K Williams	4F Meter Readings
J Jones, St Helens Council	Rainhill Eco Garden
Ordnance Survey	Introduction of PAF Public Sector Licence to PSMA members
K Cook, Fields in Trust	Fields in Trust March Ezine
Plantscape	2013 Brochure
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden Posters

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Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 07 March 2013
NALC	Letter Regarding Parliamentary Attendance at 24//4 NALC Meeting
S MacKell	Eco Garden Posters
123-reg	Web Hosting improvements
NALC	Putting Communities First Conference - Eric Pickles
BDO LLP	Audit Briefing 2013
LCR	Local Council Review - Spring 2013
TheParkingShop	Parking Shop Direct
Co-Op	FRD & 95 Day Notice Rates
Capita	Developing Commercialism in Local Government Conference
A Leyden, Rocket Magazine	Good Citizenship Award
Itiluminations	Christmas Lighting
D Yates	Exchange Place
Navigus Planning	Journal of Local Planning
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden Meeting
S Wright, Tennyson Insurance	Charity & Community Insurance
Queensbury Shelters	Products to Last
Ordnance Survey	PSMA Newsletter - March 2013
NALC	Consultation Response - APPG Growth & Skills
C Blair	Bollards
Merseyside Pension Fund	Annual Return - LGP40 Signatory
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 14 March 2013
J Griffiths, St Helens Council	Agenda for Parish Clerks Meeting
Royal Mail	Publishing Mail Calendar
D Boston	Village Hall Figures
J Gerrard	Street Cleaning
Itiluminations	Christmas Lighting
NALC	E-bulletin
M Hodgkinson, St Helens Council	Cenotaph Hedging
J Glynn	Pioneer Missional Enterprise Research Project
Co-Op	Weekly Deposit & 95 Day Notice Rates
123-reg	Automatic Domain Renewal Notice
University of Salford	Managing Carbon and Energy
J Jones, St Helens Council	Rainhill Eco garden meeting minutes
B Leahair	Street Cleaning
MapLive	First MAP Live event
NALC	New briefing - CPRE Membership Changes
M Hodgkinson, St Helens Council	Cenotaph Hedging
Plantscape	Latest News
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 21 March 2013

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NALC	Updated Legal Topic Notes - Royal Visits
J Brumfitt	Old Co-operative Shop
Longton Lane Primary School	March Newsletter
Royal Mail	Mail Price Calculator
Forte Trinity	Success on the Internet
Pension Protection Fund	PPF Bulletin - March/April 2013
R Sephton	Forthcoming Shows

It was resolved that the Clerk confirms ownership of the War Memorial land with the Land Registry before responding to Mr Hodgkinson's enquiry regarding 'Cenotaph Hedging'.

255. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An objection had been submitted for the following application:

P/2013/0109, 3 The Meadows, Retention of CCTV pole adjacent to detached outbuildings in rear garden.

Comments had been submitted requesting the Case Officer ensures sufficient off-road parking remains for the following applications:

P/2013/0053, 8 Burton Close, Two storey extension to the side.

P/2013/0096, 2 Ashley Close, Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey rear extension and two storey side extension.

Comments had been submitted indicating the advice of the Conservation Officer will be accepted for the following applications:

P/2013/0074, Rainhill Mount, Mill Lane, Application for minor alterations to the front wall.

P/2013/0123, 527 Warrington Road, Retention of replacement upper windows, request to replace lower bay window in matching white UPVC.

Comments had been submitted indicating the advice of the Tree Officer will be accepted for the following application:

P/2013/0107, 21 Sherman Drive, Works to tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order for 20% crown reduction to mature oak.

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

P/2013/0068, 1 Welsby Court, Erection of 2 no. flags and 1 no. non illuminated sign.

P/2013/0079, 13 Ansdell Villas Road, Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension.

P/2013/0087, 3 The Meadows, Application for substitution of house types on previously approved application P/2008/1220 at 3 - 5 The Meadows.

P/2013/0118, Oak Tyres, Concept House, Warrington Road, Demolition of tyre storage and distribution centre.

P/2013/0158, 17 Dunbeath Close, Single storey rear extension.

P/2013/0191, Oak Tyre Services Ltd, Concept House, Warrington Road, Request to vary conditions 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 of planning application P/2010/0800.

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P/2013/0213, 6 Stour Avenue, Single storey side and rear extension replacing existing porch and garage.

It was resolved that the advice of the Tree Officer will be accepted for the following application:

P/2013/0195, 47 St James Road, Works to tree covered by a tree preservation order for felling of 1. no maple tree.

256. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
J Ireland - Good Citizenship Awards Buffet	222.75	3203
Mma Recognition Plaques - Good Citizenship Award Plaques	100.80	TFR
St Helens Council - Contribution to Printing	90.99	TFR
M Paton – E.ON Electricity 4F Centre	197.72	TFR
St Helens Council - Exchange Place Grass Cutting Apr-Oct 2012	235.07	TFR
M Paton – Ink, Photocopying & Stationery, Salary - Feb & Mar (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded), Good Citizenship Awards Refreshments, Telephone & Internet (Oct - Mar), Home Office Allowance	3,034.05	TFR
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS (Feb & Mar)	625.36	0001
Post Office Ltd - Tax & NI (Jan-Mar)	1,235.33	0002
CPRE - Subscription Renewal	29.00	0003
LALC - NALC, LALC and Local Council Review Subscriptions	891.12	0004
Rainhill Village Hall - Contribution	1,511.45	0005
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance Feb	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Feb	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Feb	290.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Feb	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Feb	54.05	STO
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance Mar	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Mar	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Mar	290.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Mar	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Mar	54.05	STO

It was resolved that the following Standing Order Mandates with NatWest be cancelled with immediate effect:

Description	Amount
Malcolm Colin Wright	£165.38
Corona Energy Retail 2	£150.00
United Utilities Water PLC	£67.05
United Utilities Water PLC	£32.77
ScottishPower	£40.00

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ScottishPower	£66.00
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257. PRECEPT

It was resolved that the Budget paper, supporting the £45,310 Precept approved at the January meeting, is approved.

258. RAILWAY STATION

Cllr S Glover had provided a report to the Council from Mr D Gavin, St Helens Council Regeneration Projects Manager, and the ‘Railway Station Project’ is not continuing.

Cllr Glover also advised on the ‘spare’ piece of land in front of the Railway Station which is being made available. Cllr Glover suggested the Parish Council might consider funding the provision of skips to be used in clearance of the land and the Clerk was asked to include an Agenda Item for the next meeting. He also advised that Merseytravel are also interested.

259. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

St Ann’s Churchyard

Mr S Roberts had complained about the churchyard and in particular that the area where ashes are buried is getting ‘out of hand’ and is difficult to negotiate for elderly people with the consequent risk of an injury. He was advised him that the churchyard remains the responsibility of St Ann’s Church.

The Clerk was asked to include an Agenda Item for the next meeting so that the problem of St Ann’s Church wrongly advising residents that the Parish Council has responsibility for the churchyard can be considered further.

Naming of Welsby Court

Mr Vose complained about the naming of Welsby Court.

He was advised that the Parish Council was not consulted about the naming of Welsby Court. The Clerk has made enquiries about the process and is awaiting a reply from Mr W Slater at Helena Housing.

Installation of Bollards

Mr C Blair complained about the work being done to install bollards on the grass verge outside his home on Warrington Road and said the work should not have been started before residents had been consulted.

He was advised that the Parish Council had not been involved in any consultation regarding this work and he should contact St Helens Council direct.

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Street Cleaning

Ms J Gerrard complained about litter in Rainhill and the lack of street cleaning. She was advised that street cleaning is a service provided by St Helens Council and that she should contact them directly.

Cllr DeAsha has asked St Helens Council to look at the village overall.

MUGA Planning Committee / Loyola Hall

Cllr Moore expressed his disappointment of the outcome of the Planning Committee meeting and said residents were not pleased with the outcome or the process. Cllr Grunewald gave some further insight into the Planning Committee process and the Loyola Hall situation was also briefly discussed. Councillors agreed it was necessary to keep an eye on what was happening on the Loyola Hall site and Sgt Barcroft confirmed the hall is a Grade II listed building.

Footbridge adjacent to Dee Road

Cllr S Glover gave an update for this item indicating the builders of the adjacent new homes had re-surfaced the path and that there was lighting to within 10m of the footbridge. He has also contacted the Planning Department with a view to them looking at it further.

Railings

Cllr Wood reported the railings work by Kingsdale Avenue had now been completed.

260. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: No report.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Moore updated the Council regarding the minutes of the last meeting including the formation of an Executive Committee. He also advised the next meeting will take place on 14th May with the AGM taking place on 21st May.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood gave a brief report to the Council including the offer of an education service to schools.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle had attended a re-arranged meeting in February and supplied Councillors with copies of what was discussed. She also advised the next meeting takes place in April.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood advised that the February meeting was postponed and the next meeting will take place sometime in May.

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- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: Cllr Grunewald reported that all Gala stall pitches had now been sold. He also advised that tickets for the Barn Dance on 13th April were on sale at Bridge Barbers.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L Glover confirmed that the 4F Centre will be completely independent of any financial support very soon following transfer of responsibility for Electricity and Gas contracts.
- Exchange Place Project: Cllr S Glover reported that a Consultation Open Day had taken place on Saturday 2nd February at the Village Hall with over 40 people attending and added that this was regarded by St Helens Council as an exceptional good response for this type of event. A follow-up meeting had taken place with a better take-up for specific tasks and plans would soon be submitted for planning consent. The next meeting takes place on 10th April.

261. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that AGM will be held on Monday 13^h May 2013, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall and that next ordinary meeting will immediately follow the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9:08 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
13th May 2013