

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
24th March 2014

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24th March 2014 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

381. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P. Lynch.

382. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S. Glover - Planning Applications, Cllr D. Long - Riverside.

383. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2014

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd February 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

384. POLICE REPORT

Sgt Barcroft was unable to attend due to a late change in duties but supplied a brief report which was passed on to the Council.

It was resolved that the non-attendance of Police at meetings continues to be monitored and that the Police and Crime Commissioner is kept up to date of the situation.

Cllr Wood advised that a Police ‘Have Your Say’ meeting has been planned to take place on the same evening as the Annual Parish Meeting.

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Merseyside Police to point out there is a clash and suggest postponement of the Have Your Say meeting or alternatively combining the two meetings.

Cllr Doyle reported that the police had been called out following problems with Rainhill High students.

385. CLERK’S REPORT

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

386. CORRESPONDENCE

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| S Gaskell | Parish Precept Increases |
| NALC | New Legal Briefing |
| K Cleary | 5th February Agenda |
| Unity Trust | Important Internet Banking Notice |
| Merseyside Pension Fund | Employer Newsletter |
| Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police | Rainhill Parish Council |

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| T Robinson | Good Citizenship Award Plaques |
| NALC | NALC Accounts & Audit Service |
| NALC | Local Councils Explained |
| G Bruffell | Annual Report Delivery |
| I McCue | Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report |
| NALC | E-bulletin |
| NALC | What next for Localism? |
| K Cleary | Notification of change of venue |
| N Thompson, Rainhill Town | U9 and U11 Tournament 15th June 2014 |
| The Brown Rural Partnership | United Utilities - Dee LDTM Phase 2 - 72" Cleaning |
| B Kenrick, St Helens Council | Rainhill Parish Map - Ward Boundaries |
| D Bott, St Helens Council | Rainhill Precept |
| NALC | Legal Topic Notes |
| Halton Borough Council | Halton Local Plan Consultations |
| LALC | Local Government Finance Statement |
| S Mackell | Garden longitude/latitude |
| Fields In Trust | February Update |
| NALC | Making Localism Work |
| F Crawford | Abuse in Teenage-Young Relationships |
| V Cassidy, Rainhill United | Rainhill Park |
| PSBE | Cyber Security |
| S Johnston, St Helens Council | Council Tax Base 2014/15 |
| NALC | Finance Briefing |
| BIS | PAF Public Sector Licence Update |
| J Campbell, Oakdene Primary School | Thanks |
| C Bolton | Allowances |
| NALC | E-bulletin |
| HMRC | Important Information for Employers |
| NALC | New Policy Consultation - Local Audit Accountability Action |
| Merseyside Pension Fund | Contribution Earnings Bands |
| K Cleary | Financial Briefing |
| LALC | Planning Workshops |
| M Clough, St Helens Council | War Memorial Street Cleaning |
| LALC | Certificate in Local Council Administration |
| D Corcoran | Good Citizenship Awards |
| M Dickinson | Thank you |
| B Humphries | Good Citizenship Award evening |
| Rainhill Civic Society | Meeting Invite |
| M Roberts, St Helens Council | Trees in Rainhill |
| HMRC | Successful Receipt of Online Submission |

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| SLCC | Larger Councils Conference and Utilities Advice |
| NALC | NALC Events 2014 |
| NALC | E-bulletin |
| Clerks & Councils Direct | March 2014 Issue |
| J Herriott, St Helens Council | Civic Events Database |
| NALC | LCR Summer 2014 - Feedback questions |
| Merseyside Pension Fund | Annual Return 2013/2014 |
| M Garlick | Issues |
| LALC | Forthcoming events |
| S Mackell | Parish Magazine |
| A Brook, St Helens CCG | Visit to discuss CCGs |
| United Utilities | Change of Bank Details |
| J Jones, St Helens Council | ECO Garden - final design |
| NALC | Finance Briefings |
| D Platt | Locked gate on park |
| LALC | Newsletter |
| J Mansfield | Eco stand at gala |
| A Sanderson, St Helens Council | Maintenance of a closed churchyard |
| L Clarke, St Helens Council | Lease |
| LALC | Briefings from National Association |
| D Corcoran | Rocket Magazine |
| LALC | HMRC Electronic Payments |
| J Boden, St Helens Council | United Utilities - Dee LDTM Phase 2 - 72" Cleaning |
| NALC | E-bulletin |
| J Attwood | Eco Garden Key Holders |
| J Griffiths, St Helens Council | Flood Consultation letter Brief |

It was resolved that, following consideration of the NALC Financial Briefing concerning the repeal of Section 150 (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, there will be no change to the Council's existing arrangements for financial payments and orders and that the Council will continue to require the signatures of the Clerk and two Councillors.

387. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that comments be submitted for the following application indicating concern over the impact of a single access point to the proposed housing estate on Warrington Road and nearby housing estates:

P/2014/0085, Former Oak Tyres Site Warrington Road, Erection of 89 2 and 2 1/2 storey dwellings plus associated works.

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

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- P/2014/0133, 2 Ashley Close, Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side extension with single storey front and rear extension.
P/2014/0153, 21 Vincent Road, Single storey rear extension.
P/2014/0112, 14 Fawley Road, Two storey side extension with dormer window to front, single storey rear extension and porch to front.
P/2014/0193, 129 Stoney Lane, Two storey side extension.
P/2014/0198, 8 Old Lane, Single storey rear extension projecting 5m from the rear, 3.85m high overall, and 2.16m to the eaves (amended proposal).
P/2014/0203, 41 St James Road, Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to fell 1 spruce tree.
P/2014/0209, 6 Arnside Avenue, Part two storey and part single storey rear extension.
P/2014/0211, 7 Elmswood Avenue, Certificate of lawfulness proposed for a single storey rear extension.
P/2014/0216, 21 Fawley Road, Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension.
P/2014/0240, Claddagh Old Lane, Loft conversion with dormers to front and rear.

388. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

| Description | Amount | Ref |
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| J Ireland - Good Citizenship Awards Buffet | 222.75 | 0014 |
| CPRE - Annual Membership | 29.00 | 0015 |
| M Paton - Photocopying, Stationery, Postage, Good Citizenship Table Covers, Printer Ink, Good Citizenship Refreshments, Time Manager refills, Telephone & Internet (Apr/Mar), Home Office Allowance, Salary - Mar (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded) | 2,434.77 | TFR50 |
| Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS (Mar) | 325.05 | TFR51 |
| HMRC - Tax & NI (Jan-Mar) | 1,234.53 | TFR52 |
| Rainhill Village Hall - Contribution | 6,398.99 | TFR53 |
| M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance March | 176.30 | STO |
| Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Mar | 40.00 | STO |
| Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Mar | 8.00 | STO |
| United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - Mar | 4.96 | STO |
| United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Mar | 57.89 | STO |

389. ST HELENS CCG

Following a presentation made immediately before the Council meeting by Ms Alison Brook, it was resolved that Rainhill Parish Council will become a member of St Helens Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Consultation Group.

390. RIVERSIDE

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts Riverside again to invite them to meet with the Council.

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391. LALC SPRING CONFERENCE

It was resolved that any Councillor wishing to attend should contact the Clerk.

392. RAINHILL TOWN TOURNAMENT

It was resolved that Rainhill Town is given permission to use the pitches they currently hire from the Council for an Under 9 and Under 11 football tournament on 15th June 2014.

393. ST ANN'S CHURCHYARD

It was resolved that, following confirmation from St Helens Council in a letter dated 11th March 2014 that they will take over responsibility for maintenance of the churchyard with effect from 1st April 2014 as provided for in Section 215 of the Local Government Act 1972, no further actions are required by the Parish Council.

394. EXHIBITION TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF WW1

It was resolved, in principle, that the Parish Council will support the work of Rainhill Civic Society by providing some funding towards the costs of the exhibition. The Clerk was instructed to obtain more information from the Civic Society for consideration at the next Council meeting.

395. RAINHILL WAR MEMORIAL

It was resolved, in principle, that the Parish Council will consider replacing the fencing at the rear of the War Memorial reported as in very poor condition by Mr Tom Blackburn. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes for the work for consideration at the next Council meeting.

396. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

T Blackburn - Rainhill British Legion

Mr Blackburn asked whether the street cleaners could sweep right up to the war memorial railings. Although the street is cleaned the area immediately in front of the railings is missed and the leaves and other debris are trodden in leaving the area unsightly and slippery underfoot. He confirmed that the British Legion sweeps the area inside the railings and keeps it looking tidy.

St Helens Council was contacted and Mr M Clough, Enforcement & Street Cleansing manager, said they will clean “right up to the perimeter in future”.

D Platt – Locked Gates

Mr Platt complained about the gate on the park connecting Amanda Road and Stapleton Road being locked without advising local residents.

Mr Platt also sent an email to St Helens Council and he has been requested to update the Parish Council when he has received a reply from them.

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B Leahair – Street Cleaning

Ms Leahair complained about the “deteriorating condition” of Rainhill and in particular unbrushed pavements and overflowing litter bins.

She was advised that street cleaning, including the emptying of bins, is the responsibility of St Helens Council who she had also contacted. Ms Leahair later added that she was dissatisfied with the reply she had received from St Helens Council regarding the situation.

397. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr Carroll advised that Murphys Group, subcontracted by Network Rail, indicated they are likely to request permission to access the railway cutting again via the Old Lane Playing Field at some point. The Clerk advised nothing further had been heard from them to date.
Cllr S. Glover reported that the Blundells Lane bench had been repainted and thanks had been received.
The Clerk reported that, although earlier tests had appeared to indicate a leak, United Utilities had now advised that a more detailed analysis confirmed there is no leak from the large diameter mains pipes running across Rainhill Park.
- Churchyard Committee: See item 393. No other report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Doyle gave a brief report including the concert to raise funds had been very successful and that there is a need to update the CCTV quality following schoolchildren setting off alarms.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood advised the next meeting is on 14th April when a Rainhill 150 film will be shown.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle advised there had been no meeting since her last report.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood gave a brief report and advised the next meeting is at the beginning of May.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr DeAsha reported that the Prince’s Trust had done a good job on the redecorating and the keys have been handed over. The result of the funding application is still awaited.
- Exchange Place Project: Cllr S Glover reported that Joanne Jones, from St Helens Council, is back on the project. Tree thinning and work on the rear wall is taking place.

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398. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Wednesday 23rd April 2014, in the Teak Room at Rainhill Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

It was resolved that AGM will be held on Monday 12^h May 2014, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall and that next ordinary meeting will immediately follow the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9:32 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
12th May 2014