

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
16th March 2015

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th March 2015 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

540. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: J. DeAsha, and J. Kelly

541. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

542. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2015

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 19th January 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

543. POLICE REPORT

A written report of the crime statistics for Rainhill had been provided. The report was welcomed, however it does not contain sufficient detail. Cllr Wood indicated that more detailed reports may be available via the Homewatch coordinator.

544. CLERK'S REPORT

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

545. CORRESPONDENCE

T Kelly, Billinge Parish Council	Internal Audit
NALC x2	Strategy for National Events for 2015 / Newsletter
N Goyal	Web page optimisation
K Burrows, St.Helens Council	Planning Weekly List: 12/1; 26/1; 2/2; 9/2; 16/2; 23/2; 2/3; 9/3; 16/3
Public Sector Executive Online	eNewsletter 19/1; 2/2; 9/2; 16/2; 23/2; 2/3
S Johnson, St.Helens Council	Precept information request
S Mackell & others	Fruit tree pruning course
Cllr S Glover & others	Eco Garden Trophy workshop
White Hill Direct	Noticeboard Range
D Boston	Village Hall Accounts
O Lawler, NALC	Legal briefing on Transparency
G Brufell	Delivery of Annual Report
S Hurst	Production of Annual Report
A Forsyth	Fencing at Hemmingsway
A Sanderson	Storage of legal documents - holding response
Rainhill Village Hall	Room Bookings confirmation for 2015/16
R Gregory	Quotation for Noticeboard
BHF Health & Innovation	Defibrillators
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2015/0047 - Railway station cycle store
NALC	Summary of Larger Councils Committee 20.1.15

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I Bond	Conservation Issues
Ordnance Survey	Change to Govt owned company
Planning Portal	Update 22/1; 29/1; 5/2; 27/2; 2/3;
A Watson Liverpool FA	Meeting at Holt Lane
C MacFarlane, KKP	Open Space Study
LALC	Change to CiLCA Qualification
Unity Trust	Change to service provider
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2015/0051 - 13 Dee Road
NALC	Revised Legal Topic Note 8 - Elections
NALC	Planning Event April 2015
Barrow & Cook	4F Centre Lease
Charities Commission	Annual return required by 31.1.15
J Schofield	Quotation for Noticeboard
C MacFarlane, KKP x 2	Open Space Study Meeting
Village Hall	Defibrillator Application
Public Sector Executive Online	Fracking in the UK
D Gavin, St.Helens Council	Rainhill Business Base for Townscape Bid
NALC	Newsletter 6/1; 2/2; 9/2; 16/2; 23/2; 2/3; 9/3; 16/3
C Tigwell	Rainhill Trials cc of email to G Maddock
T Kelly, Billinge Parish Council	Internal Audit
G Maddock, St.Helens Council	Railway Trials response to C Tigwell
NALC	Minutes of Larger Councils 20.1.15
L Jackson	Eco Garden Minutes
J Jones, St.Helens Council	Eco Garden Sureset Repair
K Cook, Fields in Trust	Field Day Events
123-reg	GHOST Vulnerability
MALC	Agenda for 4.2.15
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2015/0065 Holly House, Warrington Road.
T Prescott, St.Helens Council	Repairs needed at Holt Lane & Rainhill Park
Planning Portal	News 29.1.15; 5.2.15; 27.2.15
J Owen, NALC	Bulletin on Recent Meetings
LALC	Transparency Code for Parish Councils with an Annual Turnover not Exceeding £25,000 (England); Electronic Communications; VAT Claims
NALC	National Voter Registration Day
Longton Lane Primary School	Newsletter
A Whitehall	Agenda for 4.2.15
Public Sector Executive Online	Cuts for Children's centre services
Mike Crowther, Groundwork	Business Support Assistance for Heritage Bid
A Jones, NALC	Article on National Improvement Programme
J Saunders, CCG x several	Diabetes footcare event / Update on 'NICE' Report
Sian Day	Request for support for Teenage Cancer Trust Appeal
C Reddecliffe, Riverside	Contact Details
F Abeli, NALC	Documents not available via NALC web site
M Bowles, Riverside	Land at Rainhill Road/Warrington Road
A Hoey x 2	4F Centre
Historic Towns Forum	Free Training Events (in Oxford)

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Insp. Collins, Merseyside Police	4F Centre Drop In Facility
F Crawford x 2	Promotion of rounders & Open Meeting Minutes
K Cook, Fields in Trust	February Update
Alice Watson, Liverpool FA x 2	Confirmation of meeting & Specification
Willowbrook Hospice	Thank you for donation
J Owen, NALC	Meetings & Events Update
United Utilities	Update on Bills
Paul Ashton, KKP	Open Spaces Stakeholder Survey
M Dickinson	Parish Council Annual Report
T Prescott, St.Helens Council	Holt Lane / Rainhill Park
CPRE	Renewal of membership
S Pendleton, Barrow & Cook	4F Centre Lease
S Johnston, St.Helens Council	Council Tax Base 2015/16
I Lucas	Eco Constitution
Nasir Uddin Sayed	Facebook (suspected spam)
Govt Gateway	Successful submission of details
N Thompson	Contact details for Annual Report
D Whitley x 3	Annual Report Details
Amazon Account	Suspected spam
Planning Portal	Update 13/2
Longton Lane Primary School	Newsletter 13/2
MPF Data	Pension Annual Return Details
J Owen, NALC	Meetings Update 13/2; 27/3
A Hoey, 4F Centre & L Clarke	Police use of 4F Centre
S Pendleton, Barrow & Cook	4F Centre Lease
HMRC	Year End Jobs for Tax
R Burgess, Hydraclean x 4	Legionella Testing
D Bloor, St.Helens Council	Drainage at Rainhill Park and Pitch layout
Insp. Collins, Merseyside Police many	4F Centre Drop In Facility
S Mackell & others	Big Lunch Event for Eco Group
M Crowther, Groundwork	Business Support Assistance for Heritage Bid
A Hoey, 4F Centre x many	Provision of Keys, etc for Police
A Sanderson	Storage of legal documents
Major Jon Price & S Cousins	Armed Forces Community Covenant
Planning Portal	Updated 19/2
MPF Communications x2	Pension Fund & Invitation to be on Pension Board
D Bloor, St.Helens Council	Wildflower Planting Areas
HMRC x2	Instruction for employers & Upgrading broadband
J Trachenberg	Suspected spam
S Clarke & M Dickinson	Articles for Annual Report
J Saunders, CCG	Forthcoming events
J Boden, St.Helens Council	Quotation for Wildflower Planting
B Walsh	Extracted Scroll for Annual Report
Seneley Green PC	Legionella Testing Co. Details
C Tigwell	Attendance at Annual Parish Meeting
Cllr De'Asha	Parking at Martin Close

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S Clarke	Photo for Annual Report
H Parry, GMS Services	Legionella Testing
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2015/0126 - 3 Burton Close
T Prescott, St.Helens Council	Legionella Testing Contract Cancelled
M Dickinson	Attendance at Annual Parish Meeting
S Pendleton, Barrow & Cook	Signing of 4F Centre Lease.
J Saunders, CCG	Survey on Non Emergency Patient Transport
H Woods, 4F Centre	Payment of insurance premium
T Kelly, Billinge Parish Council	Issues from Internal Audit
J Jones, St.Helens Council x 3	Change to maintenance contract Eco Garden
Streetlife	Local Community Website for St.Helens
Eco Group various	Liverpool Echo Environment Award
A Sanderson	Election Briefing
HMRC	Working with SME
LALC	Annual Subscription Invoice
L Jackson & others	Eco Garden Minutes & other issues
K Cook, Fields in Trust	Update
M Heaton, Village Hall	Report for APM
NALC Mailbox	NALC launches Star Councils
H Parry, GMS Services	Legionella Testing
M Heaton	Rainhill Musical Theatre Co details for Annual Report
Planning, St.Helens Council	Parish Consultation P/2015/0157
A Sanderson	Election Briefing
H Woods, 4F Centre	Electricity Bill
Insp Collins	Surgery at 4F Centre
MPF Communications x2	Employee Contribution Banding Table / Local Pension Board
LALC	Star Awards
L Pennington	Maintenance at Exchange Place
Advance Collection Service	Outstanding Bill for Haven Power
Planning Resource	Online Planning Seminar
UU Customer Services	Incomprehensible Response
M Dickinson	RMF Spring Newsletter
Planning, St.Helens Council	P/2015/0169 25 Malhamdale Avenue
D Bloor, St.Helens Council	Barrier Baskets for Rainhill Maintenance arrangements
HMRC	Growth Vouchers
MPF Communications	HR and Payroll Guidance
I Bond	Rainhill Conservation Issues
C Macfarlane, KKP	Open space study
G Stevens, St.Helens Council	Maintenance at Exchange Place
A McCann, Carnegie UK Trust	Identify lost playing fields
J Snape	17 Tasker Terrace, Rainhill
United Utilities	Response to query - Inconclusive A/c still blocked
A Whitehall x 2	Grow for it - youth funding opportunity / training opportunities

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HMRC	New Basic PAYE Tools
J Jones x many	Exchange Place Maintenance
Rainhill Civic Society	Attendance at Annual Parish Meeting & Invite to AGM
NALC	Newsletter 16/3
H Parry, GMS Services	Quotation for Legionella Testing

It was agreed that further contact with Groundwork would be put on hold.

It was resolved that the maintenance regime for Exchange Place/Eco Garden be upgraded to include grass collection at an annual cost of £371.23.

It was resolved that the Communications Group investigate the Streetlife social network further and report to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

It was resolved that the contract for Legionella Testing at the changing facilities be awarded to Hydraclean.

546. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Objections were submitted for the following applications prior to the meeting:

P/2015/0003, Rainhill Railway Station, Station Road, Installation of two automatic doors with push pad controls and high and low level vision panels.

P/2015/0011, Hemsec, Hemingsway, Erection of 2.4m high paladin gates and fencing expressing concerns over access.

P/2015/0047, Rainhill Railway Station, Erection of a cycle shelter

Countryside residential development at the former Oak Tyres site, in relation to land levels and the height of the boundary fencing.

Cllr Donovan reported that a Committee site visit had been arranged for 24th March to view the fencing at Countryside Development/Kendal Drive prior to determination of the application.

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

P/2015/0051 13 Dee Road, Single-storey rear extension

P/2015/0065 Holly House, Warrington Road, Single-storey side extension

P/2015/0099 12 Lawton Road, Works to trees in a Conservation Area

P/2015/0117 814 Warrington Road, Erection of part two-storey, part single-storey extension

P/2015/0118 Ashdown, 546 Warrington Road, Works to trees in a Conservation Area

P/2015/0126 3 Burton Close, Flat to pitched roof on existing canopy

547. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
Scottish Power	Martin Close (Holt) – Feb	40.00	STO

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Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park)- Feb	9.00	STO
United Utilities	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Feb	115.00	DD
G Pinder	Photocopying, Telephone, Salary - Feb (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded), Keys - 4F Centre & Rainhill Park, Printer Paper	1070.77	TFR98
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Feb	368.48	TFR99
SLCC	Joining Fee & Annual Subscription	161.00	0024
Scottish Power	Martin Close (Holt) – Mar	40.00	STO
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park)- Mar	9.00	STO
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Mar	6.22	DD
United Utilities	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Mar	120.00	DD
G Pinder	Telephone Salary - Mar (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded), Home Allowance	1506.78	TFR100
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Mar	368.48	TFR101
HMRC	Tax & NI (Jan-Mar)	448.84	TFR102
Rainhill Village Hall	Contribution	3435.35	TFR103
S.137 Payments			
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	0025
LALC	NALC & LALC Subs, Area Sec, LCR	974.75	0026

548. POLICE COMPACT

A request was made on behalf of the 4F Management Board that a £12.50 per week contribution be made by the Parish Council to cover the cost of room hire for the Police drop in facility. This would be considered at the next meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner to thank her for attendance at a meeting and her continued support.

549. TWINNING

It was resolved that the Clerk investigates contact with Market Weighton and establish a meeting of the Twinning Group to discuss next steps.

550. RAINHILL RAILWAY & HERITAGE

It was resolved that the Clerk contact the Railway & Heritage group to establish a meeting to discuss the 200 year celebrations of the Rainhill Trials.

551. HOLT LANE CHANGING ROOM FACILITIES

Details were presented on the cost of replacement and refurbishment of the changing rooms. It was resolved that the Clerk obtain further comparison quotes to the specification agreed.

A question was raised regarding use of Swan Gardens as allotments. The Clerk was asked to clarify what had previously been agreed and investigate feasibility of the use.

Councillor S Glover here joined the meeting.

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552. ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT

It was resolved that the Armed Forces Community Covenant Working Group was open to any Councillor who wished to take part. It was further resolved that the Clerk coordinate the inaugural meeting of the group.

553. PROVISION OF WILDFLOWERS

Resolved that Councillor S Glover would check if a request for CIF money had been made, further resolved that authority be granted to the Clerk and Chair to agree contribution towards cost of wildflower planting if CIF money was not in place.

554. OUTCOME OF INTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved that the actions recommended by the Clerk be introduced.

555. PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATOR AT VILLAGE HALL

Following discussion on location of proposed defibrillator it was resolved that Cllr L Glover would speak to the head teacher at Cowley School to assess the benefits/problems of external installation, prior to a decision on its location being agreed.

556. REPLACEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD

Resolved that quote from R G Joinery be accepted and instruction to undertake work be issued.

557. RENAMING OF RAINHILL PARK PLAYING FIELDS

Cllr Moore reported that an approach had been made to rename Rainhill Park to Albert Fellowes Park. Resolved that the Clerk investigate if this is possible and the cost involved in the erection of signs.

558. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Cllr Donovan reported on the ongoing issues at Kendal Drive.

559. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: It was resolved that a date for the tour of open spaces be agreed at the next meeting. Drainage at Rainhill Park Playing Fields continued to be a problem causing game cancellations. Cllr S Glover offered that this be pursued with St.Helens Council by himself and Cllr De'Asha, this was agreed.
- Village Hall Management Committee: A special meeting had been held to discuss E. Rothwell's retirement. New arrangements for key holders had been introduced and those affected informed. The Treasurer had announced their intention to stand down, no volunteer had come forward to replace him. This was an ongoing concern.

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- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood reported that the Society had a programme of speakers arranged. The summer trip was to be to Llangollen. A quiz night was arranged for 8th May.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: It was resolved to remove this report from the Agenda.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: A brief meeting had taken place and centred on mis-budgeting within the Knowsley area.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- 4F Centre: The Police had now commenced their surgery on Friday afternoons between 2-3pm. A further two new groups had commenced. Issues were being experienced with users not adhering to housekeeping rules and regulations.
- Exchange Place Project: A £500 donation had been received from Rainhill United to include a bench plaque to celebrate the contribution to the community made by Albert Fellowes. The grant received from Cory is thought to have been subject to a 10% claw-back clause which was expected to be met by the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to look at previous minutes to confirm this had been agreed. An item was to be included on the next agenda.

560. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Wednesday 22nd April 2015, in the Teak Room at Rainhill Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

It was resolved that AGM will be held on Monday 11th May 2015, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall and that next ordinary meeting will immediately follow the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9:38 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
11th May 2015