

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th May 2009 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, C. Moore, W.M. Wood.
Also present: Mr. D. Blanchflower.

655. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: Received from Cllrs: D. Kelly, J. Kelly, I. Walker, G. Jamieson.

656. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

657. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Clarification was raised re the ratification of the 2009/10 precept. Otherwise minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

658. POLICE REPORT

No Police Officer present.

659. CLERK'S REPORT

Mr. Blanchflower reported on his actions relating to issues raised by residents.

660. CORRESPONDENCE

St Helens Council

- Planning Decisions
- Planning Appeal – Briars Hey
- Planning Appeal Decision Rainhill Forge
- Rainhill Ward Committee January Minutes
- Mono Telephone Mast – Shell Garage Warrington Road (*Application now withdrawn*)
- Mayor's Sunday 24th May 2009

Anonymous letter re alley between Tasker Terrace and Rainhill Road (*Will reply if contact details are received*)

661. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/09/0271 Rainhill Shell Garage – Installation of Phone Mast (*Objections had been raised by Parish Council prior to this meeting – Application now withdrawn*)

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

P/09/0219 24 Stapleton Avenue – Two storey side extension and single rear extension
P/09/0238 4 Blundells Lane – First floor ext. to rear and replace flat roof.
P/09/0243 Rainhill Nursery School – Erection of canopy to front
P/09/0256 Brydon Norlands Hey – First floor extension over existing garage
P/09/0300 Oakdene School – Two infill extensions
P/09/0316 12 Norbury Fold – Two storey extension to rear and new pitched roof
P/09/0325 16 Fairclough Road – Demolish existing kitchen and garage and add extensions
P/09/0335 68 View Road – Install dormer and velux windows to side elevation
P/09/0336 26 Ellaby Road – Single storey ext to rear
P/09/0356 Land at Warburton Hey – Erect 62 residential units
P/09/0359 Land at Warburton Hey – Outline for 97 residential units
P/09/0382 Land adjacent 25 Bartholomew Close – Two storey extension

662. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Scottish Power Electricity Rainhill Park	98.95	2859
Rainhill Village Hall Donation	7320.18	2860
D Blanchflower Salary April to March (Year)	15,809.28	2861
G Mason VAT (Feb/March)	72.06	2862
Customs & Excise Tax/NI	1,296.94	2863
Home Office Allowance	739.00	2864
Cancelled		2865
Customs & Excise Tax/NI	2,116.05	2866
St Marks School - Photocopying	85.00	2867
Cancelled		2868
Mrs Armstrong – Clerical Duties	50.00	2869
Refreshments – Clerk Interviews	42.30	2870
Telephone Rental + Internet (12 months)	142.00	2871
Churchyard Maintenance April	359.00	STO
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It was agreed that Electricity Bills for Scottish Power may be paid by Direct Debit in future.

663. RAINHILL GALA SPONSORSHIP

It was agreed that funding would be as in the previous year, i.e. a donation of £500 and the purchase T-shirts for a Rainhill High School team.

Cllr. DeAsha agreed to escort the Mayor at the Gala.

664. RAINHILL PARK EXPENDITURE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO FOOTBALL PITCHES

It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund a share of the costs required to sort out drainage.

665. INTERNET SITE

The Clerk reported that he had already made tentative enquiries and that a significant saving could be made on the current quotation for providing an 'upgraded' web site and for hosting the site. It was agreed that the Clerk should progress this.

666. BERNADOS LIGHTING OLD LANE

It was agreed that a full copy of the lease should be circulated to all councillors before any meeting takes place and that, if possible, all councillors should be on site when the visit is made. Bernardos have already suggested Thursday would be the best day for a visit.

667. REFURBISHMENT HOLT PAVILION

It was suggested that Stoves may be a potential donor of the manual mixer valves required for the shower units. The Clerk was charged with approaching Stoves.

It was suggested that, at some future point, at long term plan for refurbishment will be needed.

668. APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

It was agreed that Mr. Blanchflower be replaced as a signatory on cheques by the new Clerk.

It was agreed that the new Clerk should join the Pension Scheme.

It was pointed out that the letterhead needed changing to show the new Clerk's details. It was suggested that a re-design of the letterhead should be considered.

669. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Rainhill Music Festival: It was agreed, in principle, to support the music festival and that Moira Dickinson should be invited to the next meeting to provide more details.

It was reported that some businesses have raised concerns about loss of business due to parking problems.

It was also pointed out that existing rules require that any member of the community wanting to raise issues at any meeting should give the Clerk 2 weeks notice and provide details of the issue being raised.

670. REPORTS:

- Public Open Spaces: No report.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: All running smoothly and balance of

donation from Parish Council received.

- Rainhill Heritage Society: No report.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: No report.
- St. Helens South & West Crime Prevention Panel: Report from Cllr. Wood.
- Merseyside Association of Parish & Town Councils: Report from Cllr. Wood.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: Report from Cllr. DeAsha.

671. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 24th June 2009, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

It was agreed that the next Ordinary Parish Meeting would be held on Monday 29th June 2009, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council
29th June 2009