

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
24th May 2010

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24th May 2010 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. De’Asha, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, D. Kelly, J. Kelly, C. Moore, W.M. Wood.

Also present: 1 resident.

829. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllr. B. Grunewald.
Apologies also received from PC J. Moore.

830. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

831. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 29th MARCH 2010

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 29th March 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

832. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 12th MAY 2010

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th May 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

It was resolved that the Clerk would write to PC Moore regarding how up to date the neighbourhood officer is with crime figures and whether there is knowledge of thefts from gardens in the area.

833. POLICE REPORT

None.

834. CLERK’S REPORT

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

835. CORRESPONDENCE

CPRE	Fieldwork magazine and CPRE's manifesto for the General Election
NALC	Learning Seminars
NALC	Chief Executive Report
Zurich Insurance	Annual LCAS Seminars
Merseyside Pension Fund	Annual Returns
Photocast	Proof
Government Gateway	Online Returns Registration
G Mason	VAT Invoice
Colourplan	Revised Proof

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D Gavin	Rainhill Trials Exhibition
L Skidmore, Merseyside Police	April Newsletter
NALC	Consultation - Post Office Banking
SMP Playgrounds	Parish and Community News
A Short	Dunbeath Ave/Alva Rd
HMRC	Invitation to EmployerTalk 2010
HMRC	Notice to complete Annual Return
LALC	The Future for Lancashire's Wildlife
Merseyside Pension Fund	Beeline Issue 13
J Dutton, St Helens Council	Response to Clerk's letter 07/04/10
War Memorials Trust	Notice of Half Day Conference
NALC	Free Seminar - Market Management
S G Baker & Co	Sandbags information for the community
Colourplan	Print Schedule
LDS Ltd	Annual Report Delivery - Map & Charges
Rainhill Recreation Club	Invitation to Chairman & Councillors
NALC	Governance & Accountability for Local Councils
Clerks & Councils Direct	Confirmation of Order
St Helens Council	Notice of appeal against refusal of planning permission for 3 Goldsworth Fold
J Skinley, St Helens Council	Meeting with Parish Clerks
N Baxendale	It's a Knockout
Colourplan	Annual Report
Clerks & Councils Direct	May newsletter
NALC	Clerk's Networking Lunch Invitation - Chester
Itilluminations	Design a Festive Decoration
NALC	Business Tenancies
NALC	Charitable Trustees & Declarations
A Gaffney, St Helens Council	Acknowledgement of error
L Higgins, St Helens Council	YOF/YCF Grant Application Forms
BDO	Audit Briefing
NALC	Car Allowances
Record RSS Ltd	Natural Play Design
LDS Ltd	Annual Report Delivery - Anticipated Completion
NALC	Sustainable Communities Act
St Helens Council	Precept Remittance Advice
Mitchell Charlesworth	Specialist Charities Accountant
Royal Mail	Mailsort Database Update
Government Gateway	Successful Receipt of Online Submission
NALC	Charity Commission Toolkit
J Dentith, St Helens Council	CCTV Project
C Bolton, Seneley Green PC	Internal Audit Meeting

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W McAuliffe, Bold PC	Internal Audit Meeting
J Moore, Merseyside Police	Parish Council Meeting
SLCC	Cemetery Management Course
L Skidmore, Merseyside Police	May Newsletter
L Trubshaw	St Helens South and West Crime Prevention Team
C Tigwell	Website, Minutes, PC Rep, Annual Parish Meeting
Limehousesoftware	Merseyside Waste Planning
CPRE	Countryside Voice, Members Guide 2010, misc advertising leaflets
LALC	Visit to Lancaster Castle, Autumn Conference 2010, Community Play Areas
Scottish Power	Cheque Refund
HOW Planning LLP	Public Exhibition - Oak Tyres Site, Warrington Road
Bibby North West Ltd	Colourplan
D Blanchflower	Website, Cheque
D Gavin	VAT on Project Costs
TAS	Business News
NALC	Events Bulletin
St Helens Council	Decision: 4 Wensleydale Avenue - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 14 Trent Place - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 13 St James Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Longton Lane CP School - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 26 Lincoln Way - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 3 The Meadows - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Land fronting Oak Tyre Services - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Orchard House, Briars Hey - Certificate Granted
St Helens Council	Decision: 3 Owen Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 347 Warrington Road - Certificate Granted
St Helens Council	Decision: 18 Dorgan Close - Approved with conditions
B Johnson, St Helens Council	Rainhill Park & Holt
Photocast	Visit to Speke
HMRC	2010 Employer Budget Pack

836. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Prior to the meeting a comment was submitted indicating the advice of the Tree Officer should be sought for the following application and that the Parish Council will accept that advice:

P/2010/0284 The Elms, Craven Road - Works to trees in a conservation area

Prior to the meeting the Planning Officer was advised that the following application is outside the Rainhill CP boundaries:

P/2010/0339 2 Newmarket Gardens - Works to protected trees

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/2010/0297 Rainhill Railway Station - Repairs to a listed railway station
P/2010/0311 St Bartholomew's RC Primary School - Installation of playground equipment
P/2010/0321 10 St James Mount - Retention of 2 walls on curtilage of property
P/2010/0332 497 Warrington Road - Retrospective application for window to side and flag pole and flag to the front elevation
P/2010/0310 14 St James Mount - Single storey rear extension and side extension to existing garage
P/2010/0322 45 Foxwood - First floor addition over existing garage and replacement of conservatory
P/2010/0345 St Bartholomew's Presbytery - New tarmac car park to be situated off the existing driveway
P/2010/0346 14 Galston Avenue - Single story extension to rear, joining to existing conservatory with new roof
P/2010/0389, St Bartholomew's Presbytery, Listed Building Consent: Affecting the setting of a proposed new tarmac car park to be situated off the existing driveway
P/2010/0404, Rainhill Nursery School, Deepdale Drive, Erection of a canopy
P/2010/0430, 17 Horwood Avenue, Two storey extension to side

837. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Description	Amount	Ref
Churchyard Maintenance April	150.00	3021
Mixer Valves - Holt	1344.26	3022
Cleaners Wages - April	64.27	3023
Final Tax/NI for 2009/10	523.86	3024
Annual Report Distribution	420.18	3025
Leases	6.00	3026
Churchyard Maintenance May	150.00	3027
Village Hall Fire and Intruder Alarms - Connection of Fire Alarm to Monitoring System, including annual maintenance and monitoring charges	1167.74	3028
Colourplan - Annual Report	1165.00	3029
Cleaners Wages - May	64.27	3030
Cleaners Wages - June	119.89	3031
Churchyard Maintenance June	150.00	3032
Churchyard Maintenance July	150.00	3033
Subscriptions to LALC and NALC, Local Council Review	866.78	3034
Gala T-shirts	91.74	3035
Clerk's Salary April, Photocopying, Postage and HMRC Payment	898.62	3036

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838. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2009/2010

It was resolved that Rainhill Parish Council Accounts for 2009/2010, as set out by the Responsible Financial Officer in Council records, and in the return to the external auditor BDO Stoy Hayward, are approved.

839. WRITE-OFFS

It was resolved that the recommendations of the Responsible Financial Officer are accepted and that the relevant write-offs for irrecoverable VAT and pitch fees take place.

840. LETTER FROM L TRUBSHAW

It was resolved that ‘St. Helens South & West Crime Prevention Team’ be removed from the Reports section of future Council Agendas.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Area Commander asking for his opinion on the decisions made by St Helens South and West Crime Prevention Team to remove the right for members to report back to other organisations or be representatives of other organisations.

841. OLD LANE RECREATION GROUND – DEED OF VARIATION

It was resolved that the request from St Helens Council that they be allowed to prepare a Deed of Variation to correct the boundaries shown on the Deeds for the Old Lane Recreation Ground, aka Swan Farm Gardens, is accepted.

842. RAINHILL PARK AND HOLT PLAYING FIELDS

It was resolved that the request made by Rainhill Rocket JFC that a steel storage container be included in the planning applications, being prepared and submitted by St Helens Council, is accepted.

843. WAR MEMORIAL

It was resolved that all the proposals made by Photocast regarding a new plaque on the War Memorial are accepted and that the Clerk makes arrangements for this to take place.

It was resolved that a service of re-dedication will take place and the Clerk was tasked with ensuring this happens.

844. NOTICE BOARDS

It was resolved that the funding agreed by the Parish Council is increased to reflect the revised total cost of the project. The Parish Council contribution will remain as a third share of the costs but will be increased to approximately £1,233.

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845. ST ANN'S CHURCHYARD

It was resolved that the Churchyard Committee will meet to assess the effectiveness of the new contractor immediately after the end of the probationary period.

It was resolved that any decisions regarding the contractor will be made at the next Council meeting on 19th July and that a further payment will be made to the contractor for July.

846. CLERK'S ANNUAL REVIEW

It was resolved that the Clerk progress one point on the salary scale, in accordance with the written terms and conditions of employment, following his performance meeting the required standard during the preceding 12 months.

It was resolved that a meeting will take place between the Clerk, the Chair, Cllr De' Asha and Cllr Moore on 1st June, in the Village Hall, to complete the formal appraisal process and agree objectives for the current year,

847. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Dunbeath Avenue / Alva Road

Mr A Short reported the poor state of roads and footpaths in the vicinity of the shops bordered by Dunbeath Avenue /Alva Road.

The Clerk has determined that the roads and footpaths in this area have not been adopted by St Helens Council and are not their responsibility. The Clerk will write to the owners when investigations reveal who they are.

Coylton Avenue

Cllr Doyle reported that parking by non-residents is causing obstruction problems, e.g. for bin lorries, utility providers and deliveries. Cllr S Glover stated that obstruction specifically is a Police issue and that he will raise it with the Police representative at the next Ward Committee meeting.

Elmswood

Cllr Carroll reported that Elmswood was badly potholed. Cllr S Glover stated he had previously advised residents that this was a priority with St Helens Council and that he expected it would be repaired very soon.

848. REPORTS:

- Public Open Spaces: No report.
- Churchyard Committee: No separate report – see item 826.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr. J. Kelly gave a brief report.

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- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: No report.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: Cllr. Doyle advised the next meeting will take place on 18th June 2010.
- St. Helens South & West Crime Prevention Panel: No Report – see item 821.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood advised that no further meetings had been arranged.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: Cllr. Wood advised the meeting will take place on 8th June 2010.

849. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 19th July 2010, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
19th July 2010