

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
17th May 2011

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 17th May 2011 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. De'Asha, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, B. Heydon, D. Kelly, J. Kelly, P. Lynch, C. Moore, W.M. Wood.
Also present: 1 resident.

979. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

980. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Lynch declared a personal interest in items involving United Utilities as he is employed by an associated company. Cllr Lynch made this declaration as the Council makes regular payments to United Utilities for services provided at Holt POS and Rainhill Park Changing Rooms.

Cllr. Wood declared a possible interest in items involving St Ann's School as he is a Governor.

981. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 18th APRIL 2011

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 18th April 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

982. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 27th APRIL 2011

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27th April 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

983. POLICE REPORT

PC Moore sent his apologies.

984. CLERK'S REPORT

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

985. CORRESPONDENCE

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| St Helens Council | Notices - Parish Elections 5 May 2011 |
| LALC | Armed Forces Day 25th June 2011 |
| Lamps & Tubes | Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 |
| CPRE | AGM 7th May 2011 |
| NALC | NALC/SLCC Networking Lunch, Derby 3 June 2011 |
| A Gaffney, St Helens Council | Problem with online access to P/2011/0244 |
| Rainhill Civic Society | Copy of "List of Buildings of local importance" |

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| G Bruffell, LDS | Annual Report distribution |
| NALC | Financial Update - National Audit & Accounts Advisor |
| B Johnson, St Helens Council | Two Butt Lane Recreation Ground (Condition Report) |
| B Johnson, St Helens Council | Holt Changing Rooms - Wall Heaters |
| NALC | Communities in Action Conference & Exhibition (nearest is Sheffield 19th July) |
| 123-reg | Super domain offers |
| Merseyside Police | April Newsletter |
| B Johnson, St Helens Council | Warburton Hey |
| Lancs & Merseyside CTP | New Councillors & Clerks Training July 2011 |
| 123-reg | Support Query |
| Royal Mail | Mail Price Calculators |
| N Samuel | Rainford Brass Band |
| NALC | E-bulletin - Advice for Communities to Support Neighbourhood Planning |
| NALC | Legal Topic Note - The Equality Act 2010 |
| C Oldfield | 4F Centre |
| J Brumfitt | Medieval Well |
| Charity Commission | Charity Commission News Spring 2011 |
| HMRC | HMRC not issuing a paper Budget Pack |
| CPRE | Fieldwork Spring 2011 |
| NALC | Consultation on Audit Fees |
| St Helens Council | Decision: Rainhill Recreation Club - Refused |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 17 Loyola Hey - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: Treetops Residential Home, View Road - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: Oak Tyre Services, Warrington Road - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: Land adjacent and rear of 25-35 Ellaby Road - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 8 Dane Court (Coffee Shop) - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 1 The Meadows - Cert of Lawful Use approved |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 2 Heyes Mount - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 110 Deepdale Drive - Approved with conditions |
| A Biggs | Rainhill Village Hall |
| NALC | Shelter Housing Insights for Communities |
| NALC | Legal Briefing - Future standards of conduct of members of local authorities in England |
| National Housing Federation | Northern Voice |
| Lancs & Merseyside CTP | Congratulations on CiLCA |
| NALC | Policy Consultation on Inland Waterways |

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| 123-reg | Newsletter |
| SMP Playgrounds | Parish & Community News |
| C Oldfield | Graveyard Tap |
| C Tigwell | Missing Bench |
| Parkex | Parking Shop Newsletter |
| NALC | E-bulletin |
| D Broome | Confirmation of Heritage Lottery Funding for Lych Gate |
| J Dutton, St Helens Council | Car Parking in Rainhill |
| TAS | TAS Customer Survey |
| J Nolan, St Helens Council | Electronic Remittances |
| | Complaint about dumped stones |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 30 Ellon Avenue - Approved with conditions |
| Clerks & Councils Direct | May 2011 |
| St Helens Council | Change of Surgery Date for June Only for Dave Watts MP |
| DCK Beavers Ltd | Payroll Services |
| Merseyside Pension Fund | Annual Report |
| A Biggs | Rainhill Village Hall |
| Merseyside Pension Fund | Employers Conference 17 November 2011 |
| NALC | Revised First Edition of Standing Orders for Local Councils |
| LALC | NALC E-bulletin, Freedom of Information/Data Protection Workshop |
| Nottssport | Synthetic Resurfacing |
| BT | Adopt a kiosk |
| J Peach | Hedges at back of Stapleton Avenue |
| HMRC | Employer Alerts |
| Merseyside Police | May Newsletter |
| HMRC | Acknowledgement of PAYE End of Year Returns |
| BT | Adopt a kiosk |
| Various | Internal Audit |
| St Helens Council | Contact Services System Record - Mr K Sowerby |
| CPRE | Countryside Voice Spring 2011 & Members Guide 2011 |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 37 Sherman Drive - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 161 Longton Lane - Approved with conditions |
| St Helens Council | Decision: 18 Dorgan Close - Approved with conditions |
| A Slater | List of buildings of local importance |
| National Housing Federation | Awards Final 11 June 2011 |
| PC Moore | Apologies |
| NALC | Project Outputs - Local Councils and Community Governance Reviews |
| C Tigwell | Houghton Street, Rainhill Railings with Heritage Scheme |
| NALC | Consultation - Planning for Traveller Sites |
| NALC | E-bulletin |

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986. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An objection for the following application had been submitted prior to the meeting as advised by the Planning Applications Group:

P/2011/0318 1 The Meadows, Erection of a single storey building

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

P/2011/0272, Land adjacent to Hill House, Mill Lane, Erection of 2.5 storey detached building

P/2011/0280, Land fronting Stoney View, Creation of access roads to properties on Stoney View

P/2011/0285, St Ann's CE Primary School, Resubmission of P/2011/0010

P/2011/0326, 2 Oakdene Court, Owen Road, Single storey extension to rear and erection of patio area along with porch extension to front elevation

P/2011/0337, 20 View Road, Retention of replacement wall and detached outbuilding

P/2011/0365, 3 Heyes Mount, Sun lounge to side elevation and a pitched roof to replace flat roof

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

P/2011/0355, 144 St James Road, Works to tree in a conservation area for felling of 1 lime tree

It was resolved that an objection be submitted for the following application:

P/2011/0319, 1 The Meadows, Demolition of existing 2 storey dwelling and adjacent garage and construction of replacement 2 storey dwelling with integral garage

987. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

| Description | Amount | Ref |
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| ABM Security Systems Ltd - Annual Maintenance Charge & Monitoring Fee - Fire Alarm | 480.00 | 3082 |
| M Paton - Photocopying, Stationery, Domain renewal, Salary (Apr) | 926.75 | 3083 |
| Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS - Apr | 287.57 | 3084 |
| The Friends of St Ann's - Buy a Brick scheme | 140.00 | 3085 |
| ABM Security Systems Ltd - Annual Maintenance Charge & Monitoring Fee - Intruder Alarm | 712.59 | 3086 |
| M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance May | 150.00 | STO |
| Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) - May | 37.50 | STO |
| Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - May | 43.50 | STO |
| United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - May | 80.00 | STO |
| United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - May | 66.09 | STO |

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It was resolved that an increase in the United Utilities Standing Order for Rainhill Park from £66.09 to £73.37 w.e.f. 14th June 2011 is approved.

988. VILLAGE HALL LETTINGS POLICY

Cllr Moore advised the Council that although some progress had been made, and a Lettings Policy had been published on the Village Hall website, he was still awaiting feedback from the Village Hall Management Committee regarding ideas that had been put forward. Cllr Moore promised to update the Council further at a later meeting.

989. PUBLIC OPEN SPACES – AMANDA ROAD PLAYGROUND

At the previous meeting on April 18th it was agreed in principle that the fence bordering the brook at Amanda Road Playground be repaired using the option to repair supplied by Mr Johnson at St Helens Council, at a total estimated cost of £1,300. It was resolved that this spend is approved and the repairs may go ahead.

990. BARNARDOS 4F CENTRE

Cllr S. Glover reported that a Business Case for the continued use of the 4F Centre was being prepared and would be ready next week.

It was resolved that a meeting be arranged soon after the Business Case is available.

991. IT'S A KNOCKOUT

At the previous meeting on April 18th it was agreed in principle that a team from Rainhill High School would be sponsored again in this year's 'It's a Knockout' competition at Rainhill Gala. The total estimated cost is £600 including the purchase of T-shirts for the team. It was resolved that this spend is approved.

992. ADOPT A KIOSK

It was resolved that the Clerk obtain details, including costs, of both the 'Adopt a Kiosk' scheme and the 'Sponsor a Kiosk' scheme, for further consideration by the Parish Council.,

993. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Medieval Well

Mr J Brumfitt found reference to a medieval well situated adjacent to the playing fields off Deepdale Drive and he and his son went to the site to investigate. He was surprised to find remnants of the well and asks whether anything can be done to protect and restore what is left of it, as a piece of Rainhill history.

It was resolved that the Clerk advises Mr Brumfitt that 'St Ann's Well' has already been listed by St Helens Council as one of 12 Scheduled Ancient Monuments in St Helens "under the protection of the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport".

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Stones dumped by St Helens Council

An anonymous complaint was received regarding a “lot of brown large stones on the paths on the field off Ashton avenue .Local children have been throwing this endless supply at local houses”. The complaint also said the stones were dumped by St Helens Council workers. The Clerk has forwarded the complaint to St Helens Council.

Damage to fencing at rear of Rainhill Park

Mrs Clark complained to Cllr DeAsha that the metal fence bordering the brook had been vandalised with some metal bars either bent or missing. She is obviously concerned that a child could get through the fencing and fall into the brook. The Clerk has contacted Mr Brian Johnson from St Helens Council who is going to determine the extent of the damage and obtain estimates for repair.

Damage to boundary wall and fencing

Mr Sowerby has complained, via St Helens Council, about damage being caused to the boundary wall between Fairclough Close and the Old Lane Public Open Space. He advises this is mainly caused by youths playing football and climbing on the wall and fencing. He also advises that they ignore his requests not to play in that area and that damage has also been caused to his property. He suggests a metal fence, similar to that installed around the 4F Centre, should be installed to protect the existing stone wall and larch-lap fencing.

It was resolved that Mr Sowerby be advised to report all instances of trespass and damage to the local Police. It was further resolved that the Clerk also informs the Police of the problem and asks them to give the area additional attention. It was resolved that the Clerk obtain estimates for repairs to all sections of the sandstone wall bordering the Old Lane Public Open Space for further consideration by the Council.

Parish Council Election Results

Cllr Wood advised the Council that the uncontested election results were not available on the St Helens Council website.

Pot hole by Ship Inn

Cllr Lynch reported that a pot hole by the Ship Inn was causing problems for residents. The District Councillors present advised they will take the matter up.

Old Buildings at Whiston Hospital

Cllr Donovan queried what the plans were for the old buildings following the redevelopment of the site. Cllr Grunewald advised there was to be a reconfiguration of the site and understood the plans included additional car parking.

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Ex- substation on corner of Old Lane and Warrington Road

Cllr D Kelly advised that the old substation site was becoming an eyesore again and that weeds needed clearing. It was resolved that the Clerk writes to the tenants and request they take the necessary action.

994. REPORTS:

- Public Open Spaces: See items 987 and 991.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: There is a meeting tonight and the AGM is next week. Cllr Moore reported he will be unable to attend the AGM. Cllr D Kelly advised she would attend instead of Cllr Kelly. It was resolved that the two documents held by the Charity Commission, which form the basis of the Charitable status of the Village Hall, be circulated to all Councillors.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: No report.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: Cllr Doyle advised there have been no further meetings since the last report.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood advised the next meeting is on 1st June.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: Cllr Wood advised the next meeting is on 7th June.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Standards Committee: Cllr Heydon advised the next meeting has been cancelled and the future of the Standards Committee remains uncertain.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: Cllr Grunewald advised that the Gala had applied for Charity Status and that he had agreed to become a Trustee. He re-stated his previous request for anyone who is available to help with the Gala and added that help was also needed selling raffle tickets.

995. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 20th June 2011, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:52 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
20th June 2011