

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
15th May 2012

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 15th March 2012 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. De’Asha, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover and W.M. Wood. Cllr C. Moore joined the meeting after attending the Village Hall Management Committee AGM.

128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs B. Grunewald, B. Heydon, D. Kelly, J. Kelly and P. Lynch.

129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Interests were declared by Cllr Doyle (Longton Lane School), Cllr S Glover (Planning Applications) and Cllr Wood (St Ann’s School).

130. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 19th MARCH 2012

Cllr Wood advised of an omission from Residents Comments and Complaints regarding a handrail at the Lych Gate. It was resolved that the Clerk amend the minutes accordingly.

Otherwise the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 19th March 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

131. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 25th APRIL 2012

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th April 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

132. POLICE REPORT

None.

133. CLERK’S REPORT

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

Cllr DeAsha advised he would take up the matter of a possible visit to Gilmoor Recovery Centre with St Helens Council.

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts Mr M Roberts from St Helens Council to try and arrange his ‘walk and talk’ to take place on the 18th June immediately before the Council meeting.

134. CORRESPONDENCE

B Roberts	Overgrown Tree
Itilluminations	Sale Catalogue
P Greatorax, Leisure and Environment	Support from LandE

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J Gerrard	Parish Council Meeting
A Dickinson	Rainhill Music Festival Enquiry
A Gaffney, St Helens Council	Memorial Plaque Rainhill Station
C Oldfield	St Ann's Millennium Centre
J Copping, Halton & St Helens PCT	Clinical Commissioning Group
Imember Media Group	Cloud Computing & Virtualisation
L Stuart, Veolia	Re-use & Recycling Opportunities
J Curtis	Emapsite
123-reg	March Newsletter
B Rushton	Rainhill Railway Museum
St Helens Council	Decision: Ship Inn - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 1 Ratcliffe Place - Approved with conditions
Streetwise	Map Order Details
Sage UK	Sage One Accounts
R Sharrock, Fields in Trust	The Queen Elizabeth II Fields
SLCC	Cumbria Branch Conference
BT	Notice to Complete (Adopt a Kiosk)
I McCue, Graphic Press	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
Royal Mail	March Confirmation of Prices
LALC	Queen Elizabeth Field Challenge
Tower Mint	Diamond Jubilee Medals
P Davies	Rainhill Musical Theatre Co
K A Williams	Fresh Air Fitness
NALC	Finance, Accounts and Audit Briefing
MPF Administration	PGP Universal Secured Message
D Whitley	Skew Bridge
D Whitley	Jubilee
Sustainable Gov Ltd	Cutting Office Waste Paper
S Forster	Rocket Public House
N Brown, Haven Power	Change of Tenancy
M Roberts, St Helens Council	TPO
N Brown, Haven Power	MPAN
Plantscape	Jubilee Edition Brochure on CD
L Clarke, St Helens Council	4F Centre
Planning Portal	Application Ref 1796206 v1
Planning Portal	Application Ref 1786575 v1
L Fairclough, St Helens Council	Rainhill Station Bridge
S Atkinson, Action For Children	Leasowe Lighthouse Abseil
J Collis, Corona Energy	Gas Contract Information
D Broome	Lych Gate

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BDO	Notice of Annual Audit
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
L Clarke, St Helens Council	4F Centre
J Hawkes, TDH Group	Countdown to the Jubilee and Olympics
NALC	People in Action Conferences
NALC	E-Bulletin
furniture@work	April 2012 Issue
NALC	Allocation of Accommodation
CPRE	Countryside Voice Spring 2012, Members Guide 2012
Rainhill Village Hall	Annual Report 2012
S Clarke, Rainhill Gala	Rainhill Gala Programme 2012
R Williams	Banns
NALC	Social Housing Fraud
NALC	Rural Services Network
St Ann's Millennium Centre	Thanks
I McCue, Graphic Press	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
D Whitley	Rainhill Civic Society AGM
Sustainable Gov Ltd	Keeping Staff Motivated
LALC	Came & Co Spring Newsletter
St Helens Council	Advertising Consent
St Helens Council	Listed Building Consent: Alterations
Planning Portal	Portas Plus Response to High Street Proposals
P Cunliffe, Graphic Press	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
MPF Employers	Annual Update for Local Government Employers
S Manning	St James Road Accident
J Boden, St Helens Council	Scanning of Football and Rugby Pitches
S Derbyshire, Graphic Press	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
S Clarke, Rainhill Gala	Rainhill Gala Programme 2012
Plantscape	Clearance Sale
GlobalNet21	Webinar
D Neill, Merseyside PF	Annual Return Rainhill Parish Council
St Helens Council	Advertising Consent
I Smith, St Helens Council	Visit to Gilmoos Material Recovery Centre
G Bruffell, LDS Ltd	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
Online Services Helpdesk	Web-PAYE
S Derbyshire, Graphic Press	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
NALC	NALC / Theatres Trust Survey
NALC	Legal Topic Notes
Rainhill Rotary	Request to update URL on Parish Council website
Zurich Financial	Annual LCAS Seminars

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Services	
NALC	E-Bulletin
CPRE Lancashire	AGM
SLCC	Upgrade to Professional Qualification
St Helens Council	Decision: 5 St James Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Guide House - Approved with conditions
SLCC	Summer Symposium 2012
L Pennington, St Helens Council	Football Sockets
Glasdon	Products for Local Councils
B Roberts	Overgrown Tree Update
Hags	New Pricelist
Cartridge Save	Order
G Bruffell, LDS Ltd	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
NALC	Legal Briefing
Online Services Helpdesk	Web-PAYE
L Skidmore, Merseyside Police	April Newsletter
C Anders, Knowsley Council	Prescot Conservation Area Appraisal & Management Plan
Dialogue Matters	Good Practice Stakeholder Participation
Royal Mail	OCR & MDI Changes
J Furbank	Rainhill Clinic
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Parish Council Meeting
St Helens Council	BACS Remittance 5930011
J Dobson	Public Bench
HMRC	Important Information for Employers
G Cleary	Directions to Melling Tithebarn
Historic Towns Forum	VAT Raid on Listed Buildings
G Bruffell, LDS Ltd	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
J Hawkes, TDH Group	Bunting and Street Party Supplies
Planning Portal	First Neighbourhood Plan Set for Examination
123-reg	April Newsletter
North West Housing Federation	Northern Voice
G Houghton, St Helens Council	Message from S Manning
S Manning	St James Road Accident
Ordnance Survey	PSMA Newsletter April 2012
HMRC	Successful Receipt of Online Submission
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Rainhill Annual Parish Meeting
NALC	People in Action Conferences
L Skidmore, Merseyside Police	Re April Newsletter
G Cleary	May 2nd Agenda

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G Cleary	Merseyside Association of Local Councils
C Borg, NALC	Electronic Annual Return 2012
G Bruffell, LDS Ltd	Coverage Map
Emapsite	Getting more out of OS Data
S Hughan	Rainhill Stoops Chickens
D Whitley	Rainhill Stoops Chickens
S Clarke, Rainhill Gala	Rainhill Gala opening ceremony
C Tigwell	Rainhill Stoops Chickens
Historic Towns Forum	Newsletter
St Helens Council	Core Strategy Examination
C Borg, NALC	Local Councils and The Cultural Infrastructure
Historic Towns Forum	Community Asset Transfer Event
S Forster	10A Bus Service
J Fairclough	Annual Report
I Smith, St Helens Council	Modifications to Core Strategy
NALC	Major Infrastructure Planning Regime Briefing
Hags	Climbing Walls
Ordnance Survey	Royal Mail royalty terms for PSMA members
NALC	E-Bulletin
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Rainhill Annual Parish Meeting
St Helens Council	Decision: 8 Dane Court - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 8 Alness Drive - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Briars Hey - Approved with conditions
G Cleary	Item 6 - Chief Executive Report
Sutcliffe Play	19th & 20th June, Stoneleigh Park
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
B Smith	Vacancy - Clerk of the Council and RFO
K Langley	Pitch Hire
123-reg	Bulk Savings
L Cashman	Enquiry
Energylinx	Energy Quote
Weightmans	Reimbursement
Unity Trust	Accounts
H Noble	Action for Children
CPRE	Fieldwork Spring 2012
I Smith, St Helens Council	Visit to Gilmoor Material Recovery Centre
W McAuliffe	End of Year Return Bold PC
W McAuliffe	Internal Audit Meeting
C Bolton	Internal Audit Meeting
L Skidmore, Merseyside Police	Rainhill May Newsletter
123-reg	Login Improvements
HMRC	Annual confirmation of Employer Email Alert Service registration

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NALC	Policy Briefing
LALC	Vacancy at Billinge Chapel End PC
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
LALC	Pre Games Training Camps in the Northwest
LALC	London 2012 confirms ticket timeline
J Hawkes, TDH Group	Jubilee Weekend

Cllr DeAsha reported that the issue regarding the Railway & Heritage Society providing assistance for parties visiting the Railway Museum in Rainhill Library had now been resolved.

It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs A Case, following her announcement that she is stepping down as Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee.

135. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Objections were submitted for the following applications before the meeting:

P/2012/0228, 533 Warrington Road, Erection of a detached dwelling with an associated double garage and boundary treatment.

P/2012/0305, 800 Warrington Road, Outline consent with appearance reserved for the erection of 3 dwellings with new vehicular access.

Comments were submitted for the following application before the meeting advising the advice of the Tree Officer will be accepted:

P/2012/0223, 5 Owen Road, Works to trees in a conservation area for the pruning of silver birches in front garden.

Comments were submitted for the following applications before the meeting advising the advice of the Conservation Officer will be accepted:

P/2012/0357, The Nook Craven Road, Single storey extension to the rear and reroofing of existing outrigger at the rear.

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

P/2012/0233, 20 Owen Road, Rebuilding of existing detached dwelling for the erection of a 2½ storey 4 bed detached dwelling.

P/2012/0249, 24 Ellon Avenue, Side and rear first floor extension with porch to front.

P/2012/0255, 23 Ellon Avenue, Erection of a conservatory at side of property.

P/2012/0259, Rainhill Railway Station, A proposed metal memorial plaque to be fixed to the existing metal access gate.

P/2012/0280, 371 Warrington Road, Resubmission of P/2011/0687 for a change of use from car sales to hot food take-away (A5), including alterations to existing shop front and the installation of extractor duct/air compressors.

P/2012/0261, Rainhill Railway Station, Advertisement consent to display 1 non illuminated memorial plaque to the access gate.

P/2012/0318, 2 Briars Close, First floor side extension over existing garage.

P/2012/0321, 1 Porter Close, Extension to bay window at the front and first floor side extension.

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P/2012/0332, 8 St James Mount, Subterranean extension to form new garage along with conversion of existing garage into a habitable room.

P/2012/0348, 11 Epping Close, First floor rear extension.

P/2012/0364, The Paddock 17 Mill Lane, Installation of Solar Panels to a ground mounted frame in the garden.

136. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
St Anns Millennium Centre - Donation	2,500.00	3148
AON Limited - Public Liability Insurance 4F Centre	174.44	3149
St Helens Council - Advertising Consent (Memorial Plaque)	167.50	3150
LDS Limited - Annual Report Distribution	424.74	3151
Haven Power Ltd - Electricity 4F Centre 01/02/12 - 31/03/12 incl credit	48.48	3152
M Paton - Planning Application Block & Site Plans (Memorial Plaque), Postage, Stationery, Holt Keys, Salary - Apr (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,066.71	3153
Barrow & Cook - Professional Charges	892.00	3154
Corona Energy - Gas 4F Centre 30/09/11 - 01/04/12	695.87	3155
Bibby Factors Northwest Ltd - Annual Report Design & Print	1,185.00	3156
Rainhill Village Hall - Maintenance & monitoring of Fire & Intruder alarms	1,204.50	3157
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance April	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) - Apr	39.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Apr	61.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - Apr	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Apr	81.56	STO
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance May	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) - May	39.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - May	61.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - May	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - May	81.56	STO

137. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

It was resolved that, in principle, a small financial donation will be made to the junior school participating in switch-on of the village Christmas tree lights. A donation of £100 was agreed, in principle, for St Ann's School and the payment will be considered for approval at the June meeting.

138. 4F CENTRE

It was resolved that the Clerk write to the 4F Centre Management Board treasurer with a breakdown of payments already made by the Parish Council, on behalf of the Management Board, and including the estimated committed spend on 12 month electricity and gas contracts. It was resolved that any small balance remaining, out of the original agreed funding and including estimates for electricity and gas, will be paid to the 4F Centre Management Board.

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139. ONLINE BANKING

It was resolved that the Council will open an online banking account with Unity Trust Bank. It was further resolved that this new account must operate with triple-authority controls, i.e. the Clerk will set up a payment for authorisation and two Councillors on the 'Authorisers' list will approve the release of the payment.

It was resolved that the Authorisers will be Cllrs M Donovan, J DeAsha, L Glover, S Glover, C Moore and W Wood. It was further resolved that the Clerk will determine whether Councillors not present want to be included on the Authorisers List.

It was resolved that the Clerk determines whether a National Westminster Bank funding account is still required if Treasury Reserve Deposits with NatWest are to continue.

140. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Overgrown Tree

Mr B Roberts complained to Rainhill Village Hall about an overgrown tree next to the Village Hall. His complaint was copied to the Parish Council.

Action was taken by the Village Hall Management Committee to prune the tree and Mr Roberts has sent his thanks.

Rocket Public House

Mr S Forster wrote about the demise of the Rocket Public House and asked for help from the Council in keeping it open.

It now appears that the public house was only closed during a brief handover period.

St James Road Accident

Ms S Manning wrote about the fatal accident in St James Road and asked whether it was "not time that traffic calming measures were put in place in residential areas in Rainhill to help avoid a repeat of last Thursday's tragedy".

Ms Manning's message was passed on to Mr G Houghton, Head of Traffic & Road Safety at St Helens Council and he has given a reply.

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Merseyside Police to request they give their input to help St Helens Council make the correct decisions regarding prioritisation for traffic calming measures.

Rainhill Clinic

Ms J Furbank suggested Rainhill Clinic was an eyesore and should be repainted.

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She was directed to the Executive Headquarters for Halton and St Helens PCT who are responsible for the Clinic.

Bench on Mill Lane

Mrs J Dobson asked that the bench on the corner of Mill Lane and Blundell's Lane be repainted.

The Clerk has been unable to determine who has responsibility for the bench.

It was resolved that the Open Spaces Committee will visit the site.

Rainhill Stoops Chickens

Ms S Hugan asked what had happened to the Rainhill Stoops Chickens, who they belonged to and why they were moved away.

Mr D Whitley, Mr C Tigwell, Cllr Wood and Mrs E Wood were all able to give some background and a reply was sent to Ms Hugan.

10A Bus Service

Mr S Forster asked if the Parish Council could petition Merseytravel, Arriva or Stagecoach to provide later 10A buses from St Helens.

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Mr Forster to advise him to complete a feedback form available on the Merseytravel website.

Riverside Area on corner of Rainhill Road and Warrington Road

Cllr DeAsha advised that this improvement scheme had been put forward for an award.

Violations in Conservation Areas

Cllr Wood reported there had been further violations including a valeting business taking place in a public house car park and the card shop frontage.

Old Co-op Building

Cllr Moore reported the old Co-op building was looking worse for wear and hoped there would be some movement regarding a new tenant soon.

Flower Bed opposite Oak Tyres site

Cllr Donovan reported that he had received several complaints about the destruction of these flower beds during excavation work and that the site had not been re-instated to its previous condition which included the flower beds.

Cllr Lynch, who was not present, has offered to take up this issue.

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141. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr S Glover reported to the Council on the Open Spaces Committee inspection that had taken place on 14th May 2012 including the fact that the areas inspected were mostly well kept. It was resolved that an Agenda Item be included for the June meeting so that proposals could be fully considered. See also item 140.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Moore gave a brief report on AGM that had just taken place.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: No report.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: No report.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood advised there was nothing to report from the last meeting but that Rainhill Parish Council will host the next meeting on 1st August.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Standards Committee: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- Lych Gate Project: Cllr L Glover advised no further meeting had yet been arranged to close the project.

142. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 18th June 2012, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:24 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
18th June 2012