

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
12th May 2014

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12th May 2014 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

399. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: J. Carroll, B. Grunewald, P. Lynch and C. Moore.

400. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S. Glover - Planning Applications, Cllr D. Long - Riverside.

401. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 24th MARCH 2014

Cllr Long pointed out an inaccuracy regarding minute 389. The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 24th March 2014 were otherwise agreed as a correct record.

402. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 24th MARCH 2014

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd April 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

403. POLICE REPORT

Nothing received from Merseyside Police. Cllr Wood gave a brief update on the current Police staffing problems.

404. CLERK'S REPORT

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

405. CORRESPONDENCE

F Crawford, District Sports Council	Open Meeting Agenda
HMRC	Update for employers and employees
Merseyside Pension Fund	Annual Return 2013/2014 Rainhill Parish Council
M Catterall, St Helens Council	Land at Exchange Place
J Jones, St Helens Council	Various re Eco Garden
D Boston, Rainhill Village Hall	Monthly figures
S Mackell	Various re Eco Garden
123-reg	Various re Council website hosting
J Attwood	Various re Eco Garden
I McCue, EWS Print	Rainhill Parish Council Annual Report
CPRE	Field Work Spring 2014, Countryside Voice Spring 2014

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PSMA	PAF Public Sector Licence PSMA Member Update
R Hamilton, Brown Rural Partnerships	United Utilities - Dee LDTM Phase 2 - 72" Main Cleaning
K Cleary	New Chief Executive, NALC
R Sephton	Annual Parish Magazine Advert
S Hurst, EWS Print	Annual Report
D Boston, Rainhill Village Hall	Village Hall - Parish Council Grant
HMRC	Successful Receipt of Online Submission
C Reddecliffe, Riverside	Corner plot at junction of Rainhill Rd and Warrington Rd
NALC	New Policy Consultation - New Parish Councils
Merseyside Pension Fund	Automatic Enrolment Guides
L Jackson	Eco Garden Minutes 5th March 2014
NALC	E-bulletin
J Fairclough	March Newsletter
NALC	Policy Review Survey
M Gelder, LALC	Spring Conference Booking
LALC	Tour de France
Historic Towns Forum	April Newsletter
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Rainhill Parish Council - Concern
Dialogue Matters	Stakeholder Participation - Focus on the Environment
J Lowe	Exhibition to commemorate centenary of WW1
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Maintenance of a closed churchyard
K Cook, Fields in Trust	April Update
NALC	New Policy Consultation - Proposed Transparency Code
D Boston, Rainhill Village Hall	Rainhill Village Hall - Receipt of funds
NALC	Updated Legal Topic Notes
NALC	Making Localism Work Conferences
A Slater, Civic Society	Various re WW1 Exhibition
F Crawford, District Sports Council	AGM
NALC	New Briefings -Model Financial Regulations Updates
R Gargan, Merseyside Pension Fund	ECON and SCON for HMRC
LALC	Health Mela
DCLG	Protect a Community Asset
Ordnance Survey	Royal Mail impact on PSMA Member Licence
NALC	New Policy Briefing - DCLG Select Committee
G Bruffell, LDS Ltd	Rainhill Distribution
NALC	E-bulletin
NALC	Minutes from 21 Jan NALC LCC Session
Zurich Insurance	Managing volunteers, social media risks, etc
C Tigwell	Annual Parish Meeting
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Annual Parish Meeting & Have Your Say

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St Helens Council	BACS Remittance
D Whitley	WW1 Commemorations & Annual Parish Meeting
B Jones	Leaflet Posting
S Day, Teenage Cancer Trust	Teenage Cancer Trust Merseyside Appeal
Historic Towns Forum	Upcoming Events
CPRE	Spring/Summer Newsletter and AGM Notice
LALC	Spring Conference - Marketing Lancashire
NALC	New Briefing - Statutory Sick Pay Refund abolished
L Jackson	New email address
R Marshall, St Helens Council	637 Warrington Road demolition site
A Whitehall	Various re Eco Garden
K Cook, Fields in Trust	Have a Field Day
J Boden, St Helens Council	Tracking Space
NALC	New Briefing - New Employers Allowance
NALC	E-bulletin
NALC	Harrogate Conference
M Heaton, Rainhill Village Hall	Village Hall Annual Report
J Fairclough	April Exhibition Newsletter
R Wilkinson	St Ann's Community Cohesion Meeting
LALC	Workshops - Employment and New Councillors
M Roberts, St Helens Council	TPO 179 Oak Tyres
Ordnance Survey	PSMA Newsletter
B Kenrick, St Helens Council	February 2014 Parish Register
A Slater, Civic Society	Annual Report publishing
Clerks and Councils Direct	May 2014 Issue
A Slater, Civic Society	Annual Meeting
K Cleary	Agenda for 7th May meeting
C Campbell	St Ann's Churchyard
NALC	Bulletin from Larger Councils' Meeting
NALC	Update Legal Topic Notes - Contracts
A Slater, Civic Society	Latour-en-Woevre
AV Howitt, Civic Society	Latour-en-Woevre
N Dingley	Isis Counselling and Psychothera
T Kelly	Internal Audit Meeting
M Heaton	Village Hall Annual Report
NALC	E-bulletin

It was resolved that the option to protect a community asset provided for under the Community Right to Bid would be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

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406. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Comments were submitted prior to the meeting, for the following application, indicating the recommendations of the Tree Officer and Conservation Officer will be accepted:

P/2014/0264, 8 Lawton Road, Works to trees covered by a tree preservation order for pollarding of 1 lime, crown lifting of 1 beech and 1 cherry.

It was resolved that comments be submitted for the following application, indicating the recommendations of the Tree Officer and Conservation Officer will be accepted:

P/2014/0385, 31 St James Road, Works to trees in a conservation area to cut back 2 beech trees.

It was resolved that objections be submitted for the following applications:

P/2014/0363, 371 Warrington Road, Change of use from car showroom to funeral directors.

P/2014/0379, 533 Warrington Road, Erection of a 2½ storey dwelling with integral double garage.

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

P/2014/0251, 26 Goldsworth Fold, Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension.

P/2014/0256, 25 Lincoln Way, Single storey extension to front.

P/2014/0263, 29 The Meadows, Single storey rear extension.

P/2014/0288, Skew Bridge Warrington Road, Installation of electric equipment to underside of railway bridge, in connection with electrification of railway.

P/2014/0336, Land adjacent to 645 Warrington Road, Erection of 1 dwelling with detached garage.

P/2014/0358, 144 Two Butt Lane, Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a single storey side extension to form garage.

P/2014/0366, 9 Owen Road, Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling.

P/2014/0367, 16 Stour Avenue, Two storey side extension along with first floor rear extension.

407. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
LALC - Spring Conference	35.00	0016
St Helens Council - Grounds Maintenance - Rainhill War Memorial	760.08	TFR54
St Helens Council - Exchange Place Padlocks & Keys	24.00	TFR55
St Helens Council - Lease Land Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park)	4.00	TFR56
St Helens Council - Lease Land Swan Farm Gardens (Old Lane Open Space)	1.00	TFR57

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St Helens Council - Lease Land First Avenue (Ivy Farm Playground)	0.50	TFR58
St Helens Council - Lease Land Two Butt Lane (Amanda Road Playground)	0.50	TFR59
M Paton - Salary - Apr (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,025.18	TFR60
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS - Apr	447.85	TFR61
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance - Apr	170.84	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Apr	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Apr	8.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - Apr	5.09	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Apr	66.92	STO
LDS Ltd - Annual Report Distribution	437.43	0017
Aldermore Bank Plc - EWS Colour Print - Annual Report Design & Print	1,185.00	TFR62
M Paton - Photocopying, Stationery, Printer Ink, Dry Cleaning (Council table covering), Postage, Salary - May (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,085.89	TFR63
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS - May	447.85	TFR64
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance - May	170.84	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) May	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) May	8.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - May	5.55	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) May	60.87	STO

It was resolved that the Standing Order to United Utilities for Rainhill Park be amended to £5.55 per month from May 2014 and then £5.45 from June 2014.

408. CLERK'S APPRAISAL

In the absence of Cllr Moore, and with the agreement of the Clerk, it was resolved that this item be carried forward to the 28th July meeting.

409. RIVERSIDE

Following the meeting with representatives of Riverside, immediately before the Council meeting, it was resolved that no further action is currently required. Riverside will be contacting the Clerk regarding the proposals made.

410. CARTMEL ESTATE

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Mr G Houghton at St Helens Council to request that a more comprehensive survey, using technology fit for purpose, is carried out.

411. EXHIBITION TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF WW1

It was resolved that a donation of £500 be made for this event, primarily to cover the costs of printed material.

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It was further resolved that Cllr DeAsha will represent the Council in helping to provide the “practical support and expertise” requested by the Exhibition Committee and that representatives of the Exhibition Committee be invited to meet with the Parish Council on the evening of a future Council meeting.

412. RAINHILL WAR MEMORIAL

It was resolved that estimate provided by A-Line Fencing be accepted and that they carry out the work required to replace the War memorial fencing at the earliest opportunity.

413. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

It was resolved that the Council will not adopt this power at the current time in the knowledge that it can easily be adopted, if required, at any future Council meeting.

414. CEREMONY IN LATOUR-EN-WOEVRE

It was resolved that a message be sent by the Chair, on behalf of the Council and the people of Rainhill, to the Mayor and people of Latour-En-Woevre in appreciation of the remembrance service being carried out in Latour-En-Woevre on 24th May 2014 commemorating the sacrifices of Lieutenant Jones and sub Lieutenant Hickes alongside those of the many brave French soldiers who gave their lives in service of their country.

415. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

B Jones – Leaflet Posting

Mr Jones complained about the Annual Report not being pushed fully through his door and that if he had been away this would have alerted anyone to the fact.

Mr Jones was advised that his complaint has been brought to the attention of the delivery company.

C Campbell – St Ann’s Churchyard

Ms Campbell complained about the poor state of the churchyard on 1st May.

Ms Campbell was advised that St Helens Council maintain the churchyard but that she should initially contact St Ann’s Church with any complaints.

Funeral Parlour

Cllr Donovan reported that shopkeepers and residents were unhappy about the proposed funeral parlour on Warrington Road.

Road Issues

Cllr Doyle complained about pot holes that had re-appeared after previous work. Cllr S. Glover reminded Councillors that the St Helens Council website had a section for reporting problems, which could also be reported by telephone via their call centre.

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Cllr DeAsha offered to take the matter up in this instance.

Cllr Wood also reported pot holes and pavement problems. Cllr DeAsha advised that the problems in The Meadows would only be put right when work on the housing development had been completed. On a separate issue it was resolved that the Clerk writes to St Helens Council regarding the possibility of speed reduction measures on View Road and St James Road.

416. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: See item 412. No other report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: The Clerk presented a written report on the previous 12 months from Mrs M. Heaton, Chair of Village Hall Management Committee.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood reported on the planned summer trip to the North Yorks Moors and a recent visit to the North-West Museum of Road Transport in St Helens.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle reported on the most recent meeting in St Helens Town Hall and that the Parish Council was the only organisation represented there with all others attending being individuals. She advised that in future the plans were to hold 3 meetings a year at Mann Island with 12 other ‘mobile’ meetings supplemented by the use of social media. Cllr Doyle asked whether a meeting could be held in Rainhill and was told this would be looked at.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood reported on the Spring Conference and the speakers on ‘The National Grid’, ‘Veterans in Lancashire’ and ‘Lancashire Tourism’. He gave a brief report on the recent MALC meeting where topics discussed included the new head of NALC and the Community Infrastructure Levy. The next meeting is at the new Prescot Town Hall in August.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr DeAsha reported that the group had been unsuccessful in its funding application and that this obviously had financial implications. It was resolved that an Extraordinary Meeting would be called to discuss the 4F Centre.
- Exchange Place Project: Cllr S Glover reported that the good work continues and that although they are slightly behind schedule progress will become visible very shortly.

417. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

See item 416 regarding an extraordinary meeting to be arranged to discuss the 4F Centre. This will not affect the date of the next ordinary meeting. It was therefore

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resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 23rd June 2014, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:58 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
23rd June 2014