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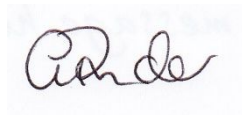
Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 4th March 2019, in the Elm Room at the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

I attach an agenda, relevant minutes, and the Clerk's Report.

Please find time to read through the information before the meeting, making any notes you need to against each item. If you have any queries prior to the meeting please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



G. Pinder
Clerk to the Council



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RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
4th MARCH 2019

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest from members
3. To consider and approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st January 2019
4. To receive Merseyside Police monthly statistics – for information only
5. To note the contents of the Clerk's Report – for information only
6. To consider the following Planning Applications and note any actions taken:
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 - P/2019/0131 - Land In Rainhill Village, erection of 6 heritage plaques.
7. To authorise the accounts payable (list included in report)
8. To consider the St.Helens Local Plan 2020-2035 Submission Version
9. To approve membership of CPRE
10. To consider the Clerk's membership of SLCC
11. To approve annual subscription to NALC/LALC
12. To consider planting of barrier baskets for the 2019/20 season
13. To consider request for support for permission to dig boreholes at Albert Fellowes Park
14. To receive a report from the Rocket 190 Group and authorise expenditure on publicity
15. To consider authorising additional commemorative plaques
16. To consider residents comments and complaints
17. To receive reports from member representatives on local organisations:
 - a) Public Open Spaces
 - b) Village Hall Management Committee
 - c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
 - d) Merseyside Association of Local Councils
 - e) Rainhill Gala
 - f) 4F Centre
18. Date & Time of Next Meeting:
 - Annual Parish Meeting Wed 24th April 2019, 7.30pm
 - APCM followed by Ordinary Meeting 13th May 2019

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
21st JANUARY 2019**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 21st January 2019 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, B. Heydon, D. Long, P. Long, C. Moore, and W.M. Wood.

4 members of the public were also present.

19.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: J. DeAsha, Donovan and Fulham.

19.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on behalf of Cllrs: B. Grunewald, D. Long & P. Long – Borough Councillors; D. Long & P. Long as residents of The Meadows; and L. Glover & S. Glover as members of the 4F Centre Management Committee.

19.03 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10th DECEMBER 2018

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th December 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

19.04 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted.

19.05 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and the expenditure for the Good Citizenship Award Event be authorised. The eligibility criteria for future Good Citizenship Awards would be reviewed and brought to a future meeting.

19.06 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved to note the following actions taken in relation to planning applications:

The following applications were left to neighbourhood consultation and no additional comments submitted:

P/2018/0863 - 43 St James Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to prune branches to one beech.

P/2018/0869 - 108 Ashton Avenue, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to one sycamore (T17) to crown reduce by 10% and prune.

P/2018/0887 - 14 View Road, demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension along with loft conversion.

P/2018/0897 43 The Meadows Demolition of existing side extension and erection of a single storey side extension.

P/2018/0906 85 Ashton Avenue First floor balcony with balustrade and replacement of first floor window with door to rear elevation.

P/2019/0007 27 View Road Works to assorted trees in a conservation area (T1,T2,T3 G1).

An objection had been submitted to the following applications:

P/2018/0877 - 411 Warrington Road, two storey side extension.

P/2018/0846 - 3 Elderswood, two storey rear extension.

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19.07 TO AUTHORISE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Photocopying	12.00	
	Telephone @ £15.00/month	15.00	
	Clerk's Salary - Jan	1244.23	
		1271.23	TFR344
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Jan	356.96	TFR345
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	22.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
Zurich Municipal	Additional Insurance Premium	437.68	TFR346
G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month	15.00	
	Clerk's Salary – Feb	1159.65	
		1174.65	TFR349
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Feb	325.57	TFR350
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	22.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
S.137 Payments			
Longton Lane School	Donation for Christmas Lights Switch-on	100.00	TFR347
Willowbrook Hospice	Donation for Christmas Lights Switch-on	100.00	0082
Mma Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaques	100.80	TFR346

19.08 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolved that the report presented by Cllr B. Heydon be noted.

19.09 TO ESTABLISH TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Resolved that the amended terms of reference be approved. Cllrs: B. Heydon, S. Glover, and C. Moore would represent the Parish Council on the partnership and Cllr J. DeAsha would also be invited to be a representative. The date of the first meeting would be agreed after the meeting.

19.10 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

Resolved to accept the report of the Rocket 190 Group

19.11 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

The Council reviewed the current budgetary position and bank reconciliation, and resolved to approve the report.

19.12 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT TIMETABLE

Resolved that the schedule set out be agreed.

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19.13 TO APPROVE THE FUTURE MEETING DATES

It was resolved that the following meeting dates for 2019/20 (all Monday 7:30pm unless stated otherwise) are approved:

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 24th April 2019 (already approved)

APCM 13th May 2019 (already approved)

17th June 2019

29th July 2019

2nd September 2019

14th October 2019

Finance Working Group 18th November 2019

16th December 2019

20th January 2020

2nd March 2020

The following dates will not be published in the 2019 Annual Report:

2020 Annual Parish Meeting Wed 22nd April 2020

2020 Annual Parish Council Meeting 11th May 2020

19.14 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS TAKEN AT AMANDA ROAD

Resolved to note the actions taken.

19.15 TO CONSIDER FUNDING COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

Resolved that the plaques be funded from Parish Council resources.

19.16 TO CONSIDER INVESTMENT IN A CREDIT UNION

Resolved that £10,000.00 of the Parish Council's reserves be invested in the Enterprise Credit Union. This would be returned to the June meeting to agree signatories.

19.17 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and:

Cllr B. Heydon expressed concern at the wording of a letter issued by St.Helens Council to some residents given that Safeguarded land was protected from any development until at least 2035 at which time a revised local plan would be required. The Clerk was instructed to write to St.Helens Council expressing concern and requesting clarification be provided.

Cllr B. Wood expressed concern that residents incurring charges on the Mersey Gateway Bridge were disadvantaged by the dependence on electronic communications to make payment. The Clerk was instructed to write to the appropriate body to express concern about the handling of payments.

Cllr B. Grunewald had received a complaint regarding the lack of play equipment for younger children and proposed that new equipment be joint funded by CIF and the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes for new equipment for further discussion.

Cllr C. Moore reported that the paint on the pavement at Warrington Road had not yet been removed. The Clerk clarified that the work was weather dependent and would be undertaken in March. A complaint had also been received regarding the time allowed for pedestrians crossing at the light controlled junction of Rainhill Road and Ritherup Lane. This had been reported to St.Helens Highways Section and a response was awaited. A further complaint had been made regarding the amount of dog fouling on Albert Fellowes Park. Cllr J. DeAsha had forwarded this on to the appropriate department at St.Helens Council for action. The Clerk was instructed to write to St.Helens Council and offer assistance in spreading the word.

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19.18 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr S. Glover reported that the Eco Garden photography competition had been won by a pupil at Rainhill High School. The gate had been removed to facilitate a better repair.
- Village Hall Management Committee: A short meeting had taken place on 8.1.19. The lift had been repaired using money donated by Coop. A problem with the heating had been identified as relating to the Wi-Fi connection, this was now resolved. Refurbishments funded by Biffa were due to commence, starting with the upstairs kitchen, the foyer, then downstairs kitchen. An issue with an unruly member of the Indoor Bowls Group continued to present problems. This may need to be escalated. Issues were ongoing with the music and performance copyright licence that needed to be resolved. Cllr B. Grunewald had received an enquiry regarding the letting policy at the Village Hall, this would be discussed with Cllr C. Moore.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr B. Wood reported that the speaker meetings were continuing successfully.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr B. Wood reported that there had been no recent meetings.
- Rainhill Gala: Cllr B. Grunewald reported that the Halloween event had been very successful. A Victorian Tea Party and giant helter-skelter were proposed for the Rocket 190 celebrations.
- 4F Centre: Cllr S. Glover reported that the Centre was financially stable. A new kitchen and flooring in the hallway had been well received. More improvements were needed and financial assistance would be appreciated. Thanks were expressed to the 4F Centre Management Committee for their excellent work in turning the Centre into a success. Cllr S. Glover would pass the Council's thanks onto the volunteers.

19.19 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 4th March 2019, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

19.20 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items for the reason stated

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
19.21	Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

19.21 PRECEPT

Cllrs L. Glover and S. Glover declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item and did not take part in discussions. Cllr B. Heydon took the Chair.

It was resolved that St Helens Council be advised that the Precept for 2019/20 will be £68,340.

It was resolved that the Budget paper, submitted by the Clerk and supporting the above Precept amount, is approved, with £60 being deducted from reserves.

It was resolved that proposed improvements at the 4F Centre be authorised and the expenditure deducted from reserves.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
4th March 2019

Police Report

Merseyside Police Report for Rainhill Parish Council Meeting Monday 4th March 2019

Area: Rainhill Month: January 2019

	2018	2019	Diff	% Diff	Description
Burglary Business & Community	0	0	0	0	
Burglary Residential	3	3	0	0	1) Rear door lock forced to gain entry - bank cards, car keys & BMW stolen - Oakston Avenue 2) Attempted break forcing latch on front door causing slight damage - no entry gained - St Ann Place 3) Kitchen window removed to gain entry - medication & money stolen - Warrington Road
Criminal Damage	2	3	1	50	1) During a verbal argument phone thrown to the floor & screen cracks - Dee Road 2) Petrol cap & light cover removed from vehicle parked on the driveway - Dunbeath Avenue 3) Damage to door glass panel in care home by resident - Mill Lane
Drugs	1	0	-1	-100	
Other Theft	8	4	-4	-50	1 & 2) Fuel put into vehicles x 2 -no attempt to pay - inc.1 vehicle with false plates - Texaco 3 & 4) Fuel put into vehicles x 2 -no attempt to pay - inc.1 vehicle with false plates - Shell
Public Order	5	3	-2	-40	1) Male aged 12 threatened by two males aged 12 with seat pole from a pedal cycle - Longton Lane 2) Verbal threats from taxi-driver to a female motorist - Mill Lane 3) Verbal altercation between neighbours - unsavoury language used by both parties - Rainhill Road
Robbery Business	0	1	1	100	1) Male posing as customer threatens staff demands money - leaves empty handed - Warrington Road
Robbery Personal	1	0	-1	-100	
Theft Bike	0	0	0	0	
T.F.M.V.	0	3	3	100	1) Vehicle broken into by unknown means - car keys not taken - laptop stolen - Nidderdale Avenue 2) Vehicle offside front window broken to gain entry - Sat nav stolen - Old Lane 3) Drills & power tools stolen from V.W. panel van - Lawton Road
Theft Shop	4	1	-3	-75	1) Meat put in a basket by male - leaves store without any attempt to pay - items recovered - Co-op
T.O.M.V.	1	4	3	300	1) Offender has failed to return hire vehicle - Ashton Avenue 2) Motor cycle purchased by cheque that subsequently bounced - Braithwaite Close 3) Ford transit van stolen by unknown means - owner has possession of vehicle keys - Warburton Hey 4) Land rover Defender stolen from car park - Rainhill Road
Vehicle Interference	0	2	2	100	1) Outer ring of lock prised damaging the barrel of Ford panel van - Longton Lane 2) BMW drivers door prised & damaged while parked on driveway overnight - Holt Lane
Total	25	24	-1	-4	
ASB	14	12	-2	-14	

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL - CLERK'S REPORT
MARCH 2019**

The Clerk's report is in two parts:

- The first part relates to actions that have already been taken. These items will not have a corresponding Agenda item and shouldn't need any further discussion.
 - The second part relates directly to Agenda items and is intended to assist any discussion of Agenda items. These notes are for information only and should only be discussed as each Agenda item is reached.
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PART 1 - ACTIONS TAKEN

5. CLERKS REPORT

All actions resulting from resolutions made at the 21st January ordinary meeting have either been completed or are in progress. Additionally I can report the following:

5.1 ACTION PLAN FOR DEALING WITH DEATH OF SENIOR PERSON OF STATE

Many organisations have in place an action plan for dealing with death of senior person of state. Currently Rainhill Parish Council does not have any such plan. If you feel that such a plan is needed arrangements can be made in due course to introduce such a plan.

5.2 CLERK'S HOLIDAYS

The Clerk will be on leave from 11th March to 18th March. If anyone wishes to receive the emails during this absence please let me know, alternatively the out of office will be set and enquiries dealt with on my return.

5.3 SAFER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

It has been agreed that a Safer Community Partnership will be developed between Rainhill Parish Council and appropriated bodies in the near future. Work on this has been postponed due to the Clerk's current workload, but will recommence after the Rocket 190 celebrations.

5.4 HERITAGE PLAQUES

A planning application has now been submitted for six heritage plaques around the village. The application is due for determination by 17th April 2019.

5.5 TREE PLANTING

It has been confirmed with St.Helens Council that the proposed tree planting at the Kendal Drive estate will be started before the end of March. This year two trees will be planted on a rolling programme of two trees per year for the next three years.

PART 2 - AGENDA ITEMS – SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

A representation has been submitted to the following application outlining concerns:

P/2019/0118 - 3 Fairlie Drive, first floor infill extension to the front elevation, extension to front porch, single storey rear extension and dormer window to the rear

No comment has been submitted for the following applications and the closing date for comments will have passed at the time of the meeting:

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	Clerk's Salary - March	1159.85	
	Home Office Allowance	1008.00	
	Posters for Rocket 190	40.00	
	Flyers for Rocket 190	15.00	
	Photocopying	10.00	
	Mouse	13.99	
	Posters & Flyers for Rocket 190	50.00	

Clerk's Report March 2019

	GCA Buffet (see below)	90.57	
	Plan Fee	36.54	
	Planning App	231.00	
		2671.43	TFR352
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Mar	325.57	TFR353
HMRC	Tax & NI (Jan - Mar)	778.62	TFR354
Rainhill Village Hall - ABM	Alarm Maintenance	598.94	
Rainhill Village Hall	Contribution	2672.87	
		3271.81	TFR355
Paul Welsh	Carpet Tiles at 4F Centre (Main Hall)	1349.10	TFR356
St Helens Council	Grounds Maintenance – Eco Garden	479.90	TFR358
SLCC	Annual Subscription	156.00	TFR359
Darwin Electrical Services	Lighting at 4F Centre	2376.00	TFR360
Paul Welsh	Carpet Tiles at 4F Centre (Toilets)	797.00	TFR361
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	22.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
April Scheduled Payments			
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	22.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
St Helens Council	Lease - Amanda Road Playground	0.50	TFR362
St Helens Council	Lease - Ivy Farm Road Playground	0.50	TFR363
St Helens Council	Lease - Swan Farm Gardens	1.00	TFR364
St Helens Council	Lease - Rainhill Park	4.00	TFR365
LDS Ltd	Annual Report Distribution	600.00	TFR364
EWS Colour Print	Design & Printing of Annual Report	1695.00	TFR365
S.137 Payments			
CPRE	Donation	25.00	TFR357
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	TFR357
J&C Catering	Catering for GCA	138.00	083
G Pinder	GCA Buffet	90.57	TFR352

The Council should consider approving the above payments.

8. TO CONSIDER THE ST.HELENS LOCAL PLAN 2020-2035 SUBMISSION VERSION

On 17th January 2019, St.Helens Council publish the St.Helens Borough Local Plan 2020-2035 for a period of representation prior to its submission to Secretary of State for Examination in Public.

Members will recall that previously, the Council consulted on the Preferred Options Local Plan from December 2016 to January 2017. The Parish Council raised concerns at that time regarding the ability of existing infrastructure to cope with further development around Rainhill.

The submission version of the Local Plan includes a reduced number of new dwellings to be provided across the plan period, compared to the previous version. This has subsequently led to a reduction in the number of sites allocated for development. Within Rainhill Parish no sites are

allocated for housing or economic development. However, the site at Eccleston Park Golf Course, which is partially in Rainhill Parish has been designated as safeguarded land. Safeguarded land is not allocated for development at the present time. Planning permission for permanent development of safeguarded land should only be granted following a Local Plan review which proposes development.

In view of the inclusion of Eccleston Park Golf Course as safeguarded land it is recommended that the Parish Council reiterate their concerns previously expressed which were:

The proposed plan would:

- i. Lead to additional traffic congestion on roads that are already nearing their safe capacity, a problem that will be intensified should the High School expand;
- ii. Have a detrimental effect on highway safety, for vehicles and pedestrians alike;
- iii. Increase the pressure on schools and nurseries, which are already over-subscribed;
- iv. Increase the pressure on social infrastructure e.g. Doctor's surgeries, dentists;
- v. Exacerbate existing health problems for residents, due to increase vehicle pollution; and
- vi. Be detrimental to residential amenity, due to the removal of land from the Green Belt.

Unless the above concerns can be addressed the Parish Council consider policy LPA06 to be unsound, as it does not adequately address the needs of the area and would not constitute sustainable development.

The Council should consider making a representation on the St.Helens Borough Local Plan 2020-2035.

9. TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF CPRE

Notice has been received for renewal of membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. In previous years the renewal fee has been authorised without discussion. The cost of membership this year has remained at £36. I have included the renewal fee in the table of payments for authorisation for consideration. We have previously agreed a donation of £25, which will be made at the same time.

The Council should consider if they wish to retain membership of CPRE and if so authorise payment of the renewal fee of £36.

10. TO CONSIDER THE CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP OF SLCC

The Clerk has been a member of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) for four years with subscriptions being paid for by the Parish Council. The membership is due for renewal on 1st April at a cost of £156.00. SLCC is the professional body for Clerks and provides training, briefings for their membership and an advice centre. As SLCC work closely with NALC there is much cross over in the advice provided.

In recent years, advice has been sought on a number of issues, though not often within the past 12 months. It is difficult to predict what issues may arise that need advice and it is reassuring to know that professional opinion is available should it be needed.

The Council should consider renewal of membership of SLCC.

11. TO APPROVE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO NALC/ LALC

The yearly subscription to NALC and LALC will soon be due. Unfortunately the invoices had not been issued at time of printing – issues over number of electorate had caused delays. It is anticipated that, the subscription to NALC will remain in the region of £630.00; and subscription to LALC in the region of £480.00; contribution to area secretary of £15.00; and 3 copies of Local Council Review Magazine at £51.00, totalling £1176.00. Last year a subsidy of £226.53 was received toward the LALC subscription reducing the overall cost to £933.18, however no such subsidy is expected this year.

If figures are available before the meeting they will be provided for approval.

Alternatively, provided that the final total is within 5% of the estimated figures (£1176.00 or less) are members happy to delegate authorisation of payment to the Clerk in consultation with the two authorising members?

The Council should consider authorising payment of NALC/LALC subscriptions

12. TO CONSIDER PLANTING THE BARRIER BASKETS FOR THE 2019/20 SEASON

A quote has been obtained from St.Helens Council to refill and maintain 13 barrier baskets for summer/winter season for 2019/20 at £4,009.20 +VAT = £4811.04, a 1.3% increase on last year.

In order to ensure a decision is taken before the planting season commences, members should consider if the 13 baskets provided are sufficient, and whether planting and maintenance is to be financed for the coming year.

An alternative quote was requested from a local supplier who had expressed an interest, but no quote has been submitted.

It is recommended that the quote be accepted.

The Council should consider if 13 barrier baskets are to be refilled for the 2019/20 season.

13. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO DIG BOREHOLES AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

A request has been received to undertake borehole tests on the playing fields at Albert Fellowes Park. As you know there are ongoing drainage problems and the Manager at Rainhill Town FC is trying to secure funding to undertake improvements. In order to apply for the funding an agronomists report is needed. To carry out the report soil samples would be extracted from several locations. It is anticipated that 8-10 holes, measuring approximately a spade width by 1 metre in depth would be needed. All extractions would be undertaken with manual tools. The extractions would be refilled immediately, thereby creating no trip hazards.

This request was circulated by email on 12th February, as the sample taking was scheduled for completion on the 28th February. As only positive responses were received, permission was given.

This report is to allow retrospective permission to formally be granted by the Parish Council.

The Council should consider granting retrospective permission for borehole tests on Albert Fellowes Park.

14. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE ROCKET 190 GROUP AND AUTHORISE EXPENDITURE ON PUBLICITY

The Steering Group continue to meet on a regular basis and plans for most events are at an advanced stage. Disappointingly a bid for Heritage Lottery funding has been rejected, though work is continuing to resubmit the bid.

Members will recall that this year's Parish Council Annual Report is to include a pull-out supplement containing details of the Rocket 190 weekend celebration activities. Initially a 4 sided supplement was planned, however this has now grown to an 8 sided supplement. The additional cost to design and print the larger version is £310.00, taking the total for a 16 page report to £1,695.00. The increased size of the document would also increase distribution costs, detailed below.

A temporary road closure has been agreed to ensure the safe passage of the proposed parade on Sunday 26th May. Warrington Road would be closed from the junction of Rainhill Road, at the Skew Bridge, to the junction with Mill Lane, close to the stoops – from approximately 12.30pm to approximately 2.00pm. Residents along Warrington Road, Knowsley Road and on the estate served by Kingsdale Avenue (the Jones Estate) will be permitted limited access, as no alternative route is available. It is critical that all residents most affected by this closure are notified in advance. It is proposed to circulate an A5 flyer to the residents of the streets mentioned above, at the same time as the Annual Report. Details of the road closure will be included in the annual report for all other residents. The combined cost of distribution of the 'bumper' annual report, together with approximately 800 flyers is £600.00, an increase of £90.71.

Members are asked to authorise the additional costs detailed above which are included in the table of payments for authorisation.

The Council should consider authorising the additional costs associated with publicity of the Rocket 190 event and note the progress report.

15. TO CONSIDER AUTHORISING ADDITIONAL COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

Members will recall at the January meeting of Parish Council it was resolved to pay for the erection of 3 commemorative plaques to be erected at Houghton Street for the Rocket 190 celebrations. (MIN 19.15 21.1.19)

During February a meeting was held between members of Rainhill Parish Council, St.Helens Council and Rainhill Civic Society to discuss improvements to the Houghton Street area. As part of these discussions it was recommended that a further 2 commemorative plaques be installed, taking the total to 5.

The cost of the plaques is £125.00 +VAT each. This would incur a total cost of £300.00. Members are asked to authorise the additional costs detailed above

The Council should consider authorising the provision of an additional 2 commemorative plaques at Houghton Street.

16. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

The Clerk has dealt with correspondence relating to: memorial tribute for road traffic victim; Dog Fouling; Election Procedures; presence of old roads if anyone would like further details please ask. The Council should consider the following enquiry:

Dog exercise area in Rainhill

A request has been received regarding the provision of a section in one of our parks fenced off for dogs - to enable dogs to be off the lead and run freely. Initially this request was put to St.Helens Council for provision on Penny's Pit Park, but has been rejected, possibly due to financing and maintenance issues. Given the support for this, would the Parish Council consider such provision on one of the fields within their control?

The Council should consider if it wishes to take further action in this regard.

Provision of new play equipment

The Ward Councillors received a request for the provision of new play equipment and a safe place to play for younger children and toddlers. Unfortunately CIF funding is not available to meet this request and an approach has been made to the Parish Council to look at a jointly funded scheme. A meeting between Councillors and the resident was scheduled for 25th February to discuss this issue and a verbal report may be available at the Parish Council meeting.

If provision is to be made, a decision is needed on the location of the play area, the number of pieces and specifics of the equipment, surfacing, fencing, etc. Initial estimates indicate that an area providing 3 pieces of equipment would cost in the region of £25,000. Consideration should also be given to the ongoing maintenance costs. The equipment will require daily, monthly and annual insurance inspections.

Rainhill currently has play equipment in five locations: Old Lane, Albert Fellowes Park (AFP), Penny's Pit Park (Warburton Hey), Holt Lane and Two Butt Lane. The resident has indicated that the equipment currently provided at AFP is unsuitable for younger children and improvements to the play facilities may encourage more families and children to become active. As each of the other locations has equipment for smaller children AFP would appear to be the optimum location.

The Council should consider if it wishes to take further action in this regard.

17. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

- a) Public Open Spaces
- b) Village Hall Management Committee
- c) Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society
- d) Merseyside Assoc. of Local Councils
- e) Rainhill Gala
- f) 4F Centre

18. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting 24th April 2019, 7.30pm.
AGM and Ordinary Meeting 13th May 2019, 7.30pm