

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 26th October 2009 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. De'Asha, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, G. Jamieson, D. Kelly, J. Kelly, W.M. Wood.

729. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Cllrs. J. Carroll and C. Moore.

730. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Heydon declared an interest in Planning Applications P/2009/0777 and P/2009/0823.

731. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 14th September 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

It was noted that, under item 717, Planning Application P/09/0681 related to a property outside of the Rainhill Parish boundary and should not have been sent to the Parish Council.

732. POLICE REPORT

No Police Officer present.

733. CLERK'S REPORT

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

734. CORRESPONDENCE

St Helens Council	Decision: Brydon, Norlands Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Community Nursery - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 21 Bexhill Gardens - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 15 Bishopdale Drive - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 32 Sherman Drive - Approved with conditions
HMRC	VAT126 Forms
Computershare	Letter re Conversion Stock held, request to formally change address and Sale Form
M Winstanley, Email via B Heydon	Objection to Planning Application P/2009/0615
HMRC	VAT Workshop Confirmation 28 Jan - Salford
St Helens Council	Ward Committee Agenda and Community Safety Update
St Helens Council, Email	Executive Arrangements Review, Dates for Clerk's meeting
C Tigwell, Heritage Society Email	Replica Station Benches

C Tigwell, Heritage Society Email	Parking
U Sarsfield, Sarsfield Memorials Email	Estimate for cleaning War Memorial
LALC	Sep 09 Newsletter, Devolved Services Questionnaire, Pay Settlement, Community Engagement Workshop, Unaudited A/cs
Sarsfield Memorials	Estimate for cleaning War Memorial
BDO Stoy Hayward	Audit Conclusion
T F Blackburn	Details of grants for War Memorial conservation and details of additional name for memorial
St Helens Council	Decision: Raphael Healthcare Briars Hey - Appeals P/2008/0617& P2008/0619 dismissed
NALC, Email	Revised Salary scales, mileage allowances
H Keachie, Email	Charter Mark, Customer Service Excellence
St Helens Council, Email	Ward Committee - Drainage to Rainhill Park, Approval of funding
D Whitley, Civic Society, Email	Invitation for Chairman to present Rosebowl
St Helens Council, Email	Request for 2010 Parish Council meeting dates for Ward Committee planning
St Helens Council, Email	Invitation to Parish Clerks' Meeting Friday 30th October
Merseyside Pension Fund, Email	Draft Pensions Administration Strategy 2009, Employer Consultation
St Helens Council, Email via S Glover	Notice Boards, CCTV, Christmas Decorations
NALC	Revised Salary scales, mileage allowances
HM Revenue & Customs	Employer Bulletin September 09
J Thomas, Barnardos, Email	Green Container
St Helens Council, Recorded	Footpath Diversion, Warburton Hey
123, Email	Invoice for Web Hosting upgrade
HMRC	Query re VAT Claim
Merseyside Pension Fund, Email	Flexible Retirement Policy statement
HMRC	VAT Refund claims
St Helens Council, Email	Footpath Diversion, Warburton Hey
Merseyside Pension Fund, Email	LGPS 2009 DVD
Merseyside Pension Fund, Email	Confirm contact details
St Helens Council	Decision: 1 Houghton Street - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 9 Briars Close - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 1 St Winifred Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 152 Two Butt Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 36 Ritherup Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 531 Warrington Road - Refused
St Helens Council	Decision: Plot C 140 St James Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Plot D 140 St James Road - Approved with conditions
LALC	Code of Conduct Workshop - 4th February 2010
Merseytravel Advisory	Rainhill PC representative

Panel, Email	
Merseyside Pension Fund, Email	MPF Courses in December
Various	Good Citizenship Award nominations

735. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Cllr. Heydon withdrew from discussions regarding Planning Applications P/09/0777 and P/09/0823.

The Council considered the following applications but did not feel it appropriate to make any observations:

P/09/0777 17 Lawton Road - Replacement of roof and windows on front and side

P/09/0812 Lloyds Pharmacy - 6 internally illuminated signs

P/09/0821 533 Warrington Road - Demolish rear ext. Erect part two storey, part single rear ext.

P/09/0823 17 Lawton Road - Single storey extension to rear

P/09/0835 38 Fairlie Drive - Porch and canopy above garage

P/09/0838 38 Sandhurst Road - Two storey side, single storey rear extension

P/09/0888 11 Whitebeam Gardens - Two storey rear extension, conservatory to side

It was resolved that the current delegated authority arrangements, for dealing with Planning Applications with deadlines falling between meetings, would continue with the proviso that any comments made were agreed with the chairman first.

736. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Description	Amount	Ref
Annual Security System Maintenance	682.89	2906
Audit Fee	460.00	2907
Website Design + 12 Months Consultancy	100.00	2908
Cleaners Wages - October	64.27	2909
Cleaners Wages - November	64.27	2910
Weightmans - Professional Services	82.50	2971
Scottish Power Electricity - Martin Close (Holt) - September	37.50	2972
Scottish Power Electricity - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - September	37.50	2973
Flowers - Cathy Wilson Funeral	26.00	2974
Rainhill Parish Elections 2009	3194.37	2975
New Clerk training at LALC	50.00	2976
Clerk's Salary - Sep (less Tax, NI and Pens Ded), Photocopying, Postage, Ink, Minibus Hire, Diesel, Key Cutting and Web Hosting upgrade	1106.19	2977
Churchyard Maintenance October	359.00	STO

737. APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL RETURN

Following the report from the external auditor, BDO Stoy Hayward, it was resolved that the Annual Return is approved and accepted. The Clerk was instructed to place an item on

the Agenda each year at the appropriate time for approval of accounts and submission of the annual return.

738. COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was resolved that the co-option of a new councillor will be an Agenda Item for the next meeting on 14th December 2009.

739. WAR MEMORIAL

It was agreed that the cleaning and pointing of the War memorial and the painting of the surrounding railings had been completed to a good standard.

740. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

It was resolved that the Clerk would check that the usual arrangements were in place including the purchase of a wreath.

741. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

It was resolved that a Working Party would consider the nominations received and report back to the next Council meeting.

742. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It was resolved that, in principle, the Parish Council would contribute towards the cost of further improvements to the village Christmas lights in 2010.

743. CCTV CAMERA

It was resolved that, in principle, the Parish Council would contribute a third of the cost of the proposed CCTV placement, i.e. approximately £7,000.

744. LETTERHEAD AND PRINTING

It was resolved that the Clerk forward the existing template and, if possible, any original template/artwork to Cllr. Heydon.

745. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Hedge Cutting in St Ann's Churchyard

It was resolved that estimate submitted by the existing contractor be accepted and the offending hedge be cut back, within the limits agreed with the vicar.

Ploughed over right of way

Cllr. Heydon reported on an existing footpath that had been ploughed up by a farmer but not yet re-instated. He will allow more time to elapse before checking on the situation again.

746. REPORTS:

- Public Open Spaces: No report.
- Churchyard Committee: Hedge Cutting will take place - see item 745.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Letting policy will be discussed at the next meeting following a complaint. The next meeting is 10th November 2009.
- Rainhill Heritage Society: Cllr. Wood reported that the AGM clashes with a Parish Council meeting. It was resolved that the Clerk send the list of 2010/11 Parish Council meetings dates to the Heritage Society as soon as it is agreed.
- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: The next meeting is 4th December 2009.
- St. Helens South & West Crime Prevention Panel: No response yet from letter sent by the Clerk.
- Merseyside Association of Parish & Town Councils: No report.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: Report from Cllr. Wood.

747. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday 14th December 2009, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.37 pm.

Chairman of the Parish Council
14th December 2009