

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
18th October 2010

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th October 2010 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

888. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

889. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Heydon declared an interest in any discussion of Turriss Heah.

890. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6th SEPTEMBER 2010

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 6th September 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

891. POLICE REPORT

WPC Laura Hotchkiss and PCSTO Laura Rowling gave an update on the latest crime figures and answered questions from Councillors.

892. CLERK'S REPORT

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

893. CORRESPONDENCE

NALC	Joint working with British Youth Council
Rainhill Gala Committee	Rainhill Gala Presentation Night
LALC	Finance workshop, AGM, Unaudited accounts, Legal Briefing
St Helens Council	Decision: 98 Longton Lane - Refused
St Helens Council	Decision: Warburton Hey - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Orchard Dean - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 4 Old Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Tower College - Approved with conditions
Barrow & Cook	Legal Work
Ch Supt Chris Armitt	St Helens South & West Crime Prevention Team
English Heritage	Listing Application
Railway & Heritage Society	Info re Turriss Heah Water Tower
Rainhill Civic Society	Support for listing and picture of water tower
PC Moore	Apologies for not being at 6th September meeting
Rainhill Civic Society	Launch of the Society's new book
Rainhill Gala Committee	Request for representative
Rainhill Music Festival	Thanks for cheque

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D Blanchflower	Request for information
Lamps & Tubes	Advertising letter
Emily Attewell	Request to include link to website
NALC	E-bulletin incl update on Local Council Elections
Mr & Mrs PJ McCarten	Copy of objection to P/2010/0807 (Turriss Heah)
Dura-Sport	Outdoor Synthetic Carpet
W Sudi, St Helens Council	Wall along Warrington Road, part of Victoria Hotel
Councilsites.co.uk	Canvassing - new website service
St Helens Council	Amended description for P/2010/0844
NALC	Events Bulletin
St Helens Council	Old Lane Deeds for signing and witnessing
Age Concern	Moneymadeclear
J Dentith	Rainhill Park funding by Ward Committee
Rainhill Civic Society	Book Launch
LCR	Local Council Review Autumn 2010
NALC	Legal Briefing
St Helens Council	Decision: Somerfield Stores - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 1 Chatsworth Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Ashfield, Norlands Lane - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: Warburton Hey - Approved with conditions
D McCaffrey, St Helens Council	Rainhill Parish Council Meeting 18th October - LTP3 Preferred Strategy
P Green	Request to link to website
123-reg-co-uk	Reminder hosting package expiring
Office for Civil Society	National survey of charities and social enterprises
Royal Mail	Mailsort 70 launched
S O'Connor	Village Hall
Railway & Heritage Society	Rainhill Station
J Dentith	Christmas Illuminations
St Helens Council	Draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
D Smithson, MALC	Meeting 6th October
Rainhill Music Festival	Update and Programme
LALC	Newsletter, Parish Clerk vacancies, Parish Council insurance
St Helens Council	Remembrance Sunday
Scottish Power	Statement - Rainhill Park
St Helens Council	Sports Club Infection Control Guidelines
D Clarke, NO2masts	Request for information
PC Moore	Apologies for 18th October meeting
D Clarke, NO2masts	Thanks to Council for support
Merseyside Pension Fund	Funding Strategy Consultation 26 Oct & 4th November
NALC	Updated Legal Topic Notes
J Skinley, St Helens Council	Meeting with Parish Clerks
English Heritage	Update re Water Tower
J Dentith	Christmas Illuminations
SLCC	Invitation to join SLCC
Vinylite	Honours Board Proof

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Charity Commission	Reminder to submit return by 31 Jan 2011
HMRC	Advice of VAT Repayment 2009/10 - £1571.51
D Smithson	Notice of MALC AGM
Vyniline	Honours Board Proof v2

894. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

At the September meeting the Council resolved to submit an objection for the following application. Subsequently the Council made an application to English Heritage to have Turriss Heah Water Tower listed:

P/2010/0807, Turriss Heah, Mill Lane, Resubmission of P/2010/0010: Erection of 1 dwelling

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

P/2010/0816, 369 Warrington Road, Change of use from retail to hot food takeaway

P/2010/0830, 115 Stoney Lane, Resubmission of P/2007/1311: Erection of two storey extension to the side

P/2010/0844, 21 Manor Avenue, First floor side and rear extension

P/2010/0852, 98 Longton Lane, Conservatory to rear

P/2010/0884, Orchard Dean, Craven Road, Demolition and rebuild of a 5.65m section of a boundary wall

P/2010/0894, Tree Tops Residential Home, View Road, Two storey, four bedroom extension to the front of the existing residential home

P/2010/0910, 116 Rainhill Road, Two storey extension to side and rear, single storey extension to rear along with porch and canopy addition to the front

P/2010/0922, Greenhouse Farmhouse, Longton Lane, Listed building consent to replace two windows and repointing of existing sandstone wall

P/2010/0926, 1 Loyola Hey, Works to protected trees including felling of one beech tree

P/2010/0939, 5 Malhamdale Avenue, Single extension storey to front to form porch and toilet

P/2010/0942, 3 Coverdale Avenue, Conservatory to the rear

It was noted that the following application affected protected trees but that the remedial work outlined, primarily crown reduction and pruning, had the approval of the Tree Officer:

P/2010/0908, 45 St James Road, Works to trees protected by tree preservation order

895. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Description	Amount	Ref
It's a Knockout Entry Fee	500.00	3048
Music Festival donation	750.00	3049
Photocopying	8.90	3050
Postage (2 bks 1st, 1 bk 2nd)	13.68	3050
Telephone & Internet - Apr/Sep	85.20	3050
10 reams of 80gsm paper	35.70	3050
Web Hosting (3 years)	175.90	3050

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Salary - Sep (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	834.60	3050
Annual Maintenance - CCTV	170.07	3051
LGPS - Sep	308.60	3052
Tax & NI (Jul-Sep)	1,127.10	3053
Churchyard Maintenance October	150.00	STO
Martin Close (Holt) - Apr	75.00	STO
Martin Close (Holt) - May	37.50	STO
Martin Close (Holt) - Jun	37.50	STO
Martin Close (Holt) - Jul	37.50	STO
Martin Close (Holt) - Aug	37.50	STO
Martin Close (Holt) - Sep	37.50	STO
Martin Close (Holt) - Oct	37.50	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Apr	75.00	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - May	37.50	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Jun	37.50	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Jul	37.50	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Aug	37.50	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Sep	37.50	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Oct	54.50	STO
Holt Playing Fields - Apr	74.17	STO
Holt Playing Fields - May	72.12	STO
Holt Playing Fields - Jun	72.12	STO
Holt Playing Fields - Jul	80.00	STO
Holt Playing Fields - Aug	80.00	STO
Holt Playing Fields - Sep	80.00	STO
Holt Playing Fields - Oct	80.00	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Apr	56.49	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - May	56.47	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Jun	56.47	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Jul	75.71	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Aug	66.09	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Sep	66.09	STO
Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Oct	66.09	STO

Although the Standing Order listed had previously been approved, they had not been included as payments in minutes. They will now be listed each month.

896. RAINHILL GALA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

It was resolved that a request from Rainhill Gala Committee to have an official representative from the Rainhill Parish Council on their Executive Committee is approved.

It was further resolved that Cllr Grunewald be nominated as the Parish Council's representative on Executive Committee.

897. RAINHILL PARK AND HOLT PLAYING FIELDS

It was resolved that the statement made by the Planning Committee on the planning permission approval for Holt Playing Fields (P/2010/0615), and the conditions attached,

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be accepted and that an application for permanent permission should be made before the current permission is due to end in 2012.

898. RAINHILL CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS

Joint funding for this item had previously been agreed in principle on 14th December 2009.

Following a more detailed submission by the Ward Committee Support Officer, it was resolved that the Parish Council will fund a third of the costs of the enhancements to the Rainhill Christmas Illuminations, at an estimated cost to the Council of £2,272.

899. HOUGHTON STREET REFURBISHMENT

Joint funding for this item had previously been approved on 6th September 2010, at an estimated cost to the Council of £3,500.

It was resolved that discussion of any increase in funding is deferred until the next meeting on 29th November 2010.

900. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

It was resolved that the Good Citizenship Award Working Group meet sometime between 24th November and 28th November and report back to the Council with their recommendations for approval at the next meeting on 29th November. The Clerk will provide members with details of nominations received by lunchtime 18th November.

It was resolved that the Awards Evening should take place on Friday 25th February 2011 and that the Clerk makes arrangements accordingly.

901. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Access to Rainhill Park

Mr Albert Fellowes of Rainhill United JFC complained that one of the mower team from St Helens Council cut a 'short-cut' path from the unofficial car park at Rainhill Park onto the playing fields, aiding any unauthorised access to the playing fields. The Clerk has raised this as an issue with Mr Brian Johnson, St Helens Council.

No Bar Licence at Rainhill Village Hall

An ex-resident of Rainhill, now living 'abroad, complained about not being able to hire the Village Hall for a licensed function and asked for a list of other suitable venues.

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to the Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee and request a copy of their Lettings Policy.

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Bench in St Ann’s Churchyard

Rev Anderson advised the Clerk that he was going to authorise a request by a parishioner to site a memorial bench in the churchyard. The Clerk had thanked Rev Anderson for the courtesy of letting the Council know what he was intending to do.

Parking outside sheltered accommodation opposite 4F Centre

This problem was also raised at the July 2010 meeting. Following a request by Cllr DeAsha, who was meeting with residents of the sheltered accommodation, the Clerk contacted the 4F Centre. The ‘Relief Manager’ Mr Naj Asghar, who is standing in for Mr Ken Williams, promised he would take immediate action to stop parking there by 4F Centre staff.

Railway Footbridge

This problem was raised at the September 2010 meeting. Cllr S Glover informed the Council that the uncleanliness of the footbridge had been raised at a Merseytravel Advisory Panel meeting. Railtrack responded at a later date stating that cleaning of the footbridge was a Highways responsibility but that they would clean it as a ‘one-off’.

Cllr DeAsha informed the Council that maintenance of the footbridge, including cleaning, is the responsibility of Railtrack, not St Helens Council Highways Department.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to Railtrack in an attempt to resolve the issue. Cllr DeAsha will pass relevant papers to the Clerk.

Exchange Place Land

Cllr DeAsha reported that dog owners were using the land as an unofficial dog toilet and that youngsters had put wood onto the land to build a ‘skateboard park’. It was resolved that the wood must be removed.

902. REPORTS:

- Public Open Spaces: No report. See also Agenda Item 897.
- Churchyard Committee: Cllr Carroll reported that he had received a complaint about the St Helens Council large waste bin not being returned to its proper place after emptying.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr D Kelly and Cllr Doyle reiterated the excellent job being done by the volunteers running the Village Hall.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr J Kelly reported that internal work had already been started at the Railway Station.

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- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: A report was given by Cllr Doyle and Cllr S Glover. See also Agenda Item 901.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood gave a brief report and advised the AGM will take place on 3rd November 2010.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: Cllr. Wood gave a brief report.
- St Helens District Sports Council: Cllr J Kelly had received no communications from the Sports Council although Cllr Grunewald reported he had details of the AGM. It was resolved the Clerk will write to the Sports Council again advising them of Cllr Kelly's contact details.
- Standards Committee: Cllr Heydon advised the next meeting is on 25th October.

903. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 29th November 2010, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8:48 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
29th November 2010