

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
22nd October 2012

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 22nd October 2012 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.

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P. Lynch.

196. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr DeAsha – Exchange Place.

197. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER 2012

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 10th September 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

198. POLICE REPORT

PC Moore sent his apologies. He has been transferred to work in St Helens Town Centre from today and will no longer be the dedicated Rainhill officer.

199. CLERK'S REPORT

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

Cllr S Glover commented that those present for the Cathy Wilson Memorial Plaque ceremony, and particular the family members present, were very appreciative of what had been done by the Parish Council.

200. CORRESPONDENCE

Lamps and Tubes Illuminations	Golf Ball Lamps
P Reid, St Helens Council	Councillors Surgeries List
G Abernethy, Northern Rail	Disabled Access Gate Plaque
J Boden, St Helens Council	Capping Sockets
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Localism Act 2011 - Standards
Sutcliffe Play	Agility Play System
PSMA	PSMA News Bulletin September 2012
R Marsh	Loyola Hall website link
K Hannah	Rainhill Rocket Club Development Plan
C Tigwell	Cathy Wilson Plaque

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Microsoft	Changes to Microsoft Services Agreement
Rainhill Civic Society	Cathy Wilson Plaque
Cllr ME Rimmer	Cathy Wilson Plaque
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
M Fedyk, St Helens Council	Funding Support - Rainhill Parish Council
Notts Sport	Synthetic Surfacing
C Harrop, Northern Rail	Cathy Wilson Plaque
J Dentith, St Helens Council	Parish Council contribution to Environmental Schemes
Royal Mail	Sort specification processes
NALC	Policy Briefing and Consultation Response
NALC	Larger Councils Conference and Exhibition - London
NALC	E-bulletin
NALC	People in Action Conference - Sheffield
CPRE	Field Work Autumn 2012
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Response to G Cairns complaint
St Helens Council	Remembrance Day Sunday
D Houghton	Cathy's Plaque
123-Reg	September Sale
M Dill, LCR	LCR Opinion Question
Staples	Office Savings
Arien Signs	Parish Council Signs
Navigus Planning	Early Experience of The Localism Act
K Whitfield, St Helens Council	Remembrance Day Sunday
TDH Group	Halloween
Merseyside Pension Fund	Annual Statement
Plantscape	Last Call for Christmas
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
123-Reg	Site Scanner
Glasdon	Discount Offer
Lamps and Tubes Illuminations	Special Offer
CETB	Application for Funding
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Localism Act 2011 - Standards
Charity Commission	Annual Return 2012
Unity Trust Bank	Confirmation of Authorised Signatories
Whitehill Direct Ltd	Community Information Tree
Merseyside Pension Fund	Regulations 2012
Stackastage	Stackastage
A Haymonds, CETB	Entrust Registration 480
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News

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123-Reg	September Newsletter
Staples	Catalogue
K Langley	Pitch Inspections
NALC	Policy Consultation
HMRC	Employer Bulletin Issue 42
NALC	E-bulletin
G Makin	Road alterations on Rainhill Bridge
J Waddelow, St Helens Council	Funding Support - Rainhill Parish Council
Merseyside Police	October Newsletter
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Railway Station Development Order Approved
St Helens Council	Decision: 11 Knowsley Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 48 View Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 6 Coylton Avenue - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 371-373 Warrington Road - Refused
St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Railway Station Listed Building Consent
Dialogue Matters Ltd	Stakeholder Participation Training
PSMA	PSMA News Bulletin October 2012
NALC	Larger Councils Committee - Direct Member Elections
NALC	Chief Executive briefing
LALC	September Newsletter, Chairmanship, Finance & Neighbourhood Plans workshops
M Dickinson	Rainhill Music Festival 4th-11th November
Institute of Groundsmanship	IOG Annual Conference
Historic Towns Forum	Coming Events
PSMA	Questionnaire - Valuing GIS and data analytics
N Thompson	Change of Secretary
NALC	Quick Employment Tips
Modal	Grit Bins
R Marsh	Website update thanks
M Dickinson	Rainhill Music Festival
M Gelder, LALC	Larger Councils Clarification
CPRE Lancashire	New Executive Members
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
LALC	Came & Co Newsletter
J Dentith, St Helens Council	Contribution to Environmental Schemes
L Shave	Annual Report Information
Insignia	Eco Friendly Bags for Life
HAGS	Play Matters Newsletter Oct-Nov 2012
C Bolton	Insurance and Audit
NALC	E-bulletin
NALC	Shaping Places Conference
B Walsh	Rainhill Parish Council Website

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Lamps and Tubes Illuminations	Christmas Tree Light Sets
Merseyside Pension Fund	Annual Report 2011/12
W McAuliffe	Internal Audit Meeting
T Kelly	Internal Audit Meeting
L Pole	Stackastage
Cartridge Save	Printer Supplies
PSMA	User Group & Member Events
Plantscape	Urbanscape Litter Bins
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Code of Conduct
Merseyside Police	Nuisance Off Road Bikes
J Hawkes	Promoting Halloween Kit
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
J Dentith, St Helens Council	Contribution to Environmental Schemes
Royal Mail	Sealing Specification
Unity Trust Bank	Internet Banking Service
LALC	AGM Packs, Streetscape Outdoor Fitness Products
A Haymonds, CETB	Entrust Registration 480

It was resolved that the Clerk write to St Helens Council to advise them that Cllr D Kelly will represent the Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday at the Town Hall and the Victoria Square Cenotaph. Cllr L Glover will be leading the Council representation at St Ann's Church and the Rainhill War Memorial.

201. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

An objection had been submitted for the following application before the meeting:
P/2012/0698, Brydon 20 Norlands Lane, Change of use from a dwellinghouse to a residential respite facility including the erection of rear conservatory.

Comments had been submitted for the following application before the meeting indicating the advice of the Conservation Officer will be accepted:
P/2012/0697, Greenshouse Farm, Longton Lane, Replacement of two single glazed windows with hardwood.

Comments Had been submitted for the following application before the meeting indicating the advice of the Conservation and Tree Officers will be accepted:
P/2012/0714, Brightside 533 Warrington Road, Works to trees in Conservation Area comprising making safe damaged hawthorn tree and cut back to ground level and the felling of a diseased elm tree.

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

P/2012/0686, 385 Warrington Road, Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a single storey rear extension.

P/2012/0704, 26 Galston Avenue, First floor addition to the rear of the property.

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P/2012/0736, 49 St James Road, Demolition of existing detached house and erection of a two storey 5 bed detached house.

P/2012/0756, 45 Stoney Lane, Rainhill, Two storey side extension.

P/2012/0764, Rainhill Community Nursery School, Deepdale Drive, Installation of a canopy to the north west elevation

P/2012/0769, 5 Ashley Close, Conservatory to the rear.

P/2012/0774, Land at Warburton Hey, Modification of condition 1 of P/2011/0923 amendment to design

It was resolved that a comment be submitted indicating the advice of the Tree Officer will be accepted:

P/2012/0766, Turriss Heah, Mill Lane, Works to tree covered by a Tree Preservation Order for felling of 1 sycamore.

202. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
Victoria Hotel - Cathy Wilson Plaque Ceremony Refreshments	150.00	3179
BDO LLP - Annual Return Audit Fee	516.00	3180
E.ON - Electricity 4F Centre	354.22	3181
M Paton – Printer Ink, Photocopying, Stationery, Postage, Salary - Sep (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,042.33	3182
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS Sep	312.68	3183
Post Office Ltd - Tax & NI (Jul-Sep)	1,280.58	3184
Topcoat - War Memorial Railings Painting	320.00	3185
St Helens Council - Contributions to Environmental Schemes	14,617.75	3186
B Walsh - Website Consultancy	50.00	3187
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance Oct	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Oct	41.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Oct	66.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Oct	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Oct	67.05	STO
Corona Energy Retail 2 Ltd - Gas 4F Centre	150.00	STO

203. BDO COMPLETION OF AUDIT

It was resolved that the final version of the Annual Return document is approved and accepted.

204. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

It was resolved that the arrangements proposed by the Clerk be accepted and that the Awards Evening will take place on Friday 22nd February 2013.

Cllr D Kelly asked what the process was for nomination people for a Good Citizenship Award. She was reminded that both individuals and organisations may put forward nominations but that Councillors could not make nominations. Cllr Kelly was advised

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that anyone interested in making a nomination should contact the Clerk direct to obtain a nomination form.

205. HOLT CHANGING ROOMS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

It was resolved that the offer of a (net) grant of £45,000 by Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB) be accepted.

206. EXCHANGE PLACE

Cllr Glover updated the Council on a suggested Eco Garden design for Exchange Place and on the second of the meetings that had taken place for interested parties. He also provided minutes of that meeting and a draft design.

It was resolved that a Working Group be set up with members being taken from those parties who had already shown an interest in the project and were willing to take on active roles and any members of the Parish Council who, similarly, would be willing to take on active roles. It was stressed that members of the Working Group would need to take on a number of ‘doing’ roles that were essential for the project to be able to progress.

Cllr DeAsha advised he would not be able to be a member of the group due to a conflicting interest but would still be available for consultation/support.

207. RAINHILL MUSIC FESTIVAL

It was resolved that a request from Mrs M Dickinson, for the Council to continue its support for the Rainhill Music Festival by meeting the cost of prizes, be approved in principle.

It was further resolved that, as the Chair was unable to attend the RYMOY prize-giving evening on Friday 9th November, Cllr Grunewald would represent the Council; if Cllr Grunewald could not attend, Cllr Doyle would represent the Council.

208. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Junction of Rainhill Road and Warrington Road

Cllr S Glover reported back on the question raised by Cllr Wood at the September meeting. Cllr Glover advised that the reason for the reduction in the number of traffic lanes was that the pedestrian island had to be widened in the interests of pedestrian safety. This meant that it was then only possible to have a single traffic lane leading up to the traffic lights.

Mr G Makin had enquired about the “cost to gridlock and pollute Rainhill more with the recent alterations on Rainhill Bridge”. The Clerk had already advised Mr Makin that the work in question was carried out by St Helens Council which has responsibility for all adopted highways in the St Helens area and that no consultations were made with the Parish Council.

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Alness Drive/Warrington Road Posts

Cllr Doyle advised that some of the wooden posts bordering Alness Drive and Warrington Road have been loosened and one has been removed completely and she considered the situation to be a potentially dangerous.

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts St Helens Council to report the situation.

Old Co-op Building

Cllr DeAsha advised the railing in front of the old Co-op was very loose and could become a danger.

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts St Helens Council to report the situation.

Possible Conservation Area Planning Breach

Cllr Wood updated the Council on requests he had made to the Conservation Officer to have signs for a defunct valeting business removed. As his requests had not been acknowledged it was resolved that the Clerk contacts St Helens Council to report the situation.

209. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: The Chair gave a brief report of the October inspection of Open Spaces with Cllr S Glover adding that two problems had been found at Amanda Road Playground that needed addressing. Cllr DeAsha also added that potential sites for allotments had been discussed as part of a St Helens Council borough-wide initiative.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Moore gave a brief report on the 11th September meeting. Cllr D Kelly added that she had agreed to be the St James Church representative at future meetings.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood advised he was unable to attend the last meeting but gave a brief report on speakers/topics.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle gave a brief report on the October meeting. Following her concern that this forum might not be as effective as its predecessor, the Merseytravel Advisory Panel, and that there was a lack of interested representatives it was resolved that the situation be monitored.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood confirmed the AGM will take place on 7th November 2012.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.

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- Rainhill Gala Committee: Following the presentation to the Parish Council Chair of a small plaque at the Gala Presentation Evening it was resolved that the plaque should be permanently fixed to the wall in the Village Hall foyer somewhere adjacent to the Parish Council Honours Board, members of the Council determining the exact preferred location before the next meeting. Cllr Moore offered to work on the problem of the writing on the plaque not being easily visible if mounted against the wall. It was resolved that the Clerk writes to the Village Hall Management Committee to obtain their permission.
- Lych Gate Project: Cllr L Glover will be contacting the Steering Group to confirm the project has been completed.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L Glover gave a brief report. It was suggested that the services of the 4F Centre might be advertised in the next Annual Report.

210. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that next meeting will be the Finance meeting which will be held on Monday 19th November 2011, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

It was resolved that next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 10th December 2011, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:04 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
10th December 2012