

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
21st October 2013

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st October 2013 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover and C. Moore.

Cllr Moore asked for a minutes silence to be observed in memory of Dot Kelly.

327. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs: B. Heydon, J. Kelly and W.M. Wood.

328. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest / requests for dispensation.

329. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 16th SEPTEMBER 2013

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16th September 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

330. POLICE REPORT

Apologies were received from Sgt Barcroft who had submitted a brief summary of local policing. Sgt Barcroft also advised, regretfully, that it would no longer be possible to send a police representative to Monday evening meetings.

Cllr S Glover expressed concern about the cutbacks in manpower and the impact on local policing, particularly the lack of visibility of officers on the streets.

331. CLERK'S REPORT

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

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to United Utilities regarding the recent vandalism at Rainhill Park indicating the use of their materials adjacent to the Changing Rooms was a major contributing factor to the incident.

332. CORRESPONDENCE

LALC	Newsletter, Accounts 2012/13, Winter Gritting
Glasdon	Discount for Local Councils
Clerks and Councils Direct	September Issue
Local Council Review	Autumn 2013
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
S MacKell	Possible Funding
Unity Trust Bank	In Unity Issue 4
Halton Borough Council	Consultation on Methodology for Widnes and Hale Green Belt
Capita	Internal Communication

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NALC	NALC Event Survey
N Thompson	Rainhill Town Development Project
D Boocock, St Helens Council	Rainhill Town Development Project
D Sudworth, Local Life	Copies of Agendas and Minutes
A Watson, Liverpool F.A.	Rainhill Town Development Project
Notts Sport	Fast Track Funding Seminar
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 19 September 2013
F Crawford	St Helens Sports Council - Nominations for Awards
N Thompson	Meeting Rainhill Recreation Club - Rainhill Town Development
B Miller, Rainhill Rocket JFC	Pitch Allocations - Season 2013/2014
S Flinn, St Helens Council	Eco Garden Minutes
L Hollinghurst, Holt FC	Problem with Pitch Markings
R Marsden, PSMA	User Group Meeting Summary
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
S Clarke	cc Warburton Hey park
Dialogue Matters	Training
Monkey Office	Office Supplies
HMRC	Employer Bulletin Issue 45
NALC	Policy Consultation Response
J Hawkes, TDH Group	Christmas Displays
J Jones, St Helens Council	ECO Group Meeting 2nd October 2013
HAGS SMP	Donation for Surprise Surprise
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 26 September 2013
NALC	Larger Councils Conference
PublicSector.co.uk	Latest News
Fields in Trust	Awards
Capita	Learning & Development Needs Analysis
NALC	New book for Local Councils - Local Councils Explained
S MacKell	Council Improvement Fund
Itilluminations	Christmas Illuminations
N Thompson, Rainhill Town	Pitch Fees Cheque
Russell Play	Street Collective catalogue
PSMA	PSMA September Newsletter
Merseyside Pension Fund	Annual Report & Accounts 2012/13
Fields in Trust	October Update
M Spencer, Stone Central	Rainhill War Memorial
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
123-reg	Free Webinar
NALC	Our Place programme - letter from Don Foster MP
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 3 October 2013
LALC	Information from the DCLG
NALC	Revised Legal Topic Notes
123-reg	Renewal Confirmation

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T Clarke, St Helens Council	Changing Facilities
Whitehill Direct Ltd	Parks & Green Spaces
Notts Sport	Synthetic Surfacing
M Dickinson	Rainhill Music Festival 2013
K Cleary	National Council Bulletin
K Cleary	PC69-13 Standing for election
Capita	Finance for Non Financial Managers
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 10 October 2013
T Jones, St Helens Council	Rainhill Park Changing Rooms
N Thompson, Rainhill Town	Pitch Fees
LALC	Insurance Scenarios Q&A
A Davey, Civic Society	Rainhill in Bloom
Russell Play	Community Policeman helps youth create space to hang out
NALC	NALC Larger Councils Conference
NALC	E-bulletin
J Jones, St Helens Council	ECO group meeting with Mersey Waste
M Spencer, Stone Central	Rainhill War Memorial
M Dickinson	Rainhill Music Festival 2013
Millennium Centre	Service of Thanksgiving
HMRC	Successful Receipt of Online Submission
Royal Mail	Registration
Royal Mail	Fee to Pay Receipt
D Boston	Parish Council Grant Payment
J Sheridan, St Helens Council	P/2013/0719
Infoserve	Website Design
W Bloor, St Helens Council	Rainhill War Memorial - Tree Work
Capita	Essential Performance Management
HAGS	Autumn Promotion
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 17 October 2013
NALC	Larger Council Committee Elections
N Thompson	Rainhill Town Website

The Council noted the request by Mr D Sudworth of Local Life to have agendas and minutes of meetings sent to him. It was resolved that The Clerk provides Mr Sudworth with all the information he needs.

The Clerk advised the Council that the professional cleaning of the War memorial had been completed over the weekend of 19th/20th October.

The Clerk then advised the Council that, following the statement that Merseyside Police would not be providing support for the Remembrance Day Service at Rainhill War Memorial, discussions had taken place with Mr T Blackburn from the Royal British Legion and the Events Team and Traffic Department at St Helens Council. The necessary licence

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is being obtained by St Helens Council to allow the road closures necessary for the service to go ahead as planned. Stewarding is being provided by Royal British Legion members and St Helens Council is contracting a Road Traffic Management Team to manage the road closures. Cllr DeAsha advised that the Councillor Improvement Fund, available to Ward Councillors, had agreed to meet the costs of the Road Traffic Management Team.

333. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Comments were submitted for the following application, prior to the meeting, indicating the recommendations of the Conservation Officer will be accepted:
P/2013/0719, 52 View Road, Replace the existing single glazed wooden bay window with a UPVC double glazed version with glazing bars.

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

P/2013/0723, Land to side of 25 & rear of 29 – 35 Ellaby Road, Erection of 3. terraced houses with associated works.

P/2013/0736, Land between School Lane and Junction 7 M62 School Lane, Removal of existing stables and erection of new 4 stables & tack room structure. Construction of menage of approx 50m x 30m.

P/2013/0744, Land between junction 7 M62 and School Lane, Erection of 2 stables along with relocation of 2 stables for keeping of horses.

P/2013/0763, 2 Ashley Close, Erection of a single storey rear extension and two storey side and front extension.

P/2013/0767, 53 St James Road, Application for the retention of a summer house to the rear of the main dwelling.

334. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Description	Amount	Ref
BDO LLP - Audit Fee	360.00	TFR29
St Helens Council - Tree Works, War Memorial	1,364.40	TFR30
M Paton - Minibus Hire, Minibus Fuel, Printer Ink, Postage (12*2nd), Web Hosting Renewal (3 years), Salary - Oct (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,429.02	TFR31
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS (Oct)	344.39	TFR32
Rainhill Village Hall - Insurance Renewal, Lift Service	3,183.47	TFR33
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance October	176.30	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Oct	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Oct	290.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Oct	4.26	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Oct	54.79	STO

It was resolved that the Standing Order for United Utilities water and wastewater services at Rainhill Park is amended to £56.01 in November 2013 and then to £55.40 from December 2013.

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It was resolved that the Standing Order for the ScottishPower electricity supply at Rainhill Park is amended to £40.00 from November 2013.

335. HOLT PLAYING FIELDS - CONTAINER

Following a request from Rainhill Rocket FC it was resolved that the Clerk obtains an estimate for the supply of a similar container to that already in place at Rainhill Park together with an estimate for optional fencing around the perimeter of the proposed container.

336. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

It was resolved that the timetable put forward by the Clerk is accepted.

The provisional date for the Awards Evening is Friday 21st February 2014.

337. FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY

Following an earlier presentation to the Council by Mr J Boden from St Helens Council, it was resolved that the Council will fund a planting scheme along the length of Warrington Road including an emphasis on poppies at an estimated cost of £2,400. It was resolved that the Clerk signs a work order, on behalf of the Council, so that preparatory work can begin immediately.

338. EXCHANGE PLACE PROJECT – RAINHILL ECO

It was resolved that the Council will fund the removal / pruning of trees on the Exchange Place site out of the £2,500 previously reserved for Rainhill ECO and that the Clerk will sign a work order on behalf of the Council. It was further resolved that balance of the £2,500 will be paid over to Rainhill ECO following payment of the invoice.

339. SKEW BRIDGE GARDEN

It was resolved that following assurances received from Riverside regarding the maintenance of this site no further action is required at this time. It was further resolved that a representative from Riverside be invited to speak immediately before the next Council meeting.

340. RAINHILL MUSIC FESTIVAL 2013

It was resolved that the Council will continue to show its support for Rainhill Music Festival by sponsoring the prizes, at a cost of £375, for the 2013 festival.

341. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Holt Playing Fields

Mr Nolan complained that a golf ball shattered his kitchen window and he had reported the incident to the police. He has asked that the Council erect signs prohibiting golf

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practice on the playing field before any further damage is done to property and someone is seriously hurt.

It was resolved that signs will be erected at the 3 access points to Holt Playing Fields and that, if possible, use is made of an existing post for one of the signs.

Warburton Hey Park

Mr S Clarke complained to both St Helens Council and the Parish Council about the appearance of the “black alley gates” installed at “the entrance to an alley which connects Warburton Hey and Longton Lane.

It was resolved that Mr Clarke be advised that the Parish Council has had no input into the placement or style of these gates.

Cameras

Cllr DeAsha reported that the possibility of a mobile camera being used on Warrington Road was being looked at by Ward Councillors. He also advised that the Police were considering locating a camera at the Stoops end of Rainhill.

342. REPORTS

- Public Open Spaces: Cllrs DeAsha and S Glover updated the Council regarding the village Christmas Tree. The Clerk reported that the man who usually provided the PA system had recently undergone heart surgery and would not be available. Cllr DeAsha advised he would try to obtain the services of Cllr Shields. Cllr Moore updated the Council on the recent Rainhill Town meeting. See also items 335, 338 and 341.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Moore gave a brief update. It was resolved that a donation be made to the Lilac Centre in memory of Warren Ryland.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: The Clerk read a brief update submitted by Cllr Wood.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle reported on the continuing lack of purpose of this body. It was resolved that a letter be written to them questioning the purpose and indicating the view of the Council that this new format is clearly not working.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: The Clerk read a brief update submitted by Cllr Wood.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.

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- 4F Centre: Cllr L Glover reported there had been no further meeting but that all was well.
- Exchange Place Project: Cllr S Glover reported that work of Rainhill ECO was on-going. See also item 338.

343. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Finance Meeting and will be held on Monday 25th November 2013, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 16th December 2013, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:32 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
16th December 2013