

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**20<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. DeAsha, J. Carroll, J. Doyle, B. Heydon, L. Glover, S. Glover, D. Long and W.M. Wood.

1 resident also attended.

**477. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: M. Donovan, C. Moore, and P. Lynch,

**478. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr S. Glover – Planning Applications.

**479. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

**480. POLICE REPORT**

PC Martin Leyland reported on the latest crime figures and went on to discuss in more detail recent incidents. Burglaries had been reported but were predominantly related to the theft of high performance vehicles. Blundells Hill Golf Course had been the target of robberies and investigations at the site were on going. Incidents of anti-social behaviour around Longton Lane shops were also under surveillance. Talks in schools on the subject of Halloween and mischief night were aimed at preventing incidents, additional patrols would be deployed on these nights.

**481. CLERK'S REPORT**

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

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to the Enforcement Team at St Helens Council to ask for an update on the site of the former Cranford Residential Home. The main concerns relate to the health and safety of passing pedestrians, and information regarding its future.

**482. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman reported the receipt of a Thank You card from the previous Clerk. Mr Paton expressed his appreciation for the help and support he had received during his employment and for the leaving gifts.

J Saunders, St Helens CCG	North West Ambulance Service Event; Service Activities
Public Sector Executive Online	Forget Green think Blue & Customer Contact Expo London
Ben Ferguson	Focal Point (Eco)
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Garden (various subjects)

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Public Sector	Newsletters
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGP41 Form
A Whitehall	Eco Garden Agenda
PSMA North Yorks	PURG Introduction to new corporate manager
Chris Philpot	Broken Web Links
R C Hepworth	Local Shopping Centres & the Closure of Shops
Cllr S Glover	Stephenson's Planting & Cranford Gates Removed
M Garlick	Putting Victims First
K Cook, Fields in Trust	September & October ezine; Awards 2014 Nomination
M Dickinson	Eco Garden Lectern Sketch Design
Zurich Insurance	Documents issued & Confirmation of Ins for 4F Centre
M Garlick	Police & Crime Commissioner's Annual Report
S Littler, St.H Council	Community Right to bid - Further info required
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25th Sept; 4 <sup>th</sup> & 9th Oct
B Miller, Rainhill Rocket JFC	5 aside pitch not marked
NALC	Review of LTN 3 and LTN 6
NALC	Larger Council's Committee Nomination for Members
MPF Communications	Various Pension related communications
United Utilities x 2	Completion of cleaning works on Dee Trunk Pipe
M Dickinson	RMF Concert and Newsletter, Request for Funding
Public Sector Exec	NoSQL databases
BOC Healthcare	Automated External Defibrillators
MerseyTravel	Customer Forums
Cllr B Grunewald	St. Ann's Church Graveyard, Rainhill
Historic Towns Forum	Event Update
Merseyside Pension Fund	Employers Conference 27.11.14
Journal of Local Planning	Planning Advice available subject to subscription
G Cleary	NALC issues re: Audit Commission and Sector Led Body for Audit Services
DBS Customer Services	Eligibility for DBS check of clerk's position.
NALC	E-bulletin
Cllr B Wood	Circulation of RRHS Programme
G Houghton, St.Helens Council	Warrington Road Service road
Public Sector Executive Online	Working from home?
J Mill	Information in dropbox - Could be Spam didn't open
PSMA	User Event
Post Office	Delay in upgrading Post Office - no date given
Lyndsay Smith	Noticeboard – Replacement
Matt Garlick	Availability of Funding
MerseyTravel	Customer Forums
123-reg	.London domain & How to optimise a website
PSMA	Availability of AddressBase database.
St.H Planning	P/2014/0363 - Appeal Notification 371 Warrington Road
Knowsley Council	Planning Consultation - Core Strategy Modifications
LALC	Change to Standing Orders; Newsletter; Data Protection Training Courses; & Change of details
NALC	Update on Conference and constitutional matters
Les Jackson	Eco Garden Meeting Minutes
Susan MacKell/John Attwood	Eco Garden Various issues

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J Jones St.Helens Council	Wildflower seed planting at Oakdene
Mr M McMahon	Yew Tree Farm Enforcement Action
Cllr De'Asha, Cllr Heydon & Cllr Wood	Yew Tree Farm Enforcement Action
Alto Card	Passcode
N Hamilton, St.Helens Council x 4	Yew Tree Farm Enforcement Action
N Thompson Rainhill Town AFC	Electrification of Railway Line
HMRC	Successful Receipt of Online Submission
Monkey Office	Newsletter
B Wood x 2	Eco Garden Focal Point - Update
Longton Lane School	Newsletter
J De'Asha	Townscape Heritage Initiative Scheme
V Atherton	Invite to Remembrance Service in St.Helens
J Owen, NALC	Report from the Sustainable Communities Advisory Board
D Boston	Confirmation of Village Hall Contact Details
NALCMailbox	E-bulletin 26th September 2014 - Re-issued; & 10 October
J Rotheram	Rob Durand - unexplained link no further information
Unity Trust Bank	Statement
J Owen, NALC	Feedback from National Council & Tory Conference
Unity Trust Bank x 5	Confirmation of signatories and changes to account
J Saunders, St Helens CCG	Availability of Funding from Police Commissioner's PPA fund
C Dawson, MPS	Successful completion of LGPS forms
Cllr B Wood	Briars Hey Planning Applications
M Garlick	Consultation on the future of police stations across Merseyside
HMRC	Business Help - DBS Check for Employees
Cllrs D Long & B Wood	Changes to Policing in Rainhill
G Cleary	MALC AGM and Meeting Agenda & Minutes of 6.8.14
PSMA	Consultation on changes to the service - closes 31.10.14
Mr T Lowton	Query regarding Notice Boards
Cllr S Glover	Eco Garden Funding & 2nd Plaque for bench Risk Assessment & Health & Safety
A Moakes x2	Eco Garden- installation of sculpture and timetable
K Burrows	Weekly List of Planning Applications
Cllr P Lynch	Policing in Rainhill
T Lowton	Notices for noticeboard
Cllr B Heydon	Yew Tree Farm Enforcement Action
J Saunders, St Helens CCG	Feedback form for ElderCare Services; Cancer Education Day; Transforming Cancer Care & Senior Voice Event 10.10.14
A Brook, St Helens CCG	Survey of those with a Long Term Health Condition
J Kennedy, Police & Crime Commissioner	Consultation on Final Estate Strategy
C Tigwell	Contact Details & Info request
Rainhill Civic Society	Nomination for membership of Twinning Working Group
NALC	Conference for larger Councils, London, 3 December 2014
M Dickinson x 3	Eco Garden, Plaque, bench and sculpture installation

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Cllr C Moore	Cranford 637 Warrington Road, Rainhill
Cllr B Heydon	Press Release - Appointment of new Clerk
T Lowton	Noticeboard
P Morris	Request for photo to accompany press release
A Slater	Thank You Letter
NALC	Change to model financial regulations
C Moore	Update on Enforcement Cases
G Cleary	Model Financial Regs Updated
Total Giving	Children Playground Profile Page Visited
M Dickinson	Rainhill Music Festival
C Dawson, MPS	Further courses available
Zurich Insurance	Customer satisfaction survey
L Jackson	Rainhill Eco Garden - Minutes 1/10/14
HMRC	Expenses & Benefits for Employers; Additional Webinars
NALC Mailbox	E Bulletin - 10 October 2014
C Tigwell	Rainhill Trials Commemorative Plaque
T Deveney	Rainhill Town Fencing
Public Sector Exec Online	E newsletter
G Cleary	Minutes of MALC 6.8.14
MPF	Employers Conference 27.11.14
A Whitehall	Eco Garden Agenda
J Saunders, St Helens CCG	Living with Diabetes & Women in the Driving Seat
D Boston	Village Hall Receipts
HMRC	Employer Bulletin Issue 50 Available
J Jones, St Helens Council	Opening Date for Eco Garden & Request for list of invitees
D Bloor	Rainhill Park Playing Pitches Drainage Issues
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 16 October 2014
NALC	Survey on conference and events programme & Report from Larger Council's Committee Meeting 14.10.14
Planning Policy, St.Helens Council	Notification of Consultation by Knowsley Council on Modification to Core Strategy
St. Ann Church, Rainhill	Invite to Institution of Rev.Dr.A Conant 23.11.14
B Rushton	Raising the Profile of Rainhill as birthplace of Railways
LALC	Note of Accounts for year ending 31.3.14.

**483. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

P/2014/0711, 595 Warrington Road, Single-storey side and rear extension

P/2014/0726, Longton Lane Primary School, Longton Lane, Creation of access ramp and playground extension

P/2014/0697, 17 Stapleton Avenue, Single storey wraparound extension to rear and side

P/2014/0690, Orchard Dene, Craven Road, Work to trees covered by TPO

The recommendations of the Conservation Officer would be accepted on the following:

P/2014/0701, Raphael Health Care, Briars Hey, Mill Lane, Listed Building Consent application for the reinstatement, external restoration and alteration of the gatehouse / lodge and the stable / coach house.

P/2014/0703, Raphael Health Care, Briars Hey, Mill Lane, the reinstatement, external restoration and alteration of the gatehouse / lodge and the stable / coach house.

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Consultation had been received from Knowsley council on the following planning documents:

Modifications to the Core Strategy;

Supplementary Planning Documents on: Design Quality in New Development, New Residential Development and Shop Front and Signage Design;

Draft Knowsley Industrial & Business Parks: Local Development Order; and Future Supplementary Planning Documents – including the Sustainable Urban Extensions South of Whiston.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to Knowsley Council to express the Parish Council's concerns in relation to the release of land South of Whiston from the Green Belt for residential development. The main concerns relating to impact on highways, especially Blundells Lane, loss of habitat, and effect on the water table.

**484. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
M Paton – Photocopying, Printer Ink, Site Maps, Stephenson's Resource Centre Plants	143.85	TFR82
G Pinder - Furniture & Files Removal, Stationary, Laptop/Case/Software, Salary, Telephone	2,218.25	TFR83
Merseyside Pension Fund LGPS - Sept (16-30) & Oct	533.01	TFR84
Zurich Insurance Annual Premium	932.63	TFR85
BDO LLP Audit Fee	396.00	TFR86
Scottish Power Martin Close (Holt) Oct	40.00	STO
Scottish Power Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Oct	8.00	STO
United Utilities Holt Playing Fields – Oct	5.78	STO
United Utilities Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Oct	62.45	STO
Rainhill Village Hall Reinstate wall mounted trend display unit, Supply & Install IQView 8 network, Insurance Renewal	4580.28	TFR87

**485. TWINNING**

It was reported that Ann-Veronica Howitt would represent Rainhill Civic Society on the Twinning working group. Cllr Long presented draft Terms of Reference. It was resolved that the first meeting of the group be arranged for 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**486. SCRUTINY PANEL REPORT ON LOCAL SHOPPING CENTRES AND THE CLOSURE OF SHOPS / TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE SCHEME**

It was resolved that a meeting be set up to discuss the initiative with local businesses to promote the revitalisation of trade and retention of heritage in Rainhill Village.

**487. GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

It was resolved that the timetable put forward by the Clerk is accepted. The Awards group would meet on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

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**488. BDO COMPLETION OF AUDIT**

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

**489. RAINHILL GALA**

It was resolved that as no request for funding had been received this item would be removed from future agendas.

**490. 4F CENTRE**

It was resolved that the lease be signed as it stands and the Chair be authorised to agree any amendments considered to be necessary.

**491. CONSULTATION ON POLICING IN RAINHILL**

The Council had received a presentation by M Berry on the proposed Estate Strategy. A request was made for a public meeting in Rainhill. It was resolved that a letter be sent to the Police & Crime Commissioner expressing the Parish Council's concern at the proposed loss of the Dane Court Cop Shop and the impact this would have on the community of Rainhill.

**492. RAINHILL MUSIC FESTIVAL**

It was resolved that the Council will continue to show its support for Rainhill Music Festival, however due to limited resources it was proposed that the donation for the 2014 festival be limited to £400.

**493. NALC**

It was resolved that following the review of the model standing orders, the changes identified were not of benefit to Rainhill and no changes be made to Rainhill Standing Orders.

**494. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Mr McMahon - Yew Tree Farm, Bell Lane

Comment noted, no further action at present.

Lyndsay Smith - Noticeboards

Ms Smith be advised that the Parish Council agree with her suggestion but will consider a noticeboard as part of a wider improvement initiative.

Mr Thompson – Rainhill Park Playing Fields

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Whilst the Parish Council sympathise with the problem, the cost of the requested netting/fencing could be prohibitive given the limited resources available and low precept received. Mr Thompson should be advised to pursue other funding sources.

Mr C Tigwell – Rainhill Trials Commemoration Plaque

Mr Tigwell be advised that the Parish Council agree with his suggestion but will consider refurbishment of the plaque as part of a wider improvement initiative.

Mr Rushton – Raising the profile of Rainhill as birthplace of Railways

Mr Rushton be invited to address the Parish Council before their next ordinary meeting which will be held in December.

St. Ann Church Rainhill – Institution of Rev. Dr. A Conant

St. Ann Church be informed that the Chair will be in attendance to represent the Parish Council.

Highway Resurfacing

Cllr Doyle complained that the road surface in Coylton Avenue was deteriorating and that the top layer of tarmac had gone.

Cllr De' Asha offered to report this to S.Walker at St. Helens Council.

It was reported that The Meadows suffered similar problems, however, this would not be resurfaced until development works were complete.

**495. REPORTS**

- Public Open Spaces: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: No report, but a question was raised regarding the availability of a defibrillator. It was agreed this would be discussed at the next ordinary meeting.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood indicated that the Speaker Schedule had been circulated. A quiz night was proposed for 31.10.14.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: No report.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood had attended the AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> October. He had been chosen to be a representative for LALC.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.

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- 4F Centre: The recent bid for lottery funding was unsuccessful. The Management Committee were seeking to maximise use of the building to draw in additional funds. There had been a £2,500 shortfall in bill payments last year. The Parish Council held reserves for the centre and it was suggested that some of this money may be used to employ a manager on a part-time basis.
- Exchange Place Project: A lot of progress had been made on site. The artwork, plinth and planters were now in place. The official opening date had been set for 2<sup>nd</sup> November commencing at 11am with unveiling of the plaque by Andy Reid at 12 noon. A donation of £500 had been received from Rainhill Football Club which would contribute towards a plaque celebrating the contributions to the community from Albert Fellowes. Cllr S Glover requested that a surety up to £250 from the Parish Council be set aside if ever needed, in case of the ECO Fund being overspent.

**496. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that a Finance Meeting would be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 7.30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall. The next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014, starting at 7:30pm. The meeting would be preceded by a presentation on Railway Heritage commencing at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.22 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2014