

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**5<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. De’Asha, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, D. Kelly, J. Kelly, P. Lynch, C. Moore, W.M. Wood.  
Also present: 1 resident.

**033. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

B. Heydon.

**034. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Lynch - United Utilities

**035. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011**

Cllr Wood asked for reference to the car park under item ‘30 - Parking’ to be more explicit regarding the location of the car park.

Otherwise the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

**036. POLICE REPORT**

PC Brown attended the meeting, in place of PC Moore. He discussed the last Priorities Meeting, ‘Year on Year’ Crime figures and answered Councillors’ questions.

**037. CLERK’S REPORT**

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

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Mr Slater at Helena Housing, conveying the impressions of Councillors, following a site visit to Ratcliffe Park on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2011.

**038. CORRESPONDENCE**

Lamps & Tubes	LED Column Decorations Offer
L Nicks	Inspired Facilities Workshop 28th July
Royal Mail	New mark
Charity Commission	Charity Commission News - Summer 2011
W Wood	Ward Committee Report
123-reg	July newsletter
BDO	External Audit Query
Friends of the Lake District	Green Space News July 2011
furniture@work	Catalogue
NALC	Cabinet Office and NALC Joint Work on Community Resilience
	Complaint re drug dealing
A Berger	Inspired Facilities Workshop Feedback

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United Utilities	Change in law on private sewer ownership
LALC	Autumn Conference, Community Engagement Workshop, Chairmanship Workshop
Glasdon	Glasdon Direct Catalogue
C Tigwell	Rainhill Quadroyal bcc
NALC	VAT and Local Councils
Kompan	Playgrounds
Merseyside Police	August Newsletter
J Skinley	Meeting with Parish Clerks
NALC	Local Government Resource Review, National Planning Policy Framework, Local Planning Regulations
NALC	Legal Topic Note - Retirement Payments
Merseyside WDA	Visits to Bidston & Gilmoor Recycling Discovery Centres
CPRE	Field Work Summer 2011
NALC	Nationally significant wastewater transfer
NALC	E-bulletin
B Johnson	Warrington Road Trip Rail
Arien Signs	Signs & Graphics Aug 2011
B Johnson	Rainhill Park Drainage
C Oldfield	Request for grant
Barlow Lyde & Gilbert	S Ince
St Helens Council	Decision: 15 Knowsley Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 1 The Meadows - Approved with conditions
RHS	Britain in Bloom
National Housing Federation	Northern Voice Aug 2011
Weightmans	M Fairclough
B Johnson	Warburton Hey Section 106 Works
D Broome	Lych Gate, St Ann's Church
NALC	Public Borrowing and Village Shops/Post Offices
B Johnson	Warrington Road Trip Rail
St Helens Council	Decision: Longton Lane Primary School - Approved with conditions
Royal Mail	Mailsort
Merseyside WDA	Draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy
NALC	Localising Support for Council Tax in England - Consultation
NALC	Events Bulletin
TAS	TAS Basics - new version
D Boston	Parish Council Grant - Village Hall
Zurich	Insurance Renewal
D Boocock, St Helens Council	Inspired Facilities
NALC	E-bulletin
D Nulty, St Helens Law	4F Centre
CPRE	Countryside Voice Summer 2011
IOG Saltex	Seminar Programme (Turf Care)
L Clarke, St Helens Council	Request for copy of 4F Centre Lease
Navigus Planning	National Planning Policy Framework
M Lane, St Helens Council	Request for copy of Parish Council logo
NALC	Legal Briefing - The Bribery Act 2010
HAGS	New roundabout

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123-reg	.CO domains
Came & Company	Parish Matters
Charity Commission	Annual Return 2011
Merseyside Police	September Newsletter
St Helens Council	Notice of appeal: 3 The Meadows (P/2011/0026)
Clerks & Councils Direct	September 2011
LALC	September Newsletter, Autumn Conference £35 per delegate
Historic Towns Forum	Newsletter
SMP Playgrounds	Parish and Community News
NALC	E-bulletin
NALC	Nature White Paper Response
Furniture at Work	Sale catalogue
Dialogue Matters Ltd	Natural Connections Conference 2012

It was resolved that the Clerk ceases to record malicious complaints regarding drug abuse and drug dealing at a specific Rainhill address.

**039. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

A comment indicating the advice of the Tree Officer should be accepted has been submitted for each of the following applications:

P/2011/0636, 521 Warrington Road, Felling of 1 tree in front garden in a conservation area.

P/2011/0672, Green Pastures, St James Road, Works to various trees (along St James Road and View Road) that are protected by tree preservation order (TPO 5/29).

P/2011/0685, 52 View Road, Works to trees protected by preservation orders (TPO 5/18 and TPO 5/29).

It was resolved that the Clerk clarifies how the 400m rule regarding the proximity of hot food take-aways to schools is calculated and whether these premises are within that range:

P/2011/0687, 371-373 Warrington Road, Change of use from car sales to hot food take-away (A5), including alterations to existing shop front and the installation of extractor duct/air compressors.

It was resolved that the Clerk seeks the advice of the Planning Department regarding the definition of ‘infill’ developments before a decision is taken regarding the following application:

P/2011/0732, 111 Stoney Lane, Erection of 4 detached dwellings and 1 detached single garage, alterations to existing dwelling consisting of complete brick outer skin to be replaced, demolition of existing side extension, single storey side extension and porch to front, new boundary wall and gates along with associated works.

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

P/2011/0619, 33 Mill Lane, Part removal of existing sandstone wall to enlarge vehicular access, along with new area of hard-standing to front.

P/2011/0686 63 Stoney Lane, Two storey side and single storey rear extension along with demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a new detached garage.

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P/2011/0696, 8 Dane Court, Consent to display 2 fascia signs (1 internally illuminated) and 1 advertisement to awning.

P/2011/0697, 8 Dane Court, Installation of roller-shutters and awning.

P/2011/0700, 3 Eden Close, Outline application for one detached bungalow

P/2011/0716, Whitewings Farm, Foxs Bank Lane, Conversion of stable / barn to residential dwelling incorporating an extension to the rear.

P/2011/0734, 8 Alness Drive, Two storey side extension

**040. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

Description	Amount	Ref
Rainhill Gala - Donation to Gala (Its a Knockout entry fee)	500.00	3096
M Paton – Photocopying, postage, stationery, Jul & Aug salary	1918.52	3097
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS - Jul & Aug	608.33	3098
Rainhill United - Rainhill Park Locks and Keys	110.75	3099
Rainhill Village Hall - New Carpet Tiles	1,250.00	3100
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance August	157.50	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) - Aug	40.50	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Aug	56.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - Aug	101.57	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Aug	73.37	STO
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance September	157.50	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) - Sep	40.50	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Sep	56.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields - Sep	101.57	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Sep	73.37	STO

**041. BARNARDOS 4F CENTRE**

Carried forward to October meeting.

**042. RAINHILL PARK DRAINAGE**

After an update from Cllr S Glover, on a site meeting with Mr Brian Johnson, it was resolved that, in principle, a contribution of a third of the cost of Rainhill Park drainage improvements works is approved, i.e. approximately £5,757 out of the estimated total cost of the work of £17,270.

**043. REQUEST FOR ADVANCE – VILLAGE HALL**

It was resolved that a request from Rainhill Village Hall for an advance of part of the Council’s budgeted annual contribution to the Village Hall, is declined.

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**044. REQUEST FOR FUNDING – MILLENIUM CENTRE**

It was resolved that the Council had insufficient information to consider a request for funding from the Millennium Centre and that Mr Oldfield is invited to the October Council meeting.

**045. RAINHILL MUSIC FESTIVAL – DONATION FOR PRIZES OF £300**

It was resolved that a donation of £300 for Rainhill Music Festival prizes is approved in principle.

**046. MEMORIAL PLAQUE**

It was resolved that the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Wood regarding the detail before obtaining estimates for providing a memorial plaque for the disabled gate access at the railway station.

It was further resolved that the Clerk will contact Network Rail regarding permission for attaching a plaque to the gate.

**047. WASTE PREVENTION FUND FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS**

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Rainhill Rotary and Rainhill Gala regarding a possible contribution towards the cost of improving the appearance of one of the public open spaces the Council is responsible for.

**048. INSPIRED FACILITIES**

It was resolved that a grant application will be submitted under the Inspired Facilities scheme for the maximum amount possible with a view to replacing the changing facilities at Holt POS.

It was resolved that the Clerk investigates opportunities for other funding to supplement a possible Inspired Facilities grant and minimise any direct funding required by the Parish Council.

**049. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Pavement parking outside shops – Warrington Road

Cllr D Kelly queried whether a shop owner has the right to prevent people from parking in the spaces directly in front of the shop.

The District Councillors present offered to investigate the issue.

Traffic Chicane - Mill Lane

Cllr Moore reported that the behaviour of motorists at the first chicane between St James Road and Ashton Avenue was causing concern to residents.

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As the chicane ‘solution’ to Mill Lane traffic problems had been introduced some time ago it was felt that St Helens Council may be receptive to alternative ideas and suggestions put forward by residents. It was resolved that the Clerk obtains relevant contact details for Cllr Moore to pass on to residents.

Conservation Area Planning Breaches

Cllr DeAsha reported that planning breaches are regularly taking place in the Conservation Area.

It was resolved that the Clerk brings the matter to the attention of the Conservation Officer and enquires whether monitoring is taking place.

Cllr Moore suggested there is a statement in the Annual Report.

Bump in Road

Cllr Carroll reported there was a bad bump in the road at the Rainhill Road / Warrington Road traffic lights.

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts Steven Walker at St Helens Council regarding the problem.

Parking - View Road

Cllr Grunewald reported indiscriminate parking was taking place by the Noodle Bar on View Road. He has already contacted the CSOs to monitor the situation.

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to the owners requesting they display a sign and make customers aware.

Playing Field Path

An anonymous complaint was received regarding the “dumping” of building materials. As the letter is anonymous it is not possible to quickly determine which of the Council’s open spaces this refers to or to reply to the complaint.

**050. REPORTS**

- Public Open Spaces: See items 042 and 047-049. No additional report.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: The next meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Lynch is attending.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: No report.

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- Merseyside Travel Advisory Panel: Cllr Doyle gave a brief report.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood gave a brief report.
- Rainhill Ward Committee: No report.
- St Helens District Sports Council: Cllr Lynch reported he had details of new grants available.
- Standards Committee: The Clerk will be distributing details sent by Cllr Heydon.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: The next meeting is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- Lych Gate Project: No report.

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

It was resolved that next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2011, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:50 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2011