

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**10<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

**181. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs B. Almond and B. Heydon.

**182. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**183. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2012**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

**184. POLICE REPORT**

Sergeant Stephanie Barcroft was welcomed on her first visit to a Council meeting. PC Moore would have also attended but had been detained on operational duties. Sgt Barcroft gave a brief summary of her police career and how she had arrived at Rainhill. She then gave a breakdown of year on year crime figures before taking questions from the Council.

**185. CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**186. CORRESPONDENCE**

Sutcliffe Play	Roundabout Offer
PC Moore, Merseyside Police	Next Council Meeting
K Langley	Pitch Hire
HAGS	Special Stock Clearance
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS2014 Consultation
J Hawkes	Let the Games Begin
Notts Sports	Cricket
G Cleary	1st August Agenda
Vinyline	Honours Board Update
C Tigwell	Exchange Place Land
G Cleary	CIL - A CLG Overview
G Cleary	New Homes Bonus Data
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
123-reg	Newsletter
St Helens Council	Decision: 800 Warrington Road - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Decision: 14 Fawley Road - Approved with conditions

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St Helens Council	Decision: Rainhill Railway Station - Approved with conditions
St Helens Council	Listed Building Consent Decision: Rainhill Railway Station - Approved with conditions
LALC	Risk Assessment, Employment & Community Engagement Workshops
SG Baker Ltd	Sandbag Stock Replenishment
Royal Mail	Update User Guide Chapters
NALC	Legal Topic Notes
Merseyside Police	Rainhill August Newsletter
cc C Tigwell to PC Moore	Parked Vehicles
Rainhill Civic Society	Exchange Place Land
M Fedyk, St Helens Council	Funding Support
Zurich Municipal	Customer Feedback Survey
Vyniline	Quotation
Forte Trinity	Internet Enquiries
IOG Saltex	IOG Saltex 2012
K Langley	Pitch Hire
S Clarke, Rainhill Gala	Donation thanks
Royal Mail	Machine-readable letter chapter
SPA Telecoms	Introduction
Cartridge Save	Upgraded Customer Account
D Whitley	Rainhill in Bloom Presentation
Zurich Municipal	Tennyson Insurance
A Nunnery, Balfour Beatty Rail	Rainhill Project
K Langley	Pitch Hire
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
M Fedyk, St Helens Council	Funding Support
Northern Housing Federation	Northern Voice
D Whitley	Rainhill in Bloom Presentation
HAGS	Play Matters September 12
M Fedyk, St Helens Council	Funding Support Meeting
Merseyside Pension Fund	01147 Rainhill Parish Council
NALC	Legal Topic Notes
NALC	E-bulletin
D Whitley	Rainhill in Bloom Presentation
NALC	Policy Consultation Briefings
IOG Saltex	Up Against The Clock
Historic Towns Forum	August Newsletter
NALC	Policy Consultation Response - Public Rights of Way
PSMA	News Bulletin - August 2012
NALC	NALC LCC Meeting
eMapSite	Discounts on maps for planning
NALC	Updated Legal Briefings
A Haymonds, CETB	CETB Application
CPRE	Countryside Voice Summer 2012
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
123-reg	Summer Offer

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Streetwise Maps	Order
NatWest	Technical Issues Update
M Fedyk, St Helens Council	Funding Support
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
123-reg	Exclusive 2 letter domains
IOG Saltex	Open Space Management Show Windsor
C Tigwell	New bench on Old Lane
NALC	Larger Councils' Conference and Exhibition
LALC	E-mail address
NALC	E-bulletin
Historic Towns Forum	Coming Events
St Helens Council	Review of Gambling Policy
Charity Commission	Charity Commission News Summer 2012
cc C Tigwell to B Grunewald	Slurry spraying in Rainhill
123-reg	How domains are made
A Haymonds, CETB	CETB Application
B Miller	Holt Playing Fields
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Localism Act 2011 - Standards
B Miller	Pitches Layout
NALC	Updated Legal Briefings
cc C Tigwell to A Smith	Slurry spraying in Rainhill
cc A Smith to C Tigwell	Slurry spraying in Rainhill
Ordnance Survey	PSMA Member Survey
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
M Dyce	Pitch Enquiry
A Haymonds, CETB	CETB Application Receipt
Zurich Municipal	Insurance Renewal documents
A Sanderson, St Helens Council	Localism Act 2011 - Standards
K Williams	4F Meter Readings
CPRE Lancashire	Records update
K Langley	Pitch Hire
M Walker	Web Site minutes
A Nunnery, Balfour Beatty Rail	Rainhill Project
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
IOG Saltex	Plan your IOG Saltex Visit
D Boston	New email address
SLCC	40th Anniversary Membership Offer
NALC	E-bulletin
LALC	Audited Accounts, Leyland Conference Programme
M Dee	Pitch Hire
Clerks and Councils Direct	September 2012 Issue
G Abernethy, Northern Rail	Disabled Access Gate Plaque
Merseyside Pension Fund	Auto Enrolment - Events for Employers
Royal Mail	Clearer Guidance
CPRE Lancashire	Government must not betray our trust on Green Belt

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NALC	Policy Briefing - Cabinet Reshuffle
G Cairns	Parking restrictions enforcement - St Bartholomew's School
LALC	New Declaration of Acceptance of Office
NALC	Consultation Responses
	Estimates
J Griffiths, St Helens Council	Parish Clerk's Meeting
S Clarke, Rainhill Gala	Thanks from Rainhill Gala
CPRE Lancashire	Media Release (Green Belt)
G Cleary	Localising Support for Council Tax, Audit Consultation Briefing
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News
Merseyside Police	Rainhill September Newsletter
Dialogue Matters Ltd	Stakeholder Participation Training
Merseyside Police	Annual Report
Audit Commission	Rainhill Parish Council - Appointment of External Auditor
C Watkin	Parish Clerk Vacancy
Local Council Review	Autumn 2012 Issue
St Helens Council	Decision: Manor Croft, Mill Lane - Approved with conditions
G Abernethy, Northern Rail	Disabled Access Gate Plaque
E Attewell	Website link

**187. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

An objection was submitted for the following application before the meeting:

P/2012/0584, 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 and air compressors.

Comments were submitted for the following application before the meeting requesting the Case Officer ensures sufficient off-street parking remains:

P/2012/0619, 6 Coylton Avenue, Single storey front extension along with conversion of garage to a habitable room.

Comments were submitted for the following application before the meeting advising the advice of the Tree Officer will be accepted:

P/2012/0622, 37 St James Road, Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order.

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

P/2012/0577, 11 Knowsley Road, Proposed new roof over existing conservatory.

P/2012/0649, 637 Warrington Road Cranford Care Home, Single storey extensions to the front and rear along with a two storey rear extension.

P/2012/0661, 43 Sherman Drive, Single storey rear extension.

P/2012/0667, 7 Whitmore Close, First floor side extension over existing garage.

P/2012/0668, 82 Ashton Avenue, Single storey rear extension.

**188. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

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<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
Corona Energy Retail 2 Ltd - Gas 4F Centre	54.69	3173
Vynline - Honours Board Lettering 2011 and 2012	84.00	3174
E.ON - Electricity 4F Centre	170.36	3175
Zurich Municipal - Insurance Premium	1,569.86	3176
M Paton – Photocopying, Stationery, Block & Location Plans, Salary - Jul & Aug (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	2087.25	3177
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS Jul & Aug	650.90	3178
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance Aug	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Aug	41.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Aug	71.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Aug	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Aug	52.63	STO
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance Sep	165.38	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Sep	41.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Sep	66.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Sep	32.77	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Sep	52.63	STO

**189. CLERK’S APPRAISAL**

It was resolved that, following the Clerk’s appraisal and subsequent discussion by Council members, the Clerk will progress one point on the salary scale, in accordance with the written terms and conditions of employment, following his performance meeting the required standard during the preceding 12 months.

**190. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT**

It was resolved that the draft Code of Conduct drawn up by St Helens Council, which takes account of the version suggested by the National Association of Local Councils, be approved and adopted.

**191. EXCHANGE PLACE**

Cllr DeAsha briefly updated the Council on design changes being made and advised that the next meeting with interested parties will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

**192. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Mill Lane Bench

Mr C Tigwell had asked why a second bench was being placed opposite the end of Christopher Close by St Helens Council contractors when the ‘missing’ bench opposite the end of Marian Close had not been replaced.

He has been advised that, unfortunately, the Parish Council had not been consulted by St Helens Council regarding the placement of the new bench.

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Slurry Spraying

Mr C Tigwell had sent an email to Cllr Grunewald regarding slurry spraying activities on the fields to the south of Mill Lane/Old Lane. He was primarily concerned with the content of the material being sprayed and that there was no health risk associated with it. The email was copied to the Parish Council and Cllr DeAsha.

Mr T Smith, Chief Environmental Health Officer at St Helens Council, replied to Mr Tigwell advising that two fields, one opposite Stoney View and one off Hall Lane had been subjected to the spreading of treated bio-solid sludge cake and that the operator had strayed from following best practice and following spreading failed to plough the material into the receiving field immediately. “The disturbance and then standing of the core solids subsequently gave rise to offensive odours which remained around the area for extended periods partly due to the prevailing weather conditions”. Mr Smith advised that the issue had been brought to the attention of the contractor and he later added that he will seek to clarify the processing details of the bio-solids spread on the fields of concern with United Utilities.

St Anns Churchyard

Mrs Balmer complained about the overgrown state of some of the churchyard and her family grave. She had been incorrectly advised that the churchyard was the responsibility of the Parish Council.

She was advised that Rainhill Parish Council has no legal responsibility for the churchyard but does currently meet the cost of a contractor who helps with basic grass-cutting and strimming. The Clerk offered to contact the contractor direct to make him aware of the complaint.

Cartmel Drive Repairs

Cllr Grunewald advised that St Helens Council had agreed that repairs in this area were a priority and would be considered again when the budget allowed.

Oak Tyres Site

Cllr Almond had received questions about the site and the condition it was in.

He was advised that the plans previously made for the site had been shelved and the future of the site was currently unknown.

Junction of Rainhill Road and Warrington Road

Cllr Wood asked why the approach from Rainhill Road immediately before the traffic lights had been reduced to one lane.

Cllr S Glover offered to investigate the reasons behind the change.

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Recognition

Cllr Doyle reported she had received a query regarding how to acknowledge the good work done by individuals.

She was reminded that both individuals and organisations may put forward nominations for the Rainhill Parish Council Good Citizenship Award. Cllr Doyle was advised that anyone interested in making a nomination should contact the Clerk direct to obtain a nomination form.

Land at Rainhill Station

Cllr DeAsha had been made aware of land adjacent to the station being used for parking and would be investigating the situation further.

Possible Conservation Area Planning Breach

Cllr Wood advised he had written to the St Helens Council Conservation Officer regarding notices erected by JHM Valets, a car valeting firm.

Old Co-op Building

Cllr Moore enquired whether there was any more progress to report regarding the future of the building.

Cllr Grunewald reminded Cllr Moore of his previous updates but added there had not been any further significant movement.

Parking Restrictions Enforcement – St Bartholomew’s School

Mr G Cairns asked why the parking restrictions outside St Bartholomew’s on School Lane are not enforced.

He was advised that Merseyside Police monitor school locations regularly but one school at a time is dealt with due to staffing levels. They deal with any offences that need to be dealt with under Police Powers. St Helens Council’s enforcement officers have specific responsibility for invalid parking on yellow lines.

**193. REPORTS**

- Public Open Spaces: No report.
- Churchyard Committee: No report.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Moore advised the next meeting is tomorrow, 11<sup>th</sup> September.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood gave a brief report on the Society’s activities.

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- Merseytravel Customer Focus: Cllr Doyle advised the next meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood advised the AGM will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2012.
- St Helens District Sports Council: Cllr Lynch advised no meetings had taken place.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: Cllr Grunewald reported that the Gala Presentation Evening will take place this Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, and that there is an open invitation for members of the Council to attend. The Gala Committee will be presenting the Council with a small token of gratitude for the Council's help for and support of the Gala.
- Lych Gate Project: No report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L Glover gave a brief report including the continuation of its improving financial state.

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

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
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