

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**16<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, B. Heydon and W.M. Wood.  
Also present: Sgt S. Barcroft and 1 resident.

Cllr Heydon, as Vice-Chair, chaired the meeting in the absence of Cllr Moore.

**311. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: J. DeAsha, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, P. Lynch and C. Moore.

**312. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest / requests for dispensation.

**313. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2013**

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

**314. POLICE REPORT**

Sgt Barcroft went through the latest crime figures and answered questions from Councillors.

**315. CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**316. CORRESPONDENCE**

J Jones, St Helens Council	ECO Group - planning/design/construction team
Ordnance Survey - PSMA	July newsletter 2013
S MacKell	ECO Group - report on Saturday event
S Usher, Knowsley Council	Local Plan Core Strategy submission
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
NALC	Employment Briefing - Salary Scales 2013/14
Bullen Conservation	Select List of Specialist Contractors
C Reddecliff, Riverside	Corner plot junction of Rainhill Road and Warrington Road
HMRC	Receipt of Online Submission
Charity Commission	Annual Return 2013: Children's Playground
Infoserve	Business Listing
F Crawford, St Helens Sports Council	Annual Awards
Plantscape	Solar Powered Christmas Trees
J Jones, St Helens Council	ECO Group - marketing and promotion

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Capita	Training Courses
PSMA	Public Sector Mapping Agreement Census
St Helens Council	Local Plan Consultation - Call for Sites
NALC	Chairman's Briefing
CPRE	Countryside Voice Summer 2013
Charity Commission	Annual Return 2013 - confirmation of receipt
J Campbell, Oakdene Primary School	Christmas Lights switch-on
NALC	Direct Information Service
Itilluminations	Christmas Displays
L Myers	Parish Council Update
Charity Commission	CC News 43
C Tigwell	Skew Bridge
F Crawford, St Helens Sports Council	DSC Website
J Jones, St Helens Council	ECO Group - marketing and promotion
K Cleary	Strategy Draft Consult - Final
123-reg	Newsletter
Salford University	Leadership
Saltex	Exhibition September 2013
MALC	Agenda
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Merseyside Police	Rainhill Newsletter
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 1 August 2013
P Reid, St Helens Council	Rainhill Gala 2013
Russell Play	Creativity
NALC	E-bulletin
123-reg	Cloud Servers webinar
B Miller, Rainhill Rocket	Pitch Allocations Season 2013-2014
S Anders, St Helens Council	Statement of licensing policy consultation
K Cook, Fields in Trust	August Update
J Jones, St Helens Council	Agenda 7th August 7pm
Highways Agency	Route Based Strategies Workshop
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Monkey Office	Office Supplies
J Jones, St Helens Council	Chair/secretary agenda notes
LALC	Regional Flood & Coastal Committee Annual Report
T Deveney, St Helens Council	Britain in Bloom
Code DTP	Translation Services
C Bolton, St Helens Council	Holt Lane and Rainhill Park Changing Rooms
K Cleary	NALC Strategy
K Cleary	CB-KC-Brandon Lewis 120813
NALC	NALC Larger Councils Conference
A Robinson, Raphael	Briars Hey Leaflet - public consultation event

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Healthcare	
G Pinder, St Helens Council	Planning Presentation Documents
LALC	Vacancy for Town Clerk - Maghull Town Council
Plantscape	Signs and Information Boards
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco Group - prize giving event pictures
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 8 August 2013
NALC	Connecting Power to Local People
NALC	Legal Topic Notes
Zurich Insurance	Online Valuation Tool
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
J Anderton, Eccleston Parish Council	Terms of Employment
Sovereign	Stock Clearance - Play Equipment
Capita	Report Writing
M Roberts, St Helens Council	Loyola Hall TPO 176
Sutcliffe Play	Playback Issue 3
Ordnance Survey - PSMA	PSMA Licensing Update
D Boocock, St Helens Council	cc Rainhill Town - Pitch Improvements
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 16 August 2013
Vyniline	Vyniline Bank Details
NALC	E-bulletin
K Syder	St Ann's Churchyard
Itilluminations	Christmas 2013
NALC	Larger Councils Committee web page
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
J Fairclough	Citizens Award of the Year
Russell Play	Green Flag award
Rev N Anderson (via Mr C Oldfield)	St Ann's Churchyard
Mr C Oldfield	St Ann's Churchyard
PSMA	Draft Public Sector Licence Terms Consultation
Zurich Insurance	Annual LCAS Seminars
A Wilkinson, Ecclesiastical.com	Letter to C Oldfield (several emails)
Ordnance Survey - PSMA	PSMA August Newsletter 2013
NALC	Policy Consultation Briefing
Kompan Playgrounds	PlayFair 2013
Dialogue Matters	Good Practice Stakeholder Participation
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 22 August 2013
NALC	Larger Councils Conference
Norfolk China	Commemorative Mugs Royal Baby
NALC	Larger Councils Insurance Needs Survey
Merseyside Police	Rainhill Newsletter
T Deveney, St Helens	Rainhill Dates

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Council	
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Capita	Communication Skills in the Workplace
T Deveney, St Helens Council	Rainhill Changing Rooms
E Henshaw	Brunswicks Healthcare Review
123-reg	Improving workspace
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News: 29 August 2013
C Tigwell	St Helens Reporter article - Skew Bridge Repairs
NALC	New Policy Consultation Response
M Gelder, LALC	Employment Briefing - Salary Scales 2013/14
NALC	E-bulletin
Knowsley Council	Core Strategy Examination - Pre Hearing Meeting
J Fairclough	Office Telephone Now Deleted
HMRC	Receipt of Online Submission
A Whitehall	ECO Group Agenda 4th September
Freestyle Skateparks	Introduction
LALC	Employment Workshop
Webmaster@parliament.uk	Select Committee Report
Sgt Barcroft, Merseyside Police	Parish Council Meeting
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
Queensbury Shelters	Bus Shelters
Arien Designs Ltd	Signs Brochure
Brunswicks	Healthcare Review
Capita	Interpersonal Skills
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 5 September 2013
Highways Agency	Route Based Strategies Workshop
123-reg	Advance Notification of renewal
PSMA	PSMA User Representative Group meeting
NALC	Direct Information Service
T Deveney, St Helens Council	Rainhill changing rooms Holt Lane and Rainhill Park
HMRC	Operating PAYE in real time - survey
J Jones, St Helens Council	Eco update - funding apps
K Cook, Fields in Trust	September Update
Co-op Bank	FRD & 95 Day Deposit Rates
T Deveney, St Helens Council	Britain in Bloom - Woolton Village
NALC	New Parish Councils
G Stevens, St Helens Council	Rainhill Park Changing Rooms
LALC	Real Time PAYE Reporting
M Spencer, Stone Central	Rainhill War Memorial
T Deveney, St Helens Council	Britain in Bloom - Woolton Village
Caloo	Outdoor Gyms for Sefton Council

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K Cleary	New Parish Councils
Navigus	Journal of Local Planning
Capita	50% discount on selected courses
Planning Portal	Planning Portal News 12 September 2013
N Thompson, Rainhill Town	Rainhill Town Development Project
L Clarke, St Helens Council	4F Centre
T Deveney, St Helens Council	Britain in Bloom - Woolton Village
A Whitehall	cc Grant Application
NALC	LCR Opinion Question

**317. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Objections were submitted for the following applications prior to the meeting:  
P/2013/0563, Rainhill High School Warrington Road, Application for the variation of conditions attached to planning consent P/2012/0853 : Installation of MUGA with floodlighting. Condition 3 : Parking & Servicing arrangements for MUGA patrons. Condition 4: Pedestrian access to the MUGA.. Condition 13 :Hours of operation to allow non school use of MUGA during school holidays between 0900-1700. Condition 18: Amendment to code of conduct to allow community use of MUGA and changing facilities within school building during school holidays  
P/2013/0604, Land adjacent to 16 Dorgan Close, Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 1 bungalow.

Comments were submitted for the following applications, prior to the meeting, indicating the recommendations of the Tree Officer will be accepted:  
P/2013/0609, 645 Warrington Road, Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order for felling of 3 sycamores.  
P/2013/0636, 25 Sandstone Close, Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order for felling of 1 Acer, and 20% crown thin 1 Acer.

It was resolved that an objection be submitted for the following application:  
P/2013/0690, 4 Longton Lane, Externally illuminated fascia signage on front and side elevation

It was resolved that comments be submitted indicating the recommendations of the Tree Officer will be accepted:  
P/2013/0669, 15 View Road, Works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order for crown thinning and branch removal to 2 trees.  
P/2013/0687, 5 Heyes Mount, Works to 3 beech trees in a conservation area.

It was resolved that the following applications be left to neighbourhood consultation and that no additional comments will be submitted:  
P/2013/0552, Land to side & rear of 29-35 Ellaby Road, Erection of 3 terraced houses with associated works.

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P/2013/0574, Rocklands Day Nursery, View Road, Change of use of ground floor from nursery (D1) to office (B1), along with various minor alterations and extensions to the existing building, and associated improvements to car parking provision.

P/2013/0643, 4 Longton Lane, Change of use from launderette (A1) to a beauty salon (sui generis) including alterations to shopfront.

P/2013/0587, Briars Hey Mill Lane, Listed building consent application for demolition of modern extensions to Briars Hey, including part first floor and ancillary curtilage buildings, provision of new pitched roof over ground floor extension and alterations to fenestration, ancillary structures and existing freestanding building to the south of Briars Hey, internal alterations to retained single storey extension in main building

P/2013/0588, Briars Hey Mill Lane, Application for full planning permission for demolition of existing modern extensions to Briars Hey, including part first floor and ancillary curtilage buildings, provision of new pitched roof over retained ground floor extension and alterations to fenestration. Construction of 1x 6 bed residential health care unit (Class C2) demolition of existing Class 2a building and surrounding fencing, replacement of 12 bed unit (class C2) associated car parking, access and landscaping

P/2013/0639, 13 Kendal Drive, Replacement roof to conservatory at rear and side of property.

P/2013/0655, 371-373 Warrington Road, Change of use from car showroom (sui generis) to a beauty salon (sui generis) along with alterations to shop front.

P/2013/0667, Blundells Hill Golf Club, Blundells Lane, Retention of steel framed outbuilding for storage of machinery.

**318. 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, Ink, Reference Book, Salary - Aug (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,160.71	TFR21
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS (Aug)	358.44	TFR22
St Helens Council - Exchange Place - Removal of branches	60.00	TFR23
Vinyline - Honours Board Update	42.00	TFR24
Zurich Municipal - Insurance Renewal	1,605.49	TFR25
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance August	176.30	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Aug	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Aug	290.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Aug	3.34	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Aug	54.79	STO
Rainhill Gala - Donation	500.00	0008
M Paton - Postage (12*1st, 12*2nd), Salary - Sep (less Tax, NI & Pens Ded)	1,021.07	TFR26
Merseyside Pension Fund - LGPS (Sep)	321.83	TFR27
HMRC - Tax & NI (Jul-Sep)	1,200.48	TFR28
M Wright - Churchyard Maintenance September	176.30	STO
Scottish Power - Martin Close (Holt) Sep	40.00	STO
Scottish Power - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Sep	290.00	STO
United Utilities - Holt Playing Fields Sep	5.26	STO
United Utilities - Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) Sep	54.79	STO

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It was resolved that the Standing Order for United Utilities water and wastewater services at Holt Playing Fields is amended to £5.26 in September and then £4.26 per month from October.

**319. ALLOCATIONS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LOCAL PLAN**

The Clerk and Cllr Heydon reported back on a consultation meeting which had taken place and the main issues raised including the proposed use of Green Belt land.

**320. INSURANCE COVER**

It was resolved that Libel and Slander cover will be included in the Council's policy with immediate effect.

**321. NJC PAYSCALES & ALLOWANCES**

It was resolved that the NJC agreement to increase salary scales by 1% will be implemented and the Clerk's salary will be increased accordingly.

**322. ST ANN'S CHURCHYARD**

It was resolved that the Clerk thanks Mr Oldfield's for his letter and answers the issues raised.

**323. RAINHILL TOWN PITCH IMPROVEMENTS**

Cllr Heydon updated the Council on a meeting which had taken place on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013. It was resolved that no further action is currently required by the Council.

**324. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

St Ann's Churchyard

Mrs K Syder complained about the "lack of care" in the churchyard and said the cutting back of overgrown areas was "patchy".

The Clerk responded to Mrs Syder clarifying the situation regarding the churchyard and explaining exactly what the Parish Council does in voluntarily assisting the owners of the churchyard, St Ann's Church.

Skew Bridge Garden

Mrs B Nixon complained to Cllr Moore about the condition of the garden area on the corner of Rainhill Road and Warrington Road.

Cllr Moore advised Mrs Nixon that the Clerk has requested Riverside, the owners of the site, gives the garden attention.

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Linkway Road Safety

Cllr Donovan raised the issue of road safety on the Linkway on behalf of Cllr DeAsha.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to St Helens Council regarding the lack of any crossing or bridge when crossing the Linkway to and from Rainhill and requesting improvements to increase safety and to avoid any further fatalities.

Sgt Barcroft advised she is also talking to St Helens Council on this subject.

Recognition of 1914 in 2014

Cllr Donovan, on behalf of Cllr DeAsha, suggested the planting of poppies alongside the length of Warrington Road as a possible way of the Council being involved in this significant remembrance.

It was resolved that an Agenda Item be included for the next meeting.

Planters on Warrington Road

Cllr Donovan advised both he and Cllr S Glover had received complaints about the planters installed on Warrington Road.

It was resolved that the Clerk writes to St Helens Council indicating that both the condition of the planters and the quality of the planting was totally unacceptable and that this work should be started again in the Spring of 2014 to a satisfactory standard.

**325. REPORTS**

- Public Open Spaces: No report - see items 323 and 324.
- Churchyard Committee: No report - see items 322 and 324.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Doyle gave brief feedback on the last meeting including the fact that the Committee was trying to arrange additional funding.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood was unable to attend the last meeting.
- Merseytravel Customer Forum: Cllr Doyle advised the next meeting is on 16<sup>th</sup> October.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood gave a brief report.
- St Helens District Sports Council: No report.
- Rainhill Gala Committee: No report.
- 4F Centre: No report.



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- Exchange Place Project: Cllr Donovan, on behalf of Cllr DeAsha, requested an Agenda Item for the next meeting to discuss possible Parish Council funding of prizes and reported that Rainhill ECO had been successful in obtaining a grant from Merseyside WDA.

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

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013, starting at 7:00pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:08 pm.

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Chair of the Parish Council  
21<sup>st</sup> October 2013