

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
16th DECEMBER 2019

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 16th December 2019 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: G. Barker, I. Brown, A. Daniels, A. Howitt, A. Lerner, S. Roscoe, M. Rothwell, K. Stevenson-Black, J. Tasker, G Ward, and Youth Ambassadors I. Scotson and E. Jackson.

2 members of the public were present.

19.126 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: D. Greaves, D. Hendrick, G. Roberts and W. Williams.

19.127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest as members of Rainhill Civic Society: Cllrs Barker, Brown, Howitt, Rothwell, Stevenson-Black, and Tasker.

19.128 TO WELCOME THE YOUTH AMBASSADORS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chair welcomed Youth Ambassadors Imogen Scotson and Erin Jackson to their first Parish Council meeting. Cllr Roscoe explained how important their role would be in sharing the views of young adults on the Parish Councils projects.

19.129 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14th OCTOBER AND FINANCE MEETING HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th October 2019 and Finance Meeting held on 18th November, should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record

19.130 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted.

19.131 CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted.

19.132 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved to note the following actions taken in relation to planning applications:

The following applications were left to neighbourhood consultation and no additional comments submitted:

- P/2019/0799 - Our application at Holt Lane for additional storage GWB
- P/2019/0812 - Redevelopment of the site to provide 10 houses via a private road - Renewal of planning permission P/2016/0193/OUP, Clough Mill, Blundells Lane C
- P/2019/0814 - Single storey front extension along with widening of existing driveway, 7 Croston Avenue
- P/2019/0839 - Single storey side and rear extension, 41 Mooreway
- P/2019/0843 - Part two storey and part single storey rear extension, 8 Railton Close
- P/2019/0848 - Single story side and rear (infill) extension, 15 Railton Avenue
- P/2019/0860 - Replacement shopfront and retention of the existing roller shutter, 576 Warrington Road

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An objection had been submitted to the following applications:

P/2019/0765 - Demolition of existing utility and erection of single storey rear extension and rear dormer, 17 Knowsley Road.

P/2019/0768 - Replacement shop front, 576 Warrington Road

P/2019/0783 - Erection of a stable block, outdoor manege, creation of an access and track along with the erection of a 2.0m fence on the north boundary of the field, land to the West of 74 School Lane

Comments were submitted on the following application:

P/2019/0819 - Victoria Hotel, 507 Warrington Road, Formation of new entrance porch, alterations to existing shop front, along with alterations to door/window openings, installation of awning (to front elevation), and play equipment, along with landscape works.

19.133 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month	15.00	
	Clerk's Salary - Dec	1190.06	
	Photocopying - Oct	25.00	
	Photocopying - Nov	7.50	
	Keys for AFP Pin locks	50.00	
	Printer Ink	17.39	
	Planning Application Fee - Holt Lane	117.00	
	Pin Badges	38.10	
	Job Advert St.H Star	435.60	
	Revaluation of Chair's Chain	45.00	
		1940.65	TFR405
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - Dec	332.08	TFR406
HMRC	Tax & NI (Sep -Dec)	710.44	TFR407
St.Helens Council	Barrier Baskets	4811.04	TFR408
CC Elec	Emergency Lighting & PAT Testing	144.00	TFR409
St.Helens Council	TRO Remembrance Sunday	630.99	TFR410
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	112.58	DD
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	STO
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	30.00	STO
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	8.00	STO
S.137 Payment			
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath & Donation	50.00	089

19.134 TO CONSIDER DONATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Resolved that a donation of £100 will made be to St.Bartholomew's School and a donation to Rainhill Rotary of £100 in lieu of payment to Mr Lewis.

19.135 TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL AUDIT SYSTEMS AND CONTROLS AND APPOINT AN AUDITOR

Resolved that the Council has considered the 'review of effectiveness' and has not identified any concerns arising from this. The Effectiveness of Internal Audit and Controls, and Testing

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of Key Internal Controls documents are approved. The Council appointed Carole Bolton to undertake internal audit for 2019/20.

19.136 TO CONSIDER CONSULTATION ON THE MPF ACTUARIAL VALUATION RESULTS

Resolved that no response would be made to the MPF consultation on actuarial valuation estimates.

19.137 TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF FENCING AT OLD LANE PLAY AREA

Resolved that the quote for uniform mesh fencing from AA Fencing be accepted. Negotiations regarding future maintenance to continue. Future consideration will be given to the addition of a plaque.

19.138 TO CONSIDER THE OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON THE PROVISION OF ALLOTMENTS

Resolved that consultation had been a success and the Open Spaces Group would meet to discuss further detail in taking the project forward.

19.139 TO CONSIDER ACTIONS IN RELATION TO VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Resolved that the Parish Council would finance the road closure and band fees, and that the bunting and flags detailed in the Clerk's report be ordered. 200 A5 flyers publicising the forthcoming public meeting to be ordered.

19.140 TO CONSIDER REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL CONSERVATION AREA

Resolved that the Parish Council support the proposal for an additional Conservation Area along the eastern end of Warrington Road and would assist in its advancement when a Conservation Officer was appointed.

19.141 TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF A PARISH COUNCIL POP-UP STAND

Resolved that a Parish Council pop-up banner would be purchased and Rainhill High would be asked to contribute to the design. The Clerk was instructed to investigate further publicity items such as hi-vis jackets, t-shirts, etc.

19.142 TO CONSIDER ACTIONS IN RELATION TO TREE PLANTING PROJECT

Resolved that Mersey Forest be invited to speak to the Parish Council at the March meeting.

19.143 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that:

The number of barrier baskets to be planted up would remain at 13 and St.Helens Council be asked to remove any empty baskets. The configuration of baskets on the western side of Mill Lane junction be rearranged to remove the one closest to the junction.

The Clerk write to United Utilities and ask them to tidy up the area around Pack Horse Bridge. The Clerk to request further details of the parking issues reported to assess if there is a known cause that could be rectified.

19.144 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

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- **Public Open Spaces:** Most issues already covered on agenda. A request for additional support for the CCTV monitoring function was made to Ward Councillors. The monitoring suite manager would be invited to address Parish Council at the January meeting. A further push was needed to promote fibre broadband in order to raise a further £50k of grant funding.
- **Village Hall Management Committee:** The hall was currently breaking even, any spare resources were being put towards emergency lighting upgrade. Ground maintenance had been undertaken by volunteers. Decorating was still needed and no volunteers had come forward. A review of charges had been suggested but not taken up. Crowd funding for improvements had also been suggested.
- **Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society:** The AGM was well attended and the group reported a successful year given the Rocket 190 celebrations. Interim events to the Rocket 200 had been discussed. Slow progress continued to be made on securing action by Network Rail on improvements to the signal box. Concern had been expressed over the future of the library site, however there were no firm plans.
- **Merseyside Association of Local Councils:** no meetings had taken place.
- **Rainhill Gala:** Plans for the 2020 Gala progressed. A vintage transport display was also planned around Dane Court and the Village Hall.
- **4F Centre:** The financial position was stable, with new groups joining. Fund raising events were being planned. CCTV had proven a success both for security and for monitoring group activities. Consultation with user groups on a rent increase was being undertaken.

19.145 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 20th January 2020, starting at 7:30pm.

Cllr Stevenson-Black left during discussion on the next item.

19.146 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items for the reason stated

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
19.148 & 19.149	Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

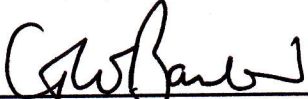
19.147 TO RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS PANEL

Resolved that the recommendations of the Good Citizenship Award Working Group be approved and that the Clerk notify the successful nominees. The Awards Evening was set for Friday 14th February 2019. A new Rainhill Parish Council Special Award would also be made.

19.148 TO CONSIDER THE OUTCOME OF THE CLERK'S APPRAISAL

Resolved that, following the Clerk's appraisal and subsequent discussion by Council members, the Clerk will be awarded two salary point increments back dated to April 2019, in remuneration for extra work undertaken on Rocket 190 project. Therefore the Clerk will progress to salary scale point 30, in accordance with the written terms and conditions of employment.

The meeting closed at 9.47 pm.


Chair of the Parish Council,
20th January 2020