At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 23rd January 2017 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, J. DeAsha, S. Glover, D. Long, P. Long, C. Moore and W.M. Wood.

There were 48 members of the public present.

862. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs L. Glover, J. Fulham, B. Heydon, and B. Grunewald.

863. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared by Cllrs J. DeAsha, S. Glover and D. Long – Members of Borough Planning Committee.

864. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 2016

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th December 2016 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The meeting was adjourned.

A presentation was made by a member of the public in relation to the St.Helens Local Plan Preferred Options Report. Concern was expressed regarding the impact the proposals would have on residents of Rainhill in terms of: traffic safety and congestion; local schools and nurseries; GP practices; dental practices; hospitals; emergency services; effect of increase pollution on health; social amenities; loss of CO2 absorption materials; and water infrastructure. Support for the campaign to preserve Green Belt areas in and around Rainhill was requested.

The meeting was reconvened.

865. TO CONSIDER THE ST.HELENS LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS REPORT

Resolved that a representation be forwarded to St.Helens Council in relation to the St.Helens Local Plan Preferred Options Report indicating that:

Rainhill Parish Council deplores this Government's changed policy that requires all local councils to assign even more land for development into a 15 year local plan.

The Parish Council shares residents' concerns over the

- Traffic congestion
- Lack of infrastructure e.g. schools
- Loss of amenity

That Halsnead Village will add pressure once it starts to be developed and we are on record of expressing our concerns on several occasions and asking St Helens to prepare for the consequences of Knowsley Borough's action.

866. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE WILDFLOWER AREAS

Following discussion with Mr G Stevens of St.Helens Council, it was resolved that quotes for alternative planting options be provided for discussion at a future meeting.

867. TO RECEIVE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Cllr Wood reported that a new advisory group had been set up by the Police to advise on Police activities.

868. CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and expenditure needed to facilitate the Good Citizenship Award evening be authorised.

869. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that the following actions be noted in relation to planning applications:

That the following applications be left to neighbourhood consultation and that no additional comments be submitted:

P/2016/0882 - 4 Elmswood Avenue, demolition of existing detached garage and erection of a two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension

P/2016/0898 - 10 Burton Avenue, single storey rear extension projecting 4.01m from the rear, 3.65m high overall and 2.45m to the eaves.

P/2016/0918 - The Manor Farm, Mill Lane, proposed retractable roof pavilion over existing outdoor courtyard area.

P/2016/0919 - The Manor Farm, Mill Lane, Listed building consent for a proposed retractable roof pavilion over existing outdoor courtyard area.

P/2016/0932 - 11 St James Mount, Demolition of existing attached garage and erection of new attached garage along with a single storey front extension.

P/2016/0820 - 346 Warrington Road, single storey side extension

P/2016/0853 - 28 Ellon Avenue, demolition of existing attached garage and erection of a two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

P/2017/0012 21 Lawton Road, Two storey side extension

That a letter expressing concern at the loss of TPO'd trees, but endorsing the Tree and Woodlands Officer's comments was submitted on:

P/2016/0879, erection of a detached dwelling at 9 Owen Road, Rainhill.

870. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - Jan (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1161.61	
	Photocopying - Dec	18.20	
	Printer Inks	7.19	
		1202.00	TFR209
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Jan	455.71	TFR210
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Jan	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Jan	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Jan	75.43	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Jan	6.33	STO

Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Jan	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park – Jan	52.00	STO
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges – Oct-Dec	18.00	DD
St Helens Council	Footpath at Two Butt Lane	4452.00	TFR211
St Helens Council	Repair to gate at Exchange Place	91.96	TFR212
St Helens Council	TRO Remembrance day road closure	474.00	TFR213
St Helens Council	Maintenance contract for Eco Garden	456.66	TFR214
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - Feb (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1068.93	
		1083.93	TFR215
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Feb	410.50	TFR216
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Feb	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Feb	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Feb	75.46	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Feb	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Feb	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park – Feb	52.00	STO
S.137 Payments			
St.Ann's School	Donation – Christmas Lights Event	100.00	069
Willowbrook Hospice	Donation – Christmas Lights Event	100.00	070

871. TO APPROVE THE RISK ASSESSMENT

Resolved that the Council has reviewed the report on risk assessment and is satisfied it is taking appropriate steps to manage the risks it faces. The Clerk was instructed to purchase a fire resistant container to protect the Council's documents.

872. TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO THE CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

Resolved that paragraph 5.2 of the Clerk's Contract of Employment be amended to read: ". . Any annual increments awarded will be payable each year on the anniversary of the date of commencement." and the Chair be authorised to sign the amended version of the contract.

873. TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

The Council reviewed the current budgetary position and bank reconciliation, and resolved to approve the report.

874. TO CONSIDER POLICE USE OF 4F CENTRE

Resolved that the drop in facility at the 4F Centre had proven ineffective and should be ceased. Clerk instructed to write to Police requesting that use of 4F Centre cease and a replacement facility be considered.

875. TO CONSIDER THE LOGO FOR RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Resolved that a competition be organised to design a new logo for the Parish Council and authority be delegated to the Executive Committee to draw up a brief.

876. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT TIMETABLE

Resolved that the schedule set out be agreed. A meeting of the Editorial Group would be arranged.

877. TO APPROVE THE FUTURE MEETING DATES

It was resolved that the following meeting dates for 2017/18 (all Monday 7:30pm unless stated otherwise) are approved: Annual Parish Meeting Wed 26th April 2017 (already approved) AGM 15th May 2017 (already approved) 19th June 2017 24th July 2017 4th September 2017 16th October 2017 Finance 13th November 2017 (not published in Annual Report) 11th December 2017 22nd January 2018 5th March 2018

The following dates will not be published in the 2017 Annual Report: 2018 Annual Parish Meeting Wed 25th April 2018 2018 Annual Parish Council Meeting 14th May 2018

878. TO CONSIDER THE FORMAT OF THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD SCHEME

Resolved that the Council will keep the Scheme under review.

879. TO CONSIDER THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN RAINHILL VILLAGE

Resolved that local businesses will be invited for discussion around June time. Cllr DeAsha to pursue further details of provision with St.Helens Council.

880. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS' COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that:

<u>Broadband Speed in Rainhill</u> - The Clerk was instructed to write to BT indicating concern and requesting details of the roll out of super-fast broad band. Complainant to be updated on action taken.

<u>G R Motor Vehicles being used as advertisements</u> – Clerk to request further action against unauthorised advertisements, both in this location, and elsewhere.

<u>Lack of bins provided for dog waste</u> – Issues arise in the positioning of such bins, which are better located on grassed areas than outside residential property. Opinions would be canvassed on the need for additional bins, but no further action was proposed at present.

Cllr Doyle reported that the bollards on Warrington Road were suffering from damage. This had been noted by Cllr DeAsha and reported to St.Helens Council. Cllr Wood reiterated this issue, and it was resolved that the Clerk follow up the complaint with St.Helens Council. Cllr Doyle reported that the barrier basket at the Skew Bridge had been damaged, Clerk to investigate. Further, a complaint had been received regarding the future of land to the rear of Deepdale Drive, it was resolved to bring this issue back to a future meeting for discussion about potential allotments.

Cllr Moore reported a complaint regarding detritus blocking the road gullies on Warrington Road and close to the junction of St.James Road, Clerk to report to St.Helens Council for unblocking.

Cllr DeAsha reminded everyone that St.Ann's Church were organising a clean-up on Saturday 28th January.

881. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: All issues had been covered in the agenda.
- <u>Village Hall Management Committee</u>: meeting on 10th January. There had been no progress on the issue of pensions, or on finding a new Treasurer. There were known to be issues with the boiler but this had not been resolved. The foyer had now been repainted by volunteers and Kendricks Cross WI had donated £200 for new tiles in the kitchen. The Mayor and Mayoress had been in attendance. Cllr Moore expressed his thanks to the Luncheon Club for their recent invite.
- <u>Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society</u>: The speaker programme was now mid-season with the most recent talk being Women in the Mines. The next talk was scheduled for 13th February on Steam in the North. The summer outing would be to the Severn Valley Railway.
- <u>Merseyside Association of Local Councils</u>: Cllr Wood reiterated the constitution of MALC and its affiliation to LALC. The AGM had been held on 7th December and the next meeting was 1st March. The expenses for the Spring Conference this year would be met from existing funds.
- <u>Gala Committee</u>: An invitation to submit an article for the Gala Programme had been received. Authority was delegated to the Executive Committee to agree the wording.
- <u>4F Centre</u>: Cllr DeAsha requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the volunteers at the 4F Centre for all their hard work.

882. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 6th March 2017, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

883. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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

MinuteReason (under the Local Government Act 1972)884Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any
particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

884. <u>PRECEPT</u>

It was resolved that St Helens Council be advised that the Precept for 2017/18 will be £63,400.

It was resolved that the Budget paper, submitted by the Clerk and supporting the above Precept amount, is approved.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council 6th March 2017