At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 6th March 2017 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. Carroll, J. Doyle, J. De'Asha, J. Fulham, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, D. Long, P. Long, and W.M. Wood.

Representatives of Merseyside Police and the Police & Crime Commissioners Officer were in attendance.

### 885. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from ClIrs B. Almond, M. Donovan and C. Moore. A written apology for absence had been received on behalf of ClIr. B. Grunewald, who is recovering from a heart attack. It was resolved to approve ClIr Grunewald's reason for absence.

#### 886. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 887. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 23rd JANUARY 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### 888. TO CONSIDER FUTURE POLICING IN RAINHILL

Following discussion on the current policing situation with the invited representatives the following actions were agreed:

- (i) Further details of a reported incident in a nursing home would be forwarded to Cllr T Long;
- (ii) Clerk to request a Police shadowing exercise for Parish Councillor participation.

#### 889. CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and that the Clerk be instructed to pursue Parking Services in regard to the timing of Enforcement Officer visits.

### 890. 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/2017/0022 - Stoney Lane Bridge over Railway, Stoney Lane, works to bridge parapets in line with electrification of railway, rather than the previous proposal to add metal to the top of existing coping stone, the proposal is to add 700mm high replacement coping stones of concrete construction.

P/2017/0047 - 18 Old Lane, single storey rear extension projecting 5.86m from the rear, 2.44m high overall, and 1.84m to the eaves.

P/2017/0056 - St Ann's C of E Church, Warrington Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to crown lift one beech.

P/2017/0043 - Premier Lodge Travel Inn, 804 Warrington Road, works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order to prune back one poplar tree.

P/2017/0057 - 14 Tasker Terrace, demolition of existing single storey outbuildings and erection of single storey rear extension.

P/2017/0077 - 64 View Road, erection of an attached garage to the side of the property. P/2017/0079 - Wylde Cop, Mill Lane, alterations to planning approval P/2016/0288/FUL for a detached dwelling, works to include a larger single storey side extension.

P/2017/0087 - 3 Dunbeath Close, extension of existing front and rear dormers along with front porch.

P/2017/0138 - 15 Victoria Place, single storey rear extension.

P/2017/0142 - 324 Warrington Road, single storey rear extension, new canopy over front door and alterations to hard landscape to provide level access to dwelling.

P/2017/0151 - 8 Garsdale Avenue, single storey extension to side and rear.

P/2017/0159 - The Spinney Mill Lane, works to 2 trees covered by a tree preservation order.

That a letter expressing concern at potential terracing effect be submitted on: P/2017/0130 - 808 Warrington Road, erection of two storey side, and part two storey/part single storey rear extensions.

### 891. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - March (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1069.13	
	Photocopying - Jan	21.60	
	Laminating Pouches	9.99	
	Home Office Allowance	978.00	
	GCA expenses – shown below S.137	103.70	
	Copier Paper	2.50	
		2199.92	TFR218
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Mar	410.50	TFR219
HMRC	Tax & NI (Jan - Mar)	694.14	TFR220
Rainhill Village Hall	Contribution	6872.57	TFR221
LALC	NALC & LALC Subs, Area Sec, LCR	929.49	071
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Mar	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Mar	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Mar	55.04	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Mar	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Mar	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park – Mar	52.00	STO
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges – Jan-Mar	18.00	DD
SLCC	Clerk's membership subscription	139.00	TFR223
S.137 Payments			
G. Pinder	Good Citizenship Buffet inc. in TFR218	103.70	TFR218
J&C Catering	Good Citizenship Buffet	207.00	TFR222
Mma Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaques	134.40	TFR217
CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00	072

### 892. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE WILDFLOWER AREAS

Resolved that:

- (i) The rationalisation of planting beds be approved;
- (ii) A 1m spring bulb planting strip be introduced during Winter 2017 along the wildflower beds at a cost of £749.00; and
- (iii) Use of Pictorial Meadow seed be deferred until renewal of the contract, and reconsidered after this year's display.

## 893. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE BARRIER BASKETS

Resolved that 13 barrier baskets be refilled for the 2017/18 season, and St.Helens Council be requested to remove the unfilled baskets.

## 894. TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP OF CPRE

Resolved that membership of CPRE be renewed and payment authorised.

### 895. TO APPROVE CANCELLATION OF CLERK'S MEMBERSHIP OF SLCC

Resolved that the Clerk's membership of SLCC be renewed for a further year, and payment of the subscription be authorised and that the item be reviewed for value for money in the light of usage next year.

## 896. TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL ALLOTMENTS ON LAND TO THE REAR OF DEEPDALE DRIVE

Following discussion it was agreed that as there was no interest from the land owner the issue could not be pursued further.

### 897. TO APPROVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR HEART SCREENING EVENT

Resolved that funding up to £200 be approved to support the holding of a heart screening event.

# 898. TO CONSIDER SAFETY ISSUES AT DANE COURT PRECINCT

Resolved that the Clerk write to the agents of Dane Court Precinct to raise concern at safety issues, and inform Building Control Officers at St.Helens Council of the incident.

# 899. TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR LEGIONELLA TESTING AT CHANGING FACILITIES

Resolved that the Council authorise renewal of the contract for Legionella testing with Hydraclean for a further year.

### 900. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS' COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the Clerk write to CCG to explore whether any cuts were planned to the clinical services at Rainhill Clinic, and to express concern at any potential loss. Cllr DeAsha confirmed that an Officer from St.Helens Council would attend in May to discuss the Christmas Lights display.

Cllr Fulham reported many of the people with queries and concerns about the Preferred Options could have them addressed if they read the draft Local Plan in full.

Cllr T Long was concerned that the reasoning behind the plan's decisions should be communicated clearly to Rainhill residents by the borough, Cllr S Glover confirmed that borough Councillors were planning to hold meetings at the next stage of the plan's progress.

Cllr Wood had received a letter from Dr Chibby Orjiekwe at Rainhill Surgery, requesting sponsorship for a new cycling club – Rainhill Riders. This would be added to the next agenda for consideration.

Cllr Heydon reported that work on the Rocket 190<sup>th</sup> Celebrations was progressing and three meetings with community groups were planned over the next few weeks. Further Marie Rimmer, M.P. had been requested to apply pressure to the National Railway Museum to support the event.

# 901. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- <u>Public Open Spaces</u>: The Eco Group continue to progress with the Parish Council members providing a supporting role.
- <u>Village Hall Management Committee</u>: the next meeting would be held on 21 March. The redecoration of the building was complimented.
- <u>Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society</u>: The summer outing to the Severn Valley Railway was now booked.
- <u>Merseyside Association of Local Councils</u>: Cllr Wood reiterated that the expenses for the LALC Spring Conference this year would be met from existing LALC funds. All were invited to attend on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- Gala Committee: No report
- <u>4F Centre</u>: The Centre continued to go from strength to strength. An application was being made via the Rotary Club's Dragon's Den initiative to provide a new kitchen.

# 902. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017, in the Teak Room at Rainhill Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm.

It was resolved that AGM will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall and that next ordinary meeting will immediately follow the AGM.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Chair of the Parish Council 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017