

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
19th June 2017

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 19th June 2017 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

Prior to commencement of the meeting a minute of silence was held for those affected by recent terrorist attacks and the fire at Grenfell Tower.

924. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs: L. Glover and B. Grunewald.

925. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

926. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th MAY 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th May 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

927. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 15th MAY 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th May 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

928. TO RECEIVE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Concern was expressed that recent disturbances at the Victoria Hotel had not be reported to the Parish Council or Ward Councillors, nor were they evident in the statistics. The Clerk was instructed to write to Merseyside Police expressing disappointment at the lack of communication.

929. CLERK'S REPORT

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

930. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Deep appreciation was expressed for the years of service given by Cllr Wood to the Planning Advisory Group, following his decision to stand down. The diligent scrutiny of planning issues shown was exemplary.

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

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

P/2017/0385 22 View Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to crown lift and thin 4 beech trees.

P/2017/0389 Offices, 456 Warrington Road, creation of a new doorway to a commercial premises.

P/2017/0418 Site of Former Greencroft, Mill Lane, erection of 2 detached eco-friendly dwellings.

P/2017/0425 11 Owen Road, replacement dwelling.

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P/2017/0438 Railway Cafe, 3A Station Road, re-siting of existing flue for extraction system.

P/2017/0442 13 Ritherup Lane, two storey extensions to front and side elevations.

P/2017/0451 158 Rainhill Road, erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

P/2017/0478 14 Lawton Road, works to assorted trees in a conservation area.

P/2017/0474 37 Dee Road, erection of a two storey side and a single storey rear extension, outbuilding at the rear along with a new porch and canopy roof along with insertion of window at first floor to the front elevation.

P/2017/0481 31 View Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to crown lift and reduce 1 beech (T18) and 1 sycamore (T19).

P/2017/0482 31 View Road, works to assorted trees in a conservation area.

It was noted that objections had been submitted to the following applications:

P/2017/0388 121 Stoney Lane, demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side extension.

P/2017/0382 Fairchild Farm, Foxs Bank Lane, demolition of existing barn and erection of stable block comprising of 6 stables with viewing mound and new wc block to form a riding school along with cladding of existing open barn.

P/2017/0384 Former Cranford Site, 637 Warrington Road, 4 x 4 bedroomed detached properties.

P/2017/0441 44 Knowsley Road, two storey side extension

The Clerk was instructed to write a letter expressing concern over highway safety and parking in relation to the following application:

P/2017/0470 232A Rainhill Road, prior notification for change of use of existing office building to 9 self-contained flats at first and second floor.

931. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - June (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.52	
	Photocopying – May	31.90	
	Postage	14.52	
		1147.94	TFR237
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – June	301.53	TFR238
HMRC	Tax & NI – April-June	616.40	TFR239
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - June	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - June	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – June	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – June	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - June	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park - June	52.00	STO
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	STO
Village Hall	Heating Engineer; Intruder Alarm Maintenance; HMRC and Electrical works	3047.41	TFR240

932. TO CONSIDER TREE PLANTING SCHEME ON ROADS AND VERGES

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It was agreed that replacement trees would be welcomed where needed. Further consultation would be required on the provision of new trees. Resolved that the Clerk write to the Trees & Woodlands Officer, Highways and Grounds Maintenance to obtain views and report to future meeting.

933. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Resolved that Cllr Fulham would investigate the securing of the page.

934. TO REVIEW THE POLICE/COMMUNITY COMPACT

Resolved that the Police/Community Compact be approved for a further year without amendment.

935. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH FUNDING

Resolved that the funding be approved. The Clerk was instructed to request confirmation of where the Neighbourhood Watch schemes were currently located.

936. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

Resolved that the actions of the Group be noted.

937. TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL LOSS OF DELIVERY OF THE ST.HELENS STAR

Resolved that the Clerk write to the newspaper to express concern at the loss of distribution.

938. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO CRICKET CLUB ACROSS ALBERT FELLOWES PLAYING FIELDS

Resolved that: subject to consultation being undertaken with neighbouring properties and publicity of the works via public notices; the results of the consultation being shared with the Parish Council; and suitable safeguards being in place to ensure protection and restoration of the playing fields; that permission to cross the playing fields be approved. Further, that the Clerk suggest that the Cricket Club consider a donation to a suitable charity in consideration of access being provided and the inconvenience caused.

939. TO CONSIDER PROJECT TO ERECT COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES

Resolved that the Clerk consult with Rainhill Civic Society and report outcome to future meeting.

940. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted.

Residents at the alleyway project invited members to revisit the project and consider a contribution towards the cost of removal of green waste bins. Resolved that the Clerk arrange the revisit, but funding for waste removal was declined.

Cllr. M. Donovan reported an issue of off road bikes racing through the Cartmel Drive estate. Resolved that the Clerk report these concerns to Merseyside Police.

Cllr. B. Heydon welcomed the letter of apology from the offender who graffitied the war memorial but requested that reimbursement of the cost of removal be sought. Resolved that the Clerk write to the Youth Offending Service and request that a claim for reimbursement be forwarded to the offender.

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Cllr. C. Moore reported that the Village Hall was being considered as a venue to host Radio 4's Any Questions, the Parish Council supported its use.

Cllr. J. Doyle reported complaints regarding payment of the cost of collection of the green bins, systems had not been in place to receive cash payments. Cllr. J. Fulham offered to report this to the Cabinet member concerned.

941. REPORTS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr. S. Glover reported that the Eco Garden Group had successfully raised £253 at the Gala.
- Village Hall Management Committee: there had been no meeting.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr. Wood reported that a meeting had taken place earlier that day. The summer outing to Bridgenorth and the Severn Valley Railway was now arranged. The programme for speakers was being planned and a quiz may be held next year.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr. Wood reported that the June meeting had been cancelled. The next meeting was 6th July. Cllr Wood had attend the LALC Executive Conference.
- 4F Centre: Due to meet 20th June.

942. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 24th July 2017, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall. The meeting would be preceded by a presentation by Dementia Friends commencing at 6.15pm.

The meeting closed at 9.21 pm.



Chair of the Parish Council
24th July 2017