

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
24th July 2017

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 24th July 2017 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Grunewald, B. Heydon, D. Long, P. Long, C. Moore, and W.M. Wood.

The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Dementia Friends.

943. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, M. Donovan, and J. Fulham.

944. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared by: Cllrs. S. Glover and D. Long – Members of Borough Planning Committee – Item 6; Cllr. D. Long – item 5.2; Cllrs. L. Glover & S. Glover – Members of 4F Centre Management Committee - item 16.

945. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 19th JUNE 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 19th June 2017 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

946. TO RECEIVE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

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

947. CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted, and that issues concerning access/egress onto Blundells Lane in light of proposed development at Halshead be circulated to all members to consider how these might be improved. Further, a letter be sent to St.Helens Star detailing difficulties experienced obtaining free copies and requesting attention.

948. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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/2017/0489 16 Honiston Avenue, demolition of existing conservatory, and erection of single storey rear extension.

P/2017/0571 519 Warrington Road, works to trees in a conservation area to pollard 1 no maple.

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

P/2017/0513 Chapel Cottage, Chapel Lane, demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a two storey rear extension along with removal of rear chimney.

P/2017/0535 3 Fairlie Drive, two storey front extension along with a single storey rear extension and rear dormer extension.

P/2017/0553 686 Warrington Road, single storey rear extension.

Discussion was held on the following applications:

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P/2017/0495 Briars Hey Residential Home Mill Lane, removal of Condition 4 on approval P/2014/0703 for the admission, treatment and care of individuals up to the age of 25 years old.

P/2017/0551 Briars Hey Residential Home Mill Lane, variation of condition 15 on approval P/2013/0588, to allow patients up to the age of 25 years.

It was resolved that:

- A representation be submitted to the planning section regarding concerns over increased traffic;
- A letter be sent to the regulatory authority requesting details of future monitoring of management at the facility; and
- A letter be sent to the facility management requesting clarification of the intended use and the conditions to be treated at the facility.

949. 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 - July (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.32	
	Photocopying – June	12.60	
	Tel Kiosk Lock & Keys	22.10	
	Tel Kiosk Baskets & Plants	35.83	
		1171.85	TFR241
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – July	301.53	TFR242
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - July	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - July	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – July	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – July	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - July	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park - July	52.00	STO
Vyniline	Updating Honours Board	48.00	TFR244
Barrow & Cook	Legal Fees for 4F Centre Lease	986.00	TFR245
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
G Pinder	Salary - Aug (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1086.32	
		1101.32	TFR246
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – August	301.53	TFR247
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - August	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - August	3.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – August	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – August	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - August	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park - Aug	52.00	STO
S.137 Payments			
Rainhill Riders	Grant	67.00	TBC
Merseyside Police	Contribution to Neighbourhood Watch	92.80	TFR243

950. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Resolved that the report from the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 3rd July 2017 be noted.

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951. TO CONSIDER TREE PLANTING SCHEME ON ROADS AND VERGES

Resolved that decision be deferred to a subsequent meeting.

952. TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN MERCHANT NAVY DAY

Resolved that:

- Attempts be made to borrow or hire a Red Ensign;
- If a flag could be borrowed, a flag raising ceremony be organised for Friday 1st September;
- If no flag is available a donation be made to Seafarers UK.

953. TO CONSIDER FUTURE PLANTING IN THE TELEPHONE KIOSK

Resolved that funding up to £100.00 per year for planting in the telephone kiosk be agreed. Thanks were expressed to Cllrs. Carroll and Moore for an excellent job, and letters of thanks would be sent to the volunteer waterers. It was agreed that the kiosk would not be planted up over winter.

954. TO CONSIDER ACTIONS ARISING FROM OPEN SPACES TOUR

Resolved that a new bin be ordered for the playing fields at Old Lane and a new bin inner be ordered for Amanda Road/Two Butt Lane.

955. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

Resolved that the actions of the Group be noted and the Clerk be authorised to submit a campaign for crowdfunding at the appropriate time.

956. TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO BE CONTRIBUTING THIRD PARTY DONOR FOR FUNDING APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VILLAGE HALL

Resolved that the Parish Council agreed to be contributing third party donor.

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

Resolved that subject to suitable indemnities, regarding reinstatement, being in place the Parish Council would grant access across Albert Fellowes Playing Fields to the Cricket Club. Authority be delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Executive Committee to agree any amendments to the scheme as necessary.

958. TO AUTHORISE PAYMENT OF LEGAL EXPENSES FOR 4F CENTRE LEASE

Resolved that the legal expenses be paid.

959. TO CONSIDER JOINT PROJECT WITH CIVIC SOCIETY TO PROVIDE A PLANTER

Resolved that subject to future maintenance being undertaken by the Civic Society and on the basis that the planter could be relocated when necessary, the Parish Council agreed to provision of a planter.

960. TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

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

961. RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and that the Clerk explore alternatives for the location or height of the village noticeboard.

Cllr. Doyle reported issues with the car park at St.Helens Millennium centre. Clerk instructed to write to St.Helens Council Parking Services to request prioritisation of repairs for this site.

Cllr. Heydon reported the condition of the highway sign on the approach to Rainhill Stoops roundabout. Clerk instructed to write to the Highways Section to request action.

Complaints had been received regarding anti-social behaviour by Rainhill High pupils around Alness Drive. Clerk instructed to write to the Head teacher regarding the complaints and invite him to attend a meeting.

962. REPORTS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- Public Open Spaces: Cllr. S. Glover reported that the Eco Garden work continued without issue. Compliments were made on the appearance which would be passed on.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr. Moore had chaired the meeting held 11.7.17. Issues had occurred with groups leaving fire exits open. Grant bids had been prepared for submission to Wren and the Coop. Other fund raising events would include a quiz and table top sale. Maintenance and redecoration were ongoing, however, the foyer would need re-roofing in the near future. The GCA for the Eco Group had been erected in the corridor. There was generally support for the 'Any Questions' hosting invitation.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr. Wood reported that work was progressing on the programme of speakers. A quiz was planned for 11.5.18. The summer outing held on 8.7.17 had been successful. Discussions continued on the provision of a virtual museum, the current railway carriage museum hosted regular visits from school children. The AGM would be held on 11.12.17. After many years of service Mr Derek Houghton had announced he would step down from the position of Chairman, he would be appointed the position of President. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr Houghton for his many year of dedicated service.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr. Wood reported that Mr K Clery would be standing down from his role with the national body due to mobility issues. Issues affecting the regional body included changes in the political makeup; cuts to public transport in rural areas; and the availability of legal advice from SLCC and NALC.
- 4F Centre: Cllr. L. Glover reported that the centre continued to be well used and funds were currently adequate. Rocks had been purchased to prevent parking on the grass verges.

963. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 4th September 2017, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chair of the Parish Council
4th September 2017