

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
11th DECEMBER 2017**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 11th December 2017 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

12 members of the public were also present.

1011. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: B. Grunewald and J. Fulham. A written apology for absence had been received from Cllr. M. Donovan, who had recently suffered ill health. It was resolved to approve Cllr Donovan's reason for absence

1012. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on behalf of: Cllrs: J. DeAsha, and S. Glover – Members of Borough Planning Committee, and D. Long – Cabinet Member. Cllr P. Long declared a non-pecuniary interest in minute 986 on strategic planning matters. Cllr D. Long declared an interest in item.15 as a member of the City Region Cabinet.

The meeting was adjourned.

A presentation was made by a member of Rainhill – Save our Green Belt in relation to the St.Helens Local Plan, requesting support for their campaign and asking a number of questions. The Group were thanked for their contribution.

The meeting was reconvened.

1013. MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 16th OCTOBER AND FINANCE MEETING HELD ON 13TH NOVEMBER 2017

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th October 2017 and Finance Meeting held on 13th November, should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

1014. TO RECEIVE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Concern was expressed at the number of incidents of taking fuel without payment. These were skewing the crime figures for the ward. The Clerk was instructed to write to Merseyside Police to ask if any initiatives were available to reduce the number.

1015. CLERK'S REPORT

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

1016. 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/2017/0814 - 12 View Road, replacement hipped roof over existing two storey side extension.

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P/2017/0867 - 2 Kingsdale Avenue, erection of a single storey side extension along with the erection of a perimeter wall.

It was noted that representation had been submitted to the following application:

P/2017/0902 - 3 Owen Road, removal of condition 2 on approval P/2014/0842 to replace railings with a solid gate / fence.

1017. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.00	
	Salary - Dec (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1258.35	
	Photocopying - Oct	40.00	
	Photocopying - Nov	9.80	
	Posters for Beer Festival	2.10	
	Printer Ink	17.39	
		1342.64	TFR265
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Dec	332.58	TFR266
HMRC	Tax & NI (Oct-Dec)	675.49	TFR267
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Dec	21.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Dec	16.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Dec	55.06	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Dec	6.33	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Holt Lane - Dec	51.00	STO
Hydraclean	Legionella Testing Rainhill Park – Dec	52.00	STO
Kirby Roofing	Repairs to AFP pavilion roof	708.00	TFR268
St. Helens Council	Repair to Eco Garden Gate	66.40	TFR269
St. Helens Council	Bulb Planting	746.70	TFR270
W M Wood	Mileage Allowance	46.15	TFR271
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
FCC Environmental	Third Party contribution to Village Hall grant	3,030.80	TFR272
S.137 Payments			
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath & Donation	43.50	076

1018. TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

The Council noted the actions taken by the Rocket 190 Group.

1019. TO CONSIDER DONATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

Resolved that a donation of £100 will be made to Oakdene School and a donation to Willowbrook Hospice of £100 in lieu of payment to Councillor Shields. In 2018 the event will be in closer proximity to the tree.

1020. TO CONSIDER DONATION TO BRITISH LEGION FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Resolved that a donation of £25 will be made to the Poppy Appeal together with payment for the wreath.

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1021. 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 notifies the successful nominees.

1022. 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 of Key Internal Controls documents are approved. The Council appointed Stephen Gaskell to undertake internal audit for 2017/18. Further it was resolved that the Risk Assessment be reviewed on a six monthly basis.

1023. TO CONSIDER REPAIRING THE SANDSTONE WALL AT OLD LANE OPEN SPACE

Resolved that this item be deferred to Executive Committee to consider the implications.

1024. TO AUTHORISE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE CHANGING ROOM SHOWERS

Resolved that the Clerk obtain quotes for decommissioning of the changing room showers.

1025. TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and that expenditure needed to eradicate vermin at Albert Fellowes Park changing rooms be authorised.

Cllr B. Wood expressed concern at the number of people incurring fines on the new Merseyflow river crossing. Alternative payment methods should be available.

Cllr J. Doyle reported an issue on behalf of a resident in Alness Drive regarding anti-social behaviour. The Clerk was instructed to check with Merseyside Police what actions had been taken.

1026. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

- **Public Open Spaces**: Cllr S. Glover reported that December's Eco Garden meeting had been cancelled. Discussions had been held between St. Helens Council and Rainhill Town to facilitate the First Team's return to Rainhill. Further progress would be reported at future meetings.
- **Village Hall Management Committee**: A meeting had been held recently, but no minutes were available.
- **Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society**: Cllr B. Wood reported that the AGM was being held concurrent to the Parish meeting.
- **Merseyside Association of Local Councils**: Cllr B. Wood reminded the Parish Council that 3 delegates were permitted to attend meetings. A meeting had been held 6 December at Prescott Town Hall, where delegate nominations had been held. A representative from Halewood had been nominated for the National Assembly. A list of training opportunities had been circulated. It had been announced that there would be no increase in fees this year.
- **Rainhill Gala**: no report.
- **4F Centre**: there was nothing to report.

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1027. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 22nd January 2018, starting at 7:30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.



Chair of the Parish Council
22nd January 2018