

RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
18th JUNE 2018

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 18th June 2018 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, J. Carroll, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, B. Grunewald, S. Glover, B. Heydon, D. Long and C. Moore.

2 members of the public were present.

18.62 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: J. DeAsha, J. Fulham and P. Long.

18.63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on planning matters by Cllrs B. Grunewald and D. Long, Members of St.Helens Borough Planning Authority.

18.64 MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th MAY 2018

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th May 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

18.65 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 14th MAY 2018

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th May 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The meeting was adjourned.

A discussion was held with the Group Scout Leader of 4th St.Helens (St.Anns Church) Rainhill Scout Group regarding incidents at the Scout Hut, Old Lane. After over 8 months of repeated incidents, more attention was now being paid by Merseyside Police, but issues had not ceased. The Parish Council agreed to lend their support to the efforts already being made and would contact both Rainhill High and Merseyside Police.

The meeting was reconvened.

18.66 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

Resolved that the report of the crime statistics for Rainhill be noted. Concern was expressed that some crimes were not being reported in the statistics. The Clerk was instructed to request an explanation.

18.67 CLERK'S REPORT

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and the issue of short term parking be pursued with Amber Taverns and that paediatric defibrillator pads could be ordered for the Village Hall.

18.68 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved to note the following actions taken in relation to planning applications:

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



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P/2018/0346 - Ardna Craig, 35 View Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order (T20) to 1no beech.

P/2018/0364 - 82 Ashton Avenue, certificate of lawfulness for single storey extension to rear and side elevations, along with alterations to garage roof.

P/2018/0399 - 28 First Avenue, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension.

P/2018/0405 - 25 Derwent Close, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

An objection had been submitted to the following application:

P/2018/0386 - 808 Warrington Road, two storey side extension, part two storey part single storey rear extension and dormer to the rear.

A letter supporting the Conservation Officer's concerns be submitted on the following application

P/2018/0390 - Victoria Hotel, 507 Warrington Road, consent to replace and display assorted advertisement signs consisting of 1no fascia sign, 8no hoardings and 2no other illuminated and non-illuminated signs.

18.69 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	DD
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	STO
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	16.00	STO
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	16.00	STO
G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Jun	1168.87	
	Photocopying	27.00	
	Telephone	15.15	
		1211.02	TFR307
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS - June	329.01	TFR308
HMRC	Tax & NI (Apr - Jun)	667.81	TFR309
Physio-Control	Replacement Battery for Defibrillator	92.40	TFR310
GMS Services Ltd	Legionella Risk Assessment Holt Lane	120.00	TFR311
GMS Services Ltd	Legionella Risk Assessment AFP	120.00	TFR312
Vyniline	Updating Honours Board	48.00	TFR313
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
St.Helens Council	Barrier Baskets 2018	4751.14	TFR314

18.70 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

Resolved that the actions of the Rocket 190 Group be noted.

18.71 TO CONSIDER RAINHILL CIVIC SOCIETY REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF PLAQUES AND PROPOSAL FOR KENDRICK'S CROSS

Cllr. B. Grunewald reported that the costs involved with the plaques and interpretation boards had been assessed by Officers at St.Helens Council and funding would be considered once a final figure was obtained. However, priority for funding would be given to ensuring Christmas decorations could be erected in Rainhill Village. It was resolved that the Clerk could continue to assist with the provision of a replacement Kendrick's Cross.

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18.72 TO CONSIDER POTENTIAL TREE PLANTING PROJECT

Resolved that, subject to no substantive objections arising from neighbour consultation, two trees be planted in front of nos. 364-390 Warrington Road. The location and species of tree, together with the exact form and extent of consultation was deferred to Executive Committee.

18.73 TO CONSIDER REPAIRS NEEDED TO THE SANDSTONE WALL

No quotes were available for consideration and this item was deferred to a future meeting.

18.74 TO CONSIDER ISSUES ARISING FROM TOUR OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

Resolved that:

- i. A new bin be ordered for the play area at Two Butt Lane.
- ii. The Clerk write to owners of land adjacent to Albert Fellowes Park to assess if similar drainage issues are present.
- iii. All members assess new areas for bulb planting and a list of suggested sites be compiled.

18.75 TO CONSIDER A REPLACEMENT NOTICE BOARD

Resolved that a two door noticeboard be ordered from Parish Notice Board Company at an approximate cost of £995.00.

18.76 TO REVIEW THE POLICE/COMMUNITY COMPACT

Resolved that the Clerk invite Merseyside Police to a meeting to discuss the Police/Community Compact and several other issues.

18.77 TO CONSIDER INCIDENTS AFFECTING THE SCOUT HUT, OLD LANE

Resolved that issues with contacting Merseyside Police be raised via the Borough Council representative, and letters be written to both Merseyside Police and Rainhill High to support the Scout Group in their actions.

18.78 TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO PLANT TREES AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

Resolved that subject to a suitable scheme being agreed with all parties, that does not adversely affect the drainage of the park, nor incur maintenance charges for the Parish Council, that a tree planting scheme be supported.

18.79 TO CONSIDER PITCH HIRE AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

Resolved that in order to preserve the playing surface in a suitable condition for Saturday games, permission for Sunday hire of the requested pitches be refused.

18.80 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR LONG-TERM AGREEMENT FOR PITCH HIRE AT ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

Resolved that subject to conditions concerning the maintenance of the area as public open space and no additional maintenance costs being transferred to the Parish Council, that the Parish Council has no objection to agreeing a long-term agreement for pitch hire at Albert Fellowes Park with Rainhill United.

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18.81 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM RAINHILL CRICKET CLUB TO CROSS ALBERT FELLOWES PARK

Resolved that access be permitted across Albert Fellowes Park to Rainhill Cricket Club, subject to agreement of details.

18.82 TO CONSIDER A SERVICE TO MARK MERCHANT NAVY DAY

Resolved that Merchant Navy Day would be supported, a 2.5 yard Red Ensign be purchased and the Clerk make all necessary arrangements for a service.

18.83 TO CONSIDER UPDATING THE COUNCIL'S IT PROVISION

Resolved that updated operating software and two external hard drives be purchased, together with additional cloud storage capacity.

18.84 TO CONSIDER PARTICIPATION IN THE SILENT SOLDIER CAMPAIGN

Resolved that the Parish Council support the Silent Soldier Campaign. The Clerk to investigate the sponsorship of an additional silhouette and their location in Houghton Street and at the War Memorial.

18.85 TO CONSIDER CHANGE TO MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND POLICY

Resolved that a new policy for Regulation 30(8) of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2008 & 2013 be adopted and the Chair be authorised to sign.

18.86 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and no further action be taken as Cllrs DeAsha and Grunewald had address both issues.
Cllr Donovan reported that a resident of Kendal Drive had complained about the height of a boundary fence. The Clerk was instructed to contact St.Helens Council Enforcement Officer to assess the situation.

18.87 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATIVES ON LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Resolved that the Council noted the following reports:

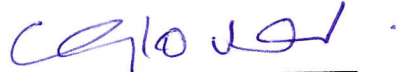
- Public Open Spaces: Cllr S. Glover reported that all sites had been inspected the previous weekend. On further investigation reports of giant hogweed at the Eco Garden were discovered to be Elder.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr C. Moore reported that the issue with a hole at the rear of the building had now been resolved. A funding application had been made to Biffa. A donation of £460 had been made by the Zumba group.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: no report
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: no report
- Rainhill Gala: Cllr B. Grunewald reported that contact had now been re-established. Unfortunately the first meeting had been missed so figures for attendance at 2018 gala were not yet available though there were thought to be around 7,000 visitors. Cllr B. Heydon added that the work undertaken by the Gala Committee was outstanding and a letter of support should be sent and publicised on social media.
- 4F Centre: Cllr L. Glover reported that there were no current issues and the next meeting would be held on 27th June.

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18.88 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 23rd July 2018, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm.



Chair of the Parish Council
23rd July 2018