

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES**  
**15th OCTOBER 2018**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 15th October 2018 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

Cllrs: B. Almond, M. Donovan, J. Doyle, L. Glover, S. Glover, B. Heydon, C. Moore and B. Wood.

Inspector M. Drennan, Merseyside Police and Mr M. Berry, Police and Crime Commissioners Office were present, together with one member of the public.

**18.121 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for late arrival were received from Cllr. J. Doyle.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: J. Carroll, J. DeAsha, B. Grunewald, and D. Long.

A written apology for absence had been received from Cllr. J. Fulham, who had recently suffered ill health; and Cllr. P. Long who had to attend a Borough Council Meeting. It was resolved to approve the reasons for absence.

**18.122 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**18.123 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 3rd September 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**18.124 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT**

Inspector Drennan explained the most recent statistics for Rainhill, together with the significant crime trends from other areas in the borough. Two operations were currently targeting activities for youths around Halloween and Bonfire Night. Overall the statistics for Rainhill remained low.

Mr Berry, PCC Office, explained further regarding operation Good Guy and Banger, together with outlining work around knife crime being piloted at Rainhill High. Work continued on victim support services.

Both Officers were thanked for the time and effort taken in keeping the Council updated, their attendance was really appreciated.

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

Cllr J. Doyle entered the meeting during discussion on the next item.

**18.125 CLERK'S REPORT**

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

**18.126 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

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

P/2018/0600 - Wylde Cop, Mill Lane, alterations to roof from existing hip to gable (increasing height) to facilitate loft conversion, with dormers to front and rear.

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P/2018/0604 - 59 Deepdale Drive, resubmission of P/2018/0444 for the erection of a 2m high boundary fence.

P/2018/0622 - 10 Lawton Road, single storey rear extension.

P/2018/0649 - 708 Warrington Road, retention of raised garden levels and fencing.

P/2018/0655 - 545 Warrington Road, single storey extension to rear elevation.

P/2018/0656 - 543 Warrington Road, amendments to wall and gate posts fronting onto Warrington Road.

P/2018/0679 - 6 Dane Court, change of use from vacant retail unit (A1) to Tapas / Wine Bar (A4), along with external seating outside existing Blue Mango Restaurant.

P/2018/0683 - Valluga Old Lane, erection of replacement dwelling and the erection of a wall and entrance gate adjacent to the highway.

P/2018/0686 - 74 Mooreway, certificate of lawfulness for proposed single storey rear extension.

P/2018/0700 - 22 Porter Close, single storey front extensions along with single storey rear extension.

P/2018/0696 - Oakdene Primary School, Ashton Avenue, retrospective planning application to extend the existing staff car park to create 9 additional parking bays along with associated works.

P/2018/0714 - 5 Stapleton Close, two storey side extension.

P/2018/0715 - 494 Warrington Road, Part two storey, part single storey extension.

**18.127 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

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

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Ref</b>
G Pinder	Photocopying	12.00	
	Clerk's Salary - Oct	1135.68	
	Telephone	15.00	
	Refreshments for Merchant Navy Day	2.97	
	Key for Old Lane Playing Fields	3.00	
		1168.65	TFR335
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Oct	316.60	TFR329
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - Oct	16.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Oct	22.00	DD
Water Plus	Albert Fellowes Park – Oct	160.70	DD
Water Plus	Holt Playing Fields – Oct	6.33	STO
Village Hall	Insurance Premium	3062.17	TFR330
The Urban Jungles	Replacement fencing Old Lane	1950.00	TFR331
Kirk Craig Ltd	Service of Roller Shutters at AFP	60.00	TFR332
Rainhill Beer Festival	Advert in programme for Rocket 190	100.00	TFR333
St. Ann's Millennium Centre	Room Hire - Merchant Navy Day	17.50	TFR334
<b>November</b>			
G Pinder	Clerk's Salary - Nov	1135.48	
	Telephone	15.00	
		1150.48	TFR336
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Nov	316.60	TFR337
Scottish Power	Albert Fellowes Park - Nov	16.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Nov	22.00	DD
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**18.128 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES**

Resolved that the Parish Council would support the provision of the commemorative plaques, however final costing had yet to be agreed. Authority to agree a final funding amount was delegated to Executive Committee.

**18.129 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CIVIC SOCIETY INTERPRETATION BOARDS**

Resolved that the report be noted.

**18.130 TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION**

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

**18.131 TO APPROVE THE TIMETABLE FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

Resolved that the arrangements proposed by the Clerk be accepted and that the Awards Evening be set for Friday 22nd February 2019.

**18.132 TO CONSIDER ROAD CLOSURE FOR REMEMBRANCE**

Resolved that the Parish Council would meet the cost of the road closure to facilitate the Remembrance Service.

**18.133 TO APPOINT CONTRACTORS TO UNDERTAKE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE TESTS**

Resolved that CC Elec Ltd. be appointed to undertake electrical testing at the sports pavilions and at the 4F Centre.

**18.134 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM RAINHILL UNITED**

Resolved that given the exceptional circumstances of all locks being replaced the Parish Council would fund replacement keys to changing room for all managers.

**18.135 TO CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE POLICE COMMUNITY COMPACT**

Resolved that the following changes be made:

- remove reference to the 4F Centre in first commitment; and
- change second commitment to "A partnership be established to provide a network for communication of information to residents in relation to community safety. Partners to provide a bi-annual update of their work in Rainhill in return for RPC promoting direct communication with the partners through their web site and social media".

The compact would be updated and republished.

**18.136 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190**

Resolved that the report be noted.

**18.137 TO CONSIDER THE ERECTION OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE AT RAILWAY STATION**

Resolved that the Council would fund the erection of a commemorative plaque at Rainhill Railway Station.

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**18.138 TO CONSIDER REDECORATION OF THE VILLAGE**

Cllr C. Moore explained ongoing issues of redecorating the Village Hall. Cllr L. Glover offered to provide contact details for Princes Trust/St.Helens College.

**18.139 TO CONSIDER ELECTRONIC CIRCULATION OF AGENDA PACKS**

Resolved that Clerk would email individual Councillors to obtain written consent from those agreeing to electronic receipt.

**18.140 TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF AN EQUALITY CHARTER**

Resolved that the Equality Charter presented be adopted.

**18.141 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

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

**18.142 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 the gate to the Eco Garden had been broken again. It was agreed that a more substantial repair was needed.
- Village Hall Management Committee: Cllr Moore reported that £938 had been received in donations. The maintenance list continued to grow. The emergency exit door needed repair; the wall lights in the Teak Room needed replacing; RCD sockets were needed to achieve a full electrical certificate; the lift had been decommissioned that morning and needed replacement parts. Thanks had been given to the decorating team and special thanks had been expressed to Mr Rothwell & Mr Brown for their continued support. A fundraising concert had been suggested for 1.12.18, though this was subject to an organiser coming forward.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr Wood had attended a Committee meeting earlier. A DVD portraying the history of Rainhill's railway was to be part funded by the Society.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr Wood reported that there had been no recent meeting.
- Rainhill Gala: no report.
- 4F Centre: Cllr S. Glover reported that high demand on the volunteer's time had led to a re-think on possible remuneration. A letter had been sent to one of the user groups due to disorderly behaviour. Donations had been received from Rainhill Women's Institute and the Gala, this had been supplemented with a rebate from an energy company.

**18.143 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that a Finance Meeting would be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November commencing at 7.30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall. The next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

  
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Chair of the Parish Council  
10<sup>th</sup> December 2018