

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES
10th DECEMBER 2018**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 10th December 2018 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

Three members of the public were also present.

Prior to the meeting the Council heard from a member of the public who was experiencing anti-social behaviour associated with the public open space adjacent to his property. Cllr S. Glover offered to visit the resident to discuss possible solutions. The Clerk was asked to contact Merseyside Police for detailed reports.

18.144 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for late arrival were received from Cllr. D. Long.
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs: J. Fulham and B. Grunewald.

18.145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr DeAsha declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application P/2018/0656 reported in the minutes.

18.146 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 15th OCTOBER AND FINANCE MEETING HELD ON 12th NOVEMBER 2018

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 15th October 2018 and Finance Meeting held on 12th November, should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

18.147 TO RECEIVE MERSEYSIDE POLICE MONTHLY STATISTICS REPORT

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

18.148 CLERK'S REPORT

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

18.149 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/2018/0726 - 8 Swaledale Avenue, demolition of existing single storey side and rear extension and erection of single storey side and rear extension.

P/2018/0742 - St Bartholomew's Presbytery, Warrington Road, works to various trees covered by a tree preservation order.

P/2018/0760 - 17 Honiston Avenue, single storey side and rear extension.

P/2018/0792 - 55 Old Lane, erection of 2m high boundary wall and gates.

P/2018/0820 - Site of 9 Owen Road, works to various trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO 170).

P/2018/0826 - Crossley Manor (Formerly Briars Hey), Mill Lane, listed building consent to enclose staircase, replace leaded glass window, isolated roof repairs and remedial work and minor works to subdivide and convert rooms.

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P/2018/0838 - 47 St James Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to fell 1 sorbus (T6).

P/2018/0853 - 15 Knowsley Road, works to assorted trees covered by a tree preservation order (TPO 19A), to prune crown and branches to 2 Beech (T3 and B) and reduce height of 1 Laurel (F).

An objection has been submitted to the following applications:

P/2018/0750 - 52 Stapleton Road, erection of detached sectional double garage at rear.

P/2018/0831 - 1 Heyes Mount, replacement of 3 windows in a conservation area.

P/2018/0846 - 3 Elderswood, two storey rear extension.

18.150 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

Payee	Description	Amount	Ref
G Pinder	Telephone	15.15	
	Salary - Dec (less Tax, NI & Pens)	1135.48	
	Photocopying - Oct	14.00	
	Photocopying - Nov	31.00	
	Flowers for Telephone Kiosk	20.00	
	Printer Ink	22.78	
		1238.41	TFR340
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Dec	316.60	TFR341
HMRC	Tax & NI (Oct-Dec)	667.81	TFR342
Scottish Power	Deepdale Drive (Rainhill Park) - Dec	16.00	STO
Npower	Martin Close (Holt) - Dec	22.00	DD
United Utilities	Rainhill Park Playing Fields – Dec	160.70	DD
United Utilities	Holt Playing Fields – Dec	6.33	STO
Kirk Craig	Pin Locks for AFP	180.00	TFR338
CC Elec	Emergency Lighting & PAT Testing	144.00	TFR339
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	18.00	DD
Biffa	Third Party Contribution to Village Hall Grant	3226.88	TFR343
S.137 Payments			
RBL Poppy Appeal	Wreath & Donation	50.00	081

18.151 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP

Resolved that the actions of the Rocket 190 Group be noted and a further report be brought to Executive Committee.

18.152 TO CONSIDER DONATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON AND ITS FUTURE LOCATION

Resolved that a donation of £100 will made be to Longton Lane School and a donation to Willowbrook Hospice of £100 in lieu of payment to Mr Shields. The location of next year's event would be discussed in summer 2019.

18.153 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 notify the successful nominees.

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18.154 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.

18.155 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 2018/19.

Cllr D Long entered the meeting during discussion on the next item.

18.156 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM PDSO FOR ACCESS ACROSS AFP

Resolved that access across AFP to undertake establishment and maintenance works at Rainhill Cricket Club be granted.

18.157 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item for the reason stated

<u>Minute</u>	<u>Reason (under the Local Government Act 1972)</u>
18.158	Exempt information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person (Para 3 of Schedule 12a).

18.158 TO CONSIDER THE OUTCOME OF THE CLERK'S APPRAISAL

Resolved that, following the Clerk's appraisal and subsequent discussion by Council members, the Clerk will progress to salary scale point 34, in accordance with the written terms and conditions of employment.

18.159 TO CONSIDER FUNDING THE ADDITION OF COMMEMORATIVE POPPIES TO LAMP POSTS

Resolved that the Council supported the provision of poppies. Discussion on the number and location was deferred for further consideration. It was further resolved that the Silent Soldier Silhouette would be permanently located at the war memorial.

18.160 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM CPRE

Resolved that a donation of £25 be made to CPRE.

18.161 TO CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF VEHICLES TRANSGRESSING ACCESS RESTRICTIONS ACROSS THE KENDAL DRIVE ESTATE

Cllr J DeAsha offered to discuss this item with officers at St. Helens Council.

18.162 TO CONSIDER MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR DEFIBRILLATORS

Resolved that maintenance contracts were not considered necessary.



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TO CONSIDER INVESTMENT IN A CREDIT UNION

Resolved that Clerk would investigate further details of an investment account with a local Credit Union and return to a future meeting.

TO ESTABLISH TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Resolved to defer the terms of reference to Executive Committee.

TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and the Clerk take the following actions:

- Investigate actions in relation to paint on pavement at Warrington Road;
- Ask Openreach why cabinet 13 is not now included in the rollout programme and report back to Executive;
- Check whether the triangle of land adjacent to Brandreth Close is in the Conservation Area and put pressure on Riverside Housing to tidy up the area.

No objection was raised to the repainting of the current Houghton Street sign.

The acts of remembrance suggested were subject to St.Helens Council approval.

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 Eco Garden group had held a successful Halloween event. The photography competition was currently on display in the library.
- **Village Hall Management Committee**: Cllr Moore reported that a meeting had been held on 13.11.18 where it was reported that further donations of £500 had been received together with the balance of the Coop grant which was £3,000. Members of the Management Committee had attended a celebration evening to receive the cheque. Thanks were again expressed to Mr Rothwell & Mr Brown for their continued support. Given the funds now available the lift could be repaired, though a stair lift may also be investigated. The application for £32,268.78 from Biffa had received conditional approval, though there was still much work to do on a payment schedule and project plan. It was hoped that the works would be undertaken by Easter.
- **Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society**: Cllr Wood reported that the AGM was being held on 10.12.18.
- **Merseyside Association of Local Councils**: Cllr Wood reported that there had been no meeting since 9.6.18.
- **Rainhill Gala**: no report.
- **4F Centre**: Cllr S. Glover reported that new flooring, funded by Rainhill Rotary Club, had now been installed. Due to the good work of the volunteers the club was now financially stable and provided a valuable resource for residents. Members were invited to call in and view the improvements.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 21st January 2019, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm.


Chair of the Parish Council
21st January 2019