

**RAINHILL PARISH COUNCIL – MINUTES  
21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2019**

At a meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Monday 21st January 2019 at Rainhill Village Hall, the following were present:

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

4 members of the public were also present.

**19.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**19.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Non-pecuniary interests were declared on behalf of Cllrs: B. Grunewald, D. Long & P. Long – Borough Councillors; D. Long & P. Long as residents of The Meadows; and L. Glover & S. Glover as members of the 4F Centre Management Committee.

**19.03 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 should be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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

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

**19.05 TO NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE CLERK'S REPORT**

It was resolved that the contents of the Clerk's report be noted and the expenditure for the Good Citizenship Award Event be authorised. The eligibility criteria for future Good Citizenship Awards would be reviewed and brought to a future meeting.

**19.06 TO CONSIDER 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/2018/0863 - 43 St James Road, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to prune branches to one beech.

P/2018/0869 - 108 Ashton Avenue, works to trees covered by a tree preservation order to one sycamore (T17) to crown reduce by 10% and prune.

P/2018/0887 - 14 View Road, demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension along with loft conversion.

P/2018/0897 43 The Meadows Demolition of existing side extension and erection of a single storey side extension.

P/2018/0906 85 Ashton Avenue First floor balcony with balustrade and replacement of first floor window with door to rear elevation.

P/2019/0007 27 View Road Works to assorted trees in a conservation area (T1,T2,T3 G1).

An objection had been submitted to the following applications:

P/2018/0877 - 411 Warrington Road, two storey side extension.

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

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**19.07 TO AUTHORISE 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	
	Telephone @ £15.00/month	15.00	
	Clerk's Salary - Jan	1244.23	
		1271.23	TFR344
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Jan	356.96	TFR345
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	22.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
Zurich Municipal	Additional Insurance Premium	437.68	TFR346
G Pinder	Telephone @ £15.00/month	15.00	
	Clerk's Salary – Feb	1159.65	
		1174.65	TFR349
Merseyside Pension Fund	LGPS – Feb	325.57	TFR350
Water Plus	Water - Rainhill Park	160.70	STO
Water Plus	Water - Holt Playing Fields	6.33	DD
Npower	Electricity - Holt Playing Fields	22.00	DD
Scottish Power	Electricity - Rainhill Park	10.00	DD
<b>S.137 Payments</b>			
Longton Lane School	Donation for Christmas Lights Switch-on	100.00	TFR347
Willowbrook Hospice	Donation for Christmas Lights Switch-on	100.00	0082
Mma Recognition Plaques	Good Citizenship Award Plaques	100.80	TFR346

**19.08 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Resolved that the report presented by Cllr B. Heydon be noted.

**19.09 TO ESTABLISH TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A SAFER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

Resolved that the amended terms of reference be approved. Cllrs: B. Heydon, S. Glover, and C. Moore would represent the Parish Council on the partnership and Cllr J. DeAsha would also be invited to be a representative. The date of the first meeting would be agreed after the meeting.

**19.10 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE ROCKET 190 GROUP**

Resolved to accept the report of the Rocket 190 Group

**19.11 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.

**19.12 TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL REPORT TIMETABLE**

Resolved that the schedule set out be agreed.



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**19.13 TO APPROVE THE FUTURE MEETING DATES**

It was resolved that the following meeting dates for 2019/20 (all Monday 7:30pm unless stated otherwise) are approved:

Annual Parish Meeting Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 (already approved)

APCM 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (already approved)

17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

29<sup>th</sup> July 2019

2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

14<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Finance Working Group 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019

16<sup>th</sup> December 2019

20<sup>th</sup> January 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

The following dates will not be published in the 2019 Annual Report:

2020 Annual Parish Meeting Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

2020 Annual Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**19.14 TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS TAKEN AT AMANDA ROAD**

Resolved to note the actions taken.

**19.15 TO CONSIDER FUNDING COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUES**

Resolved that the plaques be funded from Parish Council resources.

**19.16 TO CONSIDER INVESTMENT IN A CREDIT UNION**

Resolved that £10,000.00 of the Parish Council's reserves be invested in the Enterprise Credit Union. This would be returned to the June meeting to agree signatories.

**19.17 TO CONSIDER RESIDENTS COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS**

Resolved that the complaints reported in the agenda report be noted and:

Cllr B. Heydon expressed concern at the wording of a letter issued by St.Helens Council to some residents given that Safeguarded land was protected from any development until at least 2035 at which time a revised local plan would be required. The Clerk was instructed to write to St.Helens Council expressing concern and requesting clarification be provided.

Cllr B. Wood expressed concern that residents incurring charges on the Mersey Gateway Bridge were disadvantaged by the dependence on electronic communications to make payment. The Clerk was instructed to write to the appropriate body to express concern about the handling of payments.

Cllr B. Grunewald had received a complaint regarding the lack of play equipment for younger children and proposed that new equipment be joint funded by CIF and the Parish Council. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotes for new equipment for further discussion.

Cllr C. Moore reported that the paint on the pavement at Warrington Road had not yet been removed. The Clerk clarified that the work was weather dependent and would be undertaken in March. A complaint had also been received regarding the time allowed for pedestrians crossing at the light controlled junction of Rainhill Road and Ritherup Lane. This had been reported to St.Helens Highways Section and a response was awaited. A further complaint had been made regarding the amount of dog fouling on Albert Fellowes Park. Cllr J. DeAsha had forwarded this on to the appropriate department at St.Helens Council for action. The Clerk was instructed to write to St.Helens Council and offer assistance in spreading the word.



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**19.18 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 photography competition had been won by a pupil at Rainhill High School. The gate had been removed to facilitate a better repair.
- Village Hall Management Committee: A short meeting had taken place on 8.1.19. The lift had been repaired using money donated by Coop. A problem with the heating had been identified as relating to the Wi-Fi connection, this was now resolved. Refurbishments funded by Biffa were due to commence, starting with the upstairs kitchen, the foyer, then downstairs kitchen. An issue with an unruly member of the Indoor Bowls Group continued to present problems. This may need to be escalated. Issues were ongoing with the music and performance copyright licence that needed to be resolved. Cllr B. Grunewald had received an enquiry regarding the letting policy at the Village Hall, this would be discussed with Cllr C. Moore.
- Rainhill Railway & Heritage Society: Cllr B. Wood reported that the speaker meetings were continuing successfully.
- Merseyside Association of Local Councils: Cllr B. Wood reported that there had been no recent meetings.
- Rainhill Gala: Cllr B. Grunewald reported that the Halloween event had been very successful. A Victorian Tea Party and giant helter-skelter were proposed for the Rocket 190 celebrations.
- 4F Centre: Cllr S. Glover reported that the Centre was financially stable. A new kitchen and flooring in the hallway had been well received. More improvements were needed and financial assistance would be appreciated. Thanks were expressed to the 4F Centre Management Committee for their excellent work in turning the Centre into a success. Cllr S. Glover would pass the Council's thanks onto the volunteers.

**19.19 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was resolved that the next ordinary meeting would be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019, starting at 7:30pm, the venue being Rainhill Village Hall.

**19.20 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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

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

**19.21 PRECEPT**

Cllrs L. Glover and S. Glover declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item and did not take part in discussions. Cllr B. Heydon took the Chair.

It was resolved that St Helens Council be advised that the Precept for 2019/20 will be £68,340.

It was resolved that the Budget paper, submitted by the Clerk and supporting the above Precept amount, is approved, with £60 being deducted from reserves.

It was resolved that proposed improvements at the 4F Centre be authorised and the expenditure deducted from reserves.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.



Chair of the Parish Council  
4<sup>th</sup> March 2019